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Shandwick make their pitch with the Falkland Islands public

HAVING weathered a lengthy selection process to be chosen as PR representatives for the Falklands Government from a short list of twelve contenders, the Shandwick team faced perhaps their severest test when they faced the public in Stanley on Monday night in the Junior School Hall.

Team leader Charles Skeeles, aided by Juliet Carey, Jacaranda Germing and Marcus Smith, led a wide-ranging presentation aimed at explaining in broad terms what public relations was all about, who Shandwick were and what they thought they would be able to do for us by way of increasing our

profile in a positive way among the public and opinion formers in Britain and the world.

In introducing the team to an audience of some fifty or sixty people, Chief Executive Andrew Gurr commented on the lack of "awkward people" among them. Generally it was a positive meeting

with the majority of questioners concerned about the mechanics of PR rather than its relevance or necessity in the Falklands case.

If there was a spot of "awkwardness", it was provided at the start of the subsequent question and answer session, when Cllr Goss, with the air and determination of a dentist, drew from Charles Skeeles the somewhat reluctant admission that one of three stars on a map indicating Shandwick affiliated offices in South America, was intended to represent Buenos Aires.

Wallace Report on Constitution

THE report to LegCo on a Review of the Falklands Constitution by Mr Walter Wallace is now available at the Secretariat.

While Mr Wallace states that there is neither need nor desire to make fundamental changes, he does propose a number of adjustments, including increasing the numbers of elected members of both LegCo and Exco.

LegCo constituencies are maintained, but with four members for Camp and seven for Stanley.

Fat Albert returns to Stanley after nine years

IT SHOULD have been nine years to the day since a Hercules aircraft of the RAF landed at Stanley Airport, but due to persistent low cloud, the landing planned for Monday May 1, was delayed till Thursday lunch time.

As the picture shows, spectators at the airport for this rather nostalgic occasion, were given ample opportunity to see just how large an RAF Hercules, C130, nicknamed "Fat Albert" is.



Now or 'never-never' time for Falklands Landholdings

"THE YEAR IS 2050. The village of North Arm has over 450 inhabitants, all living in stone houses with home-grown timber trussed roofs. Most of the inhabitants own their own homes, others rent from private landlords or, in some cases, central government. The variety of activity within the village would astonish anyone who could remember the mid 1990's..."

So begins one of two scenarios outlined by Chief Andrew Gurr, under the heading "The Necessity of Vision" in the Conclusions and Recommendations Section of his Discussion Paper on the Future of Falklands Landholdings Ltd., which was released to the general

public on Wednesday. Described as the "Upbeat Scenario" it goes on to describe a community where technology and tradition live together as harmoniously as do a population which contains specialist consultants, poets, philosophers and artists as well as a variety of different types of farmer, all attracted to life in one of the last, largely unspoiled countries, "with one of the lowest crime rates and highest quality of life ratios in the world."

As Mr Gurr readily admits, this is very fanciful stuff, as is the "Downbeat Scenario", which shows North Arm in 2050 a deserted site, visited only by Chilean historians, brought there

by "an Islander guide in a very old landrover". The point is, not that either of these two extreme models will become reality, as described, but that the potential exists in FLH, as in the rest of the Falklands, for growth and development or for decline and decay. To avoid the latter, Mr Gurr argues, a clear vision of the future is required.

Apart from making a clearer distinction between the strategic role of the FLH board and the operational role of farm managers by proposing that the latter, except for the General Manager, should not serve on the Board, the paper makes few concrete and practical proposals - here is, instead, a

synthesis of ideas, many of which have been around for some time and an attempt to weld them into a cohesive and urgent approach.

In this process a number of principles are firmly stated. One is that it is only government which has both the responsibility and the means to bring about development in FLH. There might be much scope for privatisation of the structure's components, but the overall "vision", a word which Mr Gurr uses frequently, must, of necessity, remain firmly under government's control if this "last great tract of land" is to be developed for the benefit of the community as a whole.

(The paper is available, from The Secretariat)

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HAVE you noticed how little anyone seems to worry about the nuclear holocaust any more? Nowadays, the worriers amongst are focused on the possibility that mankind will destroy this planet through greed and carelessness, but I spent a lot of my youth expecting that someone's finger on a button in Moscow, or more likely Washington, was going to put an end to my existence prematurely. I even remember a particular day, when the stand-off between Kennedy and Khrushchev over the shipment of Soviet missiles to Cuba seemed about to come to a climax, skipping lectures to climb Dundee's Law Hill with some like-minded pessimists, in the confident expectation that with such a grand-stand view of the End of the World, there would be no need for us to walk down again.

As part of this obsession with impending global doom, I was, at the time, interested in novels set at some time in the future, after the nuclear disaster and the expected "Break-down of Society As We Know It." All this was all a long time before I first came here, but it is a possibility that I was influenced subliminally by the fact that in at least two and maybe three of the novels I read in this genre, the Falkland Islands was mentioned as a place which had not only avoided the destructive effects of the nuclear holocaust, but had also, somehow, not been considered significant enough to be included in the reconstruction of society afterwards. We always missed the 'Brave New World' somehow; according to these fictional versions of our future, there were still people living on the Falklands, but they were a backward lot, still engaged in such outdated and barbaric practices as getting ill, marriage, eating meat and the consumption of alcohol and tobacco.

For any folk who came to the Falklands encouraged by such fictional references to believe that by so doing they were securing a place in a refuge where progress could be resisted and 'true human values' would survive, no matter what, the engagement of a Public Relations team by FIG to "package our realities" and sell them to the outside world, must have come as a hammer blow. For such people, obscurity is all.

Come to that, for such people, these last fifteen years must have been a great disappointment. First there was the traumatic and brutal intrusion of the outside world, which came with the Argentine invasion and its aftermath. Since then, with the injection into the economy of large bundles of fishing money, television, computers, non-stop pop music on the radio, police cars with flashing lights, ambulances with sirens, an increase in traffic and a proliferation of 'men in suits' have all appeared in the Falklands and come in for criticism as being somehow symptomatic of the destruction of "our unique way of life".

While there are things on the above list that I dislike in varying measures and whose presence in the Falklands I regret, I am worried by the underlying proposition that somehow before such things existed was a "Golden Age", when "our unique way of life" was being lived to the full, which we can somehow return to. If there was such an age, when was it and for whom was it golden?

I don't suppose there would be many takers if it were proposed that we should turn the clock back twenty-five years. Would the new breed of farm owners be happy to return to their traditional serfdom, where job security could be dependent on the whim of the manager and living conditions were controlled by absentee landlords? Would the emergent entrepreneurs care to give back their independence to work within the stranglehold of the two traditional monopolies, Government and FIG? Would everyone wish to return to peat as their only fuel for cooking and heating, particularly if they had to devote most of their summer evenings to cutting by hand? Would those who have them, give up well-insulated houses and central heating? Would we want to return to dependence on a slow ship or the air force of a foreign power to get our seriously ill to medical treatment? Would we wish to return to the situation where less than 10% of our school children had the opportunity of studying for externally recognised qualifications and fewer still were able to go on to further study? Would we wish to give up the telephone and the FAX and go back to the unreliable Camp lines and the uncertain reception of the R/T? The list is virtually endless and the answer is pretty much obvious.

Someone else looking into their crystal ball recently has been the Chief Executive, Andrew Gurr, whose paper on the future of Falklands Landholdings, contains, as we report elsewhere, two provocative scenarios for the future of North Arm in the year 2050 - in the worst case by then an archaeological site and in the best, a prosperous community of 450 inhabitants, only five of whom are farm owners - employing the technology of the future to provide an unrivalled life-style.

Neither of these 'visions' of the future are, as Mr Gurr admits, likely to be realised. Their intention is to illustrate dramatically that change will happen anyway, but if that change is not to be in the direction of decay, then we have to attempt to take charge of the process. If that means hiring PR firms, then so be it. Those who want to return to the old colonial system, had perhaps better make their petition to Dr. Di Tella - that seems to be what he means by our "unique way of life" and what we are offered by the Argentine Constitution.

YOUR LETTERS.....

End of despair over Ilen

I HAVE BEEN recently sent via a contact on Cape Clear Island, copies of the two articles you published last year on the subject of *Ilen* and her designer and first skipper, Conor O'Brian.

I was especially pleased to get them because I am researching the first ever biography of Conor O'Brian and I had despaired of ever discovering what happened to *Ilen* after O'Brian delivered her to the FIC. So, as you can imagine, these articles have been a remarkable revelation to me.

I am particularly delighted to hear that the *Ilen* still exists. *Saoirse* (better pronounced Sear-Sheh, not Sorcy), in which he completed his remarkable circumnavigation, was wrecked in Iceland some years ago. (How strange two of his boats appear to end their days at opposite ends of the globe!). His first yacht, *Kelpie*, in which he ran guns for the Irish Home Rulers in 1914, was also wrecked, off the coast of Northern Ireland in the early 1920s.

As Sir Cosmo's radio talk was obviously aimed at those who knew

Reciprocal rights?

I REFER TO V K Thompson's letter printed in the Penguin news of the 29th April 1995

When the Air Service Agreements were amended between Chile and the UK, so allowing airline traffic between Chile and the Falkland Islands, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) also granted an Airline Permit to Aerovias DAP allowing a weekly service (renewable Summer and Winter), for certain aircraft to operate a scheduled service between Punta Arenas and Port Stanley (PUQ and PSY).

This permit was granted on the basis that RECIPROCAL RIGHTS were allowed for British operators to operate a similar service.

This, as we know, has not occurred.

During this period (1989-1992) I was the Insurance/Flights Manager for the FIC and tasked with making this service a viable operation. It was not easy, and, in fact, took three years to do so.

The major problems for operating an air service to the Falklands are:

1. The small market
 2. The present pattern of traffic (i.e. North-South)
 3. The Air Bridge
- Bearing in mind the above, traffic growth has been relatively slow and only justifies the use of the present 9 and 16 seater aircraft.

In short, should FIGAS enter the market (or indeed any other competitor), then there is not

Ilen well and did not preach to the converted, I would like to hear your readers' stories of *Ilen*'s adventures during her Falkland Island days. How was she used, by sail or motor or both? Did she have any interesting escapes? What kind of trade did she engage in? Any interesting characters to have sailed in her? What is her condition now?

I would also like to lay my hands on photographs of *Ilen* as she was in years gone by and as she is today.

In return all I can offer is a full acknowledgement in my book and a little article I will offer Penguin News (free) if you wish telling your readers a bit more about this amazing man Conor O'Brian.

I am a full time finance journalist working for an Irish Sunday paper (Sunday Press - phone 353-1-6713333). In my last paper I also wrote a weekly sailing column and in 1990 crewed aboard the Irish entry in the Whitbread Round the World Race for the leg between Uruguay and Florida.

Gerry Byrne
Balbriggan, County Dublin

enough traffic, at present, to justify such competition. To allow it would mean the loss of one operator or even the demise for the route.

Additionally, one has to face the fact that FIGAS cannot operate without heavy subsidy on its present operations. Should they wish to operate larger aircraft over International routes then the FIG has to be prepared to bear the very heavy cost of such operations eg. new aircraft, retraining of aircrews and engineers, new spares, hangerage etc. Do we wish to repeat the Domier 228 fiasco?

On the other hand, aerovias DAP has cost FIG NOTHING and has received NO financial support in its operations until receipt of FIDC subsidy recently and it should be noted, well after the airline achieved viable operations. In fact, this airline has generated CONTINUOUS revenue for these Islands in the payments it makes for such as fuel, customs dues and landing charges, contribution to local taxation through its Booking agency with the FIC, and locally, in movement of tourists and ship crews both to and through these Islands.

This could and probably will change if the RAF civilianizes the Air Bridge and/or the oil comes. There could well be room for expansion and indeed the need for larger Operators.

For the present? I think not.
Ralph Rogers
Stanley

write to Penguin News, Ross Rd, Stanley

No such animal as a 'carrygearer'

WITH REFERENCE to the photograph entitled 'thirties shepherd with 'carrygearer' in your April 29 issue of *Penguin News* the term for a packhorse is not an amalgamation of 'carry' and 'gear' but a Spanish word 'cargero' or 'carguero'.

A cargero described a horse with a pack saddle for carrying loads on its back, not the North

American Indian-style travois being towed by the horse in the photograph.

There was a time not so long ago when all the words used to describe horse colours and horse gear were Spanish, presumably a legacy from the days when the gauchos were here.

Judy Summers
Stanley

Adopt a tree Spiteful them?

WITH our thoughts of VE day and the sacrifices made by those who took part in those epic events, it would seem timely to me at least to thank all those involved with the work carried out recently at the memorial wood; the sheltered bench I thought to be a fitting touch.

Someone quite recently gave me a thought which I think worthy of mention, "adopt a tree". Individuals, families, organisations, youth clubs. In the spring we would all gather at the wood and plant various bulbs, plants and shrubs and add that splash of colour which is much needed around the trees.

It could be quite a satisfying project to become involved with. It may help the young in our community to have a more tangible experience of the human cost of conflict. Anyone who might be interested could give me a call on 21536.

Norman Besley-Clark,
Stanley

Snide... ..me?

YOUR EDITORIAL last week was slightly snide about the fact that my loyal messages to Her Majesty The Queen for her birthday were released to the media well after the event.

In fact the text of the message was sent to you by fax shortly before the Parade on Victory Green. I am sorry it could not have been released earlier to meet your deadlines, but it is a message to the Queen (unlike Dr Di Tella's greetings which went to everyone) and she should be allowed to receive it before it is released publicly.

That said, thank you for putting it in such a beautiful type-face on last week's centre spread!

D E Tatham
Governor

Adopt a tree Spiteful them?

YOUR ARTICLE on the excellent progress made by White Rock Ltd on the West Ponds project was unfortunately spoilt by the spiteful comments made by their spokesman in belittling the work carried out by the PWD road construction team.

Because of the higher volume of traffic, the North Camp Road has to be built to a higher standard over some of the most difficult ground in the Falklands, therefore more plant and men are required. In addition the team carries out, and pays for, all its own repairs and maintenance to its aging plant which is currently costing over one quarter of the total cost of the road. Besides moving their own base camp at the beginning of each season, the same team maintains over 150km of existing road.

I am particularly proud of our own PWD team, but we should all be proud of both teams and of their splendid work in bringing settlements and farms closer to each other.

Brian Jarvis Hill
Director of Public Works

Green.... ..him?

PERHAPS, instead of searching for imaginary drinking drivers as in your last editorial, our police would be more useful in patrolling the West Falkland road looking for vehicle owners with overseas registration and thus, not paying road fund licence!!

"A Taxpayer"
(name and address supplied on request)

(For reasons best understood by my subconscious, in last week's editorial I wrote that I had been stopped by the police on Wednesday, when it was Monday. Sorry Mark! Ed.)

Timothy John Dobbys

THE death of Tim Dobbys in England, on April 23rd, after a characteristically fierce fight against illness, brought to a close a story, which like the man it describes, is unique, full of adventure, good humour, and bravery.

Born on February 2nd, 1933, in Cork City, Ireland, Tim was the youngest of five children. He left home when he was quite young to look for work, first in Ireland and then England. He was keen to go to Australia but was broke and didn't have the contribution required towards his passage costs. The FIC were offering employment in the Falkland Islands, the passages were free and an advance of wages was also available. Thinking there was a fortune to be made selling most of the 3 pound daily mutton allowance provided for in his contract, Tim signed up with them for five years.

He arrived in the Falklands on September 6 1952 at the age of 19 and was sent to Camp. Ronnie Morrison remembers being sent to the Sound House to meet Tim and bring him to North Arm. Later he, Tim and Ronnie Larsen, being all single chaps, were sent to cut peat at Peat Moss Shanty. Ronnie recalls that Tim only worked at North Arm for a season before being transferred to Stanley after a "falling out" with the Manager. In Stanley Tim was taken on the jetty gang and then transferred to the *SS Fitzroy*. He remained on the *Fitzroy*, sailing around the Islands and to Montevideo and Punta Arenas until the completion of his contract in August 1957. During this time he received a commendation from the Royal Humane Society for saving a man from drowning in Port William.

Tim took lodgings at Mrs Brechin's when he was in Stanley, and there he met his wife Jean Brechin. Jean and Tim were married on September 12 1957 at Canvey Island, Essex in England. They could not settle in England and decided to return to the Falklands in May 1960 with their two daughters, Teresa and Kathleen. Their third daughter Jeannie was born in the Falklands.

On returning, Tim was Caretaker of the Town Hall and Gymnasium for some time, and also worked as a plumber before setting up his bakery business in 1964. He hadn't planned to become a baker, but Jean and Tim's part time sausage business depended on a supply of bread to make rusks. The closure of the Duncan's Bakery threatened the sausage business so they decided to try their hands at baking bread. The first few batches were a bit dodgy, but they soon got the hang of it and gradually introduced new lines, a delivery service, catered for children's parties and weddings and exported a large quantity of iced Christmas cakes each year (on the A.E.S.) to England and beyond. They also continued to produce sausages to the original "Gregor Brechin" recipe.

In the late 70's Tim took up employment with the FIC and worked at the Naval Fuel Depot while Jean continued to run the Bakery. Tim was involved in fuel transfers from tankers to the main tanks at the Camber and for the maintenance and operation of the Fuel Barge.

In 1980 Jean & Tim sold up and moved to Bluff Cove to take up farming. They were at Bluff Cove during the conflict and opened their home to 14 people who decided to leave Stanley after the invasion. Bluff Cove became a hive of activity in June 1982 and Tim became heavily involved with the British Forces, particularly the Scots Guards and 9 Para, as they prepared to advance on Stanley. He helped ferry troops and ammunition from Bluff Cove towards Port Harriet by landrover convoy at night time. During one of these runs a landrover lost a wheel after running into an unidentified minefield. Tim's bumper jack still marks the spot, and is now well behind a minefield fence.

Despite the danger and the constant threat of air raids etc, Tim thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the action. He was awarded the BEM in 1983.

Jean and Tim spent the winter of 1983 working at the road construction camp at Elephant Canyon before moving to their own farm, Riverside, in the summer of 1983/84. They worked hard to build the farm up, the biggest task being the construction of the house in 1984. Year by year the stock increased from the original 84 sheep that were on the land when he took it over to approximately 2000. Friends were always around to help out with work on the farm and turn mundane farm jobs into quite sociable events.

Being close to Mount Pleasant, many contractors visited Riverside during the period the airport was being constructed. The opening of the MPA road enabled more people both military and civilian to call at the farm where they were always made very welcome. The road also meant easier access to the MPA tip for Tim and he enjoyed rummaging for "bargains" - there is abundant evidence of this at Riverside: stacks of things that "might come in handy one day".

He was a keen marksman, and for many years attended the weekly meetings of the FI Rifle Association. In 1976 he represented the Falklands at Bisley in UK. Being an ex-sailor, he also took an interest in the FI Royal Naval Association.

Tim was buried in the cemetery at Riverside on Sunday April 30 1995 alongside Jean who passed away in 1988 and his daughter Teresa and granddaughter Karen who died in the hospital fire in 1984.

He is survived by two sisters, Eileen and Patricia, his daughters Kathleen and Jeannie and his granddaughter Helen.

CAPED Foundation runs on with 20 Sqn

20 SQUADRON RAF Mount Pleasant are planning a fund raising event for the CAPED Foundation and Rainbow, a UK charity, to help young children.

Although the CAPED Foundation have actively ceased fund-raising now the Mini-Bus has been bought, John Teggart has decided, due to the overwhelming public support, to keep the bank account open so other useful and needed items for the elderly and disabled can be identified and bought.

The event planned for May 20 will be a run from Black Eagle Camp in Stanley to the present RRS HQ at MPA. The members of the 12 man team of volunteers will swim the equivalent distance from MPA to the War Memorial in Stanley at the MPA Swimming Pool. The whole event to be completed in 24 hours or less.

Flt Sgt G D Harfield and his men will be visiting Stanley during the next few weeks to ask for sponsorship from the local people. All sections at MPA have already been asked to donate generously to the event.

Further information about the event or the RAINBOWS charity

Fighting the flab for CAPED



IN ONLY eight weeks, Detective Sergeant Len McGill and Sergeant Graham Didlick of the Royal Falkland Islands Police lost a total of 40½lbs in a sponsored slim.

The money raised (a total of £380) was presented to Candy Blackley and Mandy Heathman representing CAPED.

Thanks to the generous efforts of Len and Graham the fund total now stands at £11,225.

Accompanied by a sylph-like Len McGill, new, slim-line Graham Didlick hands over the cheque to Hospital Administrator, Candy Blackley and Matron, Mandy Heathman.

can be sought from Flt Sgt Harfield on extension 6339.

John Teggart, Chairman of the CAPED Foundation Committee hopes that everyone will support the Rapier Squadron in this challenge of endeavour and endurance.

Public, military and business response to the Mini-Bus Appeal was fantastic and a list of the organisations who contributed will be issued shortly.

Practical help by Cancer Support & Awareness Trust



Mandy Heathman receives the cards from Shiralee Collins and Sister Bridie. BEING sent to Britain for medical tests or treatment can be a difficult and upsetting business for anyone, but particularly so if the disease from which you are suffering, or suspected of suffering, is cancer.

In such circumstances, even relatively minor problems like finding that you have no change for making necessary phone calls can assume the proportions of catastrophe, but, thanks to the efforts of the Falkland Islands Cancer Support and Awareness Trust, for cancer patients that particular problem will soon be a thing of the past.

Last week, the Trust handed over fifteen £10 phone cards to the KEMH for use by cancer patients travelling to Britain. The dispensation of these cards to patients will be free, totally confidential

and in the hands of which ever doctor might be organising a particular patient's trip. When the stock held by the hospital begins to run low, then the Trust will provide more, as required.

Apart from offering practical help of this nature, the Trust has a library of pamphlets and other sources of information designed to reassure and inform cancer sufferers and their families.

Much of the Trust's work is necessarily devoted to fund-raising and following their recent successful Iron-a-thon, the Trustees would be glad to hear from anyone who has other fund-raising schemes to propose.

The Trustees are: Shiralee Collins (Chair), Theresa Lang (Secretary), Alison Hewitt (Treasurer), Sister Bridie and Derek Howatt.

Keppel Island Revisited

Visitors say rumoured problems are unfounded

RUMOURS OF SOIL erosion and other depredations by stock on Keppel Island prompted a recent visit to the area by a group comprising of the Chief Executive Andrew Gurr, Director of Agriculture Owen Summers, Senior Scientist (Ag) Aiden Kerr and Hay Miller, representing Falklands Conservation.

On Tuesday April 25 the group were transported by RAF helicopter and accompanied on their walk, by two RIC foot patrols due to the possibility of wild cattle. Hay and Aiden landed at Robinsons Point and walked through the flats back to the settlement, whilst Andrew and Owen walked from Phillips Beach.

It was discovered that there were no sheep on the Island but a total of 83 cattle were seen. Although there was evidence of the cattle having damaged fences, the vegetation cover was extremely good with no noticeable soil erosion.

The group were pleasantly surprised to discover that a number of the trees planted by Dr McAdam were surviving and some even thriving, especially those which had been provided with minimal plastic shelters.

Hay commented that there was



Distant view of Pebble Island from Keppel Island Settlement

Photo: Hay Miller

nothing controversial to report from a conservation point of view. She did note that there were few swans in the area but this was probably due to lack of water, the ponds being very low.

The visit to Keppel Island was organised with the knowledge of the island's owner Mr Lionel Fell of Somerset, England.

Mr Fell, who has not visited the Falklands for some time, has made it known that it is his hope, ultimately to restore the historic Keppel Island mission.

Hay Miller and husband Sam sold the island to Mr Miller in 1988, but Hay last visited three years ago when the sheep were removed by Peter McKay.

Changes ahead at Ledingham Chalmers

IN Stanley last week was Malcolm Laing, senior partner in the Aberdeen-based law firm Ledingham Chalmers who for some years now have been providing legal services in Stanley.

Mr Laing, who has been here before, described his visit as 'routine', but dictated, in terms of timing, by the approach of the end of the contract of the present incumbents at the Stanley office, Penny Parsons and Alan Barker.

Although their contract expires in December, Penny and Alan will probably take advantage of accrued leave to depart these shores in October for a well-earned holiday.

Public Notice

In accordance with Section 21 of the Planning Ordinance 1991 notification is hereby given that the date for comments and objections to the Draft Town Plan has been extended until Friday June 30 1995.

Anyone who has not viewed a copy may do so by contacting the General Office, Secretariat, Stanley.

Comments on and objections to the Draft Town Plan should be submitted in writing to the Planning Officer, PWD, to reach him on or before Friday June 30 1995.

Stanley Community School Students learn from VE Day commemorations



THE STUDENTS of years seven, eight and nine at the Community School took advantage of the on-coming VE day to learn about World War II.

The earlier part of Friday morning was spent studying both the local involvement and the In-

ternational aspect of the war.

An assembly picked up the same theme and each class later studied the work produced by each other.

Parents and public were invited to view the work.

Amongst the work prompted

Year 9 with Lowry Reproduction by VE Day, Year 9 and their teacher Mrs Simpson reproduced a famous painting representing the day by L S Lowry. The painting was copied from a post card and each student took a section to duplicate.

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Changes to publication day

Starting from next week, we hope to start bringing forward the publication day of *Penguin News*, a day at a time, until we arrive at Wednesday, which will then become the regular *Penguin News* day.

The TV and Radio schedules will continue to run from Saturday to Friday

News in Brief

Night Rescue at Sea

AT 1PM ON Thursday April 27 MPA received a report from the Taiwanese rigger *Win Kai Fu no III* that 2 sailors had fallen down a hatch that morning and were unconscious.

A Sea King Helicopter was launched carrying a doctor who was subsequently winched aboard the vessel.

It was later confirmed that one of the men was suffering from a broken neck and is now in a serious condition in KEMH.

A Whale of Time

MR DAVID KILLOP tells us in the Daily Mail (May 1 1995) that his father who worked in the Falklands in 1929/1930 says it was common knowledge amongst the local population that a man had survived being swallowed by a whale. The paper entitles the piece "A Whale Tale You Cannot Swallow". Does anybody remember David Killop's father?

Polls Forecast Menem Victory in First Round

PRESIDENT Carlos Menem of Argentina should win outright victory in the presidential election on May 14, defeating his nearest rival by more than 15 percentage points, say two polls published yesterday in the business daily *El Cronista*.

The polls put Menem on 45.8 and 46 per cent respectively - above the 45 per cent that he needs to win without recourse to a second round. His nearest rival, Mr José Octavio Bordón of the centre-left Frepas alliance, obtained 29.2 and 29 per cent in the two polls.

Drink Wine For Health

A NUMBER OF papers report findings in Denmark that a bottle of wine a day keeps death at bay.

The Independent says researchers have found that drinking three to five glasses on wine each day reduces the overall risk of death by half.

But it says that beer and spirit drinkers seem to die at the same rate as non-drinkers and that heavy spirit drinkers have a far higher chance of dying.

General Manager, FIGO

MR CHRIS Pickard the newly appointed General Manager of FIGO will arrive in the Falklands on May 9.

Although Mr Pickard's function will primarily be the running of the Government Office in London it will no doubt be advantageous for him to familiarise himself with our local government employees and departments.

This will be Mr Pickard's first of many visits to the Islands.

Penguin News pays tribute to the Nissen Hut, enduring architectural legacy of World War II in Stanley



Vi Felton's house on Callaghan Road

Hunch-backed and homely, the nissen hut stayed on in Stanley when the troops left

THANKS to its listing recently by the Historic Buildings Committee, the Callaghan Road home of Mrs. Vi Felton brought into prominence a form of building, the Nissen Hut, which has become such a part of the Stanley scene that it usually escapes all notice, but which owes its existence here almost solely to the Second World War and the perceived need to accommodate several thousand troops in a hurry, in a land where there was no available timber.

Built out of curved sections of corrugated iron on an iron frame like a giant meccano set, the Nissen hut was ideal for the job. Not only was it easy to erect and dismantle, but when packed up it took up relatively little space and could be easily handled

off ships in places where jetty facilities might be rudimentary or non-existent.

As Vi's house, which was built by the Royal Artillery over fifty years ago, indicates, properly lined and kitted out a Nissen hut makes snug accommodation, which with maintenance can last for a very long time.

Vi's house and that of Chris Spaul at the other end of the same building, is probably the last of the World War II Nissen huts still to be occupied and may be one of the last still to be on the site where it was first erected.

By coincidence, our report by Fred Gooch on his service in the British Merchant Marine, mentions that in 1944, among the cargo his ship was carrying from Liverpool to

Montevideo, was military cargo for onward shipment to the Falklands, consisting of "Nissen huts, sheds in sections, canned goods, paint and some vehicles."

Visitors to the admirable exhibition on World War II at the museum will be able to see a plan of the army garrison, which was built to the West of Sullivan House to accompany the resident infantry resident. While this was staggeringly large, with a vast array of ancillary buildings, including cinema, church, workshops and various messes, it was not the only evidence of our military occupation. One photograph in the Museum's booklet even shows a Nissen hut being constructed on Arch Green.

When the troops left, the Nissen hut, hunch-backed and homely, stayed on, but not necessarily where it was first erected. Unlike the equivalent largesse from the Falklands war, the shipping container and the Portacabin, the Nissen hut needed neither heavy crane nor helicopter to assist in its relocation in the back gardens and paddocks of Stanley houses. Planning permission was not in existence, so although many modifications were made, the essential shape remains the same.

Overleaf we show just a few of the many survivors encountered in a five-minute walk in Stanley.



Vi, at home in the Nissen's cosy interior

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Looking Back on April

Deaths:

9th April
23 April

Steven Buckett aged 29, at the KEM Hospital, Stanley
Timothy John Dobbys, at the Churchill Hospital,
Oxford, aged 62

Marriages

14 April
15 April

Ulrik Eriksen and Michelle Hirtle
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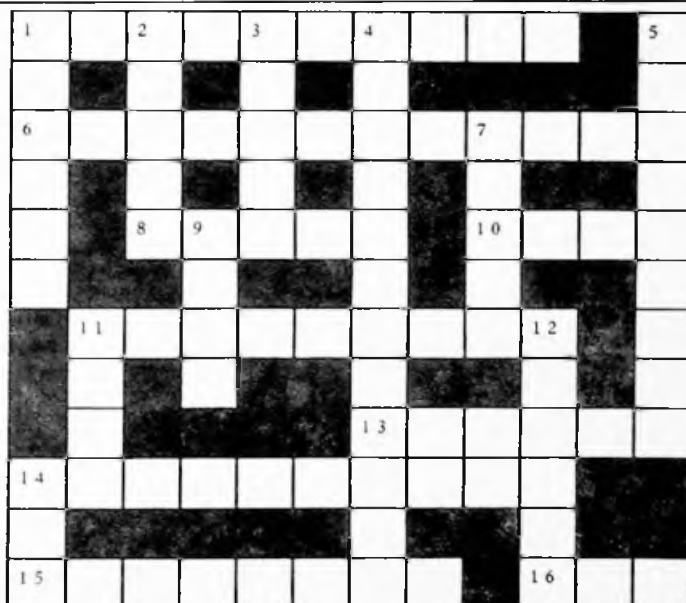
Crossword

Across:

1) Wartime experience for Stanley kids (10)
6) Scattering news like seeds (12)
8) Short form of familiar World War II 'Westers' (5)
10) Smooth in a heated manner (4)
11) Flying gift from us to the RAF (9)
12) This toast's a bit weasly (anag) (6)
14) Why they call it the theatre of war (10)
15) Three striper (8)
16) Emphatic teenage negative (3)

Down:

1) Soothing way to preserve the body (6)
2) Ecstatic pain in the garden perhaps. Tell Auntie (5)
3) Definitely not over (5)
4) Clutch, gearbox etc (12)
5) Like Casey Jones, perhaps? (9)
7) Edible rubbish (5)
9) Leave out with a bit of German (4)
11) The shape for the navy (4)
12) One of these for every purpose, they say, even cricket (6)
14) short form of 14 across (3)



Last month's correct solution

Falklands Cookery by Jenny Luxton

AT THIS TIME of year the Upland Geese are very good to eat, having fattened up on diddle-dee berries, so I have concentrated on two recipes which I hope you will enjoy:

Upland Goose Liver Paté

(courtesy of Sally Blake)
8oz liver
1 small onion chopped finely
1 clove garlic
4oz butter
1 tablespoon brandy
1 pinch thyme
Chop onion and garlic, fry gently in butter until soft. Increase heat & sauté liver briskly for five minutes. Cool, liquidise, add brandy, herbs, salt & pepper. Place in container and seal with melted butter.

Upland Goose Casserole

Take 1 Goose quartered (or smaller pieces). Skin & roll in flour.
Fry together: 1 large onion chopped, 3 cloves garlic, several slices of bacon chopped in butter & olive oil, until soft. Remove onion mixture and fry goose until browned.
Put goose, onion mixture in a casserole dish.
Into the pan of juices add: herbs (thyme goes well) bay leaf
half pint of red wine
1 pint chicken stock
1 tin diced tomatoes.
Season with salt and pepper.
Seal casserole and cook slowly for 4 hours. Check level of stock. Water may have to be added. Vegetables in season may be added an hour before serving, i.e. carrots, swede and parsnips. Thicken gravy and serve with new potatoes or rice. As with all stews, this is better the next day!

Ginger Roll (A light dessert)

Whip up enough cream to cover a packet of ginger biscuits. Add sweet sherry to taste. Sandwich together ginger biscuits with cream/sherry mixture, crystallised ginger to cover entirely and decorate with cherries and grated chocolate on top.
Leave in cold place for 4-6 hours before serving to allow biscuits to soften.

Memories of '44

by Fred Gooch

But for the World War II, Fred Gooch's life might have been quite different. Qualified as a marine engineer, but with his chances of getting a ship doomed by the thirties' depression, Fred was just about to sign up for a season as a drummer in Mantovani's famous orchestra, at his home town of Clacton-on-Sea, when war broke out and the engagement was canceled.

If you have ever wondered how the Falklands continued to be supplied with essential goods during the war years, Fred's account of some of his war-time career in the British Merchant Marine will supply some of the answers.

HAVING JOINED *SS Marton* and now completing general cargo in Canada Dock, Liverpool (for River Plate ports) in my second ship of Kaye Son & Co; I was content to be back on their regular service to South America. The former vessel *SS Marlene* after the South American round voyage had taken a charter voyage to India and now lay on the sea-bed in Lat 8°N on the homeward bound passage via Walvis Bay and Freetown, but was torpedoed by U124 prior to arrival at the latter port.

Hopes of Christmas in port were rapidly fading...

So here we were in Liverpool on December 22 and hopes of having Christmas in port were rapidly

fading as whilst listening to the BBC News at 7pm we could hear the stevedores of an evening shift continuing the loading with the object of getting us out of this busy port.

But suddenly the radio volume decreased in strength which was an indication of an air raid being imminent as the BBC had used this measure in an attempt to foil the Luftwaffe in making use of the wavelength as a navigational aid.

Soon the wail of the sirens put a stop to the loading and the dockers went ashore to await events. The drone of aircraft overhead was followed by a shower of incendiary bombs on the dock area and the bombers would soon be guided to their target. So donning overalls and a tin hat I accompanied our

Shetland 1st Mate Ian Sharp onto the dockside and put out a couple of incendiaries which were illuminating the area.

The Mate returned on board but I investigated a light in the dock shed first before emerging with the intention of going aboard. I heard the whistle of a descending bomb despite the racket caused by AA gunnery nearby.

An explosion some way off was followed by another much nearer and I dropped to the ground just as the third bomb came through the roof of the shed and exploded very close to me (although strange to say I can never remember hearing anything like a bang, but a concussion followed by clouds of dust, smoke and showers of shed fragments descending all around

Falklands Philatelic by S.G.



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THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY of the first Tristar flight arrival at MPA is on May 12 1995.

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The Tristar Flights have meant that we all enjoy twice weekly delivery of airmail. Well done the RAF! and many thanks from all of us.

By order in Council of August 16 1944, the Governor directed that after August 18 mail would be accepted at Stanley for onward transmission by air from Montevideo. But the first direct air mail flight from the Falklands did not take place until May 2 1952.

The Aquila Airways Hudson Flying Boat (G-AGJN) left Southampton Water just after midnight on April 21. It arrived in the Falklands during the afternoon of April 28.

The plane departed from Stanley mid-day on May 2 and arrived back in Southampton on May 8 1952.

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SS Marlene. Fred's first ship, was, he says, "honourably sunk at sea, not ignominiously in dry dock, as was my second."

me) a large piece of coping stone had smashed the gangway completely a few feet away and some textile material (cargo from the shed) was draped blazing in our rigging. We went back on board and got the fire hoses going and extinguished the flames and also were able to keep the fire ashore under control. But where is the mate? He was found on the accommodation deck with most of his clothes torn off by the blast, but still conscious. To get him ashore to hospital the sailors lowered a lifeboat and crossed the dock as the shoreside was impossible due to the fire. Sadly he died two days later. The next day I found that I had been only 35 feet from the 500lb bomb but all the blast had passed over me.

No perks for the Master on the voyage to 'Monte'

We continued loading what cargo was undamaged and on the 26th we departed for Montevideo. One of the perks of the Master of a merchant ship is the sale of tobacco, cigarettes, and one or two other items to the crew from the Slop chest. At the site of the explosion there were many cartons scattered around of Phillip Morris cigarettes intended for export to Uruguay which under the circumstances could be said to have 'come from above'. Captain Fergusson sold next to no cigarettes to the crew on that voyage!

The post of First Mate was taken by Captain Collins, ex-Master of *Marlene* when this vessel was lost. Ian Sharp, Master Mariner, retired had come back to sea although past the age for service and it was a great shame that this selfless act was so short-lived.

After four days sailing in a west-bound convoy, vessels for the South Atlantic departed from the rest and made their way on their own but later on as the U Boat campaign strengthened, merchant vessels retained an armed escort until south of Sierra Leone.

About thirty days steaming saw us making a landfall near Punta Del Este and a few hours afterwards safely tied up in Montevideo for which port all of the

tween decks cargo was destined. Leyland bus chassis, chemicals, textiles, whisky, cars which on this occasion a black Rolls Royce for the British Embassy was included and also there was military cargo for the Falkland Islands; Nissen huts, sheds in sections, canned goods, paint and some vehicles all for transhipment to Stanley. As the hatches had been left open when the air raid commenced in Liverpool, lots of the debris from the shed found its way into the cargo and quite a pile of Liverpool Docks masonry grew on the dock alongside of *Marton*. It was such a wonderful change to visit a brightly-lit city after the darkness of completely blacked-out Britain in wartime.

Having a beer under the same roof as the enemy...

On to Buenos Aires for completing discharge of cargo, followed by loading down to our marks with much-needed grain and other raw materials including thousands of cases of corned beef, that staple diet of the armed forces, and this time there was no doubt welcome variation in the very good Irish Stew which the British Frigorifico Anglo manufactured for MoD. In certain bars there was the chance of finding crew members from the scuttled battleship *Graf Spee* which came to and end off Montevideo one year previously; all the crew having been conveyed to Buenos Aires, they were eventually allowed free but in charge of the German Embassy there. There was never any problem, but it was a little strange to be having a beer under the same roof as the enemy.

German raiders around in the South Atlantic

German raiders were around in the South Atlantic bent on sinking allied merchant vessels, but we arrived safely in Freetown Sierra Leone for the formation of a convoy and we sailed with an extremely powerful escort comprising an aircraft carrier. A battleship *HMS Warspite* and her attendant destroyers and the cruiser of the

Fiji class and the anti-aircraft cruiser *Coventry*. So evidently there was serious trouble expected somewhere along the way but all went well and the cruiser left us for the Mediterranean where she was lost with all hands off Greece later on.

We arrived at Liverpool and discharged all cargo with no air raids, and we took full bunkers and then it was decided that we should drydock in the double Langton Dock which had a destroyer repairing hull-damage in the inner section.

In the Liverpool blitz

It was now May and the hull of *Marton* was painted and in two days our section of the dock was flooded and we were towed out but mishandling resulted in our propeller making heavy contact with the knuckle of the dock entrance and it was badly bent. That very night the infamous Liverpool May Blitz commenced and at around 2am an almighty thud alongside of *Marton* shook her on the chocks but there was no bang, and it turned out to be a large bomb which had failed to explode.

At 2pm the Naval authorities came on board and told us that we would need to evacuate the ship until the bomb had been diffused as it could go off at any minute. They arranged accommodation for the eight of us in the stork Hotel where we just took the very bare necessities as we should be back on board soon. That night was very noisy and an ammo-ship going up added to the uproar. By 2am the *all clear* enabled us to get to bed and in the morning before breakfast the CH Engineer and I walked down to the docks to see how things were with *Marton* and at the dockgate the policeman told us that we could go home as a large column of black smoke was our empty *Marton* going up in flames assisted by the full double-bottom bunkers and the ammunition store under the four inch gun on the poop.

The midnight train to Euston which was delayed for two hours due to the third night of the ten day May Blitz damaging the railway and obliged the London-bound

passengers to take the provided bus to Edge Hill station and at 3am we left and made our slow way past burning buildings until speeding up when open country was reached. By changing to Liverpool St Station which also did not have a very healthy appearance I arrived home in Essex travelling light with my shaving gear and toothbrush in my pocket.

Two weeks later Kayes assigned me to my next ship *SS Margalau* loading in Liverpool. I visited the remains of *Marton* in Langton drydock and discovered that the unexploded bomb was still nestling in the hole alongside of the ship. Thanks to the providence of fate it's presence had saved the lives of eight crew members as the bomb which did destroy our ship had fallen right amidships and destroyed the accommodation before the fire took over and left a distorted mass which had to be made to float once more to enable the much-needed destroyer which occupied the inner dock to get out and about it's business.

Margalau visited many places during the 18 months which I served in her, the least desirable being Murmansk in USSR, accessible only by going around North Cape into the Barents Sea all within reach of the Luftwaffe. *Margalau* and I parted company when an injured hand put me in hospital three months later and by VE Day she was the only surviving unit of the 14 original vessels which Kaye Son & Co possessed in 1939.

The rest of my wartime service was trouble-free during our wanderings worldwide which took in USA, Canada, North Africa (where a war was going on) S Africa, India and the ship in which I was then serving was taken into the fold of Mountbatten's Southeast Asia Command which included the Burma invasion at Akyab with Chittagong as jumping-off port.

VE Day in Mauritius

It is difficult to realize that VE Day was fifty years ago. By that time things had quietened down around the Indian continent and I was back in a merchant vessel which I had picked up at Kaddapore in Bengal and we were loading raw sugar in the Island of Mauritius on VE Day for discharge in London. Having been absent from home since 1942 I had accumulated the right to over 70 days leave, but my still being under the Armed Forces Act I had to report for sea-going duty in August so I did at least celebrate VE Day in that month. Being somewhat 'long in the tooth' I can clearly recall the end of the 1914-18 War when we were living in an important garrison town, Colchester and consequently the celebration were anything but half-hearted! I am most likely the only person in the Falklands who remembers seeing a Zeppelin brought down in flames in 1917 when we lived in Watford and I was 3 years old.

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Is there life for The Falklander after the Clothes Show?

Grizelda Cockwell reports on how the project is developing

ANYONE FEEL LIKE knitting 7000 squares? This is approximately what will be needed to make the 200 garments to go to the BBC's *Clothes Show Live*, mentioned by Mike Summers on *News Magazine* of Wednesday 26th.

Following a further weeks work by the design team and a meeting with Ian Dempster and Mike Summers of FIDC, the stage has now been reached when some production of the Falklander can be started - at last! Everyone has been very patient and we hope that the enthusiasm generated by the *Clothes Show* is still there.

Sample packs are being prepared so all the knitters will be hearing from us very soon asking for a tension swatch in a Fairisle fabric from machine knitters, and a plain fabric from hand knitters.

Yarns, a punch card and instructions will be included for machine knitters and yarns and instructions for hand knitters.

Meanwhile, at FIGO, meetings are being arranged with the UK and Japanese agents who have approached Jeff Banks. As a result FIDC expect to generate a good idea of requirement in terms of styles, numbers and time scale for the production of garments.

The design team are evaluating the time and materials required to manufacture three distinct styles of Falklander and at the same time improving upon production techniques and composition. All of this information is critical to pricing each Falklander style.

The plan is that production of squares should start so that a stock pile may be built up through the



Photo: D. McLeod

winter, while the assembly workshops are being set up, to make a line of the classic sweater for sale locally. This would mean all the people involved in the various skills required to put the Falklander together will be putting in valuable practice and building up speed. The knitting of these garments is not too difficult (most people should be able to manage squares), but the assembly is a different matter, and it will be invaluable to get all the teething problems in this area ironed out.

As mentioned earlier, it is proposed that 200 garments are available for sale at *Clothes Show Live* in December. As a matter of interest this is very roughly 7000 squares, depending on the style chosen. Another interesting fact from the work carried out at St. Mary's and further work done by the Design Team, is that the garments take approximately three times as long to make as a comparable style of garment takes using the conventional methods of construction and assembly.

It is hoped that workshops for the assembly can be set up quickly, so that garments may be available locally as soon as possible, to be followed by the 200 for *Clothes Show Live*, and the work on the Falklander Collection which will also have to be done for *Clothes Show Live* in December. Therefore linking sewing and finishing are the skills which will be needed

for the assembly workshops, in addition to those knitting at home. If all goes according to plan, this could mean full time work for assemblers in the workshops, in Stanley and hopefully Fox Bay as well.

If there are any more people who would be interested in contributing to knitting the Falklander, please contact Pam Summers, Rosemary Wilkinson, Margaret Humphreys, Ann Reid or myself, Grizelda Cockwell.

We would particularly like to hear from anyone who would be interested in any of the assembly work - especially linkers and machine and hand sewers, but also people who would like to learn these and other related skills. Anyone who is at all interested in a job in one of the assembly workshops, please get in touch - we would like to hear from you!

Squadron Leader Roger Davis

MRS. ANN ROBERTSON of Port Stephens writes with news of the sudden death at his home in Calve, Wiltshire, on April 16, of Squadron Leader Roger Davis.

Squadron Leader Davis was with the BFFI Headquarters in Stanley in the winter of 1984.



Photo: D. McLeod

Another successful rescue for the Sooty Shearwater

by Stella Prindle-Middleton

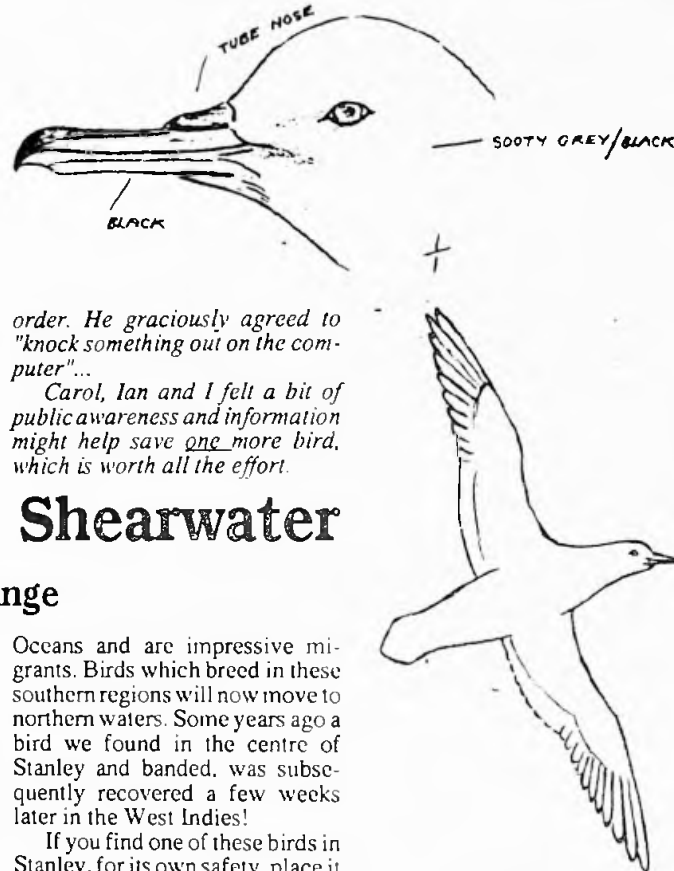
THERE WERE, the boys and I, tucked into our routine of bedtime stories, when Sue popped in and asked if we had a pet bird by the peat shed.

She had been walking past at 6.30pm last night (May 2) and saw this big bird sitting on the pavement which appeared to be unable to fly.

We all rushed out and Phil immediately identified it as a Sooty Shearwater. (A few years before we had rescued one off Ross Road) However we were unable to remember if we were supposed to release it in the morning or at night. After a quick call to Carol Miller of Falklands Conservation,

arrangements were set up for the following morning. In the meantime our lovely bird was tucked into a sturdy cardboard box with a blanket for a bit of softness and warmth. We put it into a "secure" shed. Secure in the sense, that if it got out of the box, it would not hurt itself and secure from the armies of patrolling wild cats.

After what appeared to be a successful release at Surf Bay, about 9.15 am the next morning, Carol and I realized how little we knew about these birds. There had been many identical occurrences reported in just the past two days. As soon as I arrived home, I felt a phone call to Ian Strange was in



order. He graciously agreed to "knock something out on the computer"...

Carol, Ian and I felt a bit of public awareness and information might help save one more bird, which is worth all the effort.

A note on the Sooty Shearwater (*Puffinus griseus*)

by Ian Strange

PRACTICALLY every year for quite some years now, I have received calls from people in Stanley who have found sooty Shearwaters wandering about their properties at night. My own records show that these birds appear with amazing regularity in the last days of April first days of May. Another interesting point about these sightings is, according to my records, the majority are picked up in an area towards the west end of Davis Street.

One of the closest known breeding sites for Sooty Shearwaters is on Kidney Island. Breeding in burrows beneath the tussock cover their presence is often not known. Only at night when birds are re-

turning from offshore feeding grounds, or leaving the burrows before first light, does one hear and see them at close quarters.

This season has seen an unusually high number of "recoveries" from several areas in Stanley. It is quite possible that the persistent dense low cloud over the last few days, plus the lights of Stanley is a factor. It is likely that these immature birds originate from Kidney Island or are passing migrants. However, I still keep in mind the possibility that a small number of these secretive birds might yet be found breeding at the back of Stanley!

Sooty Shearwaters are found in both the Pacific and Atlantic

Oceans and are impressive migrants. Birds which breed in these southern regions will now move to northern waters. Some years ago a bird we found in the centre of Stanley and banded, was subsequently recovered a few weeks later in the West Indies!

If you find one of these birds in Stanley, for its own safety, place it in a cardboard box which is large enough for it to turn round in, keep it in the dark and where it is cool. If you can, release during daylight in an area like Hookers Point or Surf Bay where it has immediate access to the water or can fly straight out to open sea. Please don't try and launch the bird into the air, simply put it onto the ground

close to the waters edge. By the way, they do have a fairly sharp hook to their bill, which is probably one reason why one of my daughters referred to them as "shirty" Shearwaters. If you are concerned about handling them give me a call.

sketches by Ian Strange

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DIARY OF A FARMER'S CAT By Baldrick Wilkinson

A sheep is a sheep is a sheep, isn't it?

AH WELL... another week has come and gone in a blur of non-events and boredom. Not to mention harassment from that draughted pup, Moss. Shattered my nice peaceful world he has. Seriously thinking of emigrating, I am; and not to the Isle of Dogs either...

I've got his measure though - literally - and have learned to keep myself out of chewing range. On top of the tumbledryer is a good haven, for instance, particularly on a cold wet day when the Missus has the thing going full bore. I've had to make my peace with Whiskas in order to share what was formerly his sole territory, but it was worth a bit of grovelling to gain access to such a warm snoozing place. Not to mention peace and quiet; and underfloor heating. Young Moss can bounce up and down like a demented yo-yo as much likes - but he can't reach me.

At least, not yet... It's that time of year again, when all the pheromones or whatever are whizzing around. The rams have worn tracks round their pad-

dock, pacing the electric fence but not daring to push their luck with it. (Unlike the Missus; she actually grabbed hold of a solar panel recently, 'cos it had fallen over. Judging by her reaction, the power was going through nicely. Silly moo. Only one brain cell, and that's probably addled by the shock...)

Yesterday the Boss and the Missus took the main flock rams out to their respective harems, and things got a bit lively when Sam turned the first lot of rams the wrong way - straight towards the stud ewe's paddock. Les Girls of course also made a beeline for the boundary fence, rolling their eyes and making lewd suggestions to the boys; between 'em the Boss and Sam had an interesting time sorting things out and diverting the rams away towards their officially approved ladies. What is it they say about forbidden fruit?

During the hubbub the second ewe flock disappeared as if by magic into the depths of their particular camp - the ewe camps are side by side with each other - and

the Boss had to chivvy their boys some way before they finally realised that they weren't simply on a Nature ramble. There wasn't a ewe to be seen at first, they said, so why couldn't they join the fun on the other side of the fence??

The Boss and the Missus have put horned rams with one flock and polled ones with the other, this season. The Missus wants to see how many horned lambs result from each flock, to compare notes. She seems to think there won't be a vast difference. Beats me why they're bothering with details like that. A sheep is a sheep is a sheep - isn't it?? Four legs and a woolly coat are obvious essentials, but whether or not the thing has handles on its bonce would seem boringly unimportant.

The two stud rams went out today, after the Boss and the Missus had sorted the stud ewes into two groups for 'em. Basket was given a third of the number Willow has to tackle. A comment on his libido, I suspect. Not that I'd know much about such things,

unfortunately, due to that person in town. Sheesh...

Anyway, enough of this. I heard the meat house door click just now, and I reckon I'd better make tracks while there's still some nosh left for me. Those blasted red-backed buzzards are hanging around, too. No doubt they'll get their usual hand-out. Soft, the Boss is. Who in their right mind would want to feed a blasted bird? What use are they to man or beast? Wake a chap up at crack of dawn, they do, sitting on the 2-metre beam and shrieking their stupid heads off.

Noise pollution, I call it. Oughter be a law against loud birds.

Reckon the Boss would agree with me an' all, bearing in mind what he says about the Missus sometimes...

Cheers, chays

Baldrick

Westers win Champion Sheep Dog Trials

Report by Eric Goss

THE CHAMPION SHEEP Dog Trials were held at Fitzroy in cold miserable weather on Saturday April 29.

Because Friday night was longer than usual for one of the judges the start of the trial was about 15 minutes late. The trial course is set out in the Fitzroy airstrip paddock.

First on the card was Chris May with Star (3rd. North Arm) February sports. The dog cast left, ran direct, veered right around the holding pen, getting inside but failed to haul the sheep out of the pen back to Chris. Chris had to call off and go and get his dog to help him on the long drive to clear the course.

Next came Raymond Evans with Hawk (1st. Port Howard). Hawk put out left ran too direct and was whistled out wider; stopping twice for further instruction before coming onto the sheep and sweeping them across the line of haul to bring them hard and fast towards Raymond.

One sheep dropped down but by this time the dog was close enough to see the flinty look from the boss and began to show obedience. Bringing the four back to the one and from then on until time whistle we saw an excellent display of rapport and strong dog eye control was enjoyed.

The third handler was Les Morrison with Ace (3rd Port Howard) sent out on right hand, redirected across the front of the pen to pick up the sheep that had moved from a point right of the pen to left of the pen. Ace made a fast lift and fetch until Les got him in order about 100 yards out. From there on it was Les and his dog, a bit loose at the pen at first but penning right on the stop whistle.

Tony McMullen came out with Spey (2nd. North Arm). Put out on left, Spey stopped three times on the outrun. Tony whistled him on making a lift left to right before turning towards the ring. Spey showed some inexperience at the circle hurdles and around the pen.

Fifth to run was Chris May with Patch (4th Port Howard) he ran out straight was whistled out wider left, lifting in a loop across the line of haul from right to left to the circle. Chris and Patch made a sweeping drive away from the ring around the post and hurdles before getting control of sheep through the gates and again wide around the pen.

Next out was Susan Hansen with Craig (4th Port Howard). Craig put out on right hand, stopped

four times, whistled on to make a nice lift followed by a neat fetch, but had trouble settling the sheep around the ring. He eventually finished with the best position in the circle of the day. Craig's drive started good with some wide movement around the hurdles before getting through and up to the pen when time ran out.

Seventh on the card was Richie (Dick) McKay with Toyah (2nd. Port Howard) put out left going too extreme, stopped by the pole by voice command and brought back behind running wide down the fence on the right hand, ignoring the whistle to stop and making a continuous lift with a fast impatient fetch. He then ignored commands to steady up until within stone throwing distance of Dick. All went well from the ring through the drive to the pen. Toyah and Dick penned the sheep with two

minutes and ten seconds to spare. No stones were thrown!!

The last to run was Chris May with Jeannie (4th. North Arm). She made the longest and most erratic outrun all over the paddock eventually lifting the sheep from the furthest point in the field. I would say that Jeannie was showing her age.

Apart from the foul weather it was a good trial with high standards. The judges, E M Goss, Owen Summers and Robin Lee, who at late notice replaced Ron Binnie to give a West influence, had to keep their wits about them. The final score showed how close it was between the six dogs who did their stuff. It was pleasing to see how strong the dogs eye contact was, as reflected in the points for command and style.

But after all these are the best eight dogs on display at present.

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| 1st Les Morrison | Ace | 98 |
| 2nd Dick McKay | Toyah | 96½ |
| 3rd Raymond Evans | Mark | 94 |
| 4th Susan Hansen | Craig | 89 |
| 5th Chris May | Patch | 87½ |
| 6th Tony McMullen | Spey | 84 |

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Goodbye to Brown Owl, Mrs Grimmer

THE GIRL GUIDES Association said goodbye to Brown Owl Marilyn Grimmer at a tea at the Guide hut on Monday. A presentation of a Guide trefoil made of local clay was made to Mrs Grimmer on behalf of the girls.

The Guides were delighted to welcome Lisa Laffi as the new Brown Owl.

The girls also said goodbye to Trish Halmshaw (Guide Captain) who will soon be leaving the Falklands; she was also presented with a trefoil, in silver.

The Girl Guides Association are desperately in need of new leaders, so if you think you can help then give them a call.

Bonnars Haulage Darts Victory for Colin and Julie

Report by Patrick Watts

COLIN SMITH ADDED the Bonners Haulage Individual darts championship to his impressive long list of victories, which date back to 1981, when he defeated the plucky young challenger Keith Alazia by 4-2 in the best of 7 final.

The final could not be termed a classic as obviously tiredness had caught up with both players...the final dart being thrown at around 1.45 in the morning. The champion came from behind to take the first leg and quickly added the second, but his opponent playing in a major final for the first time took the 3rd, but played poorly to lose the next. At 3-1 it seemed all over but again Keith with the support of most of the small crowd, fought back to close the gap to 3-2. However the 6th leg was Colin Smith's best and he threw some excellent darts before hitting double 20 to take the trophy.

Two of the players fancied to play a part in the final stages went out within a few minutes of each other. Colin Tootie Ford lost to his nephew Jonathan, while Gary Hewitt bowed out to Keith Alazia who finally realised his potential and made his way to the final with some spectacular darts, beating surprise semi-finalist Brian Clayton who later had to settle for 4th place against Brian Middleton who in his usual unhurried but competent manner progressed steadily to the semi-finals where he went out to the eventual winner.

The 501 straight start format

produced a multitude of high scores and Robert Titterton was awarded a bottle of champagne from Leif and John Pollard for scoring the first maximum of 180 in the Tournament.

The first nights action produced a few surprises but Petula Hobman's defeat of left-hander Lennie Ford in the 2nd round was the first big shock of the 2nd nights play.

Julie Clarke played consistently to win the Ladies prize beating Jane Clement in an excellent final. The ladies seem to have adapted to the 501 game very well, and some good scores of 100 plus were recorded in a majority of the games.

Newcomer Sandra Summers played well to reach the semi-finals and then cracked home a 3 dart finish to win the 3/4 place play-off beating Teresa Clifton.

Paul Bonner said that he plans to sponsor an Individual Knock-out Tournament in the future and apart from the late finish which meant an almost empty hall at the final the Championship was well supported and exciting to watch.

Meanwhile Colin Smith continues to produce a high standard of dart play when the situation calls for him to produce his best. The beaten finalist Keith Alazia can feel well pleased with his performance and now that he has finally cracked it and reached a major final, he name should feature in the final stages of championships for sometime to come.

Results

1st Colin Smith
2nd Keith Alazia
3rd Brian Middleton
4th Brian Clayton

1st Julie Clarke
2nd Jane Clement
3rd Sandra Summers
4th Teresa Clifton

POSTSCRIPT from the Tabernacle

"Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I have to forgive him? seven times?' No, not seven times, answered Jesus, but seventy times seven." (Matthew 18,21)

Jesus never suggested that it would be easy. The spirit of forgiveness hardly ever flows from warm cosy feelings. It begins with faith in Jesus Christ, and enters the will to forgive.

Anne Marie, talking of her failed marriage, says she was bitter and full of resentment and hatred for her ex-husband "How could God let this happen to me?...Where is God now that I need him?"

Somewhere along the healing

road she was travelling she felt the need to express her feelings to her Father in heaven. She cried, sobbed, moaned and groaned. She asked for forgiveness for the feelings she had towards her ex-husband, and for the anger.

She prayed aloud one sleepless night: "Father, forgive me. I want to trust again and believe and have faith like a child but just now I don't. Please help me to find life after my failed marriage. And help me really mean what I am about to say: I want to truly with my ex-husband and his new wife all the best that life has to offer. You know I don't mean this now, but I want to."

Anne Marie now has peace of soul.

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Missing marine, Alan Addis, in 1980

Guildford Four Squad could take on Marine Addis enquiry soon

REPORTS in the British press that a squad from the Devon and Cornwall police would be on their way to the Falklands soon to continue the investigation into the disappearance in 1980 of Royal

Marine Alan Addis were described as premature today (Thursday) by Royal Falkland Islands Police Chief, Ken Greenland.

Detectives from the Devon and Cornwall Police under the leadership of Detective Chief Inspector, Bob Pennington, were responsible for the investigations into the arrest of the convicted IRA bombers, who became known as the "Guildford Four" - investigations which led to their release for wrongful arrest after seventeen years in prison.

Chief of Police Ken Greenland admitted that the full file on the Marine Addis case had been sent to the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, but denied that the expertise shown by the West Country force had anything to do with the decision. The police in the Falklands had strong links with their opposite numbers in Devon and Cornwall, who, for example supplied the RFIP with uniforms.

Police Chief Greenland said the file on the case had been under review by the Devon and Cornwall Police, but this by no means guaranteed that they would become actively involved. Any action would have to be authorised by the Chief Constable, who had not yet made any decision.

Mr Greenland said that he had been speaking earlier in the day to DCI Pennington, who confirmed that he was unaware of any decision having been taken on the matter.

One factor which might influence the Chief Constable, said Ken Greenland, was the approach of the British summer, when the

population of Devon and Cornwall doubles and the crime rate trebles. This might be seen as not the best of times to commit a team of senior detectives to an investigation 7000 miles away.

While there was no indication yet that the Devon and Cornwall Force would become involved, said Mr Greenland, their options were still open and he hoped that a decision from the Chief Constable would be imminent.

Fortuna show a lead with Shackleton gift

THE GOVERNOR, David Tatham, gave a warm welcome to a donation of £5,000 to the Shackleton Scholarship Fund from the Falkland Islands fishing company "Fortuna".

"This is a splendid contribution", said Mr Tatham. "It is a very generous gesture by a leading local company in the fishing industry. When he told me of the gift John Cheek, Director, with Stuart Wallace, of Fortuna said that they both felt it was an excellent cause, that they personally wished to pay tribute to Lord Shackleton and that they hoped to set a lead at the start of the appeal."

The Appeal - which has set a target of £250,000 at present stands at £57,000. Falkland Islands Government (which has undertaken to match contributions up to £100,000) will shortly add £26,000 making a total of £81,000.

May Ball Details

(The details given in last week's Penguin News Events of the Coming Month section about the May Ball should be disregarded. Below is the true programme, supplied to us by Philip Middleton)

Friday May 19, May Ball. The May Queen and Prince Charming will be chosen at this event.
Saturday May 20. "After the Ball" Dance

Heaven's above it's the RAF!



Canon Stephen Palmer and the MPA Chaplain lift up their faces to the heavens at the end of the VE Day Celebration Drumhead Service on Government House Lawn on Saturday. They were not seeking divine inspiration, however, but looking at the Tornados which marked the conclusion of the service with a high-

speed fly-over after the Blessing.

It was so high speed, in fact, that our camera missed it altogether.

Canon Palmer said later that it was the first service involving jet aircraft that he had ever organised

(More photos in centre)

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Murdo's vision of North Arm

FOR most people, living in any sort of community is a little like looking at a clock face; you see the hands going round and you may hear the ticking, but unless you make a special effort and open the back, you need never concern yourself with how it works. One of the interesting things about life in a small community like the Falklands, is the extent to which the works are always visible; we are not governed by faceless bureaucrats, toiling away in huge ministries at the bequest of a distant parliament, but by people, but whom we will almost certainly know by sight. Similarly, when legislation is enacted which concerns the poor, the alcoholic, the over-paid or any other group, they are not for most of us a faceless mass of humanity, but people we can easily identify and about whom we know something.

In view of all this it is odd, perhaps that a society, like ours, where the individual has such a high profile, should increasingly be financially dependent on the efforts of thousands of foreigners, whose faces we would not recognise and about whose individuality we are oblivious.

On Tuesday, one such person was buried in Stanley: the Chinese fisherman who lost his life recently on a Korean jigger, after intervening in a quarrel among his messmates about the lateness of breakfast. The pressures and hardships of the life of the men on the jiggers came under scrutiny in the Coroner's report on the case and it is difficult to imagine a lonelier and more desolate end for anyone than that suffered by Cheng Ri.

Although this particular incident occurred on the high seas, outside Falkland jurisdiction, it could equally well have occurred off Beauchene or Volunteer Point. While working and living conditions on many of the boats in our fishery are excellent, this is not universally the case and perhaps the time is approaching when we should be exerting pressure of whatever kind to attempt to make it so. The men of the fishing fleet may be foreigners and unknown to us, but, to return to the original analogy, they are the hidden, but increasingly valuable cogs in our communal clock.

When hearing of the funeral on Tuesday, it was heartening to learn that Cheng Ri had not gone to his grave unaccompanied. Besides representatives from the KOSAC Fishing Corporation, the Falklands at its caring best was represented by a number of local people, among them a contingent from the Red Cross. At a time when the Falklands seems to be losing yet another valued and loved member of its community every week, it would be a pity if we were not able to identify with the grief and distress of Cheng Ri's distant family. A stranger to us all, he was, nonetheless, some mother's son.

THANKS to all those of you who have taken the trouble to fill in our questionnaire of a few weeks ago and have sent them back to us. Completed forms are still coming in - in fact we received our first from an overseas subscriber today - so we shall leave the box in the Post Office for a further week before beginning the task of analysing your responses.

Although we did not specifically request it, it was good to get a few letters and additional comments from people, too.

We haven't yet counted how many forms there are in the box in the Post Office, but there seem to be a good many and, in addition we have over thirty in the office. We can still offer extra copies for those who may have lost their originals.

Public Notice

Applications are invited to fill a temporary vacancy for an Assistant Producer in the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station to cover for officers leave. Appointment would be for a period of approximately four months from the beginning of July to the end of October 1995.

Candidates should have some journalistic experience and preferably experience of interviewing and writing for radio. Essential characteristics are an outgoing personality, good microphone manner and a willingness to work flexible and unsocial hours. Some knowledge of operating studio equipment would be helpful, though training can be given.

Candidates will be required to work a minimum of 36¼ hours per week. Salary ranges from £909 per month to £1075 per month depending on relevant experience.

Interested persons should contact the Broadcasting officer, Mr Patrick Watts, for details. Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Establishments Secretary, Secretariat by Friday 26th May 1995.

Shirley Knight
Fox Bay East

Jealousy's a terrible thing

To The Taxpayer
IF YOU THINK that the police are under-worked why stop at our partially finished West road. Perhaps they could check out some of the nightmare drivers on the MPA road. I understand that wool laden land trains do up to 65MPH and to run smack bang into one of them would make your eyes water a bit more than Bill Luxton's Roller without its FI plates on; which by the way he does have. As for road fund licence - there is no designated roads on the west yet!

Jealousy is a terrible thing isn't it!

carpenter and storekeeper.

This was Murdo's argument. Of course, he wouldn't have agreed with everything the Chief Executive suggested but basically that tough old man from another generation and way of life had a similar vision to Andrew Gurr

L J Butler
Stanley

A funny story

WHEN I came to these islands in 1969 and completed my first contract with the FIC I returned to Northern Ireland on leave.

One question that a lot of my family and friends asked was, "Is there any special needs for living in the Islands", I answered without hesitation - "A good sense of humour." This has stood me in good stead for nearly twenty-six years but not many things have tickled me so much as recent incident.

I requested a policeman come to Fox Bay to discuss a problem we had here concerning our son Justin and a neighbour. Within four hours of the policeman's departure to Stanley the diddle dee telegraph was at work.

For those who haven't already heard, the policeman had to handcuff me to a post to keep me under control while he interviewed Justin. It defused an otherwise tense day. Thank you Mr Cockwell for making up the story. Sorry to all others who hoped it might be true!

Shirley Knight
Fox Bay East

A sad story

TO THE PERSON who is spreading the lie, that my wife and I are putting our daughter up for adoption, we would like a public apology for the distress you have caused to both of us. It is not true and I am seeking legal advice. From conversations I have had with several people I have a very good idea who it is. I do not know why you should be saying these things but it is untrue and very hurtful and distressing. We both love our daughter Remelia very much and get much joy from her; what joy do you get from telling these lies and hurting us?

Ped and Pamela
Stanley

BFFI Man Celebrates 1000 Days in The Falklands

Report from Squadron Leader David Ogg

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER Eddie Douthwaite celebrated his 1000th day in the South Atlantic theatre on May 5 1995.

Eddie, who is a member of the Royal Naval Supply and Transport Service, is currently on his sixth tour in the area, and by the time his current tour is over will have served over a span of 13 years and worked for 5 different Commander British Forces.

Eddie arrived in the theatre on July 18 1982 to join the STUFT Ship *MV Avelona Star*. He was the Supply and Transport Officer aboard, and served under Major General Thorne in the immediate aftermath of the conflict.

Eddie's current boss is Lt Col Mike Bowles, Chief Staff Officer (Personnel and Logistics) at HQ BFFI. He, too, served in the FI in late 1982 and remembers that those on board ship had it easy com-

pared with the land lubbers, many of whom were living in tents at the time!

Continuing his service in the South Atlantic in 1988, Eddie was appointed STO(N)FI, Supply Transport Officer (Naval) Falkland Islands, in HQ BFFI, under the command of AVM Crwys-Williams. He has completed further STO(N)FI tours in 1990-1, 1993 and has served on his current tour since July 1 1994. Eddie is due to return to the UK on August 5, 1995, by which time he will have clocked up a remarkable 1092 days in the theatre.

Eddie was recently joined on the Islands by his wife, Frances, and daughters, Fiona and Laura whom he had not seen since June last year.

Can any other members of the British Forces beat 1000 days in the Falkland Islands?



Lt. Cdr Eddie Douthwaite

London to Falkland Islands with British Airways

THE FOLLOWING is an extract from The Falkland Islands Chamber of Commerce Bulletin.

A copy of a memorandum, accompanied by a letter from the British Embassy, Santiago dated April 4 1995

"National Airlines began its air service in 1992, after fully complying with the regulations of the Civil Aeronautic Board and the General Directorate of Civil aeronautics. NA first operated within Chile, and gradually increased its services, now covering 11 cities. NA has been authorised to fly to Buenos Aires and Mendoza. These new routes were added as part of an intra-regional development phase, which also includes the northwestern cities of Argentina, the southwestern cities of Brazil and The Falkland Islands.

Currently the company has a fleet of 3 Boeing 737-200 Advanced, acquired to Britannia Airways Ltd. To consolidate the services to foreign cities, a fourth aircraft should arrive in the month of May and we hope to conclude the acquisition of a fifth aircraft in the next few weeks.

Concern over Illex Catches

THE FALKLAND Islands Fisheries Department are becoming concerned after having experienced poor catches of Illex for the second year in a row. Mr John Barton said that the stage has now been reached where precautionary cut-backs in fishing effort are being considered.

Illex catches continue to be good.

The planes have a single Economy Class "Y" with 130 seats. The flying equipment and instruments (flight data computer, omega, radar, etc) personal movie-video and audio of ten music channels in each seat, make them the most modern and comfortable planes in operation in the country.

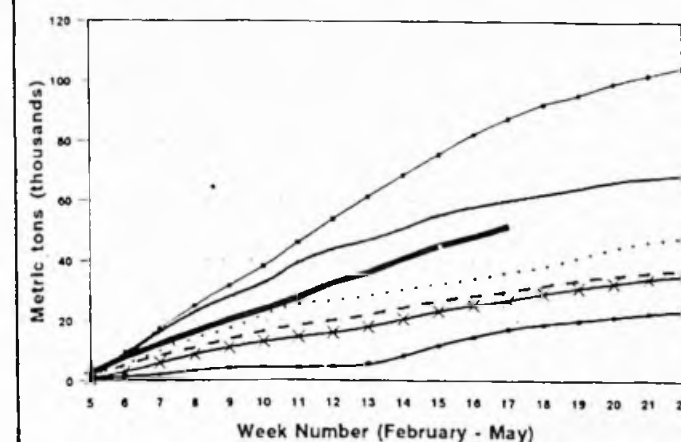
Regarding the possibility to commercially operate regular flights to the Falkland Islands, the idea is to extend one of our daily flights Santiago-Punta Arenas to the number of weekly frequencies required by the demand. For that purpose, we would adjust our schedules in Santiago to the arrivals and departures of the British Airways flights, allowing sufficient time for the transfer of passengers, cargo and mail. A London-Falkland Islands service would thus be established, with a transfer in Santiago to our flights, round trip. additionally, we would offer the service of supplying perishable and other products needed in the Islands, with the most favourable conditions. The storage area of our planes, even with all the seats full, allow us to carry up to 5,000 kilos of cargo, depending on its volume.

Currently, British Airways flies non-stop in its Boeing 747 - twice a week to Santiago, arriving on Wed (BA/245) at 09.40 and on sun at 10.00 local time. The round trip tariff in economy is US\$2,940

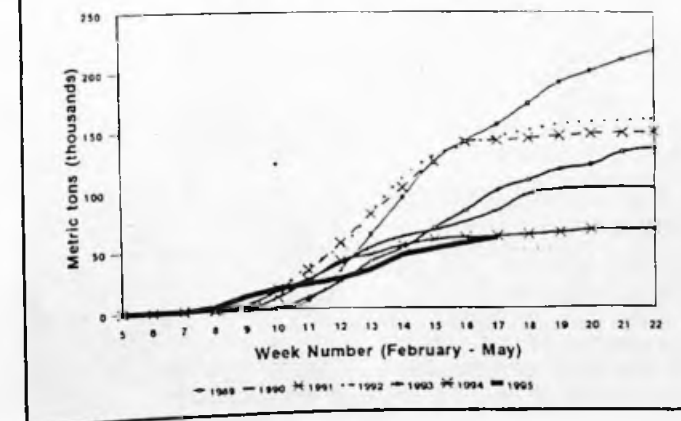
Our Boeings 737-200 Advanced can fly from Punta Arenas to MPA in, approximately, one and a half hours. The journey from Santiago to Punta Arenas, non-stop, takes about three hours and fifteen minutes."

April catches : the good news and the bad

Loligo gahi, Cumulative Catches 1989-1995



Illex, Cumulative Catch 1989-1995



PUBLIC NOTICES

Vacancy

The Public Works Department has a vacancy for a Storeman to work at Megabid.

Wages payable will be in accordance with the General Employees Wage Agreement, starting at the bottom scale, at the rate of £3.72 per hour.

For further details of this unestablished post, contact The Superintendent of Plant and Materials, Mr. Ron Buckett on 27183 during normal working hours.

Applications must be in writing to the Director of Public Works, to reach him on or before 4.30 pm Friday, 19th May 1995.

Vacancy

The Public Works Department has a vacancy for a Handyman/Storeman to work in the Plant and Vehicle Workshop at Megabid.

Wages payable will be in accordance with the General Employees Wage Agreement, starting at the bottom of the scale for a Handyman at the rate of £3.72 per hour.

For further details of this unestablished post contact The Superintendent of Plant and Materials, Mr. Ron Buckett on 27183 during normal working hours.

Applications must be in writing to the Director of Public Works, to reach him on or before 4.30, Friday 19th May 1995.

Tender Notice

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders for the construction of Roadway, Kerbing, Drainage and Footways for Endurance Avenue and Dean Street, Stanley.

Tender Documents are available from the Secretariat upon receipt of a deposit of £25, refundable on a receipt of a bona-fide tender.

Tenders endorsed "Endurance Avenue & Dean Street - Roadway, Kerbing, Drainage and Footways", should be returned to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat, Stanley, to reach him on or before 3pm Tuesday, 30th May 1995.

The Falkland Islands Government reserves the right to reject any tender received.

CHILE

August/September 1995



A group trying to charter a DAP flight to fly to Punta Arenas, Chile, on Friday August 25 (Returning September 8) need four more people to book seats before DAP will lay on the extra flight.

If you are interested, please contact 21861 or 21826 after 5.00pm for further details

Cinderella too Ragged



Craig Paice revealing all as the Ugly Sisters prepare for the ball.

PANTOMIME is unlike almost any other form of drama, including farce, in that the plot does not really matter - after all, everyone knows what is going to happen before it starts - what matters is how the production looks, how it sounds, how good the jokes are and how many opportunities there are for the audience to get involved in the action.

With the above in mind, perhaps the important thing to be said about the FIODA production of Cinderella, isn't that it was a flop or a failure, because it wasn't, but to remark how narrowly it missed being a complete success.

In some departments it was marvellous; the set design and construction team in particular, excelling themselves to produce some magical "storybook" effects. Even for the briefest of scenes, when it might have been tempting to use a plain curtain, the work and detail in the painting of the backdrops was exceptionally good.

Given the scant resources of the Falklands, the costumes were a tribute to the artistry and imagination of wardrobe mistress Ann Reid and the movement of the cast about the set in the formal ball scenes was extremely fluid and well managed.

Physically, the cast looked terrific. The ugly sisters, Alan Jones and Craig Paice, were satisfyingly grotesque, particularly Alan Jones who looked strangely reminiscent of Dame Edna Everidge. Fiona Didlick looked commanding as the inevitable wicked step-mother and Rachael Fowler's transformation from kitchen wench to 18th Century page 3 material was suitably dramatic.

So what went wrong? One common complaint overheard in the interval was that anyone sitting more than three rows back from the front found it very hard to hear what was going on. Some of the more experienced of the FIODA cast triumphed over the Town Hall's acoustics some of the time,

but generally some electronic assistance would have helped let the audience in on what at times seemed to be private conversations.

I sat at the front, but even there the script seemed to be giving problems - this time to the cast and particularly to the ugly sisters, who appeared to want to recruit the prompter and become a trio.

The Ugly Sisters are crucial to the pantomime; they are supposed to be the comic "engine" which drives the pantomime along and while they worked manfully with a script which seemed woefully, short of jokes, one could not help the feeling that lack of work, rehearsal and direction was also preventing them displaying their undoubted comic talents to the full. They had some good moments, however, and the sight of the Commander British Forces lending a hand with Craig Paice's bodice will live with me for a long time.

Another week of rehearsal might have made all the difference in turning a good effort into a magnificent one. For all that, FIODA are to be congratulated. Even they can't expect every production to come up to the high standards they have set in the past.



A helping hand from CBFFI

Falkland Islands Community School Swimming Gala

House Final Scores:
Fitzroy 164 Ross 229

| Individual Age Group | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Year 7 | | |
| Boys | Eddie Grimmer 1st equal | 15 points |
| | Jay Moffat | 15 points |
| | Daniel Biggs | 13 points |
| Girls | Barbara Howells 1st | 18 points |
| | Roanna Lloyd 2nd | 13 points |
| | Debbi Robson 2nd | 13 points |
| Year 8/9 | | |
| Boys | Ian Jordan 1st | 24 points |
| | Daniel Fowler 2nd | 15 points |
| | Joe Clarke 3rd | 10 points |
| Girls | Sara Halford 1st | 22 points |
| | Andrea Poole 2nd | 14 points |
| | Kirsten Christie 3rd | 13 points |
| Year 10/11 | | |
| Boys | Martin Howells 1st | 30 points |
| | Martyn Clarke 2nd | 19 points |
| | Alex Land 3rd | 9 points |
| Girls | Tanya Jaffray 1st | 25 points |
| | Kelly Moffat 2nd | 13 points |
| | Sandi Halford 3rd | 12 points |



Arlette and Dominic a sizzling success in Tenerife

A TENERIFE NEWSPAPER reports on the success of Arlette Bedford and Dominic in their new project "Desperate Dan's". The paper reads "We were thrilled to be invited to the reopening of Desperate Dan's in Los Christianos recently, and what a night was had by all."

New Owners, Arlette and Dominic, a delightful young couple from the Midlands, threw open their doors on Saturday 8th April and a throng of festivities.

Desperate Dan's is definitely a family bar, where children feel immediately welcome and are encouraged to sing their hearts out on the karaoke machine. The menu they

offer is unusual and delicious. How do you like the sound of Sozzled Sow? I have to tell you the dish is mouth watering, consisting of medallions of pork "sozzled" in cider, with a whole grain mustard and cream sauce. Their Desperate Dan Burgers are enormous as are the English breakfasts available.

Arlette and Dominic happened on the bar quite by chance. Deciding to stop for a drink they talked to the owner who mentioned he was selling the bar. A month later after renovation work had been completed Desperate Dan's became theirs.



Martyn and Tanya claim the trophy for Ross House

Community School children tell of local war effort



THE VE Day display created by Years seven, eight and nine at the Community School was open to parents and the public last week.

The subjects covered were wide ranging, but amongst the most visually stunning of the creations were the Lowry painting by Year 9 Fitzroy and a collage by Year 9 Ross (see photo). The Ross group display was entitled "How the Falkland Islands supported Britain in her hour of need during WWII" On a backdrop of the Union Jack were objects and pictures relating to the ambulance appeal, "The fellowship of the bellows"

(members gave a penny for every enemy plane shot down, raising the price of a spitfire), the red cross and a magazine piece on "Falkland Islands Great part in the war effort".

This however was only a small part of an impressive display which covered aspects of both local and British life during the war.

One particularly interesting piece covered the evacuation of local children to the camp, with maps showing where each child (plus parents and teachers) were placed, timetables of voyages and a list of instructions to parents.

Also of local interest were displays explaining Operation Tabarin and the input by the FIDF.

Celebrating the defeat of a very great evil

SOMEONE had clearly exerted a little benign influence on the weather last Saturday for the Drum Head Service at Government House to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the end of the war in Europe: after a week of lowering clouds and torrential downpours, Saturday dawned bright and windless.

By 10.30 a good-sized congregation had gathered in front of Government House. To the fore were many veterans of the second world war in the Falklands and elsewhere, some of whom were later to play a direct part in a service which shared elements with the service of thanks giving in St Paul's, in London the following day.

That service was attended by H.M. The Queen, President Clinton and other heads of state and provided the focus for a celebration, which has been world-wide.

On parade on GH lawn were the Fire Service, the Police, the Ambulance Service and other medical staff from KEMH, the Red Cross, the uniformed youth associations, the Royal Naval Association and detachments from FIDF, and BFFI, including HMS Leeds Castle, which was itself, anchored opposite Government House and festively 'dressed overall' for the occasion.

Colour parties from HMS Leeds Castle, FIDF, the RNA, the Cubs and Scouts, and the Brownies and Guides began proceedings by bringing their flags onto the parade.

All stood for the arrival of H.E. The Governor and his party. The National Anthem was played and the congregation remained standing while the flags were laid on the Drumhead by the officiating clerics, Canon Palmer, Monsignor Agrieter and the Rev N. Barry, RAF Chaplain.

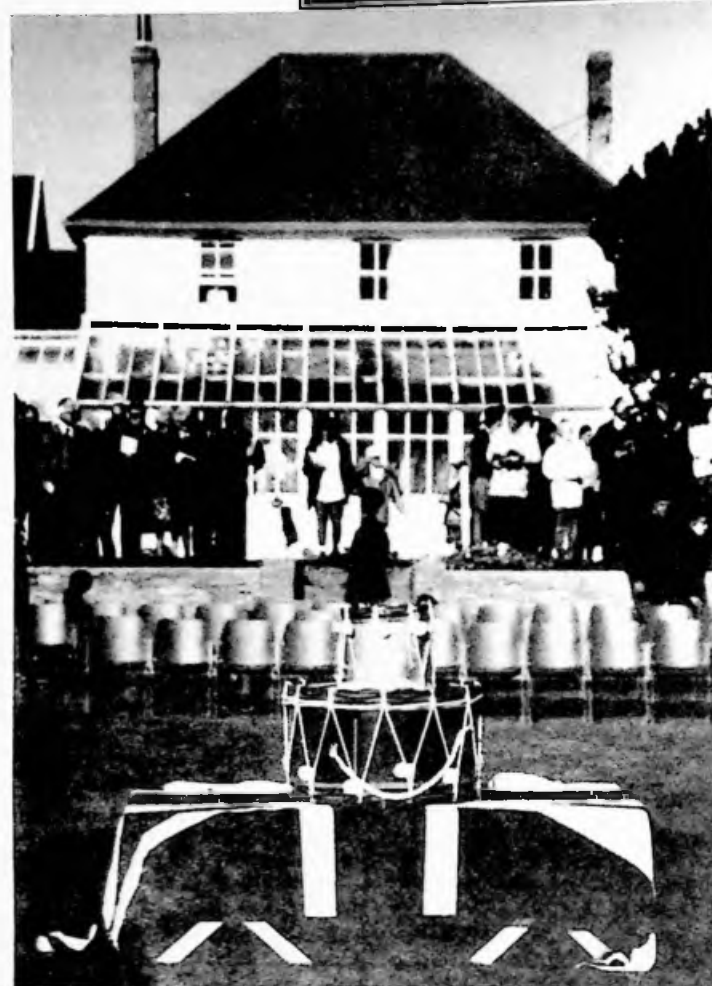
In The Bidding, Canon Stephen Palmer spoke of the defeat of "a very great evil" for which we gave praise to God and gave thanks "for what was achieved half a century ago." "But", he continued, "we cannot simply look backwards. We must look for peace on earth for all peoples. Swords can be beaten into ploughshares, spears into pruning hooks and the worst of enemies can become the firmest friends."

Reminding the congregation that the service in which they were taking part was one of many throughout the world, he said "Let us show the world our determination that things shall never be the same again" and prayed that, "we may go back to our homes with love in our hearts so that this gathering will not have been in vain."

An interesting and poignant part of this VE Day service was the inclusion of recordings of the Christmas Message of King George VI in 1939 and the speech made by Sir Winston Churchill on 8th May 1945.

A brief account of some significant episodes of World War II as it was experienced in the Falklands was read by a number of speakers, who were either directly involved or had some connection with what they were describing. The readers were: Jim Lewis - Battle of River Plate, Nelly Hewitt - The Red Cross, Nick Hadden - The Purchase of Spitfires, Owen McPhee - Pebble Island Radio Station and Operation Tabarin and Harold Rowlands - The Evacuation of 1941. The full text of their readings is opposite.

At the conclusion of the Litany of Thanksgiving, read by Msgr Agrieter, a bugler from the RIC played the Last Post to initiate a minute of silence, which was concluded by Reveille. The lesson, from Ephesians, verses 13-19 was read by H.E. The Governor and the Litany of Hope read by the Rev. Barry. Both litanies and the lesson, being the same as those to be heard in St Paul's the following day.



Our History

(Readings from the service)

The Battle of the River Plate

The following letter addressed to the Governor by Captain F.S. Bell, RN, of HMS Exeter was received on January 23rd 1940: "Your excellency, before departing from your hospitable shores, I would like to place on record our very deep appreciation for all the many kindnesses and acts of generosity that have been bestowed on us by yourself and the people of Stanley and the Falkland Islands. When we arrived here on December 16 battered and weary nothing was too much trouble for your people. Our sick and wounded were taken in and cared for, homes were thrown open to us, and everybody, forgetting self, went out of their way to aid and welcome us. May I especially thank your medical staff and all their voluntary helpers for their expert skill and tireless attention that has at all times been paid to our wounded. I would also like to thank personally the many house-holders who so kindly sheltered and succoured those of our wounded who could not be accommodated in your hospital."

The Red Cross

The Red Cross is an international organisation committed to giving humanitarian aid to anyone in need. In October 1939 a branch of the Red Cross was started in Stanley. Throughout the period of the war our local branch of the Red Cross gave support and assistance to anyone needing it.

The Purchase Of Spitfires

The Government and people of the Falkland Islands made gifts totalling £71,656 to Britain as a war contribution, including £16,492 for war charities such as the Red Cross. Ten Spitfires were bought with £50,000 of this total. These aircraft flew into action bearing the name 'Falkland Islands' on each side of their fuselage. Taking inflation into account such a gift today would be the equivalent of more than one million pounds, and this works out at £415 per head of population including children.

Pebble Island Radio Station and Operation Tabarin

When war was declared I was sent to Marble Mountain of Pebble Island, with Tommy Anderson and Jack Ashley, to keep a 24 hour lookout. We had to carry our radio and batteries on horseback to Marble Shanty. I was to report any sightings back to

Pebble radiostation for onward transmission to Stanley. Later on, the post was moved to First Mountain with a telephone link to the settlement, where a dusk to dawn watch was kept.

Operation Tabarin was a secret mission carried out in January 1944 using the ships Scoresby and Fitzroy. We were a small military force under the direction of the Admiralty, acting on behalf of the Colonial Office. The purpose of the operation was to deny the use of Antarctic harbours to enemy commerce raiders, and to control the southern side of the Drake Passage. Deception Island was our first call. We landed personnel and stores. On landing at Deception we removed the Argentine flag and replaced it with the Union flag. We then proceeded to Hope Bay, but were unable to land because of ice. We continued to Port Lockroy and landed the party there. This was the start of what we now know as the British Antarctic Survey. We waited until the accommodation was partly built before continuing to the South Orkney islands, where we nailed Union flags on the old sealing station buildings. We returned to Stanley via South Georgia.

The Evacuation of 1941

On the 29th of December 1941 it was announced that a scheme of evacuation would be started. All children between 5 and 15 were to be evacuated from Stanley, and dispersed to eight Camp settlements. The 'Fitzroy' would be used to move the children, also the accompanying parents and teachers. A telegram had been received from London to the effect that an attack was possible and there it would not only have been foolish but also criminal if full preparations were not taken.

A total of 203 children, 38 mothers and 11 teachers were taken on-board the 'Fitzroy'. In addition 30 Stanley children of school age were already in Camp on holiday. Three families numbering 12 children remained in Stanley. The evacuation was successfully carried out in just over a week. The weather was exceptionally favourable during all the voyages.

On the 16th September 1942 the Colonial Secretary announced on the radio from Stanley that children could now begin to return if their parents wished this to happen.



Volunteers from Falklands 1939 - 45

Mary Hirtle writes:

"THE FOLLOWING is a list of volunteers who decided to go overseas to fight in His Majesty's armed forces during World War II. These young men and women left families and friends to help Great Britain in her time of need.

They were unlike Falkland Islanders who were already living in Britain at the time, and would be automatically called up.

The list was kept by myself and my late husband, Wallace. To the best of my knowledge this is correct, but many regrets if any names have been missed.

I would like to hear from anyone who knows of any names not included."

SERVING OVERSEAS

Barnes, AE RAF
Bernsten, BE MN
Berntsen, E RN
Berrido, BJ RN
Berrido, Jock RN
Berrido, P RAF
Betts, GR MN
Biggs, BW RAF
Biggs, LJ MN
Biggs, Pat RAF
Bonner, Denis RN
Bonner, DW RN
Bonner, Steve RN
Courtney, RS RAF
Davis, Stanley RN
Dettleff, JW RAF
Dixon, ES RN
Evans, CJD RAF
Felton, DE RAF
Grant, RL MN
Gleadell, BL RN
Gleadell, DD RAF
Gleadell, Jeff MN
Gleadell, Owen RN
Hansen, F RN
Hansen, WC MN
Hardy, PL RAF
Harries, DJ RN
Harrison, G MN
Henrickson, LC MN
Hills, AH RN
Hirtle, LG MN
Hutchinson, RJ MN
Jones, IH RAF
Kendall, G MN
Kendall, JW MN
Kirk, AO RN
Kirk, EJ RAF
Kirk, JA RAF
Kirk, WJ MN
Lellman, LF RAF
Lellman, VK RAF
Lee, Louis RN
Lewis, DJ RN
Meierhofer, EG RN
Morrison, K RAF
McAtasney, BC RN
McKay, DJ MN
Neilson, Walter MN
Neilson, William MN
Paice, NT RAF
Parker, G MN
Pederson, S RN
Petterson, E MN
Perry, Charles MN
Porter, W MN
Roberts, ERE RN
Robson, LM RN

Sadler-Smith, TC RAF
Scott, C MN
Skilling, C MN
Stevens, A RAF
Summers, AW RN
Summers, CL RAF
Summers, LKW RN
Summers, VF MN
Waghorn, J RN
White, CA RN
Whitlock, A MN
Williams, SHR RAF
Yates, R RAF

DIED OVERSEAS

Betts, GR MN
Gleadell, Owen RN
Hansen, WC MN
Kendall, JW MN
McAtasney, BC RN
Pederson, S RN
Roberts, ERE RN
Scott, C MN

DIED LOCALLY (Serving)

Aldridge, WT P = Posting
Anderson, J P Force
Barlas, W A = Active
Biggs, HR (Percy) A
Hall, A P
Dettleff, EA P
Hills, GN P
Hollen, F P
Jennings, HJ P
Morrison, JB A
McCallum, A P
McKay, John A
Rutter, EA P
Ryan, J A
Smith, F P
Smith RAT P
Summers, LW A

RETURNED

Biggs, BW (Dcd)
Bonner, DW
Harrison, G (departed again)
Jones, IH (Dcd)
Kirk, WJ (Dcd)
Robson, L Mike (Dcd)
Skilling, CR (Dcd)
Summers, LK (Departed again, Dcd)

FURTHER MEMORIES OF THE 1940s

by Fred Gooch

Shortages and their cause: the intensifying U boat campaign against allied merchant vessels.

BRITAIN'S MOST important port in 1941 looked a chaotic mess at the end of the 10 day Liverpool 'May Blitz'. Temporary water mains snaked around the piles of rubble. The famous overhead railway, so practical in transporting one over its ten mile length which took in the vast dock system, was seriously damaged with the service confined only to small sections, but life carried on and after the loss of my second ship I was now back again to join "Margalau" of the same company which was loading for the South American run. It would be calling at Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo and Buenos Aires.

German activities were stepped up

The German submarine and surface raiders activities were stepped up and our monthly losses of merchant shipping was now quoted in millions of tons without the able and generous assistance of the USA with the Lease-lend agreement. New shipbuilding yards were mushrooming all along their seaboard and standard design cargo ships were being mass-produced!

Every day saw fresh launchings and new keep-plates were already in place on the same day that the latest unit had slid down the ways. By the end of hostilities the 'Liberty' class numbered around a total of 2,500 and there were the Canadian 'Forts' and 'Parks' also. Later on in the USA a faster and larger standard vessel was built in large numbers, it being a turbine-driven vessel with high-pressure steam and sophisticated automatically controlled combustion. The output of new tonnage kept pace with our increasing losses and now with hindsight one can appreciate that without this source of replacements, our dependence on sea-born supply for our very existence would have been the end of us as a nation (most likely). Fortunately our thoughts never seemed to drift in that direction and despair was unknown.

So in June we signed on a Liverpool crew and departed with a valuable cargo of goods which were unobtainable in Britain. However

Britain made every effort to maintain our traditional export trade and in our case the crates bore the legend: Gran Bretana Siempre Cumple, which translates as: Great Britain always fulfils. More important really was the homeward-bound cargo on which the country was dependant. Unfortunately the U boat campaign plus the surface commerce raider intensified, and two days after leaving the River Plate, Portishead Radio sent us the coded message that we were to steer a more westerly course than had been plotted. This powerful radio in the Bristol Channel relayed all Admiralty Instructions to Allied merchant vessels as to routes to be taken and more. After ten days we were given a route through the Caribbean to Guantanamo US Navy port in Cuba, a relic of the Spanish/American War which the US had hung on to. We arrived there without incident although ships radio officers on the 24 hour watches did pick up SOS calls from victims, some of which were uncomfortably close.

After an eight-day spell in port on 'day work', watches were set once more and we departed north-bound in convoy, now with protective escort, and continued to the port of Norfolk, Virginia where some left and others joined the convoy for New York. We later left and entered the Cape Cod Canal and continued northwards alone with the pretty autumn colours of the trees on either hand making a pleasant change in protected waterways; instead of the open sea with its hidden dangers and we continued onwards crossing Delaware river and still in sheltered waterways right to New York where we anchored miles off and received bunkers before continuing past Halifax Nova Scotia and finally anchored at Sydney, Cape Breton to await the formation of a British-escorted convoy and tackle the last leg of our homeward passage, which took us far to the north. It now being winter the nights were very long in these high latitudes and often the Aurora Borealis hung its curtain of pale colours over the northern horizon. The absence of U boat attention was achieved fortunately as so far the Royal Navy had not developed



their anti-submarine tactics which later on proved to be so costly to the enemy. Eventually a landfall was made with the sighting of the Outer Hebrides and next day we steamed up the Mersey and dropped anchor off Liverpool on the 24th of December.

Our arrival at Liverpool

Our Liverpool crew with the prospect of being reunited with their families within a few hours were like schoolboys on the day of breaking-up. They packed their baggage and we continued awaiting the arrival of the pilot launch with the docking pilot on board. At last it bumped alongside but it was the pilot for the Manchester Canal who had turned up to take us to Salford docks of that city. The night was spent tied up in the entrance lock of the Canal as no ships moved at night due to the precaution against the possibility of the Luftwaffe having mined the canal during the night. This had happened in the Suez Canal recently with the loss of three ships which had to be blown up to allow the damaged hulls to be removed and keep the important canal open. The rusting remains of these vessels are still visible in the sand. With the short winter daylight it was not until the 26th of December that the crew were paid off.

Shortages had become more evident

Shortages had become more evident during our absence and the scarcity of tobacco and cigarettes was acutely felt as everyone smoked in those days. One exception was an old retired sea-farer friend of our family at home. He had been in sail in his youth and his exception was only as a smoker. He had chewed plug-tobacco all his life and this now was not scarce but unobtainable.

I worked by the ship for a week and arranged a six day visit to my parents and looked forward to my arrival home to the accompaniment of a noisy welcome from our Airdale dog. Meat had been fur-

ther reduced on the ration but it was at least without bone as this was carefully put aside at source for the manufacture of something important. Eggs were now very scarce for the civilians as so much grain had been lost due to sinkings and air raid damage to dock storage spaces, that poultry farms had almost ceased to exist for want of feedstuff. This same reason also effected the brewers as barley supplies decreased. Although it seems, that the volume was still produced, the beer was much weaker. Sound planning by the Ministry of Food directed sufficient wheat to ensure that bread was not rationed at all right through the five years of war. At times tobacco shortage resulted in gaspers being sold singly over the counter at a penny each. One of the big advantages of the merchant ships which went deep seas was that they took on stocks abroad which ensured an abundance, and also relieved the situation at home. We were allowed to land a reasonable whack of this and that.

Cherry-Ripe takes a vigilant watch

One problem that did exist in Manchester's port was a member of the Dock Police who manned the dock entrance gate. He was well-endowed in years and notorious for his diligence in searching the baggage of sea-goers on passing through and exercised strict, unbending, non-elastic ruling on what could be taken home. He was universally known as Cherry-ripe due to the hue of his nose. On the evening when I was due to take the 11pm London-bound train, I wandered along to the gate to enquire

about the frequency of the bus which passed and would drop me at the station. The pleasant dock-cop supplied the information that all passed that way every ten minutes. "But I am being relieved by Cherry-ripe at 10pm, so go easy on the gaspers!" My relief would not take over until 10 so I was forewarned. I had bought four slabs of plug tobacco from the Chief Steward; one shilling each 4 ounce cake! Also the cook had supplied a nice bone and at the late arrival of my shipmate I dashed down the gangway and reached the gate at 10.30. A dull glow below somewhat hostile eyes told me that cherry-ripe was in command! "Open the bag!" and he produced a torch and examined the contents. "What's in the greaseproof paper?" he demanded "Only a bone for the dog!" I replied "A what?" he demanded in a rising crescendo. "Where did you get that from?"

Only a bone for the dog?

"The cook" I replied. He then told me that the bone belonged to the Ministry of Food and that both I and ship's cook were law-breakers, and it would have to be returned. "I'm very sorry" I said "but look I have to catch the 11 o'clock train, so will you allow me to leave it in your care, as it is now 10.30". The hostile eyes were fixed steadily on mine, and after a long pause he said "No, I will let you pass this time, but remember this could be classed as a serious offence". "Here comes the last bus that will drop you at the station. If you run you can catch it at the bus stop 50 yards away". I did not dare run for the

Author's Note

I am afraid that a printer's error in the heading of my previous effort at portraying some of my recollections, leads to some misunderstanding. "Memories of the 1940s" became "Memories of '44" in the publication whilst the writings spread over the years from 1940 to VJ Day in August 1945. Having seen the fine display in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of VE Day at the Community School last week, a reader would be forgiven for thinking that I was somewhat off course in relating the transshipment in Montevideo of Nissen huts for Stanley in 1944, when contemporary photographs earlier than then show us that Nissen huts were as numerous as peat sheds. Anyway thanks for publishing the contribution.

simple reason that stuffed into my socks were four plugs of tobacco that would not stand fast with anything like an increase of speed on my part. "I will take a taxi", and after a wait I was able to get on board one and I asked the driver to take me to the nearest point to the London train, as I already had my travel warrant and there was not much time to spare.

There are sharks on shore as well as in the seas

When we arrived he went into the station yard and we came to a stop with a minute to spare and the guard was standing on the platform looking at his watch and unrolling the green flag with which he would give the driver the signal. "How much?" "Three shillings and sixpence guv". I had no change but produced a pound note and the driver glanced at the guard forty yards away who was now toying with his whistle, then back at me "sorry guv, no change!"; there are sharks on shore as well as in the seas. So I gave him the note and the guard told me to run for the train.

A day of deception

Well this was a day of deception and as I had forgotten to remove the plug tobacco from my socks during the nail-biting drive from the dock gate, I produced from the hat a rather pronounced lump and hobbled to the train only about twenty seconds delay in departure, so not very blatant deception was involved.

Kim would have his bone, the first one for months. Our old shell-back friend would be squirting tobacco juice happily once more and I should be home after changing to Liverpool St. Station and catching the 8am train to Clacton.

Several people had been involved in my getting on the train in time but sitting there as we left Manchester behind I worked out that with my quite good pay of those days at £20 per month, that blasted taximan had got away with one day's pay of mine, over the top of his fare old shellback friend would be squirting tobacco juice happily once more and I should be home after changing to Liverpool St Station and catching the 8am train to Clacton.

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"The Good King's Shilling"

"IN THIS 50th Anniversary year of the founding of Stanley, Penguin News is proud to present excerpts from the history of one of its earliest inhabitants, John Short, the progenitor of the many Shorts still living in the Falklands today. John Short arrived in Stanley as a military pensioner on the 13th October 1849. This history was written and researched in England by Catherine Short, wife of Russell Short, and is reproduced by permission of Donald Short and Vi Felton of Stanley.



The Vale of Gloucestershire from the edge of the Cotswolds. Twigworth, where John Short was born lies behind the hill on the skyline to the right.

Oh I was once a jolly ploughboy
ploughing in the fields all day
When a funny thought came to
my mind that I should run away

For I'm tired of the country life
since the day that I was born
So I'm going to join the army
and I'm off tomorrow morn

THE COUNTY of Gloucestershire lies in the west of England, bordering Wales. During the middle ages its wealth was derived from wool and the upland area known as the Cotswolds was the centre of the county's wool production. At this time the fleeces were shipped to the continent of Europe, mainly to Flanders, to be woven into fine cloths.

The vale of Gloucester, in which Twigworth lies, was more agricultural and gradual land enclosure gave it its hedgerows and fields so familiar today. The land was not always hedged and walled. Once upon a time it was open and the Commoners had rights of grazing upon the "common lands" and their own strips for cultivation, thus poor thought they were, they

were able to eke out a living. Enclosure by the land owners, as new ideas of farming came about, meant that these poorest people lost their common land and sometimes their homes as hamlets and villages were divided or destroyed. At about the time John was born this procedure was almost complete and whereas for centuries past his class of worker had

DIARY OF A FARMER'S CAT by Baldrick Wilkinson

Why we like living on the West

WHAT happened to winter? Where's all the cold white stuff, the clear wet stuff - or the chilblains, come to that?? Today dawned gloriously Springlike and now (after lunch, for those who were lucky enough to get any) it's still all blue sky, fluffy white clouds, glossy-smooth sea and an all-pervading air of bonhomie. Or bonafeline, come to that

I'd been sunbathing happily for a while, out of puppy Moss's reach, when it dawned on me that all was not right. The Missus having got herself into a state of terminal gloom and despondency - possibly due to my being in a similar state myself last week, so I have to confess to feeling a trifle guilty - was lurking in the depths of the Portacabin, oblivious to the superb day outside. Rotting away she was, unpleasant to live with and in need of some drastic therapy.

It wasn't easy finding an excuse to get her outdoors, especially as she'd glued herself to that blasted knitting machine - but while I was trying to think of a diversion there was a great splashing and commotion along the coast.

Great, I thought. Dolphins, or perhaps puffing pigs - just the ticket to put the Missus in a better humour.

Several seconds, much caterwauling and a bit of a sore throat later - I do a brilliant imitation of a moggy caught in a fan belt - I got a response. The Missus poked her head out of the door, then heard the splashing and went to investigate.

I followed her and we sat companionably together on the old trailer, watching as six or seven sealions porpoised past us. They were lunge-feeding on their sides, flippers appearing briefly each time they surfaced, and once they'd patrolled our stretch of the coast they ended up going in ever decreasing circles as if rounding up some sort of prey. The Missus was ecstatic, of course, but it made me shiver. Imagine falling into the water at the wrong time - if there is a right time - and being hunted by that vicious lookin' mob. Makes your fur stand on end, just the thought of it. Yikes ... Have a break - have a Kitcat ...

The Missus and I sat on the trailer for a while, soaking up the sunshine and scenery, long after the sealions had disappeared from sight and earshot. Really peaceful it was, apart from the occasional bird's cry (and the odd disgustingly loud burp from Whiskas, who was busy digesting something

revolting he found and ate this morning).

Stinkers skimmed low over the mirror-calm sea, their shadows faithfully keeping pace, snowy white gulls hovered and dived, and a heron stood motionless on a rock. Nearer to us a turkey vulture sat sunning his outspread wings on a post. I reckon Red Indians must have turkey vultures in their neck of the woods, 'cos he looked just like one of them totem thingies you see on the films ...

While the Missus and I were lazily enjoying the day and remembering why we like living on the West, the long suffering Boss was busy putting in a rock pathway from the house to the Portacabin, so's the Missus won't get wet feet going to and fro. Beats me why she can't put her wellies on, but there you go. Some people are ultra-fussy, aren't they? But anything to humour the old bat, he's probably thinking.

The Missus and I eventually started feeling a bit chilly in spite of the sun, so she's returned to her lair and I've tucked myself into the lee of the Portacabin to resume my snooze. Moss is the wrong side of the fence to me, and pretty frustrated too. We used to enjoy a wrestle together, but he's growing

too fast and doesn't stick to the rules. Got a bit painful sometimes and I'm not as young as I was, so I've had to call a halt to our bouts. He's pretty miffed about it, but TOUGH, I say. A dog should know his place, and it's not knocking seven bells out of us cats ...

He's a real wally, you know. Yesterday he got hold of a large piece of plastic sheeting, and started playing with it. Once he'd given up trying to kill the thing, he started to tow it along between his legs, like a lion dragging its prey to a convenient dining corner. But somehow the stupid mutt trod on the thing and went base over apex Didn't half look silly, too, and I couldn't help sniggering. Unfortunately he heard me, and I ended up in an undignified heap on top of the tumble-dryer. Only just made it, too. Got the tip of my tail, he did.

Every dog should have its day, they say.

Gadzooks
What about us poor ruddy cats??

Cheers, chays

Baldrick

Part 1

Regiment separated from the Service Companies on the 15th June 1830 and embarked on that day at Dublin for England.

"The Service Companies (including John's) embarked at Dublin for Halifax, Nova Scotia, as follows:

"The 1st Division on board the "Endymion" freight ship on the 4th June - sailed 6th June.

"The 2nd Division on board the "Amity" transport on the 15th June - sailed 16th June

"The 3rd Division (H.Q.) on board the "Asia" freight ship on the 16th June - sailed on the 20th June."

Headquarters remained on board the "Asia" at sea until they reached Nova Scotia in August. The quarterly Muster Rolls show John on board the "Amity".

During the voyage, on the 25th June, George IV died and was succeeded by his brother William.

To the North of Nova Scotia lies Prince Edward Island, named after Edward, Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria, where John spent quiet a long spell of duty.

On arriving in north America, Regimental Headquarters were established at Fort Charlotte and detachments were sent out to York Redoubt, Camperdown, Fort Sackville, Windsor, Annapolis, Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton Island.

John was sent to Prince Edward Island between April and June 1831 and remained there until a year later when he was returned to Halifax. Some desertions were noted but no deaths so presumably all was quiet and this was just a routine posting.

On 31st May 1833 the Regiment embarked at Halifax on board His Majesty's troopship "Romney" for Bermuda.

On the afternoon of 9th June they arrived at Bermuda and disembarked on the 12th and 13th following. Headquarters was at St. George's. They again embarked, this time for Jamaica, on 31st July, the Headquarters being on board His Majesty's Ship *Fly*, but John was on the *Larne*. The Regiment disembarked at Fort Augusta, Jamaica on 21st and 22nd August 1833.

Next Instalment

John marries in Jamaica and witnesses the end of the Slave Trade there before returning, at last, to England, where he is pensioned off due to ill health



Soldiering with the King's, 1840. "The guard falling in at the head of the column. Officers and men of the 8th (King's) Regiment in Guernsey, 1840, showing, in foreground (L to R) Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant and Drummer."

their own place in the scheme of things, by the 1800's they were reduced to farm labourers, a very low state indeed. Many drifted from the land to the cities, to the new "factories" in the hope of gaining employment. Many, like John, joined the army. At least they had regular, if not particularly good, meals and some money.

John Short was born in 1807 - the year the slave trade was abolished in Britain. George III was on the throne and Napoleon controlled all of Europe.

He was apparently the illegitimate son of one Hannah Short - the only official record of his arrival in the world being an entry of baptism in the church records of St. Catherine, Gloucester.

"John son of Hannah Short baptized 14th June 1807"

No record of Hannah ever having been married can be found and it must be assumed that she never was.

Further searches of the parish records revealed an entry of baptism for

"Richard Witts illegitimate son of Hannah Short resident at twigworth, baptized 15th February 1818"

The Census of 1851 shows Richard still living at Twigworth, married to Elizabeth Ralph and having children bearing family names. John, William, Richard and Elizabeth. Church records up to 1866 show Richard's family still living in Twigworth and it is reasonable to assume his descendants still remain in the area.

The Census also shows a George Short aged 25, born in Twigworth and in lodgings there. He could very well be a younger brother, yet another offspring of the elusive Hannah. Both Richard and George are listed as Agricultural labourers and, presumably, John was also.

The picture which emerges on looking through the parish records of the period is one of high infant

mortality and illegitimacy and no doubt indicates great poverty among the labouring class into which John was born. He doubtless joined the army to escape these privations and hope for a better life.

By the time of the 1851 Census he was already in the Falkland Islands and we must go back 26 years to begin his story.

John begins a military career which will last for 27 years

Hurrah for the Scarlet and the Blue
Helmets glinting in the sun
Bayonets shone like lightning
To the beating of the military drum
And no more will I go harvesting
For to gather in the golden corn
For I took the Good King's Shilling
And I'm off tomorrow morn.

THE HEADQUARTERS of the 8th or King's Regiment was at Plymouth in 1825 and recruiting teams were sent out to the districts covering a wide area of England and Ireland.

The team sent to Gloucester consisted of one Sergeant, one Corporal, two Drummers, three Privates and one Recruit. Presumably the latter was taken along to extol the virtues of army life. In any event something persuaded John to join and for the princely sum of 10s.(50p) he enlisted and embarked on a career which was to last 23 years and keep him away from England for 11 of them.

The enlistment document, crackly with age, bearing John's mark "X", is kept in the Public Record Office at Kew in Surrey, together with the Articles of War

and details of his long military service. He was aged 18 years and stood 5ft. 6ins. tall, had light brown hair and blue eyes and promised to serve His Majesty King George IV, his heirs and successors until he should be legally discharged.

The Regiment remained in Plymouth until 16th March 1826 when it sailed from Devonport to Greenock on the Clyde. The H.Q. companies were transported on the "Diadem" and that to which John was attached on board the "Zephyr". The voyage took nine days and on the 24th March 1826 H.Q. was set up in Glasgow.

During their time in Scotland a certain amount of movement is recorded and at one point John was "permitted to seek billet on the inhabitants of Scotland". Obviously they were on the move and had to find shelter and probably forage for food as and where they could.

On 11th January 1827 they embarked at Glasgow and arrived in Belfast on the 12th. On the 15th they marched from Belfast, arriving at Newry on the 17th. Headquarters moved to Londonderry, on to Enniskillen and finally to Dublin. During this time John had been detached at Lifford and Rathmallon, Inch Island, Cavan and Sligo. A look at a map of Ireland will show how scattered were these postings and when it is remembered all the movement was on foot we can begin to appreciate how hard was the life of the soldier of 150 years ago.

They must have been very strong, those who survived, and life outside must have been very grim to keep them tied. Although some deserted the proportion to those who remained honourably discharged was quite small.

In the ledgers entitled "Distribution of the Regiment" for June 1830 the following entry was made.

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Our sincere thanks to
you all.
Kathleen and Jeannie

Thank you from Paz, Gail and Colin to the kind friends and relatives who sent cards and flowers on the occasion of their recent sad bereavement

The "B's are back

Peter & Linda Burnard would like to say a BIG "thank you" to everyone who kept us in their thoughts and prayers throughout the last 6 weeks. Special thanks to the staff at the KEMH the help and support you all gave kept us going during a difficult time.

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Bank Holiday sporting events a great success

OVER THE LAST three Bank Holidays Stanley Leisure Centre have organised various sporting competitions.

On Good Friday, a **Benchball Tournament** for Juniors and a **Basketball Tournament** for Seniors proved very popular. The Basketball Tournament was won by Martyn Clarke's team. Top Scorers were:

Alan Bonner (24 points), Martyn Clarke (17 points), Darrel Ford (11 points)

On 21st April a **Table Tennis Tournament** attracted 11 teams. In first place were Mark Spruce and Ian France, second were Alex Lang and Marcus Morrison, third were James Wallace and Kevin Ross.

Although the lack of female

entries was disappointing there was a good mix of age and ability of players, and plenty of enthusiasm.

Women were well represented in the **Badminton Challenge** held on V.E. Day (8th May) which was open to anyone over 13 years of age. Four women's teams, four mixed teams and five men's teams took part with players ranging widely in age and ability. Stars of the tournament were Douglas Clark and Nicky Luxton, who teamed up to win the Mixed Doubles. Doug also won the Men's Doubles with Ben Watson, while Nicky won the Ladies Doubles with Marilyn Hall.

Any ideas for future tournaments on weekends or Bank Holidays will be welcomed by the Leisure Centre Staff

Stanley Darts Results

| Team | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Tornados | 9 | 9 | 0 | 98 | 37 | 23 |
| Sustainers | 9 | 8 | 1 | 91 | 44 | 21 |
| Pandas | 9 | 8 | 1 | 85 | 50 | 20 |
| Buccaneers | 9 | 5 | 4 | 89 | 46 | 19 |
| Ship | 9 | 6 | 3 | 83 | 46 | 19 |
| FIDF | 9 | 7 | 2 | 78 | 57 | 16 |
| Trotters | 9 | 5 | 4 | 77 | 58 | 14 |
| GBA | 8 | 5 | 3 | 64 | 56 | 13 |
| Rednecks | 8 | 6 | 2 | 61 | 59 | 13 |
| Misfits | 9 | 5 | 4 | 72 | 63 | 12 |
| Stanley Arms | 9 | 5 | 4 | 67 | 68 | 12 |
| Penguins | 9 | 4 | 5 | 64 | 71 | 9 |
| Dominators | 9 | 2 | 7 | 63 | 72 | 9 |
| Amazons | 9 | 3 | 6 | 69 | 66 | 8 |
| Spiders | 9 | 3 | 6 | 62 | 73 | 8 |
| N.C 69 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 50 | 85 | 7 |
| Care Bears | 9 | 2 | 7 | 52 | 83 | 6 |
| Wild Girls | 9 | 2 | 7 | 50 | 85 | 4 |
| West Enders | 9 | 1 | 8 | 40 | 95 | 3 |
| Goslings | 9 | 1 | 8 | 37 | 98 | 2 |

OPEN: Most legs, G Hewitt 26, Ton+ C Smith 25, Bull Finish C Smith 3, most 180's L Ford & K Clapp @ 3, Highest Finish, P Phillips 151

LADIES: Most legs J Clarke 18, Ton+ H McKay 8, Bull Finish P Pratlett & M Goss @ 1, Tons J Clarke 13, Total BOC J Clarke 21, 180 C Jacobsen

POSTSCRIPT from the Cathedral

On May 13 1940 Britain had been at war for eight months when Winston Churchill made his first speech in the House of Commons as Prime Minister:

"I would say to this house.....I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, sweat and tears. We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind. We have before man, many long months of struggle and of suffering. You ask what is our policy? I will say, It is to wage war, by sea land and air, will our might and with the strength that God can give us; to wage war against a monstrous tyranny, never surpassed in the dark, lamentable catalogue of human crime. That is our policy. You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word: It is victory, victory at all cost, victory in spite of terror, victory however long and hard the road may be."

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Early closing again for Falklands Illex fishery

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS Government will close the Illex squid fishery six weeks early, by revoking all type B fishing licences at 23.59 hrs local time on 19 May 1995, for conservation reasons. Assessment of the resource had shown that the stock size was in danger of declining to insufficient levels to give a reasonable rate of replenishment next year.

The fishery was also closed

early in 1994 in both Argentina and the Falklands as a result of the biomass of Illex declining below acceptable levels.

Illex squid only live for one year and are approaching their spawning period. It is essential that sufficient squid survive to spawn to generate next year's stock. The early closure of the Falkland's fishery will assist this. The benefits will, however, be lessened if fishing for Illex con-

tinues elsewhere. Fishing companies will be requested not to fish for Illex in the Southwest Atlantic beyond Falkland Conservation Zones. The South Atlantic Fisheries Commission provides a mechanism for British and Argentine scientists to exchange views and this process is ongoing.

The total catch of Illex from Falkland Zones in 1995 is likely to be less than 70000 tonnes. Whilst this is similar to the catch

in 1994, it is much less than the long-term average of 150000 tonnes.

The Falkland Islands Government will refund licence fees applicable to the fishing period lost as a result of the early closure.

According to Fisheries Director, John Barton, as reported on FIBS, the refunds will not cause a financial crisis. "It is hundreds of thousands of pounds we are talking about, not millions" he said.

Menem wins but Alec's still a loser

CONFOUNDING commentators who were beginning to talk of a serious late challenge to his leadership by the leader of the Frepaso Party, José Octavo Bordón, Carlos Menem made history on Sunday by becoming the first President in Argentina's history to be re-elected for a second term.

In order to avoid the contest going to a second round, President Menem had to obtain either 45% of the vote or 40%, with a lead of at least 10% over his nearest rival.

As the election approached the opinion polls seemed to indicate that it was going to be a close thing with support growing for Mr Bordón, a former Peronist senator, popularly perceived as "honest" and a "clean" candidate.

Undaunted, President Menem had continued to predict a first round victory by a margin of 15%. In the end, he did better than that with some 50% of the vote, a full 20% ahead of Mr Bordón.

In his victory speech, as it was reported by the Buenos Aires correspondent of *The Times*, Gabriella Gamini on Tuesday, Mr Menem said that his re-election was a sign "of the transformation of our country from an economic basket case into one that is taking

huge steps forward."

Mr Menem used the occasion of the speech in front of a huge crowd outside the Csas Rosada to reiterate Argentina's demand for sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, but said that his country would "never again resort to military intervention to achieve that aim".

In London, the Foreign Office welcomed Senor Menem's re-election, according to *The Times* report, but said there could be no question of any new negotiations on the sovereignty of the Falklands. "The islanders have the right to self-determination" a spokesman said. "They have made it clear many times that they wish to remain British".

Speaking on FIBS in an interview with Patrick Watts, Joint Editor of the English language daily, the *Buenos Aires Herald*, Nicholas Tozer, gave news of the election fortunes in Argentina of Falklands-born Alec Betts, who chose to leave the Falklands in 1982, just before the final capitulation of the Argentine forces and has since made a number of appearances at the United Nations arguing the Argentine case in the sovereignty dispute.

It's that time again



1994 May Queen, Sasha Hobman. Approaching the 1995 May Ball, Lisa Riddell looks at some of Sasha's predecessors (Pages 6 and 7)

Alec, who has lived for some years in Cordoba, was apparently standing for election as Lieutenant Governor of that province, on behalf of the right-wing Modin Party, which is headed by a veteran of the losing side in the Falklands War, Colonel Aldo Rico.

Unfortunately for Alec's chances of success, Colonel Rico, who since 1982 has staged two abortive military uprisings, is no more of a winner now than he was then, particularly in Cordoba, long

regarded as the heart-land of the Radical Party of ex-President Raúl Alfonsín, whose candidate for the governorship was returned with 47% of the votes.

According to Nicholas Tozer, Alec Betts' share of the vote was a mere 0.7%. Out of a potential 400,000 voters, it would seem that only 2,460 could be persuaded that "Betts is best." We have no reports as to what Alec Betts' day-time occupation might be, but clearly he should not give it up.

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TWO years or so ago, listening to the summary of ExCo on FIBS, I was struck by the Governor's use of the word "belonger", which I was not aware of having ever heard before. H.E. used the word several times, with such apparent familiarity that I confidently expected that it would soon become part of every day conversation in the Falklands, where, in my experience, the business of who does and does not belong has always been taken very seriously.

To my surprise, despite being alert for any sign of its re-emergence, I didn't spot the word in use again until last week, when I was reading Mr Walter Wallace's "Report to a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on a Review of the Constitution", with which I expect that *Penguin News* readers are by now familiar. In Section 5.15, the word, or at least its close cousin "belongership" appears again:

"They were not many but all who gave evidence during the review were unanimously of the opinion that steps must be taken to avoid any risk of the votes of Falkland Islanders being swamped by the votes of persons from outside the islands. I entirely agree. Similar action has already been found necessary in other dependent territories, in most of which the right of a Commonwealth citizen to be registered as an elector has been abolished (but replaced by the discretionary grant of "belongership" which carries with it a right to vote and is described in para 5.18 below)"

Having just worked out with the help of paragraph 5.13 that I would not be allowed back onto the Falkland Islands Electoral Roll till May 15th 1988, and would therefore continue to be disenfranchised for the next General Election as well as the last one, to find two paragraphs further on that if Mr Wallace has his way, my "belongership" might even then be open to question was a bit of a body blow. I first came to the Falklands in 1971 and although I have twice left "for good", I have lived in no other single place since I left school for as long as I have lived here. It might have taken me twenty-two years to find it out, but if I don't belong here I belong nowhere....or so I would claim.

Others, including some who bear me no particular ill-will, would refute my right to make such a claim. (After all, in 1982, we had several thousand visitors to these shores, some of whom also felt with equal sincerity that they belonged here, but that didn't prevent general rejoicing when they were at last defeated and shipped out) Reluctantly, I find myself agreeing with them and with Mr Wallace that the answer to the question of whether or not I "belong" here is maybe not one that I am qualified to make and should, moreover, not be decided simply on a basis of time spent in residence. To quote Mr Wallace again:

"The problem is that, on the one hand, there may be persons who are in the islands for the period of a contract of employment (or a series of contracts) and who will then leave, either of their own volition or when their employment ends. They may well be resident in the islands for five years or more - but there is, I suggest, little or no obligation to give them the right to vote, especially as some may have retained that right in their country of origin. On the other hand, there may be persons who clearly intend to make their home in the islands - they may start a business, invest in one, buy property and generally become integrated into the community. After a specified period of years of residence such persons should, I suggest, be eligible to be granted most of the privileges of a born Falkland Islander, including the right to vote."

Once having accepted that criteria other than length of residency should be applied before giving "belongership" or "status" to Commonwealth citizens, one is faced with the problem of how to go about it, without the "allegations of favouritism or even corruption" which, according to Mr Wallace, "it inevitably gives rise to". His report recommends "that there should be a Board of Immigration charged with responsibility for making recommendations to the Governor-in-Council as to whether status should be granted to an applicant who fulfils the specified requirements" and goes on to suggest an annual quota and a points system for assessing candidates.

This might be a sledge-hammer to crack a smallish nut. As far as I can see, if there is a problem already, it has only occurred where expatriate contract personnel have been allowed to recontract so many times that the lines between contract/short-term and permanent/long-term employment have been crossed. In the future, especially if the oil industry arrives in the Falklands, it may be necessary to ensure that this distinction is more rigidly enforced by employers. This done, even if the automatic right to "status" for Commonwealth citizens (including Britons) is withdrawn, there should not be more than a trickle of applicants, who could be dealt with in the same apparently satisfactory manner that we now use to grant naturalisation to "aliens."

To conclude on a cautionary note. In the Falklands we are all, by definition, either immigrants or the descendants of immigrants. If, in the past, the control of immigration into the Falklands had been too severe, how many of us would have been allowed to arrive or to remain?

● YOUR LETTERS.....

Correcting a page in history!



Eric Goss and sister Gill (Harris) survey the wreckage of the storm in 1945

THE CENTRE PAGES in May 6th *Penguin News* caught my attention. The main theme was to bring focus on the hunch-backed Nissen hut but the waterlogged cul-de-sac of Hebe Place about to overflow past Alan Crowie's peat shed down his back yard is good evidence that clearing the drains and resurfacing with asphalt is a must.

I would like to take readers back about 50 years on a short history trip. My first memories of the Royal Engineer Nissen hut camp on Callaghan Road begins with the great hurricane in autumn 1945 which blew the iron cladding off many huts. Some sheets sailed over the town into the harbour but lots more piled against our fence wrecking structures in the path of the wind. I think one of the other high lights of the day was seeing the hulk of what once was the fine old schooner 'Gwendoline' sink below the waves. She had in her hold a large quantity of army sand bags.

Next morning after the storm died down everyone went out to see the extent of the damage. What an awesome sight! Masses of tangled debris scattered the properties. Great excitement for a four year old who wondered at the might of the elements, beyond man's control.

To get back to the story, behind the barbed wire surround, on the site where Vi Felton and Chris Spall live in either end of their Nissen hut home, stood a long narrow Nissen hut with high windows. Stored in this hut was a fair number of heavily greased bofor guns. These mobile ack-ack guns provided a splendid playground for the Davis Street boys. There

was a seat and sights on either side of the breech. The left hand lad could move the elevation of the barrel at great speed up or down by winding a twin wheel that had opposing handles.

The gunner on the left had the same type of control traversing the gun left to right. This seat was most favoured because it also had the kick pedal trigger. The Davis Street boys fought out many imaginary air raids in this hut with an occasional accident when the flash deflector would find its way out through the roof or through a side window. Sometimes a passer-by would shout "what's going on in there" and the war boys would scatter out faster than cockroaches when a light is switched on.

These games came to an end in 1952/53 when all the bofor anti-aircraft guns were loaded into one of the little Dutch charter vessels, the Merak 'N' or one of her sister ships the FIC used to charter.

The R E camp was dismantled shortly after. One of the remaining huts was occupied by old Fred Summers who left the area after it burnt down. A local entrepreneur Ton Hennah purchased many of the girders to straighten cut and point for use as fencing standards. These were bought by many farmers, much to the chagrin of contract fencers. Some of these heavy standards can still be seen in Lafonia fences.

In 1955/56 PWD carpenters built a Nissen hut camp on this site to house the German labour force imported to lay new roads before the visit in January 1957 of the Duke of Edinburgh. I remember John Collins, Lenny Skilling and David (Buller) Anderson working

.....write to Penguin News, Ross Road Stanley

there.

The hut owned by Vi Felton and Chris Spall was occupied by Walter Ochner, with his wife and family, in 2 bays on the east end. Walter will be remembered by some as the driver of a new Thames Trader 6 wheeler truck which he looked after with tender loving care and still looked like new two years later.

This hut like the rest erected at that time was clad with the new galvanized treated curved corrugated iron. The girder frame might have been salvaged from some of

the war time huts but they were all covered with plain pressed steel painted in disrupted pattern green and brown. This material had a life span of 10 to 15 years depending on how much paint was applied.

The last army camp to be cleared was from the area west and south of the new Stanley Arms. The hut had been in use by Government for storage purposes.

The above might help to correct a page in our history and of course our heritage.

E M Goss
North Arm

Warspite rekindles memories

I WAS reading with great interest Fred Gooch's wartime experiences when the name *Warspite* was mentioned. My memory of this once great ship is of a hulk, stripped of all armament and most superstructure, lying grounded near the rocky shore of St. Michaels Mount, in Mounts Bay, Cornwall.

She was being towed around Lands End to a breakers yard, I think in Ireland, when the tow broke and she went aground on Lizard Point, a few miles away

from the Mount, before being refloated and towed in as close as possible to the shore.

I was a member of the Scillonian Sailing Club and we were on a return visit to Mounts Bay from the Isles of Scilly for a annual regatta. The day was perfect, (but not for sailing) a brilliant bluesky, red hot sun and no wind. Not a day to kill a lady. She was eventually broken up and taken away by salvage ship. I think the year was 1947

Cyril Ellis
Stanley

News in brief

Student of the year

STUDENT OF THE Year Award went to Severine Betts recently at Eastleigh College near Southampton. Severine (accompanied by his girlfriend Lindsey) travelled to England to attend the college for one year. He is presently studying for a City and Guilds in Electrical Installation and Electronics.

Rise for Standard Chartered Chief

MACOLM Williamson, chief executive of Standard Chartered, received a 29% rise in total remuneration last year to £625,000. the next highest-paid director of the London-based international bank was the chairman, Patrick Cillam, who received a 53% increase to £507,000. Standard's profits rose 27% to £510m in the same year.

Stamps Out

MR JAMES Wallace asked the Foreign Secretary recently what consideration HM Government had given to making representations to the International Postal Union in respect of postage stamps issued by the Argentine postal authorities bearing the words *Islas Malvinas*; and if he will make a statement.

Mr David Davis answered "We have not made representations to the Universal Postal Union about

the stamps in question. However, we have protested to the Argentine Government about the issue, reiterating our sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, and informing the Argentines that they have no right to issue such stamps.

Listening to the young

Sara Wheeler, writing in *Time Out Magazine*, seems to have had the ear of the young in her article about the Falklands. (W/E May 3)

In a largely complimentary piece about the Islands and their "fine quality of life", the article describes the changes that have taken place in the past 15 years and "The relentless march of progress", that is, television, roads, pubs and industry such as the possibility of oil. Of the opinions of the young people of the Falklands the writer says "they feel ambivalent about the changes hanging Damocles-like over Stanley. While keen to preserve their traditions and live them rather than banish them to the museum, they recognise the need to maintain the economic expansion of the past decade in order to safeguard their independence". The author then goes on to say "...What pisses them off is the preconception that they are British-in-exile glancing back at the motherland to reassure themselves who they are. Lots of them couldn't give a toss about the UK"

John Blyth 1923 - 1995

John Blyth was born on 31 October 1923 at Stanley, Falkland Islands. He was the oldest child and the only son of Alexander Latto Blyth and Christina Agnes Morrison.

He spent most of his childhood in Stanley and would recall with nostalgia the way of life in the 1930's. He told many stories of holidays spent at Arrow Harbour (Walker Creek) with his grandparents and of days running barefoot over the white-grass camp. He taught himself to play the accordion at a very early age and was banished by ear sore parents to the outside wash house until he could play a tune. No doubt the temperature of the wash house had something to do with the quick and skillful way he mastered the art. At the age of nine in the 1933 Centenary Year he won a talent contest in the Town Hall playing his accordion. He loved music all his life and although he could neither read nor write music, this never made a difference. He would listen for a few minutes, then pick up the notes as he played along and in a few hours could add another tune to his repertoire.

In the summer of 1944 he was stationed on Mont Low on sentry duty with the FIDF. Life was slow, only enlivened by drill and rifle practice, and on hearing about a team of British scientists embarking on an expedition to Antarctica, who needed a cook, he requested permission to apply. He was successful, told he was then on loan to the Admiralty and to be ready to sail in three days. He then found out he was part of the then secret now famous, Operation Tabarin. He sailed on board the *William Scoresby*, arriving at Port Lockroy in early March 1944. Apart from cooking he helped with anything he could - carpentry, photographic work, catching and preserving specimens from the sea for scientific purposes, caring for and feeding the Husky dog team, and providing entertainment by singing and playing the accordion.

He returned to Stanley briefly in December 1944, setting sail for Antarctica again in January 1945. This time he was stationed at Hope Bay and helped in the construction of Eagle House during Feb/Mar of that year. On 8 May 1945, VE Day, he remembered listening to the speeches of Churchill and King George, and drinking a toast to the end of the war.

John had his share of adventures while in Antarctica, including being lowered into a crevasse on a Jacob's Ladder. He learnt to ski and joined several sledging trips. One trip resulted in a week of snow blindness. At Port Lockroy he climbed Jabit Peak (1,800ft), he said this was an easy climb, and nonchalantly passed off sliding half way down it when some ice broke away beneath them. Luckily the speed of descent shot them safely across a four foot wide crevasse.

In all John spent three and a half years in Antarctica. He was awarded the Polar Medal Antarctic Clasp in 1953. In 1988 an honour was bestowed upon him by having a part of James Ross Island named after him, 'Blyth Spur' on the shore of Croft Bay.

He returned to Stanley 1949 and married Hilary McGill in October of that year, they had two children, a daughter Gail in 1950 and a son Colin in 1954. The family enjoyed life both in Stanley and the Camp. Being keen walkers they enjoyed exploring the places where they lived.

John had a variety of jobs - lighthouse keeper, cook, handyman, telephone operator, carpenter, storeman, stevedore, gardener and shepherd. He regularly attended FIDF and was awarded the Long Service Medal.

John, Hilary and Colin went to the UK in 1975. They lived in Oxford where he worked as a Security Officer in Debenhams. In 1977 John and Hilary moved to Scotland where he worked at Air Service Training in Perth as a Catering Assistant. Unable to settle they returned to the Falkland Islands in 1979. Shortly after their marriage was dissolved. He continued to live and work in Stanley and after the war in 1982 was proud to be able to provide a billet for British servicemen.

In August 1985 he married Paz Igao. They spent a very happy ten years together. John had suffered with arthritis from his mid forties, and despite the pain this caused had come to terms with it. They lived in Stanley and on his retirement he took up making model ships and putting them in bottles. He was a keen fisherman and liked nothing better than their trips out to the creeks around the Estancia; quite successfully filling their freezer with mullet.

In November 1994 they travelled back to Paz's home. Cebu in the Philippines, for Christmas, where he met her family and had a great holiday. His enthusiastic response was "Where shall we go next?"

Sadly, he had developed malignant melanoma and died of this on 1 May 1995. Probably his most enduring passions apart from the people he loved was the Antarctic and his music. Always he would whistling or tapping out a rhythm. He described his years in Antarctica as the happiest days of his working life and the men he worked with as fine fellows and some of the best friends he ever made. Of those days in the Antarctic, he said, "If only the world could live in peace as we did. I hate to think of the Antarctic being torn apart, just to satisfy mans greed. Let man study the Antarctic, admire its beauty, enjoy travelling over it, but please, leave it to its natural environment."

He is survived by his wife Paz, daughter Gail, son Colin and grandchildren Barbara, Allan, Karen Philip, Linsey and Kimberley.



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Few 'new men' to be seen at Community School debate

"THIS HOUSE believes that the woman's place is in the home" was the motion at the Community School's annual Invitation Debate, held on Tuesday night.

By what we are assured was the purest coincidence, the team proposing the motion were both male: Mark Pollard and Alan Bonner and the opposing team were both female: Melissa McKinley and Jenny Plumb.

Mark Pollard opened the action with an assured and persuasive speech in which he first assured his listeners that his would not be a recital of the male chauvinist position; his argument was not based on any assumptions about female inferiority - keeping house was, he said, almost as demanding as running a small country and called for a wide-range of abilities, which women had traditionally shown mastery of to a greater degree than men.

Along the way, Mark took time to explore the existence of the so-called "new man" in the Falklands and after a straw poll of his audience, both male and female, concluded that this was a very rare species.

Rising to oppose this motion, Melissa McKinley gave an animated speech in which she attacked the assertion that the traditional woman's role was either uniquely satisfying to women or one to which they were uniquely suited. If running a house was equivalent to running a small country, she asked, why were not more women running small countries or even large countries.

The second speakers for each team, Alan Bonner and Jenny Plumb were equally impressive and wide-ranging in the arguments they had marshalled to support their side. It was good, also to see

attempts being made by both to pick up and attack specific points made by the leading speakers from the opposing teams. This requires good listening and quick thinking put is an essential if the debate is to be not simply an exercise in public speaking.

Alan Bonner's delivery, in particular, was calm, clear and confident; he did not even appear to be too put out by the gales of laughter that followed his statement that men were on average, taller than women.

While Alan is too young to remember his grandfather's attempt to enter politics some years ago, I am sure none of the older members of the audience would have been surprised if Alan had come out with Roddy's famous slogan "Vote for Bonner or else you're a gonner".

Although they were for the most part restrained in their utterances, the audience participated well when their turn came.

Clr Birmingham, throwing caution and presumably the support of half his constituency to the wind, began by announcing himself firmly behind the motion. As his wife, Sue was presumably at home looking after the children, he was clearly arguing with some basis of consistency and integrity, unlike Andrew Gurr, who while admitting to long-standing membership of the Male Chauvinist Persuasion, argued for abstention on the grounds that he worked for an all-female Executive Council.

While the rhetoric seemed to be mainly on the side of the motion, the final voting was not, as the results show:

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| For: | 25 |
| Against: | 45 |
| Abstentions: | 5 |

Clay Pigeon Competition

A 50 BIRD DOWN the line competition will take place on Sunday 21 May, commencing 0930 at the Rookery Bay Range. Winners will receive cash-prizes and trophies,

the loser gets the booby-prize! A military prize will also be competed for. If you wish to hear more details of the competition, phone Saul in the evening on 22084

Gold for Falklands stamp exhibits

IT IS QUITE APPROPRIATE that this year, the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group's Silver Jubilee year, has seen the first ever international Gold medal awarded for a Falkland Islands stamp exhibit.

At the international stamp exhibition Finlandia 95 at Helsinki from 10 to 15 May 1995 two Falkland Islands exhibits received major awards.

Stefan Hejtz "Postal History of

the Falkland Islands and Dependencies 1843-1937": Gold medal Ronnie Spafford "Postal Stationery of the Falkland Islands": Large Vermeil medal (which is the level immediately below Gold).

It has taken a long time to get there but these awards mean that Falkland Islands stamps and philately have finally been accepted as being just as important as the "big countries" and we should all be proud of this achievement.



"What is fulfilling about washing dirty socks?"



"The male of the species is taller and stronger"

Sub Aqua invitation to "suck it and see"

STANLEY SUB-AQUA Club are holding a "try-dive" session on Thursday 25th May at Stanley Swimming Pool. Anyone over 14 years of age is welcome to come along and spend 15 minutes teamed up with a qualified diver using the club's equipment. All you need to bring is a swimming costume, a T-shirt and, if you're under 16, a parent.

You can book a 15 minute slot between 7 and 8 o'clock, when entry will be free, by telephoning Roger Coggan on 22255 any evening.

New courses will be starting on Wednesday 31st May with Novice

Diver and Sports Diver running concurrently for 10 weeks at a cost of up to £25 per course.

Anyone contemplating sub-aqua diving should be medically fit and will be asked to sign a medical disclaimer beforehand. You are advised not to dive if you have had a cold in the previous week.

There will be fund raising bopping to the Fighting Pigs at the Trough on Friday 26th May to boost club funds in order to purchase more equipment. Tickets for the dance will be available from the Boat House Cafe at £3. B.O.B. (Bring your Own Booze)

"The Good Old Days"

Lisa Riddell takes a look back at the history of Stanley's most enduring social event: The May Ball

DESCRIBED SINCE the early thirties as the most popular social event of the year (on paper at least); the May Ball on Friday will bring yet again many of the community under one roof.

The Ball which originates from celebrations of Queen Victoria's birthday (May 24th) is now most well known for the choosing of the May Queen and Prince Charming. The actual choosing of the 'Belle of the Ball' is not recorded until 1938 when the local paper 'The Penguin' described the evening as follows:

'During the evening people were asked to judge by ballot who they considered Belle of the Ball. The result was in favour of Mrs N B Biggs (surprised?) with Miss Violet Smith a very close second.... We were glad to see so many camp people at the dances. Many people were heard to remark "We seem to have returned to the good old days of the May Ball."

Obviously the same people turned up year after year as earlier in 1936 the 'Penguin' declares 'many people were heard to remark "we seem to have returned to the good old days of the May Ball".'

'The Good old days' must have started at the end of the 1850's as the 1931 May newsletter said that the Ball had been held for the last seventy-two years. At that time dancing went on until 2am under the 'auspices of the Stanley Benefit Club and 'new ball

frocks' were in abundance. On both nights 'up-to-date' dance hits were played by live bands ('Mr Holstein is to be particularly commended for his banjo playing'). To top it all, a 'rattling good tea was provided for everyone'.

By 1949 the May Ball as we now know it, truly began. From there on each year a 'Queen' or 'Belle of the Ball' was chosen.

The Ball was now hosted by the Boys Brigade who went to great lengths to keep secret the theme (as the Scouts do today).

From 1959 onwards the Falkland Islands Monthly Review had a tendency to describe not only the dresses in great detail but the fate of the lucky girls 'The May Queen's prize was a clock with a little ballerina daintily tripping away to the tune of "Deep in the heart of Texas"...but not least among their rewards were the kisses His Honour bestowed on both the blushing girls". Nothing changes.

The choosing of the May Queen has undoubtedly been treated by the girls with great light-heartedness; the pale, nervous faces being possessed generally by the anxious parents (and the twelve finalists, intended dancing partners). However there may have been a few dour looks in 1960 when the title was swiped by Mrs Keith Blyth who had 'only recently arrived from the UK with her husband'. Well what do you expect if she had recently

had access to all those sophisticated dress shops!

But what about behind the scenes, surely it can't have been as genteel as the 'Penguin' and FI Monthly Review would have us believe?

John Smith gives a taste of 'what happened out the back' in his book 'Those were the Days'

'Those were the days when the Town Hall heating boilers were peat fired. This was very convenient in two ways. Firstly that the boiler house round the back was always warm and cosy for a bit of courting during or after the dance. But secondly, and with a far higher importance rating to some, was the peat stacked in huge mountains at the back of the Hall. In these stacks, for those who did not like to disturb the cut of their suits, it was the custom to keep their flasks and bottles. At many dances the social atmosphere around the peat stacks was almost as good as that in the Hall itself. Often though, as the night wore on things would get a bit hectic when owners became unable to remember the exact place in the stack where they had concealed their bottles. This involved a certain amount of clambering about and often a number of small avalanches of peat accompanied by cursing and belching as the nocturnal tipplers became partially buried. There was however one great consolation in that if you couldn't find your own bottle you nearly always ended up with somebody else's.



1955 May Queen Shirley Peck



1959 May Queen, Robina Carter



1963 Pam Betts and Linda Binnie



1966 Etta Stewart



1967 May Queen, D Desborough



1971 May Queen, Rosie Summers



1970 May Queen, Joan Spruce



1984 May Queen, Tracey Peck, May Princess, Christine Peck



1985 May Queen, Margaret Butler, Prince Charming, Brian Middleton

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Supreme Court of the Falkland Islands

Notice under the Administration of Estates Ordinance (Cap.1)

TAKE NOTICE THAT Kwon Jae Kun, deceased, of Pusan, Korea died at Pusan, Korea on the 18th day of February 1995.

WHEREAS Young Sook Joo by her attorney Boguslaw Sylvester Kluzniak, wife of the deceased, has applied for Letters of Administration to administer the estate of the said deceased in the Colony.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 4 of the Administration of Estates Ordinance to all persons resident in the Colony who may have prior claim to such grant that the prayer of the Petitioner will be granted provided no caveat be entered in the Supreme Court within 21 days of the publication hereof.

Stanley, Falkland Islands, 11 May 1995, Ref: PRO/9/1995



Reflections

Just received a selection of silver jewellery, lots of ear studs, nose studs, nose clips.

New stick on jewellery.

Opening next week

Ladies & Childrens fashions.

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Jelly Tots Fun Afternoon raises £500



The pictures (more next week) say it all. A long afternoon was made to seem longer for some parents and shorter for many more children last Saturday at the Town Hall. And they raised £500 for Jelly Tots!



Itinerary MV Tamar June 1995 - November 1996

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| VOYAGE 19 Closing: Thursday 29th June, 1200 Sailing: Monday 3rd July | Johnson's Harbour, San Salvador, Port San Carlos, San Carlos, Port Howard, Ajax Bay, Saunders Island. (sheep ex Saunders to Stanley) |
| VOYAGE 20 Closing: Thursday 6th July, 1200 Sailing: Monday 10th July | Lively Island, Walker Creek, Bleaker Island, Sea Lion Is., North Arm, Speedwell Is., Fox Bay East, FBW, Port Edgar, Port Howard (cattle Port Howard to Stanley) |
| VOYAGE 21 Closing: Thursday 13th July, 1200 Sailing: Tuesday 18th July | Port Stephens, Weddell Is., Beaver Is., New Is., Stoney Ridge, Spring Point, Dunnose Head, Chartres, Sheffield, Roy Cove, West Point, Carcass Is., Dunbar, Hill Cove, Saunders Is., Golding Is., Pebble Is. (Pt. Stephens first port) Beef, Hill Cove to Stanley) |
| VOYAGE 22 Closing: Wednesday, 26th July, 1200 Sailing: Monday 31st July | Punta Arenas |
| VOYAGE 23 Closing: Thursday 17 August, 1200 Sailing: Monday 21 August | Johnsons Harbour, San Salvador, Port San Carlos, San Carlos, Port Howard, Ajax Bay, Pebble Is. (sheep ex Pebble to Stanley) |
| VOYAGE 24 Closing: Thursday 24th August, 1200 Sailing: Monday 28th August | Lively Is, Walker Creek, Bleaker Is, Sea Lion Is., North Arm, Speedwell Is, F.Bay East, F.Bay West, Port Howard, Port Edgar (Cattle P.H. to Stanley) |
| VOYAGE 25 Closing: Thursday 31st August, 1200 Sailing: Tuesday 5th September | Pebble Is, Golding Is, Saunders Is, Hill Cove, Dunbar, Carcass Is, West Point, Roy Cove, Sheffield, Chartres, Dunnose Head, Spring Point, Stoney Ridge, New Island, Weddell Is, Beaver Is, Port Stephens (Pebble first port) |
| VOYAGE 26 Closing: Wednesday 20th September, 1200 Sailing: Sunday 24th September | Punta Arenas - Dry Docking |
| VOYAGE DETAILS SHOULD BE REGARDED AS PROVISIONAL ONLY, FROM THIS VOYAGE ON, AND ARE SUPPLIED SUBJECT TO ALTERATION | |
| VOYAGE 27 Closing: Thursday 19th October, 1200 Sailing: Tuesday 24th October | Lively Is, Walker Creek, Bleaker Is, Sea Lion Is, North Arm, Speedwell Is, F.Bay East, F.Bay West, Port Edgar |
| VOYAGE 28 Closing: Thursday 26th October, 1600 Sailing: Tuesday 31st October | Pt. Stephens, Weddell Is, New Is, Stoney Ridge, Beaver Is, Dunnose Head, Spring Point, Chartres, Sheffield, Roy Cove, West Point, Carcass Is, Dunbar, Hill Cove, Saunders Is, Golding Is, Pebble Is (Port Stephens first port) |
| VOYAGE 29 Closing: Thursday 9th November, 1200 Sailing: Sunday 12th November | San Salvador, San Carlos, Port San Carlos, Port Howard, Johnsons Hbr, Ajax Bay |
| VOYAGE 30 Closing: Wednesday 15th November, 1200 Sailing: Monday 20th November | Punta Arenas |
| (Details of sailings to February 1996 can be obtained from Byron Marine) | |

Wendy off to Sri Lanka for 41st CPA Conference

COUNCILLOR Wendy Teggart will represent the Falkland Islands Legislature at the 41st Commonwealth Parliamentary Commonwealth Conference to be held in early October in Colombo, capital of Sri Lanka.

The theme of the conference, which was set by the CPA Executive Committee, when it met in Malta in April, will be "Democracy and Development: Adversaries or Allies?"

Among the subjects for discussion by approximately two hundred and fifty Members from one hundred and twenty seven Commonwealth Parliaments and Legislatures will be the following, said a release from the CPA Executive Committee:

- How can Parliamentarians and local representatives collaborate in support of the Commonwealth goal of democracy and good governance?

- How can present imbalances in the participation of men and women in political life be redressed?

- How can Parliamentarians improve standards of human rights?

- Does religious extremism pose a threat to democracy?

- How can social, economic, political and parliamentary programmes involve young people in development?

- What is the role of Parliamentarians in the battle for sustainable development?

The Executive Committee at their April meeting in Malta also determined the issues to be discussed by the 15th Commonwealth

Parliamentary Conference of Members from Small Countries to be held in Colombo immediately before the plenary conference.

The President of the CPA, Hon.K.B.Ratnayake, MP, Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka, which will host the October meeting, said that his country is prepared to help the Commonwealth to improve government decision-making by hosting an open discussion on critical problems.

"Those of us who come from small island nations realise we must play an active part in world politics so our interests are always in the minds of the large nations," he said.

Councillor Teggart will attend the Small Countries Conference, where about 50 Members from 30 Parliaments and Legislatures with populations of up to 400,000 people will discuss the following topics:

- Given the increase in different international agreements, promoted by large countries, can small Parliaments really influence the way their small countries develop or are they merely becoming managers at the margin?

- Problems in the administration of law enforcement and justice in small countries.

- The role of the Public Accounts Committee in improving the accountability of the public service in small countries.

- Coping with pressure on health care systems in small countries - AIDS, drug abuse and domestic violence.

Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government invite tenders for the provision of services for the Liberation Day Reception to be held in the Stanley Town Hall from 11.30 am to 12.30 am on Wednesday 14 June 1995.

The successful tenderer will be expected to provide a finger buffet for 250 persons plus a beer and wine bar service, including soft drinks.

Tenders endorsed 'Liberation Day Reception' should be returned to the Chairman Tender Board to reach him on or before Thursday 23 May 1995.

The Falkland Islands Government reserves the right to reject any tender received.

The Secretariat
Stanley
1995

12 May

"The Good King's Shilling"

Continuing excerpts from the history of John Short, the progenitor of the many Shorts in the Falklands, by Catherine Short. In our first instalment, he left his birthplace of Twigworth in Gloucestershire to "take the King's Shilling" and join the army. With the King's Regiment he saw service in Britain before being shipped overseas to Nova Scotia and from thence, in 1833, to Jamaica. The Regiment disembarked at Port Augusta, Jamaica on 21st and 22nd August 1833.

ALTHOUGH the slave trade with the United Kingdom had been abolished as long ago as 1807 the use of slaves in the Colonies carried on and nowhere more determinedly than Jamaica. In 1831 rumours were rife amongst the slaves on the island that they had been granted their freedom by the King, but that that freedom was being withheld by the Planters.

The slaves accordingly announced their intention of not working after new year's Day 1832 unless it was as free people. This of course was not to be and on 28th December 1831 rebellion broke out. Much damage was done by fire and many slaves were killed or hanged after capture before peace was restored and martial law ended in February.

Agitation grew in England for the total abolition of slavery in Jamaica amidst great protest from

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Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Special Provisions) Act 1957

Depot 8th Regiment of Foot - Registry of Marriages

Application Number: PAS 064

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| Rank, Christian and Surname of the Soldier (Specifying whether Bachelor or Widower) | Private John Short |
| Christian and Surname of the Woman (Specifying whether Sister or Widow) | Sarah Aldridge |
| Place of Marriage, specifying Parish, County &c. | St Andrews, Jamaica |
| Date of Marriage | 30th July 1837 |
| Signatures of the Parties Married | (John Short) (Sarah Aldridge) |
| Signatures of Two Witnesses present at the Ceremony | (Not mentioned in Marriage Certificate) |
| Signature of the Chaplain, or Officiating Clergyman, by whom the Marriage was solemnized | William Read Offe, Minister |

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the Planters. Resolutions were introduced for the gradual abolition by providing a period of apprenticeship whereby the ex-slaves were required to work for their former masters for a given period of years - twelve for Field Labourers and seven for domestic Servants. All children born after the passing of the Act and those aged under six years at that time would be free. A loan to the Planters of £15,000,000 was proposed, to compensate them for the loss of their free labour. It was felt, however, that the Planters should not suffer exclusively the cost of emancipation, having after all only perpetuated a system once regarded as lawful by the British at home. They were therefore accorded a gift of

£20,000,000 and the period of apprenticeship shortened to six years for field Labourers and four years for House Servants. Children of six years of age were declared free. Emancipation was scheduled for 1st August 1834.

Measures were taken to ensure no violence erupted and the military force was 1,000 men higher than in previous times of war with the French. Against this background of tense anticipation the 8th Regiment arrived and it is my opinion they formed a great proportion of that extra 1,000 men.

Regimental Headquarters was at Port Augusta at 1st January 1834 removing to Spanish Town in June. During the period July to September John was detached to

Mandeville where he remained for a year, returning to Spanish Town. At the time of emancipation he may have been at either Mandeville of Spanish Town. In any event the day passed peacefully with quiet rejoicing and some festivities in Kingston and Montego Bay.

Having returned to Spanish Town in 1835 it would appear he was stationed at Port royal - this detachment moving to Up Park Camp a few miles outside Kingston on the 26th February 1836. When, on 7th march 1837 the Headquarters of the Regiment moved to stony Hill, the Light Company to which John was attached remained at Up Park Camp.

It was in march 1837 that a son, George, was born to John and on

30th July he married the child's mother, Sarah Aldridge.

At home in England, William IV died and was succeeded by his niece, Victoria.

The system of apprenticeship among the ex-slaves was open to much abuse making their lives sometimes harder than it had been in total bondage. Calls for the system to be ended and for complete freedom were increasing in Parliament and a Bill providing for this, together with the regulation of working hours etc. was put before the House, with a date set for implementation.

Meanwhile, back in Jamaica, George was baptized on 28th January 1838 and on 28th February the Headquarters of the 8th consisting of five companies embarked for Falmouth on board the "Wm. Miles". One company remained at Kingston, to which John was attached, having by now moved from Up Park Camp. This detachment left Kingston on the brig "Jane" for Luceau, arriving on 27th April 1838, where they remained for the rest of the year.

The tyranny of slavery finally ended on 1st August 1838. The day passed peacefully and with quiet rejoicing. Jamaica was the last of all slave colonies to set its slaves free.

The Regiment embarked at Jamaica for Halifax, Nova Scotia on the following dates:

12th April 1839 - 1 company at Luceau (John's)

13th April 1839 - 2 Companies at Falmouth and on the 13th also 3 Companies at Montego Bay.

Disembarkation at Halifax Nova Scotia took place on the 6th day of May from on board Her Majesty's Ships "Pique" and "Andromache" and the brig "Wanderer".

Service in the island exposed the soldiers to many health risks and thousands of men died of yellow fever. It says something for the constitution of Private John that he survived five years there, many only lasted a few weeks.

The Regiment had served in Jamaica throughout the struggles for the final abolition of slavery. Violence was expected and the military strength increased. I do not think the dates of the 8th's arrival and departure can be mere coincidence.

Up Park Camp, where John met and married Sarah and George (whom the late Archie Short could remember) was born, still exists as a training base for the modern day Jamaican army.

The return to Nova Scotia seems to have been simply a return to base as the headquarters remained at Halifax until December 1841 with no special detachments or incidents reported.

On 2nd December the Headquarters of the Regiment, consisting of

- 1 Field Officer
- 3 Captains
- 5 Subalterns

2 Staff Officers
22 Sergeants
9 Drummers and
324 Rank and file
embarked at Halifax, Nova Scotia and landed at Cork, Ireland on the 27th December. Nineteen wives of Rank and File accompanied, together with 20 male and 16 female children. Muster rolls show John on board ship from 3rd to 27th December 1841. He, Sarah and four year old George would therefore have been among these numbers.

The 2nd Division of the Regiment left Halifax on 10th December and landed at Cork on the 31st December 1841.

The Regiment left Cork at the end of April 1842 and moved to Dublin where they remained until the end of the year. While stationed in Dublin a daughter, Charlotte, was born to John and Sarah, in May 1842.

On 10th April 1843 one wing of the Regiment embarked at Dublin and arrived at Liverpool the following day. John had been away from England for 13 years. He moved on to Manchester and then to Bolton.

During 1844 Headquarters remained at Bolton, moving to Chester and Weedon, remaining there until 14th June 1845 when it and five Companies proceeded from Weedon to Portsmouth.

On 4th May 1846 the Headquarters moved from Portsmouth to Chatham. The Service Regiment became the Depot Regiment and the new Service Regiment sailed for India. In the same month a son, Richard, was born and almost immediately after the birth the family moved on to the new Depot at Chatham. With the exception of one brief period in June 1847 when H.Q. was in Canterbury, they remained in Chatham.

In April 1848, their last child, Caroline was born.

Discharged as "unfit for further duty due to Chronic Rheumatism and the effects of Climate and the Military Service".

On 25th July 1848 John was transferred to the Invalid Depot and on being examined by the Staff Surgeon, was pronounced unfit for further duty due to Chronic Rheumatism and the effects of Climate and the Military Service.

The Board of Chelsea Hospital, meeting on 12th September, approved John's discharge and his army career came to an end. He had served for 22 years 293 days in that period between Waterloo and the Crimea known as the 30 years peace. He had at one time been Acting Corporal, his character and conduct had been good, and he was in possession of four good conduct badges, with pay. He had given the greater part of his life to

the Service and with it his health, and his once fair complexion was now sallow.

He became an out-pensioner of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, with a pension of 1s.(5p) per diem (per day). What would he do now? To begin with, he went home, to Gloucestershire.

The pensioners were required to muster monthly to be paid and it must have been in this way that John heard about the Falkland Islands. A communication was received by the Gloucester District of the Royal Hospital concerned with out-pensioners, "relative to a Company being sent to the Falkland Islands".

A pamphlet was circulated entitled "Memorandum of Conditions on which it is proposed to enrol Pensioners for service in the Falkland Islands". This outlined

Part 2

the requirements needed of the man and his wife, the conditions under which they would serve and the land and livestock which would be available to those chosen to go.

This must have appeared a golden opportunity for John. Newly pensioned with a family to feed and in all likelihood no home and no regular work. Farm labourers were being exploited every bit as much by their Victorian masters as they had been by the Georgian ones John had turned his back on 23 years before.

So once again our hero signed on - to leave England again, this time for good.

MEDICAL REPORT.—[In case of Men to be Discharged as unfit for Service, the Regimental Medical Officer is to state how the nature and extent of the Disability, and whether the same has been caused by the Men's Military Service, by Climate, by Constitutional Weakness, or by Intemperance, or by the result of Intemperance in the use of Intoxicating Liquors, or other Vices. If from an Accident, or by the intervention of the natural causes, and whether on or off Duty. In Obsolete Cases, or other Disorders, provided at the time in the Regiment, or at the Station.]

This is to certify that John Short, of the 1st Regiment of Foot, has been examined and found to be suffering from Chronic Rheumatism and Syphilis, and is unfit for further service.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Regiment at Chatham, 25th August 1848.

John Short

John Short

THE DISCHARGE of the Man above mentioned is approved by the General Commander-in-Chief.

William H. Ford

DECISION OF THE CHELSEA BOARD.

John Short's medical report in 1848, in which the Principal Medical Officer designated him both 'unfit for service and likely to be permanently disqualified for further military duty'.

Final Instalment Next Week

How John Short and his family travelled to the Falklands and the conditions that they met there, when they arrived.

Diary of a farmer's cat by Baldrick Wilkinson

Happiness is a warm puppy

OKAY, okay, so I'm sorry. I should've known it was fatal to mention good weather. Inviting trouble, that was. Dropped like a stone, did the temperature, and I'm not kidding. Moss and I have declared a truce - only temporary I suspect - and now share a box at night. Happiness is a warm puppy...

The boss spotted us snuggled up together this morning, and got the Missus to come and have a look.

"Ah", they said - "Aren't they sweet. Where's the camera?"

Sheesh... Made me blush, they did; rotten lot. All right for them with their duvets and stuff. How do they expect a chap to keep warm in a draughty old porch?

The Missus is currently in a bit of a spin. Seems the plane is collecting her a day earlier than she'd expected (something to do with

the 'winter flying schedule' whatever that might be) and she - as usual - isn't organised. She's off to town to see some doctor or other, AND the dreaded dentist. Not a prospect to be relished, judging by the expression on her face. From town she's off to Fox Bay for another knitting natter, so she's got tow lots of bags to pack, not to mention the flamin' knitting machine. Don't know what she sees in all that woolly business, myself. Excuse for a holiday, I reckon.

The Boss will be glad of a week's peace and quiet. He's been busy making that path I told you about, so's the old girl can reach the Portacabin with dry feet. He finished it yesterday, so they had a bit of an opening (if that's the word) ceremony. The Missus paraded up and down the thing with a suspicious frown on her face,

while the Boss waited patiently for her verdict. Me, I'd have given him ten out of ten for effort - though not style, perhaps - but not her. Oh, dear me No...

"Wobbles" she said briefly, as she balanced somewhat inelegantly on one of the slabs.

"Wobbles?" echoed the Boss, in disbelief.

"Wobbles" repeated the Missus, never one to break news gently when she can achieve a double whammy in the solar plexus.

Gloomily the Boss tested the offending rock for himself, and it moved at least one micro-millimetre. One blink and I'd have missed it.

"Wobbles..." he agreed reluctantly, and went to fetch his trusty spade. Me, I'd have slugged her with it...

Talking of slugging - I've just

spotted something funny. Young Moss, Superpup himself, has dragged the Missus's newly-washed silk shirt off the twirly-whirly clothes line, and it's now a bedraggled heap in the mud. The Missus will see it any minute, and then look out...

In the twinkling of an eye 'you ickle diddums darling' - yukkk - will become 'you b****y little b***'. No more cuddles and treats for that little creep. I can't wait...

Cheers, chays

Baldrick

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Very large (13.5 Litres). Aluminium, Grounbase saucepan as new - £45. Reason for selling - too large tel: S Howatt 21385 (after 5pm)

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F.I. Community Library

For the duration of the forthcoming school holidays (18th-31st May inclusive), the Community Library will be closed in the mornings, but open as normal in the afternoons. Full opening hours will resume on 1st June 1995. Any inconvenience to library customers is regretted. Signed E Jaffray Librarian

Please Take Notice that with effect from 11 May 1995. Robert William Stewart and Pam Ellen Stewart wish their two sons to be known as Paul and Tristram Stewart.

Mr & Mrs Ted and Jean Clapp are still living in Cambridge not in Scotland as we mistakenly noted in a past Penguin News

PERSONAL



Severine Betts

Congratulations on your 'Student of the Year' award. Good luck with your exams in June. Lots of love Mum, Gardner, Amelia & Kelly.

Congratulations on your 'Student of the Year' award. Keep up the good work. Love Dad, Arlette, Glenys, Michelle and Sherilyn.

To Kyren

Happy 1st birthday for June 1st love Mum, Dad and Duane

To Grandad Derek Evans

Happy Birthday for June 14th

Hello Granny Hazel

love Michelle, Ray, Duane and Kyren

I would like to thank everyone who made last Monday's VEDay Dance such a success, Bernard, Jimmy & Freda for selling the tickets, Val, Ceila & Jeffrey for running the bar, the Fighting Pig Band, Liz & Jock, Norman, Patrick, Billy & Gordon and especially Air Cdre Johnson, Gp Capt Dixon, Wing Cdr Thrcapleton, Capt Pemberton and the other members of the Mount Pleasant Jazz Band, also all the FIDF who decorated the hall and manned the door.
Brian Summers

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Michelle Jones

Happy 30th
You haven't changed at all!!
Love Tina, Campbell, Sheila, Ian and Lesley

Falkland Gun Club

Paul retains the Stanley Services Shield. In the Pistol competition held on Phillips Point Range on Sunday 14th May, Paul Chapman retained the shield he won last year.

The competition, which is sponsored by Stanley Services was a combined Precision and Practical shoot.

Positions were:

Precision:
1st Graham Didlick 347.11
2nd David Peck 338.7
3rd Paul Chapman 336.3
Practical:
1st Paul Chapman 120
2nd Robin Bell 93.50
3rd Graham Didlick 92.96

Overall Champion:
1st Paul Chapman 456.3
2nd Graham Didlick 439.96
3rd David Peck 413.12

Team Results:

1st - Team D
G. Didlick 439.96
P. Charman 456.3
I. Stewart 383.50
D. Peck 413.12
Total 1692.56
2nd - Team C
B. Abbernathy 354.26
R. Bell 386.50
P. Morrison 361.02
J. Blackley 376.67
Total 1481.45

During the competition a BBQ was enjoyed by all and thanks must go to Stanley Services for their excellent sponsorship and to Mr Bob Abbernathy for presenting the prizes.

New at the



GIFT SHOP

Delightful handcrafted silver boxes, broaches, hair clasps and earrings.

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Moto Cross

This Sunday 21st May

Moto Cross with a difference will take place up the Two Sisters track starting around 11.00am. Team racing, tag racing and much more. A major prize for the winning team is always on offer. If you want a fun day out, get up there and follow the signs, the weather is always guaranteed.

Falkland Island Football League

Pools 14th May 1995 -

Seasons final

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Chelsea v Arsenal | 1 |
| Coventry v Everton | x |
| Liverpool v Blackburn | 1 |
| Man. City v QPR | 2 |
| Newcastle v Crystal Pal | 1 |
| Norwich v Aston Villa | x |
| Sheff. Wed v Ipswich | 1 |
| Southampton v Leicester | x |
| Tottenham v Leeds | x |
| West Ham v Man. United | x |
| Wimbledon v Notts. Forest | x |

Winner with 9 correct, receiving £1,127.64 was G. Tyrel, Stanley

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This seasons Pools organising committee comprising E. Cofre, A. Newman, B. Peck, T. Chater, T. Bettistake this opportunity of thanking you very much for continued support of this fund raising event. We look forward to YOU joining us again next season. The Football League are planning to have a representation team on Jersey in 1997 for the next Island Games, all thanks to YOUR help. Please retain the posters if you have one for the start of next season in August.

POSTSCRIPT

from the Baha'is

IT IS IMPORTANT to know why we believe what we believe. Why? Simply because, if our beliefs contradict science and reason, they can easily become superstition. The world has far too much superstition already.

St Paul wrote, "Prove all things, and hold fast that which is good". Ali, the son-in-law of Muhammad, said, "That which is in conformity with science is also in conformity with religion."

The Baha'i Teachings tell us, "Religion and science are the two wings upon which man's intelligence can soar into the heights, with which the human soul can

progress. It is not possible to fly with one wing alone. Should a man try to fly with the wing of religion alone he would quickly fall into the quagmire of of superstition, whilst on the other hand, with the wing of science alone he would also make no progress, but fall into the despairing slough of materialism."

This is not to say that there are no mysteries, beginning with God Himself. Baha'ullah tells us: "Immeasurably exalted is He above the strivings of human mind to grasp His Essence, or of human tongue to describe His mystery."

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News in Brief

Argos Donation

THE SHACKLETON Appeal has received another generous donation from a Falkland Island Fishing Company. This week Mr Laurie Butler sent a cheque for £1,000 to the Treasurer of the fund, Mrs Leif Pollard.

Welcoming the gift the Governor said that the gift is one which that will be doubled by the Falkland Islands Government. He hoped that other companies would follow suit and contribute to a good cause which would provide lasting benefits for the Falklands.

Bank opens to the skirl of pipes

ON Sunday night a glimpse through the plate glass windows at the front of the new bank building revealed it to be still full of workmen, step ladders and apparent chaos, but by eleven o'clock the following morning as guests began to arrive for the opening ceremony, there was no sign of any chaos and the workmen were all outside having a group photograph taken.

According to PWD's Clerk of Works, Bob Fiddes, the last workers had, in fact only departed at 10.45, but no-one would have known it as bank staff in their new livery of dark blue with a tattersall check, were beginning to show visitors proudly round their new premises.

Welcoming His Excellency the Governor and Mrs Tatham, the Commander of British Forces and other guests to the new bank, Manager Norman Black referred to it as "a joyous occasion". The project had, he said, been at the top of his personal agenda in the six

years plus that he had been in the Islands

After the Governor had cut the ribbon to open the bank and unveiled a plaque, guests were regaled by the strains of Scotland the Brave played on the bagpipes by Jamie McEachern. This was no doubt to symbolise the high Scottish content to this project, another very successful one for Aberdeen contractor, Gordon Forbes, and his team and for Scottish architects Iain Pattie and Associates.

Offshore Bunkering

STANLEY Services are in the process of determining who will provide bunkering services to the Falklands fishing fleet and other maritime users from January 1996.

The company are keen to ensure that the selection procedure will be fair and businesslike. With this in mind they have decided that the tendering panel will have an independent Chairman and are delighted that David Taylor has agreed to fill this role.

The best five bids (already selected) and interviews will be held in London between 30 May and 2 June. News of further progress will be released as it becomes available.

Thanks From Jersey

The Bailiff of Jersey sent thanks this week to the Governor and Legislative Council of the Falkland Islands in response to their messages of good wishes on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Channel Islands' liberation from Nazi rule.

We're still "in the money" says Di Tella

REPORTS from Argentina carried by the BBC and the Buenos Aires Herald since last Sunday's presidential elections indicate that Argentine Foreign Minister Dr Di Tella is still in bullish mood over the prospects of recovering the Falklands and, moreover, is still prepared to pay for the privilege.

"We have suggested that if monetary compensation is necessary or convenient or acceptable we are willing to discuss significant monetary compensation", he told journalists.

In an interview with Michael Voss for BBC news, when asked if he were prepared to put a figure on the offer, Dr Di Tella said,

"A figure of £475,000 per person, which is a lot of money. I don't know whether we will reach that money, that's before before haggling. Let's discuss the essential problems which are the humane part"



The Governor unveils a commemorative plaque at the opening of the new bank on Monday



Inside: May Ball photos and Beautiful Falklands Award winners



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AS I may have remarked before, this can be a difficult part of the year for those members of the population, who were here during the Argentine occupation of the Falklands and their subsequent re-capture by the British forces. Apart from the formal acts of remembrance, there are a thousand and one small reminders to tug at the memory, often with shocking effect and suddenness.

This week, at the museum for a presentation, I had the privilege of talking to Mr Gwyn Phillips, a Welshman, whose twenty-year old son, a Welsh Guardsman, was killed on the RFA supply ship, *Sir Galahad*, at Fitzroy, on the 8th June 1982, and I was reminded again that painful as some of our own memories of that terrible time might be, we do not have any exclusive rights to the pain and suffering of that period.

The bombing of the *Sir Galahad* and the *Sir Tristram*, while they were at anchor at Fitzroy, left a trail of recrimination and blame in its wake, as did the sinking of the Argentine cruiser *Belgrano*, a month before. In both cases, some of the bitterness comes from the fact that the lives of many young men were lost, before they had even had the chance to engage the enemy and find out how they might measure up.

Listening to Mr Phillips talk in his soft Welsh accent about his son, who had been so keen to join the army that he had signed up at age 16, I was reminded of conversations I had, after the fighting was over, with other young Welsh guardsmen, between Stanley and Ascension Island on the cross-channel ferry the *St Edmund*, which was taking them home and me on leave.

One of the unique features of the Falklands War then and, the Gulf War since, is that unlike World War II or World War I, which were doubtless more horrifying, they were both so brief that there was little or no time for anyone to become hardened to the horrors that they had to face before, for the majority on both sides, they were over. For many of the young guardsmen I listened to, as the vast expanse of the South Atlantic streamed away in the dark behind the ship's stern, the experience had been like a dip into hell.

Accepting the gift of a photograph of RFA *Sir Galahad*, from the Welsh Guards on Monday, museum curator John Smith mentioned that many Falkland Islanders, who were here in 1982, still find it difficult to enter the room where the Falklands War exhibits are on display, because they find it disturbing. I sympathise with this view, but feel that from time to time we should remind ourselves just how disturbing war, any war, is.

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Jelly Tots Club say "thanks!"

THE JELLY TOTS CLUB would like to thank everyone involved in our Fund Day on Saturday 13th May. The day was a success with over £500 being raised for Club funds.

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle, gifts for the second-hand stalls, made cakes and biscuits to sell and for all who came along to enjoy themselves and support the Jelly Tots.

Alison Barton
Secretary, Jelly Tots Club



Jelly Tots having fun!

Public Notice The Planning Ordinance 1991 Notice of Planning Applications Received

Notice is hereby given that the following applications for planning permission have been received

| | Reference Applicant | Development |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|
| 26/95/P | Mr N Rowlands | Outline application for the erection of 2-bedroomed house at 3 Hebe Street, Stanley. |
| 27/95/BP | Mr T G Spruce | Erection of domestic garge and workshop at 29 Ross Road West, Stanley. |
| 28/95/BP | LMW(BM) Ltd | Erection of two pairs of semi-detached houses and one detached house at 32-36 Eliza Crescent, Stanley. |
| 29/93/R95 | FIG | Renewal of temporary planning permission for change of use from dwelling to offices at Gilbert House, Ross Road, Stanley. |
| 30/93/R95 | FIG | Renewal of temporary planning permission for off-street car park south of Gilbert House, Ross Road, Stanley. |
| 33/93/R95 | Falklands Landholdings Ltd | Renewal of temporary planning permission for siting of Portakabin for use as store at Plot 45 Lookout Industrial Estate, Stanley. |
| 31/93/R95 | Historic Bldings Committee | Renewal of temporary planning permission for siting of Portakabin for use as store at Plot 40 Lookout Industrial Estate, Stanley. |
| 29/95/BP | FIG | Erection of porches to south side of dwellings at 6, 8, & 10 Campbell Drive, Stanley. |

These applications may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of the Secretary to the Planning and Building Committee, Secretariat, Stanley. Comments on the applications should be made in writing and should be sent to the Building Adviser - Planning Officer, Building Control Office, Ross Road, Stanley, withing 10 days of the date of this notice.

The next meeting of the Planning and Building Committee is due to be held on 1 June 1995 in the Liberation Room of the Secretariat, commencing at 1.30pm. Members of the Public may attend to observe the workings of the Committee.

Late Classifieds

PLANNING AHEAD for a special occasion? Individual wedding gowns, bridesmaids' dresses, ladies' suits and evening dresses, made to measure to your own design. Please book well in advance to allow time for ordering fabrics. Repairs and alterations to ladies'

and gents clothing and military uniforms also undertaken. Contact Fiona Didlick on tel/fax 21622

For Sale or Rent

A four-bedroomed bungalow situated at 15 Campbell Drive, Partly Furnished.

Contact Kim Peck after 6pm.

New bank a hit with staff



View of the ground floor from the main office area, looking out past the counter to the customer service area.

WHILE some customers on the opening day of the new bank seemed to wish to reserve judgement until they were sure that it would lead to an improvement in service, there was no doubting the enthusiasm of the Standard Chartered Bank staff for their new place of work.

The guided tours of the bank, which took place before the official opening on Monday morning, took on almost a Christmas morning atmosphere as staff pointed out their favourite details in a working environment which sets standards which Government and the rest of the private sector in the Falklands will find hard to follow.

Compared with the cramped working conditions of the old building, the first impression is one of

space and airiness. Working areas are well-illuminated by a combination of down-lighters and individual lamps.

In the main downstairs office area, the routing of cables through under-floor channelling allows for great flexibility in the location and arrangement of workstations.

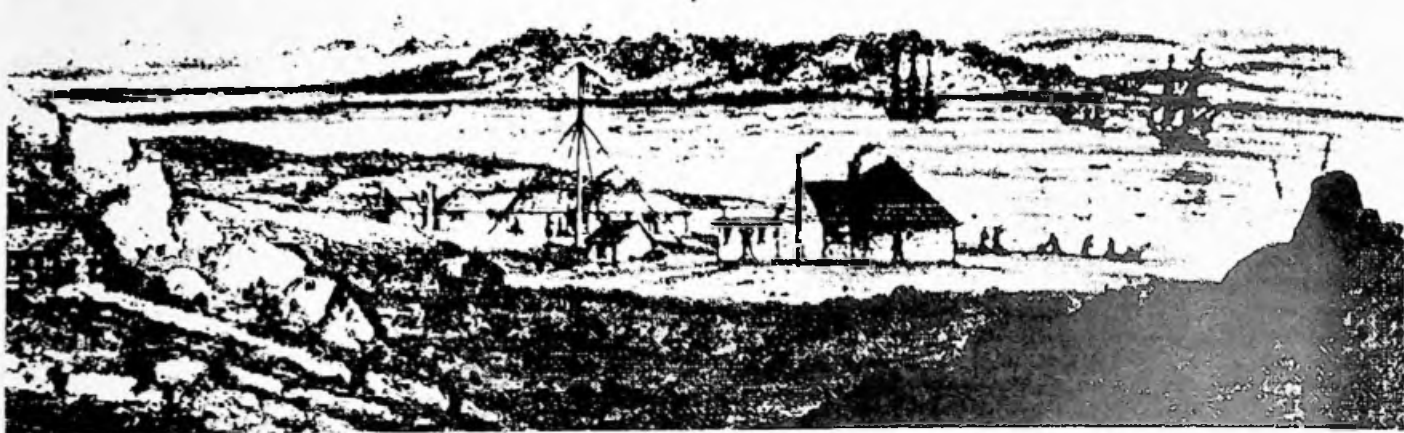
The whole building is centrally heated and air-conditioned, but individual offices of which there are several on the first floor, have their own thermostatic heating controls.

Most praise from staff, however, came for their rest room, which also doubles as a tutorial room for staff training. Its facilities include a fitted kitchen with electric hobs and a microwave oven.



Hayley Bonner models the smart new SCB livery as she shows off the staff kitchen complete with hobs and microwave.

"The Good King's Shilling" Final Part



Government House Stanley - the earliest known picture

At the end of our last excerpt from "The King's Shilling", a history of John Short by Catherine Short, we left our hero, by now pensioned off from the army, having decided to sign up as a colonist in the Falklands:

ON 20th OCTOBER 1845 Governor R. C. Moody of the Falkland Islands wrote to the British Minister in Buenos Aires regarding the possible rupture of relationships between Argentina and Britain. General Rosas, the Argentinian Dictator, was assisting an attempted coup in Uruguay and Britain and France were blockading Argentinian ports. Governor Moody suggested that a detachment of Marines, from H.M.S. Resistance at the River Plate, should be sent to the islands to guard against possible surprise attack from the mainland by Privateers under Letters of Marque from General Rosas. Apparently there was a 'Sealer and Whaler' named Smyley who owned property on the mainland and who was well acquainted with the islands through his business dealings. It was thought that, given incentive, this man would not hesitate to plan such an attack and at the least avail himself of the money in the Military Chest and deal an insult to the British Authorities. Despite the blockade there was a small unguarded port on the Rio Nero from which it would have been easy to sail to the islands.

Governor Moody also wrote to Admiral Inglefield, on station at the River Plate, but was told that because the British were expecting military action against General Rosas they would be unable to send help. The British Government later stated that they did not intend to place any Garrison in the Falkland Islands but that they would send out additional arms and cavalry accoutrements.

On 26th January 1847 Governor Moody again wrote to Lord

Stanley who had been Colonial Secretary about the defenceless state of the Colony with regard to the continuing poor state of affairs between Britain and Argentina. He suggested that about 25 men under an Officer would be sufficient, together with infantry arms to supplement the cavalry arms already sent. The arms only were received.

In September 1847 proposals were submitted for a Militia to be formed from the population of the colony. It was also noted at this time that, although Cavalry accoutrements had been sent to the Colony, no horse accoutrements had been included; saddles, bridles etc.

The Government eventually

took notice of the state of affairs in the islands and a letter dated 21st February 1849 states that it has been decided to send a small body of 25 Pensioners to colonise and form a Garrison.

Also in February 1849 a report appears from Governor Moody on the possibilities open to offer for the Pensioners going to the colony. He gives details of the type of accommodation suitable eg. the type of house 'six small houses such as are made by Manning of Holborn for £15 each and have been put up by Sportsmen on the moors in Scotland'. The contract for the houses was given to Mr Manning for the construction of 30 houses at a cost of £50 each and

for one large Barrack at a cost of £300. These were pre-fabricated buildings and were carried out on the ship with the Pensioners.

A Mr. James Reid, a Captain who had sold out of the Army and had been in Australia sheep and cattle farming, was in London and anxious to take up the offer of land in the Falklands. He was accordingly given the local rank of Captain and put in charge of the Pensioners and was granted 800 acres of land.

A ship was chartered for the voyage, a barque named 'Victory'. This is all I can find out about her. Possibly, somewhere, there are more details of the transaction but despite extensive searching nothing has come to light.

In a letter dated 7th July 1849 Captain Moody wrote that the houses would not be ready for storage until the end of July and he hoped that the vessel would sail about the 4th or 5th of August and arrive in the Falklands about the middle of October.

The Pensioners, some with wives and families, were to be given free passage to the islands. They were conveyed from their homes to Fort Tilbury, on the north side of the river Thames and from there crossed to Gravesend to embark for their journey.

Captain Moody had been succeeded as Governor of the Falkland Islands by George Rennie and on the 27th October 1849 Governor Rennie wrote to Earl Grey, the Colonial Secretary, informing him that the barque 'Victory' having on board Captain Reid and a party of 30 Pensioners, their wives and children had arrived in Port Stanley on 13th October 'all well and without casualty on the voyage'.

(We are grateful to Donald Short and Vi Felton for permission to reprint excerpts from this history and to Catherine Short for writing it.)

Government House
Stanley
Falkland Islands

27th October 1849

No. 52

My Lord

I have the honour to report to your Lordship that the Barque "Victory" having on board Captain Reid with a detachment of 30 Pensioners and their Wives and families arrived here on the 13th Instant, all well, and without casualty during the voyage.

2. I immediately gave orders for the landing of the Barracks and Houses and to commence forthwith in erecting them. This is now proceeding, and I beg to assure your Lordship that no exertion on my part shall be wanting to carry out scrupulously the spirit and intention of your Lordship and of the other Departments of Her Majesty's Government regarding these men.

I have the honour to be
Your Lordships
most obedient
humble Servant
GEORGE RENNIE
Governor

Welsh Guards fill the gap at museum

THE Stanley Museum prides itself on the breadth as well as the depth of coverage it gives to all aspects of Falklands history, so Curator John Smith was rather surprised some months ago to have it pointed out to him by a visitor that there was a "gap" in the Museum's otherwise excellent coverage of the 1982 Conflict.

The visitor in question was a member of the Welsh Guards and the 'gap' that he had observed was that apart from a single maker's plaque from a life-boat, there were no exhibits dealing with the tragic events of June 8th 1982, when the RFA supply ships, Sir Galahad and Sir Tristram were bombed by the Argentine Airforce, at Fitzroy, where they were at anchor, leaving many men dead and many more very badly wounded. The unit which bore the worst brunt of this attack was 1st Battalion Welsh Guards.

On Tuesday 16th May, representatives of the Welsh Guards



Curator John Smith receives the picture from Major D.R. Evans (r) while RSM Harford, Joan Spruce and Mr Phillips look on.

visited Stanley to present a specially commissioned commemorative photograph of RFA Sir Galahad to the Museum. Incorporated in the presentation with the photograph of the ship, is the Roll of Honour of those members of the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, the

706: Timmy's lucky number

THE 10th BIRTHDAY of the Tristar Airbridge between UK and the Falkland Islands was celebrated in style at MPA last Friday, 12 May 1995. A reception was held in the Air Terminal at which His Excellency the Governor, Mr David Tatham, drew the winning ticket in a prize draw arranged by the staff of 216 Sqn, which operates the RAF's Tristar fleet. In an amazing coincidence the winning number in the draw was 706 - the tail number of the Tristar which arrived at MPA last Friday. The winning number was relayed immediately to RAF Brize Norton where a celebration dinner was in progress. The winner of the draw was Flt. Lt. Lewrie of 10 Squadron, from RAF Brize Norton. The total amount of money raised in the draw was not available at the time of going to press, but it is hoped to be in the region of £3000 - £5000.

Air Commodore Johnson, speaking at the reception, said that "It is the airbridge maintained by the Tristar service, which has brought us all together today. It is the same service which sustains us and will eventually part us. Except for a short break during the gulf war, the Tristar has performed the service continually since this day 10 years ago. The aim of today's function is to celebrate the tenth birthday of the airbridge, and to reaffirm the significance of this vital umbilical cord not just to the military garrison, but also for the many islanders, visitors and commercial enterprises that use our service. The Tristar is a unique aircraft for the RAF. The

first six aircraft were bought by the RAF in 1983 but were initially operated by British Airways crews while our intrepid young service aircrew spent time learning to fly them at Lockheed in California. The original plan for the Tristars was to use them for air-to-air refuelling, primarily replacing the aged fleet of victor aircraft. However, it didn't take us long to realise that we should exploit the full potential of the aircraft and also use it for the strategic movement of passengers and cargo.

"With the advent of the Tristar airbridge schedule to the Falkland Islands, the RAF was, for the first and so far the only time, able to offer a fare paying passenger service to civilian personnel wishing to move to and from the islands. We now transport some 26,000 passengers and 1200 tons of freight and mail per year and are justifiably proud of our achievements. We are, however, always looking to improve the standard of the airbridge. For example, in-flight entertainment systems have recently been purchased, specifically for the Tristar service to and from the Falklands and there are plans for the improvement of passenger facilities here in the air terminal. The fact that the RAF controls the fastest route to the South Atlantic has not gone unnoticed by big business either; DHL, the worldwide express courier company, has recently agreed terms for the use of the airbridge. Thus the RAF is making yet another contribution to Falkland Island life, one which will be of particular benefit to the government and local businesses.

2nd Battalion Scots Guards, C Squadron 22nd SAS Regiment and associated personnel, who died aboard her.

With the Welsh Guards's group at the museum was Mr Gwyn Phillips, father of Guardsman E.J. Phillips, who was one of the young men killed on Sir Galahad.

Having been prevented by illness and family circumstances from visiting the Falklands previously, Mr Phillips said that he was glad to have finally made the trip. On Monday, he had overflowed the spot where the Galahad now lies and while it had clearly been a painful experience, he said he was glad to have been there.

Mr Phillips said that his son, who was 20 when he died, had announced that he was going to join the Welsh Guards, when he was only sixteen. While his death had been a tremendous blow, it was somehow made worse by the fact that like the majority of those who died on Sir Galahad, he was killed before he had had a chance to fight and show what he could do.

The yellow bus road

FROM JUNE 1 onwards a trial shuttle service will begin in Stanley. For £1 a trip or 25p if it's an extra short journey, Stanley residents can hop on Jock Sutherland's yellow bus which will start from Squid Row at 7.30 am. The route will be to travel from each end of Stanley, alternatively, to the West Store, picking up people on the way. You'll only have to put out your hand! If preferred you can be dropped right on your doorstep.

Jock's bus (a High-rise Dormobile Bedford) seats 14 people with standing room. It will be equipped with chains for snowy days and he has liability insurance for anyone stepping on and off the bus, which, Jock hopes, will become a permanent feature of Stanley's public transport.

The trial period will last about

MICHAEL Hirtle pleaded guilty to being incapable through drunkenness when he appeared in the Senior Magistrates Court on Wednesday.

The Court was told that on the 20th of April at 2100 hours the Police received a report from Kevin Connolly that someone was causing a disturbance outside his public house premises, Deanos Bar, on John Street, in Stanley. When Police Officers arrived at the scene a person was seen lying on the ground and once helped to his feet was identified as Mr Hirtle who strongly smelt of alcohol, he was taken to the police station and kept in custody until he was sober. Mr Hirtle has 9 previous convictions which were relevant to this case.

Mr Hirtle was fined £30 plus £35 prosecuting costs.

Rosemary King pleaded guilty by letter for a speeding offence. The court fined Mrs King £75 plus £25 prosecuting costs.

Police News

THE ROYAL Falkland Police report that on May 5 during early evening a call was received that an intruder had been found on the premises of Stanley Hostel. A male person was detained by the police and is now assisting the police with their enquiries.

On May 7 and May 10 respectively a car stereo was stolen from a car and 2 aerials were removed from Government Vehicles.

On May 13 at approximately 2314hrs the Police had to attend Philomel Street where persons unknown had removed a log from the Fortuna Car Park and placed it across the road. Leo Mitchell removed the log from the road before it caused a serious accident said a Police Spokesman.

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May Ball
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From Model to Queen for Ingrid



May Princess, Tanya Jaffray gets a kiss from the Governor

THE 1995 MAY BALL lived up to its long tradition of being an undeniable success. For those who dared not venture onto the crowded dance floor, the sight of the many elegantly gowned girls would have more than made up for the fear of being trampled underfoot.

In the hours leading up to the selection of twelve finalists and Prince Charming, the voters were given plenty of opportunity to choose their favourites as the girls were whisked around the hall by a host of eager partners. Despite the obvious effort and enjoyment put into their appearance by the younger ladies, it would have been difficult for them not to feel self-conscious considering the amount of 'bets' being loudly placed (no money involved I presume) on who was 'my pick for May Queen'. The attention however was richly deserved.

The twelve finalists were eventually chosen, those being, Melissa McKinley, Tanya Jaffray, Jennifer



Ingrid Newman receives the May Queen's bouquet from the Governor

McKay, Ingrid Newman, Jenna Adams, Jenny Plumb, Lyn Roberts, Tamara Lang, Annette Curtis, Deena Jones, Tanya Lee and Angelene Sanchez.

As an aid to our photos for those

who couldn't attend the ball the following colours were worn by the finalists. Lyn, Jenny (Plumb) and Annette wore white; Jennifer wore dusky pink whilst Jenna and Angelene wore differing shades of

peach. Deena's dress was in wine and Melissa's burgundy. Tamara wore blue/green and Tanya (Lee) wore red and black. It was nice to see the pleasure on the girls' faces when they were called, but did I see the latter Tanya trying to sneak away when her name was called??

The judges having observed the girls on the dance floor with their hand-picked partners made two popular choices; that of Tanya Jaffray for May Princess and Ingrid Newman for May Queen. Tanya wore a dark green dress which perfectly complemented her red hair. Ingrid looked elegant in a white satin dress with a powder blue bodice.

Following this the choice of Prince Charming and Runner Up was made by popular vote.

Jan Clark was this year's ladies choice with Alan Bonner as Runner Up.

As tradition dictates they led the May Princess and May Queen from the stage.



The Finalists line up



Lyn, Tanya and Jenna



Melissa and Ben



Jenna Adams



Jenny and proud Dad



March of the Mods - Some dances never die!



Deena Jones



Angelene Sanchez



Jenny Plumb, wanting to be certain everything is in the right place



Ron and Tamara

Junior School Swimming Gala and Water Sports 1995



Students line up for a Novelty Event



Philip Cant in the back stroke

School Boy Champion:
Evan Jones
School Girl Champion:
Tanzi Jacobsen



School Girl champion Tanzi Jacobsen



Cara Ford waits for the start of the Year 6 Novelty Event

RESULTS

Individual Events

Year 3 mixed

1 width

1st Shaun Moffat
2nd Michael Clifton
3rd Samantha Brownlee

Year 4 mixed

1 width

1st Aaran Irwin
2nd John Short
3rd Shaun Newman

Year 4 - girls

Front Crawl

1st C. Jacobsen
2nd S. Davies
3rd J. Robson

Breast Stroke

1st S. Davies
2nd K. Teggart
3rd A. Harding Price

Backstroke

1st C. Jacobsen
2nd K. Teggart
3rd A. Harding Price
Year Champions
1st - Cathy Jacobsen, 2nd - Samantha Davis, 3rd - Katie Teggart

Year 5 - girls

Front Crawl

1st K. Rozee



Samantha Davies leads in the Ball and Spoon novelty event

2nd K. Steen
3rd T. Jaffray

Breast Stroke

1st S. Carey
2nd K. Steen
3rd K. Rozee

Back Stroke

1st S. Carey
2nd D. Triggs
3rd K. Steen

Year Champions

1st - Sarah Carey, 2nd - Kim Steen, 3rd - Karen Rozee

Year 5 - boys

Front Crawl

1st R. McKay
2nd G. Hall
3rd T. Poole

Breast Stroke

1st G. Hall
2nd R. Hawkesworth
3rd R. McKay

Back Stroke

1st P. Cant
2nd G. Hall
3rd T. Poole/R. Hawkesworth

Year Champions

1st - Greg Hall, 2nd - Roy McKay, 3rd - Philip Cant

Year 6 - girls

Front Crawl

1st T. Jacobsen
2nd C. Ross
3rd C. Ford

Breast Stroke

1st C. Ford
2nd T. Jacobsen
3rd C. Ross

Back Stroke

1st T. Jacobsen
2nd C. Ross
3rd C. Ford

2L Freestyle

1st T. Jacobsen
2nd C. Ford
3rd C. Ross

Year Champions

1st - Tanzi Jacobsen, 2nd - Cara Ford, 3rd - Crystal Ross

Year 6 - boys

Front Crawl

1st E. Jones
2nd A. Ceballos
3rd M. Harding Price

Breast Stroke

1st E. Jones
2nd M. Harding Price
3rd E. Neilson

Back Stroke

1st M. Harding Price/E. Jones
2nd
3rd A. Ceballos

2L Freestyle

1st E. Jones
2nd A. Ceballos
3rd M. Harding Price

Year Champions

1st - Evan Jones, 2nd - Mathew Harding, 3rd - Alastair Ceballos

AS I SEE IT by Gail Steen

Executive - type housekeeping ?

I DO ADMIRE the young people of these islands and their self confidence. Whoever cast doubt on the amount spent on education and the Community School, must realise it was money well spent. I was further reassured about the continuing emergence of a 'woman's voice' in the Falklands when I read about the debate held in the FICS recently. I had no problem identifying with Melissa McKinley's question, 'What is fulfilling about washing dirty socks?' Having washed enough socks to step my way around the world, it's a very sobering thought. Whose socks are they anyway? And why the hell am I washing them?

Mind you given the choice I would rather wash socks than wash the land rover, and let's be honest, it's not really that arduous. How long does it take to stuff smellies into the washing machine? Surely any housekeeper worth their socks, and with a little judicious planning can have it all.

Unfortunately, females, when spotted in groups of more than three, are labelled by avid 'bird' watchers as 'gossips' or of having a 'mothers meeting' where presumably much discussion is going on as to the additives in baby feeding formula. Or, if they are below a certain age, are perceived to be comparing the length of their nails or some other part of the human anatomy. While executive types, who meet in groups, whether male or enlightened female, are bound to be discussing the meaning of life, and of course they have 'Committee Meetings' where serious discussion takes place and important decisions are made. Isn't it easy to fall into the gender trap or to stereotype?

The roles we take on are all about circumstances, practicalities, and most importantly choice. For some of us fulfilment is a bonus. What we sometimes ignore is that it's a lot more than roles, and what we would prefer to do if it was an ideal world. The mundane inevitably creeps in, like money, habit, and ability, not forgetting the good old biological urge.

Mark Pollard certainly had a good point when he likened running a house to running a country. The lofty carryings on of Governments are a lot closer to the less well recognised housekeeping skills than most will admit. On reflection I think it should be a prerequisite for all applicants for any 'running the country' job, to have achieved at least one year of basic housekeeping skills!

Then again maybe some form of exam would need to be set, let's face it, not all housekeepers actually keep house. I bet we all know someone who lives in a tip and fondly refers to their clutter and mess as, 'Expressing myself.' I've even heard it said, 'I couldn't stay in looking at four walls all day', which leads one to think that office/shop/bank walls etc., offer much more for the creative mind. The point being there is more to life than 'housekeeping' or the often, only recognised alternative 'going out to work'.

Would basic housekeeping skills enhance executive abilities? Take for instance 'Capital Projects'. All very nice on the cash flow charts, with spreadsheets of such excellence to make a computer weep.

But what about when these plans spread their wings and alight among the 'workers', when they leave the paternal nurturing of the executive minds that hatched them? Do they still get the loving care enabling them to reach maturity? What if the project takes a lot longer than first anticipated and requires more 'workers' than the 'hive' can supply? What if a very ambitious project degenerates into a poor substitute?

I too would like to carry out 'capital projects', like a new roof, house extension, and a new vehicle all in one year, but after juggling the coins in the family vault, and assessing person hour resources, I know full well only one of those projects is likely to happen in any one year. Therefore no one in this house will be disappointed by unfulfilled promises.

Of course we all know it's a mixture of income, expenditure and capability - but sometimes our makers and breakers of capital projects do not seem to have grasped the same basic reality that housekeepers have been aware of for aeons. So maybe executives would benefit, what do you think?

Similarly have you noticed how in the business world basic skills are given appropriate names, and staff attend various management courses aimed to bring out their potential. But - notice the smirk and raised eyebrow if a housekeeper describes themselves as being in an administrative position! Double standards? Possibly.

I wonder what will get the chop this year?

Already I have heard of eyes being cast dolefully at the tighter fitting belts of yesteryear and of well thumbed copies of Rosemary Conley's Hip and Thigh, or is it Cut and Trim, diet book being unearthed from mountainous 'in' trays and put in conspicuous positions on certain desks. No doubt causing the pessimists among us worry and stress.

That's another thing, if a woman, who happens to be a

housekeeper gets just plain frazzled, some unkind soul will mutter, 'It's that time of the month.' While if an executive type gets a bit het up about the budget not balancing, or machinery breaking down, they get sent on a 'Stress Management' course.

Whatever did we do in those 'good old days' we all talk about with such affection? We certainly never resorted to sitting around, trying hard not to fall asleep, being told how to manage our time, plan and carry out tasks or how to deal with stress (I don't think stress was so popular in those days).

Did we murder each other more frequently or commit suicide at an alarming rate?

No doubt some analysis will be done into that aspect - just to prove to any doubting Thomas that, yes, we too are part of the 20th century, and of course we have stress and of course we need to know how to deal with it, and, yes, maybe we could be suffering Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome these thirteen years after the conflict - aha - and yes, maybe we could claim some astronomical sum to enable us to come to terms with it!!

However, getting back to such skills as sock washing, the thought occurs that sometimes when the hands are occupied with some mundane task the mind is free to roam the innerspace, reaching into the unknown, hatching plans and solving problems. And while your mind is winging along the unfathomable depths of deep thought, even if it is only concocting some culinary delight to feed the poor ol' darlin' who's been slaving over a wheezing computer all day, the answer to some monumental question will reveal itself. Wasn't it Archimedes who made some very fluid discovery contemplating his navel while in the supine position in the tub?

The thoughts of Chief Executive Andrew Gurr in his paper 'The Future of FLH' must indeed have been hatched while engaged in

some mundane task or maybe while pain some dreary environment. The flights of fancy anyway. Nevertheless it's a good paper and I enjoyed the ride and the glimpse he allowed us to see of his 'inner space', also I appreciated what he was trying to convey.

My thoughts can just as easily take a trip towards another kind of future, where the short term officer or contractor have a vision of their enhanced bank balance and where the quintessential Falkland Islander disappears into history and the future community is content to live off oil money, happy in their superficial world of TV, Internet and mail order. Placidly importing every life essential.

Vision is not a new concept for Falkland Islanders or anyone else. It has always been here. The first settlers had it, many of whom, because of HMG and FIG myopia moved their families to areas in Patagonia, when they realised their dreams would die in the Falklands. Present day islanders have a vision. Likewise new immigrants, who visualise a better way of life than the one they left behind in countries over run with crime, and lacking opportunity.

This vision is in those who are, to a certain extent, powerless to make it reality. If FIG now have the vision and consider they must firmly control it, are they good guardians of it and can they make it reality?

If the Chief Executive is indeed the long awaited Gurr-u come to lead us into a brighter future, the water pleasantly stippled with the rainbow colour of oil, when he leaves, as they all invariably do, will subsequent saviours, imported and home grown, distort the vision like in a house of mirrors?

Will we still stumble through the corridors of chance, taking our deal of the cards, our roll of the dice, with that characteristic shrug, indigenous of true Falkland Islanders - the one remaining trait of days gone by?

Volunteers from the Falklands 1939 - 45

On May 12th, we published a list compiled by Mary Hirtle and her husband, the late Wallace Hirtle, of all those persons who left the Falklands between 1939 and 1945 with the purpose of serving in H.M. Forces. Since then, in response to information received, Mary has been able to make the following additions:

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| Served Overseas: | F.J. Biggs | MN |
| | J. Smith | MN |
| | F. Short | MN |
| | J. Goodwin | MN |

(Mary would like to hear from anyone who feels that there are still omissions from this list.)



Beautiful Falklands Awards 1995

Best Maintained Large Camp Settlement: Johnson's Harbour
 THE WINNERS of the F.I.T.B's Beautiful Falklands Awards for 1995 were announced on Monday night at a prize-giving ceremony at the Malvina House Hotel. HE the Governor, Mr David Tatham presented the awards as follows:

Best Maintained Large Camp Settlement: Johnson's Harbour

Best Maintained Small Camp Settlement: Harps Farm

Preservation or Restoration of a Building or Site of Historical Interest: Darwin Corral

Best Maintained Business Premises: Leif's Deli

Best Maintained Private Home and Garden: Les and Jill Harris

Most Attractive New Building in a Traditional Falklands Style: Cable and Wireless PLC

Most attractive Conversion of a Temporary Unit: Christopher and Sara Ford

Best Landscaping Project: Ron and Sue Buckett

Special Contribution to the man-made Beauty of the Falklands: West Falkland Rural Road

Most Dramatic Transformation: Cartmell Cottage

(In addition to commemorative plaques, engraved by Fred Clark, there were two cash awards: £50 from FIC for the best maintained private house and £100 from the FITB for the Most Dramatic Transformation).

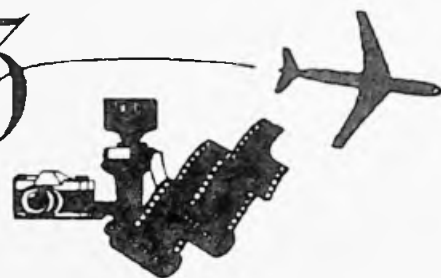


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Netball News

Report by Sarah Dixon

ON SUNDAY 14th and Tuesday 16th May the Men's Basketball Club offered a netball double challenge to the Ladies of Stanley Netball Club.

Undaunted by the sensational shooting skills of Noel Igau and Dustin Clarke, the clever court play of Gabriel Ceballos, Rodrigo Cordeiro and James Wallace or the octopus outreaches of Doug Clark and Colin Buckland in defence, the teamwork, and precision of the Netball Club netted them a 6-4 victory in the first encounter and a 12-12 draw in the second.

Basketball Team - N Igau, D Clarke, G Ceballos, R Cordeiro, J Wallace, D Clark and C Buckland.

Netball Team - (Sun) N Luxton, R Didlick, D McPhee, M Jones, L Elliot, T Hirtle, S Dixon (Tues) D McPhee, R Didlick, M Jones, T Porter, T Halmshaw, T Hirtle, N Loftus

Over the next few weeks the Netball Club have practice games and training arranged. Any new members are welcome to attend. They are also looking for another team to challenge them to a game of netball on 13th June 6-8pm. The first Netball League competition of 1995 ended in victory for Team B (T Porter, M King, M Jones, M Summers, L Elliot, n Luxton, A Luxton, D McPhee, T Jaffray, M Hanlon and A Bonner).

Their fine shooters scored a total of 301 goals in 22 games and a total of 42 points. Team C were second with 36 points, narrowly beating Team A on 34 points. The next league competition will be for the Challenge Shield. This is a 12 week competition, starting on 20th June. Any players (civilian or military) wishing to take part please sign the list on the club noticeboard or contact Sarah Dixon. Tel 27291 (w) 21947 (H) or any other committee member, by 10/6/95.

Public Notice

Applications are invited from persons interested in filling a post in the Computer Section of the Falkland Islands Government.

Applicants must have some technical computer experience, have good GCSE passes in English, Maths and Physics and hold a current driving licence.

The successful applicant will be required to assist the Computer Co-ordinator in the repair and maintenance of computers and related equipment, provide advice to user departments, assist in the development and application of software packages and install equipment.

Salary will range from £10,908 to £15,204 per annum in grade G3/4 entry point being dependent on qualifications and relevant experience.

Further details can be obtained from the Computer Co-ordinator, Mr Mike Peake, on telephone 27107 or the Senior Assistant Secretary, Mrs Kathleen Clarke at the Secretariat during normal working hours. Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Chairman, appointments Board Secretariat by 4.30pm on Friday 9th June 1995.

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Public Notice

The Fisheries Department has vacancies for two Temporary Fisheries Observers commencing on 1st August 1995.

Scientific Observers are responsible for the collection of biological data from a range of commercially important species during the fishing season. Observers can expect to spend periods of between 3 to 4 weeks on board vessels of the fishing fleet, sampling and analysing catches at sea. Once ashore this information is processed and presented in report form.

Ideally candidates should possess a degree in Biology or a related subject and have experience of sampling techniques, basic computing and statistics. Candidates with an interest and aptitude for biological field work will also be considered.

Salary ranges from £9,228 per annum in grade G2 to £15,204 per annum in grade G4, the starting salary being dependent upon age, qualifications and experience. In addition a Sea Going Allowance of £21.20 will be paid for each day spent at sea.

Further details of these positions are available from Dr Conor Nolan at the Fisheries Department.

Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Establishments Secretary, Secretariat no later than 4.30pm on Friday 26th May 1995.

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POSTSCRIPT from the Tabernacle

Who Cares..?

Having hard times? Feeling lost, lonely, neglected, overworked, worn out, hard done-by? Wondering if anyone really cares?

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11 v28)

Jesus can say, "Come to Me", because he first came to us. Although he was and is God, he came to earth as a man and identified with us in our separation from God. He came to reconcile us with God and open the way back for us by dying on the cross for us. But that was not the end...

He rose again! He is alive today! He is ready to receive all who will come to him. He wants to cleanse us and make us new within and then come to be with us, deep in our inner being. His words are as true today as the moment he spoke them. He said, "Come to Me". Don't stay away.

He cares.
Jesus cares.

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Stanley child's £43000 damages award

£43,000 DAMAGES, believed to be a record for the Falklands, were awarded to a Stanley child last Monday in the Supreme Court.

Proceedings brought by Mr Vernon Steen on behalf of his great nephew, against Mr Andrew Ronald Anderson and Mr Lesley George Clingham were successful on May 23, when damages in the region of £43000 were awarded. The original proceedings had also included a claim against the Government, however they had not been found liable, and proceedings against them were stopped.

Mr Steen initiated proceedings after his niece Kerena MacDonald died in a vehicle accident on the MPA Road. The vehicle had been borrowed from Andrew Anderson and driven by Kerena's step-father, Lesley Clingham. Kerena had one son Christopher who was five years old at the time of his mother's death and it was on his behalf that Mr Steen had brought the action, claiming negligence on the part of the defendants.

The loss suffered by Christopher was described as being the loss of his mother's financial support and the loss of her care. Mr Steen claimed Christopher to be a bright child and hoped that eventually he might attend college and possibly University, when funds would need to be available.

For the loss of his mother's financial support, damages of £30,732 were awarded and for the loss of her care, damages of £12,000 were awarded. £525.35 special damages were also awarded.

It is likely that after an application to the court the funds will be administered by a group of trustees.

The Attorney General thought it unlikely that the results of the proceedings would have any implications for other pending cases.



20% off weekend IDD calls in June as C&W begins tariff test period

THE FIRST of three special offers on telephone tariffs begins at midnight on Friday as Cable and Wireless start a three month long tariffs and test marketing exercise.

This investigation into the restructuring of the international tariff began in late February this year with the visit to the Falklands of two senior Cable and Wireless managers, in response to approaches made earlier by the Falkland Islands Government.

The first special offer will take the form of a 20% reduction in charges for international (IDD) calls placed between midnight Friday and midnight Sunday, each weekend during the month of June. UK calls, for example, would reduce from £1.50 to £1.20 per minute. Calls placed to ships and land terminals via the INMARSAT system would only receive the same per minute cost reduction offered to normal rest of the world calls, ie, 36p per minute.

Details of the second and third special offers which will run in July and August will be available later, according to a press release by C&W on Tuesday, which advised:

P.C. Mark gets his man

THE Falklands Police released details on Tuesday of an incident at Becks Farm on 23rd May, when Mr Keith Cottenden, a military policeman, received gun shot wounds to the right foot.

It would appear that Mr Cottenden was accidentally shot, when a gun carried by his companion, P.C. Mark Hoy, went off, when the two men lost their

"The question of tariff restructuring is quite complex and needs to strike a careful balance between the expectations of the customer with the constraints of the business. It would be all too easy to make a disastrous decision. Before a new tariff structure can be introduced it is essential to gain a better understanding of the dynamics of the market so that the impact on the business can be accurately understood."

The special offers, combined with new software to analyse billing, will enable Cable and Wireless "not only to gauge the flexibility of demand, but also to estimate the likely change in customer calling patterns." Based on this information, Cable and Wireless will then be able to "make appropriate adjustments to the tariff structure."

As C&W Engineering Manager, Mike Harris, explained, this involved, amongst other things, taking a helicopter ride to Byron Heights and the top of Mount Alice to alter the software on the cardphones there! During these short trial periods, it would not be possible to modify the very few public coin-operated phones.

footing and slid down a bank.

Just before this incident, the unfortunate Mr Cottenden had reloaded Mark's gun with his own cartridges.

Mr Cottenden's damaged foot has received extensive treatment at KEMH in Stanley, including surgery to repair bone damage. It is hoped that in time he will make a full recovery.

THE FIDF Guard of Honour await the arrival of HE the Governor Mr David Tatham at the opening of the 1995/6 session of Legislative Council on Saturday morning. Extracts from the Governor's opening address to Council may be found on page 11.

The Hon. Financial Secretary's budget proposals are on page 6.

Other items, including councillors' questions from a busy week of meetings will be covered in our next issue.

Council consider Aerovias DAP 146 proposals

FOLLOWING the recent visit to the Falklands of Andrej Pivsevic, Managing Director of Aerovias DAP and Brian Lenaghan, British Airways Chilean Representative, councillors will be asked in Select Committee today (Tuesday) to consider a series of potential options for FIG assistance in a project to provide a twice-weekly service between Stanley and Santiago, using a leased British Aerospace 146, which would link up with the British Airways service between Santiago and Heathrow.

Goodbye to FIDC not F.I.

CONFIRMING on Tuesday that he was about to resign from the Falkland Islands Development Corporation, General Manager Mike Summers said that apart from remaining in the Islands, he had no firm plans for the future.

There was no single reason for making the decision to leave the organisation, which he took over on 28th January 1989, said Mike. It was rather a combination of reasons, which he hoped to have an opportunity to make clear after he had written his formal letter of resignation to the Governor sometime this week.

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I DON'T SUPPOSE that I can sue the BBC or whoever makes the television programme *How do they do that?*, but I am convinced that they have pinched an idea I had for a *Penguin News* feature and re-packaged it for TV.

For those of you, who have not seen the programme, either because you have no television or, alternatively, no children, who insist on watching it every week, *How do they do that?* sets out to explain for its viewers how so many of the apparently impossible things that they see happening on TV, are really quite simple and could be attempted by anyone with average co-ordination, a bit of common sense and, in some cases, a few million pounds to spare. Recent programmes have covered map-making, circular breathing (of interest to saxophonists and trumpet players mainly), key-hole surgery, painless car crashing, mime and juggling, in all of which I am now, theoretically at least, an expert.

My idea didn't have quite the same title, it's true, nor was it going to require the services of Desmond Lynam or his miniscule female assistant. (I would, in any case never dare to treat my assistants like he does, and rumours that any of them are miniscule are, of course, quite unfounded)

How do they do that? starts with the idea that things look very difficult and then explains how easy they really are. My planned series of feature articles, provisionally, entitled *What on earth do they do?* would have taken a different tack and attempted to demonstrate to a disbelieving public that those people in this society, who in the general view get paid vast amounts of money for doing very little, do, in fact possess special qualities and face peculiar difficulties at work for which they are rightly compensated either in cash or other benefits denied the rest of us, such as yearly leaves and "club-class" travel.

The reason that it has taken so long to get this idea of the ground is the sheer size of the job. The most rudimentary research carried out in pubs, clubs and the West Store revealed that almost everyone has someone in mind, whom they feel is over-paid and whose job they could do better. It was clearly always going to be difficult to produce a list of manageable size, though the problem has been somewhat eased by the resignation of at least one of the most popular choices.

ONE PERSON, who doesn't seem to appreciate what a doddle of a job he has is Sir Alan Waters, sometime economic advisor to Prime Minister Thatcher and credited by the Argentines with having invented the notion of paying the Falkland Islanders for agreeing to a change of sovereignty. Presumably he is accountable in some measure to the American University where he teaches, but beyond that he seems to be free to wander the world "spouting off" wherever he likes about whatever he likes and, no doubt getting well-paid for doing so. In such circumstances one would expect that he would at least attempt to repay his hosts by being entertaining and appearing in touch with developments. In Buenos Aires last week it seems he was neither. Not only did he trot out his original idea from 1982 as if it was newly-minted, but seemingly he was unaware that the cash value of the bribe has since been considerably talked-up by the Argentines themselves from the denisory \$100,000 per head he was suggesting to a figure nearer half a million pounds. If I were in his shoes, I'm sure I could have done better.....

YOUR LETTERS

Write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

Thanks to Golf Club from FIASG

I SHOULD like, through your columns, to express the thanks of the Falkland Islands' Asthma support Group for the very generous donation of £34 made by the Stanley Golf Club members and visiting team from HMS Leeds Castle during their match on Sunday 21 May.

Such help is always appreciated and will be put to good use locally and into research on the

disease internationally.

At our next meeting, scheduled for June 13, the Hospital Physiotherapist Clare Ovey will be talking about treatment in her field that can be given to asthmatics - members and their supporters are invited to attend what will be a very interesting discussion.

Graham France
Chairman - FIASG

Getting a lift from CAPED



What the new CAPED bus will look like.



The wheelchair chair lift

FROM John Teggart come these photographs of the new welfare bus for the Falklands, purchased by CAPED funds.

Based on a DAF van, the fully converted bus has a high roof for maximum head-room, a side sliding door and at the rear, as illustrated, a wheelchair lift.

Included in the extras purchased by CAPED were power steering, a folding stretcher, a wheelchair, 2 metre sets and two removable double seats. The whole package cost £20,070, of which the CAPED Foundation raised £11,570.

RAF Medivac to Montevideo

report by Sqn Ldr Ogg

ON THE 17th of May at 1000 hrs local the Theatre Operations Centre Watchkeeper at HQ BFFI received a call from Squadron Leader Neil Ross, the Senior Medical Officer at MPA, requesting an aeromedical evacuation for a Ms Howell, a teacher at the primary school in Stanley.

Authority for the aeromedical evacuation was requested from and granted by the Commander British Forces, Air Commodore Peter

Johnson. At 1017 hrs a Sea King helicopter from 78 Sqn captained by Flt Lt Steve Hodgson was launched and Ms Howells was transferred from KEMH to MPA where a Hercules C130K aircraft of 1312 Flt was ready and waiting for the onward trip to Montevideo in Uruguay.

The Hercules departed MPA at 1237 hrs carrying Ms Howells accompanied by the aeromed team, lead by the Neil Ross. The British

Embassy in Montevideo had been contacted by the Duty Watchkeeper in the Theatre Operations Centre and arrangements were made for the C130K to be met by an ambulance which would take Ms Howell to the Britannia Hospital.

On arrival in Montevideo, Ms Howells underwent a medical examination with the SMO in attendance. She was flown back to MPA the following day, May 18.

Officers bedpush

MEMBERS of the MPA Officers' Mess staff pushed a bed round the MPA last Saturday to raise money for CAPED.

The bedpush was the idea of Cpl Peter Mandley and SAC Sarah Brown, along with ten willing helpers, all dressed in Hospital Operating Theatre Gowns, they pushed the hospital bed to lots of sections on MPA before returning to the accommodation complex to collect money from Servicemen and women as they went into the various messes to have lunch.

Kevin wins building excellence trophy



LOCAL MAN Kevin Hewitt studying at Eastleigh College, who last year won The Richard Robinson Trophy for obtaining two distinctions and one credit in the City and Guilds of London Advanced Craft Certificate as part of his first year results, found success again this year. This time Kevin received the Hall and Tawse Trophy for excellence in the National Certificate for Building Studies.

The trophy was presented to

him by Sir Clifford Chetwood, Chairman of the Construction Industry Training Board.

Kevin works for the PWD and finishes his course in June. He hopes to come back to the Falklands for six months before continuing on to University.

Mr Manfred Keenlyside commented that having completed a degree in building construction Kevin may for example take over from somebody such as Mr Graham France.

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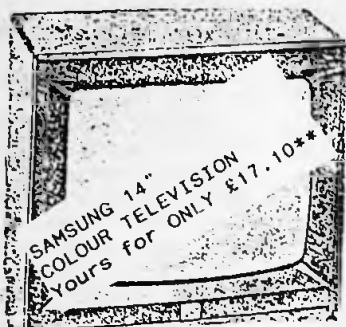
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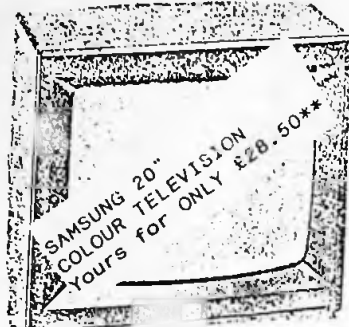
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New faces in town:

Just arrived: Emma Dilnutt, Health Visitor

EMMA DILNUTT arrived in the Falklands on May 2nd to take up the two year post of Health Visitor at the KEMH. Emma is single and comes from the Isle of Wight in the UK.

Delighted to be here she says that "despite the fast coming winter the scenery is as spectacular as I had hoped and everyone is friendly and hospitable."

Emma's office is situated in the outpatient department near the reception desk. She hopes that anyone who wishes will call in and say hello. An appointment is not

needed and if she is out then just leave a message.

Emma will continue the child health programme (check ups at 6-8 weeks, 7-9 months, 18-21 months and 3/4 years). If your child is due for any of the above and Emma has not yet made contact then feel free to phone or call in to make arrangements. Likewise the immunisation clinic will be held every two weeks in OPD by appointment.

From Tuesday May 23 she will be running a well baby clinic (toddlers also welcome) from 9.30.



11.30am in the day centre at KEMH.

The well baby clinic is a drop in facility, no appointment necessary. At the clinic you can have your baby weighed and measured or discuss with Emma any concerns you have regarding the health and wellbeing of your child, yourself and your family. You can also obtain helpful information and meet with other Mums and Dads.

For those in camp or at MPA,

Emma is planning to work through a rota of weekly trips out of Stanley to visit each settlement in turn and meet everyone. She will be starting with those families who have children under one year. New babies will hopefully be visited fortnightly in the 8 weeks when a doctor will complete a medicare and give the first immunisations. For the present, all immunisations given in camp will be administered at doctor visits.

If you need to speak to the health visitor before her planned visit then please phone her at the hospital.

Emma also hopes to be participating in the schools health service and offering support to adults wishing to make changes towards a healthier life style. She says "I look forward to living and working with you all and enjoying to the full my time in the Falkland Islands."

Just leaving: Peter Rose and Catriona Mann: Management Advisers

SHORT of actually being in the classroom, often the best way of judging a teacher's effectiveness is to watch how the class emerge from a lesson; the repressed will run, shout and fight in a release of energy, others will emerge in a trance-like state brought on by deepest boredom, but there is no mistaking the excited "buzz" of a class that has been engaged in the lesson and carries its enthusiasm and involvement away with it down the corridor. Such a class was observed descending the staircase in the Falkland Islands Community School on Wednesday night and though these were pupils with a difference, almost certainly there have been others, equally involved, interested and enthusiastic, during the last two and a half weeks. In that time, Peter Rose and Catriona Mann from The Industrial Society, have been conducting training courses in the school.

Their students, some 109 of them, have been, not children, but adults, predominantly civil servants, who have between them filled some 247 places on a range of courses on eight topics led either individually or jointly by Peter and Catriona, who normally work out of the Industrial Society's London Office.

Stress Management, Time Management, Project Manage-

ment, the Management of Performance, Secretarial Development, Negotiating Skills, Effective Meetings and Assertiveness Training have all been on offer, but, as Peter Rose readily admitted, during the three weeks of the course as he and Catriona became more aware of local conditions and requirements, some of these courses have been subject to extensive late-night re-writing and have changed quite substantially during the three weeks that they have been in the Falklands.

Despite working a six-day week since they arrived and expanding group sizes from their normal twelve to fifteen, eighteen and even twenty-one members, to meet demand, both hoped that the Industrial Society, Britain's longest-established Advisory and Management Training Institution, would continue to be involved in the Falklands, otherwise it would be what Peter described as "an unfinished job".

Relying on the minimum of lecturing, and more on video case histories, student discussion and role-playing to get their point across, Peter and Catriona described their courses as essentially "non prescriptive", that is they do not so much offer solutions to particular problems as teach an approach to problem solving,

which can then be applied by the students to their own often vastly different, working situations.

The Industrial Society's management advisers had all had previous careers as what Peter Rose described as "dirty-fingered managers" - he had himself been an industrial chemist - they were not first and foremost theorists.

Asked what she had found to be different about working conditions in Stanley, Catriona Mann had no hesitation in identifying the fact that we all take an hour and

a quarter for lunch as "unique".

They had both been surprised to find how small some Government Departments were, but impressed by the quality of their students.

Peter Rose explained that while they felt that their efforts had been very well-received a more objective evaluation would be possible as each delegate had been given a course assessment sheet to fill in. These had been returned to Eileen Davis, who as Establishments Officer had organised their visit.

First Falklands visit for the man who fixed the FOCZ

MR DAVID Anderson, Senior Legal Advisor to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, paid his first visit to the Falklands this week.

His involvement with the Falklands began in 1982, when he had the job of drafting the famous Resolution 501 to the United Nations, in response to the invasion of the Falklands by Argentina.

More recently, Mr Anderson devised the legal framework for

the FICZ, and the understanding with the Argentines which led to the introduction of the FOCZ and later the implementation of a full fishing regime in the FOCZ and the closure of the Gap. He has been present at meetings of the Oil High Level Group and at the informal talks on oil which have taken place in the last six months.

With Mr Anderson was Mr Mark Peters from FCO's South Atlantic Department.



Best years for Illex fishing may be over

THIS YEAR a budget deficit is being forecast for the first time

Illex Fishing

Last year Illex fishery bought in £20 million revenue for the government, this year that figure has dropped to £11 million and next years figure is being forecast at £8 million. It would seem that the best years for the exploitation of Illex fishing are over.

Harbour Dues

It is proposed that harbour dues are increased by 10% with effect from 1 Jan 1996, this should generate an additional £50K revenue per annum and it is also proposed that customs services fees be increased by the equivalent of £1 per hour and that entering and clearance charges will be increased by 50% from 1st July 95

Beer, Spirits and Wines

Duty on beer, spirits and wines are considered to be adequate at present and will not be increased. Duty on tobacco will be increased for health reasons by 20%, this will represent 16p on a packet of 20 cigarettes and 24p on a 50g pouch of tobacco. It is estimated that a further £27K per annum would be raised from this source. At the moment about £132K per annum is generated from tobacco imports and £271K from liquor products.

FIDF Hall

From 1st July 95 there will be a hire charge for the use of the FIDF hall in line with the charges for the junior school hall, these are £6.50 per hour for non commercial hire and £12.50 per hour for commercial hire. There will be no charge for official FIDF functions. There will be no increase in rental on Government owned housing, and there will be a review on rental charges when time and priorities permit.

Tax Ordinance

There are no further taxation changes proposed.

It is expected that at the next meeting of the legislative council amendments to the Tax Ordinance 1994 will be sought to accommodate the potential of oil development. It is proposed that there will be no change to water charges.

FIGAS Fares (Medical)

The following proposals relate to matters raised by Cllr Luxton at legislative council on 30 March 1995.

FIGAS air fares for medical and dental patients. Currently these flights are cost shared 25% to the patient and 75% to FIG. Cllr Luxton expressed concern that when many visits are required the cost to the patient can be prohibitive. He suggested that a capping system be introduced from 1st July 1995 and that patients should not be charged more than the equivalent cost of 1 return flight per year.

Amateur Radio Licences

It was also proposed by Cllr Luxton that charges for amateur radio licences which currently cost £10 per year for full frequency band and £5 per year for 2 metre band should be replaced by a one off fee for life and that from 1st July 1995 these figures should be £20 and £10 respectively.

Fire Arms Licences

It was also proposed that consideration should be given to the charges for fire arm licences and that the annual fee should similarly be replaced by a one off life time charge of £25.

Registration fees and annual fees for dealers should remain in force.

Operating Expenditure

Turning to the application of operating expenditure which has been inserted in the 95/96 draft estimates at £22.3 million, representing an 8.5% increase over the 94/95 estimate (£1.7 m). Further details can be obtained from the public information leaflet.

The retail price index for the calendar year of 1994 decreased by almost 1/2 %. As deflation occurred, there are no proposals to increase salaries, wages, pensions or family allowances.

Pensions

On that criteria, the same applies to pensions, there is no justification to adjust benefits. However, it is proposed that the electricity subsidy should be withdrawn from September 1995, so pensions rates are to be increased in order to compensate:

Non contributory married pen-

sion to go up from £89 to £92/week, non contributory single pensions to go up from £57 to £59/week, contributory married pensions to go up from £93 to £97/week and contributory single pensions to go up from £59.50 to £62/week.

Proposed rates of benefit provide a minimum increase of 2.2% after the deduction of the maximum electricity subsidy entitlement.

It is interesting to note Falkland Island contributory pensions are greater than basic UK pensions. The cost of non contributory pensions is provided under the social welfare head of service in the estimates and the cost of contributory pensions is met by the old age pensions equalisation fund. It is proposed to increase weekly contributions by approximately the same percentage as benefits.

Provision of £15,800 is inserted under the social welfare head of service to enable Christmas bonuses to be paid again this year. This represents the equivalent of 1 weeks pension.

Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure for 95/96 has been inserted at £19.2 million. Capital expenditure is funded from local revenues with the exception of £2.1 million EEC Stabex monies.

The capital estimates shown under 11 cost centres can be summarised as follows:

Projects & Purchases £11m

Buying the Islands is Nonsense says Former Argentine Foreign Minister

AN ARTICLE from *La Prensa* entitled "To Buy the Malvinas is Surrealistic" reports on May 28 that Caputo (the former Foreign Minister in Raul Alfonsin's government) feels that it is impossible to recover the Malvinas during Carlos Menem's second term of office, "four years are too little" he said.

The extract continues, "The ultra-secret plan (perhaps real, perhaps not) of adding the Islands to Argentine Sovereignty as a launching pad for the political attempt at another Menem re-election, led Caputo to utter a brief observa-

Loans & Investments £1.6m
Consultancies £810K
Fund Transfers £2m

Transfer Payments £3.8m
As this is £8 million greater than the current year it is worthy of further explanation.

Road Construction

The provision for road construction including the purchase of earth moving plant is worth £5.5m, 50% of the provision under projects & purchases. A substantial amount is for the surfacing of the MPA road at a much faster pace than previously planned mainly for safety reasons. Provision for other plant purchases & road building is inserted at existing levels to continue with the surfacing of Stanley's roads and the construction of the main camp road network and link roads both on East & West Falkland.

Construction and Renovation

Other significant items for next years expenditure include the infant & junior school expansion, the provision of 26 serviced plots at East Stanley, the construction of 4 houses at East Stanley for Government contract offices, the construction of more housing for rental, the first phase of constructing an archives building, major improvements and renovation to the Town Hall and Secretariat, the continuation of installing services to the Lookout Industrial Estate and the start of putting proper services in at Squid Row.

Second Victory for the Cool Kelper Gary Wins Johnny Walker

Report by Patrick Watts

Johnny Walker Darts Results

| Open Competition | | |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Winner | Gary Hewitt | £150 and Cup |
| 2nd | James Lang | £80 |
| 3rd | Lenny Ford | £50 |
| 4th | Dale McCormick | £20 |
| Ladies Competition | | |
| Winner | Jenny Smith | £90 |
| 2nd | Cathy Jacobsen | £50 |
| 3rd | Margaret Goss | £30 |
| 4th | Alison Ford | £20 |

All prize-winners received a bottle of Johnny Walker Red Label Whisky and figurines.



Russel and Lenny practice for quarter final

JAMES LANG, for so long in the doldrums of dart playing, made a welcome return to form in last weekends Johnny Walker Individual Darts Tournament, but had to settle for the runner-up position after losing by 4 legs to 3 in the final to Gary Hewitt.

Victories over Colin Ford and Dale McCormick had made James Lang the favourite to take the trophy, but in a fluctuating final he threw away a great opportunity to lift the splendid trophy after missing a couple of 'easy' doubles in the 7th and deciding leg.

An impressive 140 in the last leg opened the door for Gary Hewitt in the first leg and he went out on double 20 at the second attempt. The 2nd leg went to his opponent who scored 10 and double 20 to neatly complete the game. James Lang took a 2-1 lead after opening with 63, he followed up with 140 and 68 leaving himself with 30 which he achieved with a double 15.

Gary Hewitt squared the match in the 4th leg after scoring a decisive 140 which left him with 20 and he hit the double 10 with his opponent back on 136.

Both players were guilty of poor finishing in the 5th leg, with James Lang having chances to win the leg on several occasions but he squandered the opportunities and Gary after missing 'tops' eventually scored 1 and double 8 to take a 3-2 lead. A slow start disadvantaged him in the 6th leg and James Lang took full advantage by scoring steadily and chalked up 60, 41, 100, 30, 30 to leave himself with double 20, which he missed. However he made no mistake on the next throw and scored double 10 so taking the game to a 7th and deciding leg.

It took Gary Hewitt 10 darts to hit an opening double in the final leg and seemed as if defeat was staring him in the face, but scores

of 60, 43 and 100 reduced his required score to 98, but meanwhile James Lang's fans were getting ready to celebrate as he needed

just 14, but at that stage he lost his composure for the first time and allowed chance after chance to go begging. A single 7 meant 7 remaining, and a 3 left double 2 which was then reduced further to double 1. Gary missed double 20 and double 10 and similarly found himself on double 1. The 'Cool Kelper' (as depicted on his shirt) raised his arm as a signal of victory as he went to the 'oche' and equally coolly hit the decisive double with his 2nd dart and so take the title by a 4-3 scoreline. The 1985 winner agreed that his had been an 'efficient more than spectacular performance'.

Gary had encouraged his veteran opponent to the dart playing heights of which he is capable but which he so often fails to achieve during the Individual tournaments. As for the philosophical runner-up he sportingly con-

ceded that 'someone had to be second and had not expected to reach the final'. James was quick to point out that he has now achieved the full house of finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th in the Johnny Walker which began a quarter of a century ago and is like the sponsors boast 'still going strong'.

Seven times champion Colin Smith went out to Lenny Ford after an awesome 1st leg when he opened with 120, followed up with 95 and hit treble 18 and double 16 for an 8 dart game. However in the 2nd and 3rd legs he could not repeat the form and Lenny with double 19 and then double 20 took the game. After losing to the winner in the semi-final he took the cheque for 3rd place after defeating Dale McCormick who realized his potential by beating Brian Middleton and Willie Harvey before losing to the runner-up James Lang in the semi-final.

Two sisters had good cause to celebrate early in the tournament when Gwyne Clark beat the first ever winner of the Johnny Walker, William Whitney in the first round and her sister Gail Miller knocked out Teddy Summers.

Jenny Smith played impressively to take the Ladies title and anyone who can score double 7 to win a final deserves the prize. She played fellow team member Cathy Jacobsen in the final and both Ladies produced a high standard of darts. Cathy had the misfortune, not for the first time in the Championship, to find herself needing double 1, but whereas on other occasions she had managed to hit this dreaded number, she couldn't quite make it on this occasion.

Jenny had to work her way through a tough section of the draw to reach the final. She beat Maggie Goss in the semi-final and Shelley McKay in the quarters.

The ladies tournament always produces a surprise semi-finalist and on this occasion it was Alison Ford who beat Janice McLeod, and the very experienced Cathy Jacobsen. Alison then had to settle for 4th place after narrowly losing the 3/4 play-off to Maggie Goss, who had knocked out the Bonner's Haulage winner Julie Clarke in the quarter-finals.

The Falkland Islands Company Manager Terry Spruce, who along with his wife presented the prizes, gave a welcome reassurance to all players when he said that although now 25 years old, the Johnny Walkers sponsorship will continue.

With Colin Smith having won the original Cup outright following his three successive victories 1991, 92, and 93, a new Cup was introduced this year.

BOAT HOUSE CAFE

The cafe area of the Boat House premises will shortly be available for long or short term lease. Its potential due to its position is very good and could be used either as a Cafe/Restaurant or for any other business enterprise.

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UK Newsletter By Sir Rex Hunt

Bigger than the family, bigger even than Yorkshire, I belonged to a great nation

IF APRIL was my month for anniversaries, May has been Great Britain's. Such is the magic world we live in today that you probably watched the official VE-Day celebrations here on television in your own homes 8,000 miles away.

I don't know about you, but I thought that the organisers got it exactly right. Having learnt from the mistakes of the D-Day commemorations, they struck the perfect balance between celebration and solemnity. The BBC, always at their best in covering formal occasions, set the tone and the public responded with the family spirit normally associated with Christmas - only this time the family was a nation.

It was not jingoistic triumphalism. It was, as Churchill said, magnanimity in victory. We had every reason to celebrate the 50th anniversary of a great victory over an evil and ruthless foe, one who would have shown no mercy had he won. (It should

not be forgotten that Hitler, like Galtieri, started the war).

In celebrating, however, we also remembered those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The two-minute silence was observed across the land. I hope that this becomes a feature once again of the Armistice Day celebrations in this country. It is one of the most abiding memories of my school days and made a great impression upon me. The fact that, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, everything stopped and everyone was silent for two minutes made me realise that I belonged to something much bigger than the family, bigger even than Yorkshire: I belonged to a great nation.

To be honest, in my younger days I did not spend the two minutes remembering the dead, as I should have done. Instead, I remember wondering what everybody else was thinking and how two minutes could last so long. But the simple ceremony had a unifying effect and, afterwards, I felt proud

to be British.

I had a similar feeling watching the Queen Mother, the Queen and Princess Margaret on the balcony of Buckingham Palace on 8 May. The BBC juxtaposed shots of them in the same place on the same day in 1945; only then, of course they were accompanied by King George VI and Winston Churchill. No words could explain as well as that TV picture what the continuity of the monarchy means to us. No President could provide that spirit of unity, that permanence, that sense of belonging. I have had doubts about the institution of monarchy in recent years; but the Queen Mother restored my loyalty simply by being there on the balcony with her daughters.

To one of my generation - I was born the same year as the Queen - we have lived through it all together. Like those of us who experienced the Falklands War, we share a bond that cannot be broken. Like the second of April, 1982,

VE-Day is engraved upon my mind. I was at RAF Scone (where some of the FIGAS pilots were later trained) and I remember being distinctly disappointed when it was announced that the war in Europe was over. There I was, half-way through my flying training and no more Huns to shoot down. 'Ah, well', I said to myself.

'There is still time to have a crack at the Japs.' With that reassuring thought (wrong, as things turned out), I joined my colleagues celebrating in John Haig's distillery in Perth and somehow became involved in a pillow fight, only using sacks of white flour as pillows. The subsequent train journey to Yorkshire was hilarious, with fellow-passengers offering succour to a ghostly figure. When I finally arrived home, my mother - practical as ever - greeted me with 'don't come in till you've hot rid of all that white stuff - you look ridiculous.' Down to earth with a bump!

Public Notice

Applications are invited to fill a vacancy for a Receptionist/Secretary at the Falkland Islands Government Office in London which will arise at the beginning of July 1995.

Applicants should have a good standard of education with preferably a GCSE pass in English of Grade C or above, word processing qualifications and at least two years' experience of dealing with the general public.

A polite and friendly manner is essential both when dealing direct with the public and when answering the telephone.

Salary will range from £7,548 per annum for an eighteen year old to £10,572 per annum, entry point being dependent on age, qualifications and relevant experience. The successful candidate will also be eligible to receive a London allowance which is currently £5,340 per annum.

Further details and an application form can be obtained from the Establishments Secretary, Secretariat. Completed forms should reach the Chairman, Appointments Board, Secretariat by 4.30pm on Friday 9th June 1995.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL EVENING CLASS SCHEDULE For Classes beginning Monday 5th June

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Woodwork
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English up to GCSE level
6.00 - 7.30 pm Veronica Fowler - English Room

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Dressmaking for Beginners with Fiona Didlick on either a Tuesday or Wednesday from 7 to 8.30 pm. Please enrol by phoning Maria on 27290 as soon as possible as we need a minimum of four paid up students before a class can run.

Charges: Courses run for 10 weeks and cost £25.00 for the one and a half hour classes and £30.00 for the 2 hour classes.

Diary of a Farmers Wife by Rosemary Wilkinson

The Great White Hunter and Gang

BALDRICK HAS gone into hibernation, it seems, leaving me to pick up the Diary again. That's to say, he's spending most of his time curled up asleep in his box with his tail over his nose, showing little or no interest in anything other than food or - just occasionally - his bedfellow and wrestling partner, young Moss.

He and the puppy have struck up a firm friendship, of a kind which might even survive the slings, arrows and other unpleasant missiles which life may throw at 'em. I suspect that the strength and depth of this attachment owes more to the currently plummeting temperature than to any less worldly emotion, but then again I'm just an old cynic...

Like Baldrick, the Boss and I are also digging in for the winter. Our house isn't the warmest in the Islands, by any means, and running two fires keeps us busy with peat buckets and ash-emptying. (I use the word 'us' in the royal sense. It's actually the Boss who does

most of the fetching and carrying. But then again, I do lend encouraging moral support to this exercise

- Who said 'You mean you nag the poor old sod into doing it??' - Nonsense! Never nagged him in my life!

Other than my recent visits to town (medical) and Fox Bay (woolly) life has become quite quiet. It was therefore a pleasure to welcome a patrol which arrived here yesterday, and to offer them beds for the night. Volunteering their combined brains and brawn in return, the seven lads appeared a little bemused to hear the Boss accept enthusiastically and announce his intention of locating and 'knocking down' a beef.

'Beef??? They queried.

'Ummmm... Beef???'

Having explained that he wasn't about to ram-raid a supermarket, the Boss found himself with five enthusiastic helpers. Somewhat doubtful as to the power of a .22 rifle this gallant band nevertheless

politely suspended disbelief and set off with him in the Tank on a beef safari.

Returning some time later, trailing a heavily laden sleigh behind the Tank, the volunteers were triumphant and slightly surprised.

'Downed it in one!' They announced to their comrades, who'd elected to stay home and watch telly.

- and with a .22! Bang!! and down it went!! One shot!!

Mellowed and glowing with success - and possibly with the impression he'd made - the Great White Hunter set to work, aided by the least squeamish of his temporary gang. Presently a large and delicious-looking beef swung gently from the shearing shed rafters, the whole process having gone smoothly apart from Muggins driving over and splitting the hosepipe used for washing the shed out afterwards. Not a helpful thing to have done, as was explained to me in words of one syllable...

After a wild and windy night,

during which the house rocked and creaked and the patrol no doubt wished they didn't have to move on down the track, our new friends breakfasted before packing their kit and departing. I didn't envy them their long walk, and was grateful that I at least could stay near the Rayburn.

We waved goodbye as these seven lads set off, a large Union Jack waving proudly from one of their packs. Having delighted in their company, after initial shyness and suspicions, young Moss was reluctant to see his new chums leave and tried to volunteer his services as patrol mascot.

Not everyone cared so much about their going, however.

In the corner of the porch, where it had remained almost unnoticed in a large cardboard box, a grey furry mass stirred briefly, assessed the situation, and settled back into immobility.

Baldrick had returned to his hibernation....

The Meeting of the Executive Council

THIS REPORT is an extract from the Governors summary of the proceedings of Executive Council on Thursday May 25 as read on FIBS. Thank you to His Excellency for the following.

This Meeting of Executive Council was held at Mount Pleasant, thanks to the hospitality of the Commander British Forces. Councillors Edwards, Teggart and Halford were present.

Much of the meeting was taken up with discussion of the Draft Estimates for the next financial year, which it was agreed should be placed before LegCo and will be discussed by the Select Committee next week.

On other issues it was agreed that Government should go out to tender for the removal of waste oil and possibly scrap at the old sealing station at Albemarle.

Various papers on the special needs of children and adults were considered by Council. Councillors agreed in principle that sheltered accommodation should be established for adults at a cost of £250,000 for the building etc, and running costs of £30,000 a year. It was agreed in principle that there should be provision for sheltered employment in the Islands and that this should be worked out between government and the private sector. Finally, Councillors agreed that there should be a resident full-time speech therapist to

take the place of a visiting therapist from the UK.

A graduate training scheme for the Civil Service was agreed. It is proposed to take two of our students who have graduated from University into the Civil Service every year for a two year term. Thereafter if they are suitable and jobs are available, they may stay in the Civil Service, or they can move into the private sector with valuable experience of how government works.

It was agreed that an Agricultural Management Committee should be established in place of the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

The Chief Executive gave a report on progress in the oil scene. The Attorney-General said that because of oil development revisions would be needed to the Double Taxation Agreement with the United Kingdom, and we should also need to introduce a Capital Gains Tax, although the ceiling for this could be set at a reasonably high level so that normal farms and businesses would not be affected.

The Chief Executive said that a tenders for baseline surveys to judge the impact of oil development on the environment are about to be launched. The Islands' consultant on oil licensing, Mr John Martin, will be visiting us next week.

Public Notice Invitation to Tender Environmental Baseline Survey Falkland Islands

The Government of the Falkland Islands seeks tenders from companies or organisations with appropriate skills and experience, to undertake environmental baseline survey work in the Falkland Islands.

Bids based on the following tender information should be submitted to:

The Chairman of the Tender Board
Secretariat
STANLEY
Falkland Islands
Fax: 27212

Tenders must be received by 1500 local time on 21 July 1995. The Falkland Islands Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest, or any other bid and reserves the right to give preference to a tender from a Falkland Islands resident, business company or organisation.

It is the Falkland Islands Government's policy to publish, where appropriate, the names of tenderers and the amounts in which they tendered. Tenders will be considered only on this footing. Enquiries concerning the Tender should be directed to the Senior Assistant Secretary, Secretariat, Stanley, Falkland Islands (Telephone 27405; Fax 27212).

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Who remembers Base X - Stanley 1959?

by Walter Townsend (Halley Bay 1960, Argentina Island 1961, Signy 1963)

THE REDISCOVERY recently of some photographs taken by Lofty Tyson in December 1959 stirred up a few of my comatose brain cells and revived memories of Base X. You may wonder what Base X was. Surely a few readers will recall the transitory base created to provide a temporary home for stray Fids, and the cultural delights it brought to Stanley.

The old army camp above Stanley which became known as Base X was a group of Nissen huts left over from World War II, most recently occupied and renovated by members, both male and female, of a German religious sect who secured a contract to improve the roads in the town.

When the Fids arrived the camp was well maintained by a caretaker who, in addition to providing tons of peat to heat the water system, looked after the vegetable garden and acquired some hens to provide eggs. It was the hen's lot to later disappear, one by one, into the pot stirred by an ex-sheep-farm cook called Jock. His responsibility was to keep the Fids stuffed with porridge, mutton and fruit pies. By day the inmates dispersed to various parts of Stanley to learn and practice their skills and by night they discovered the pubs and hospitality that Port Stanley provided.

In an extraordinary act of bravery the first group of nine Fids, marooned for six weeks whilst the RRS *John Biscoe* made a pre-Christmas 1959 round of the northern bases, wrote, rehearsed and produced a pantomime: 'Babes in the Wood'. Their performance was so outstanding that it is hard to understand why they never achieved fame as thespians, they were: Howard Chapman, Dick Harbour, Elliot MacDonald, Alex Millar, Frank Preston, Tony Quinn, Mike Taplin, Walter Townsend, Fraser Whyte.

The show commenced with an overture of 'Colonel Bogey', the first synthesised or electronic music ever heard in Stanley (courtesy of Lofty Tyson). To this hallelaloo the Fairy Queen pranced daintily onto the stage, dressed from ankle to elbow in shimmering white; 'long johns', sub-mariner's sweater and tutu (loaned by Fids Head Girl Sadie Millar). The ethereal effect was enhanced by brown boots, a flat 'at and a tinselled tobacco pipe for a wand. The good fairy declaimed:

"I am the Fairy Queen
I used to be a Fid
But I resigned before I knew
They'd get five hundred quid"
All good pantomimes should reflect the current talking points and this was a reference to a recent 25 percent increase in pay. The script was written by Mike Taplin and costumes were provided by



The Fairy Queen and others!

FIDS Stores. I know it's true for I was that Fairy Queen.

At that opening (and closing) night in December 1959, Hut 13 was filled by a stunned but appreciative audience, many of whose names will be recalled with affection (or otherwise) by older readers: FIDS Office girls, Sadie Millar, Pan Kirk, Leatrice Peck, Robina; FIDS Office men, SecFids John Green, Charlie Hall, Eric Salmon, Lofty Tyson and Jock Tate; Governor's Secretary May Woods; peripatetic Fids, Jim Shirlcliffe and Harry Dollman. Also invited were an assortment of Metmen, FIC West Store girls and ex-pats. All were accompanied by their wives, husbands, girlfriends and boyfriends. The theatricals and subsequent party were our way of saying 'thank you' but were not without ulterior motive; after all Christmas was approaching and the odd invitation would not come amiss.

Other memories I have of those six weeks in Stanley are of learning to develop and print photographs in the local club darkroom next to the fire station; of the rush from Church on a Sunday evening to get a good seat in the cinema in the Town Hall; of reel two of one of the films following reel three and hardly anyone noticing; of cruising with Lofty Tyson in his fibreglass boat; of attending the Race Meeting on Boxing Day and being pelted with hailstones as big as grapes; a group of the Base X Fids standing on the ridge behind the town one summer evening and, looking south, seeing, almost simultaneously, a group of water spouts rising in one of the bays and a meteorite plummeting to earth.

I believe that after the first nine departed, Base X was used to house

other Fids in transit that season.

That is the stuff that memories are made of. Anyone can be rugged but to put on a pantomime in Port Stanley - wow! As memory

dimms however, I admit, with appreciation that it was Lofty Tyson's photographs that gave me the gift of recall.

(BAS club newsletter No 33)



F.I.C. Spares Section

Clearance Sale by Tender

Commencing Monday 5th June 1995 we will be selling by tender a quantity of miscellaneous vehicle spares and accessories that are surplus to our stock requirements. Every day we will be placing on display a box containing miscellaneous items and inviting bids for the contents. Each box is sold as a whole unit and the successful bidder will be asked to take all the items offered.

At the end of the day we will contact the successful bidder to arrange collection and payment.

We will also accept bids by phone or fax. Please give us a ring on 27680 or fax us on 27679 for details of what is on offer everyday. Any box of items that is unsold will be dumped at sea so this could be your last chance to pick up a real bargain.

The Government's Year under review

Extracts from the Governor's Legislative Council Address reporting on the work of FIG departments.



Councillors and spectators shelter as the Governor inspects the FIDF guard before opening LegCo on Saturday.

Oil development, if it proves economically viable, will happen over a long time scale and any tax revenues will not be received for many years.

The year as a whole has been one of substantial progress. The Off-shore Minerals Bill was passed by Legislative Council in October 1994 and the prospect of oil continues to generate considerable work within the Administration. We have set up the Oil Management Team which meets fortnightly and includes the major decision-makers within government. This team has been managing the work programme on a planned basis since its inception and we are progressing towards the opening of a licensing round during 1995. In proposing oil legislation, the seven principles which summarise the government's policy are:

1. Openness - the communication of detail and the stimulation of debate.
2. A gradual planned progress (without too many surprises).
3. An emphasis of added value within these Islands, especially in the private sector.
4. A fair balance in the distribution of local wealth.
5. Protection of our wonderful natural environment.
6. Protection of our heritage and way of life.
7. Continual striving for improvement in all government services.

During November the MORI poll, sponsored by an Argentine businessman, to determine the attitudes of Islanders towards Argentina stimulated a great deal of interest both locally and internationally. The results emphasised the strong wish of Islanders to remain British.

The Islands have been regarded as being reactive in nature for too long and the production of a document

outlining policy recommendations for the Labour Party generated considerable interest. These recommendations are equally applicable to any British government and will be re-published in a revised form in the near future. This more proactive stance will be followed by a move towards a corporate plan for the Islands.

The first season saw a 'bumper' harvest of Loligo squid. Record catch rates were experienced for much of the season which brought lower market prices. Unfortunately, it has been another poor year for Illex with an early closure implemented for conservation reasons on 19 May. This is the second poor Illex year in succession and raises concern about the future of the Illex stock.

The South Atlantic Fisheries Commission continued its work. At the scientific level, reasonable progress was made. Joint cruises involving British and Argentine scientists took place to assess Illex and Blue Whiting stocks. A joint scientific workshop to review the state of Blue Whiting was also held. An agreement limiting the total fishing effort directed at Illex, and a division of that effort between the Falklands and Argentina proved more difficult to achieve. We have limited our effort to 1994 levels. The problem of straddling stocks has recently made the news off Canada, and the outcome of the UN Conference on Straddling and Highly Migratory Stocks which concludes in August may have relevance for Illex conservation.

Whilst fishery protection largely involved routine monitoring, there was a significant increase in the number of Argentine longliners found poaching, which were escorted from the zone.

The Falklands Environmental Task Group has been set up to advise on environmental matters in advance of any potential oil development. The committee consists of civil servants and members of the public and Falklands Conservation, all of whom

have experience of conservation and environmental matters. The main task of FENTAG has been to advise on the form of baseline survey to be undertaken. This is essential to record the unique Falklands' environment as it is now in advance of any oil development. It is hoped that baseline survey work will start soon with fieldwork being conducted during the forthcoming summer. This task group involves extra duties for all those involved, and a number of members of the public give their time freely to participate on these committees - something we greatly appreciate.

The period under review has been an extremely satisfactory one for the Royal Falkland Islands Police. The decision last year by this Council to approve certain establishment proposals enhanced the investigative potential of the force and allowed a return to 24 hour patrolling for the first time since 1985. Reported crime has fallen by 25%. In particular, burglary, which was at a worrying level and which had a poor detection rate, was specifically targeted, resulting in a reduction of 57% in reported cases. In the last 10 years, although there have been peaks and troughs as with any statistics, there has been a general reduction in crime of 52%, a remarkable achievement.

A very successful defence exercise 'Kelper's Desire' was held at the end of July. Despite snow and sub zero temperatures, many useful lessons were learnt, the material and moral support from Headquarters at Mount Pleasant was tremendous.

Stanley Airport saw an increase in passenger movements, in the twelve month period 1 April 1994 to 31 March 1995, although aircraft movements remained much the same as in the previous year.

The past year has been one of further steady progress for the Falkland Islands Development Corporation with a number of new initiatives being undertaken that will have a long term impact on the development of the Islands.

The visit of the BBC Clothes Show programme was one of the successes of the year, and resulted in excellent publicity, not only for Falkland knitwear and the Mill, but also for the Islands in general. A substantial expansion to the hydroponic garden at Stanley Growers was completed, whilst several grants were approved for the establishment of small gardening enterprises in the Camp.

There was a very successful visit by Chilean students in March who attended classes in the Community School to improve their English. A number of Falkland Island students now plan to attend the British School in Punta Arenas for a few weeks to be followed by inviting Chilean students back in the Falklands.

The Museum continues to maintain its high public relations profile. Visitor feedback is excellent. Major achievements outside the Museum have been the continuation of the survey at Port Louis, and the exterior refurbishment of the Cartmell Cottage on Pioneer Row. At the request of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation, the Chairman designed and prepared an exhibition on Fox Bay and its history, for display at the Mill. It is hoped to carry out a similar project for Blue Beach Lodge at San Carlos.

Work is presently concentrated on events to record the 50th anniversary of the ending of World War II. Next summer it is planned to carry out the next phase of the Port Louis Survey, and at Port Egmont, to provide on-site interpretation.

A number of cases have involved authorities and organisations from other countries, not only the United Kingdom and those with whom we have links through fishing, but also Russia, Germany, Canada and Norway. The Court staff are determined that the Court retain a reputation for impartiality and effective justice both domestically and internationally.

(Legislative Council met on Saturday 27th May)

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RRS Golfers United in Defence for Caped

IT WAS through the fund-raising efforts of the Resident Rapier Squadron (20 Squadron, Royal Air Force Regiment based at MPA) in aid of CAPEd that the link was forged with the Stanley Golf Club where five members turned up on Sunday 28 May to compete for the very first time against the Club.

Although their motto "United in Defence" was put strongly to the test, the RRS went down by two matches to one in a closely-fought competition in early-winter conditions and a plaque-exchange ceremony held after their game they vowed to over-turn the result when golf-playing members of the Squadron return to the Islands in 1996.

John Teggart, who had forged the link and suggested the match, accepted on behalf of the Club a plaque from the visitors, inscribed "The Best Team Won", and handed it to Past-Captain Alex Smith. The Squadron was then presented with a Stanley Golf club shield to be suitably engraved to mark the occasion.

Next Sunday, the 4 June, club members will be playing for the June Monthly medal and are reminded to turn up not later than 8.45 for a 9am tee-off.

A Flea Market

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Public Notice

The Planning Ordinance 1991 Notice of Planning Applications Received

Notice is hereby given that the following applications for planning permission have been received:

| Reference No. | Applicant | Development |
|---------------|-----------|---|
| 31/95 | C & W | Siting of Two Telephone Kiosks south of New Standard Chartered Bank on Ross Road, Stanley |
| 32/95 | C & W | Erection of Satellite to Earth Station near Stanley By-Pass Road, Sappers Hill, Stanley |
| 33/95 | C & W | Erection of Satellite Earth Station South of Government House and West of the old 'School Hostel' site, Stanley |

These applications may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of the Secretary to the Planning and Building Committee, Secretariat, Stanley. Comments on the applications should be made in writing and should be sent to the Building Adviser-Planning Officer, Building Control Office, Ross Road, Stanley within 10 days of the date of this notice.

The date of the next meeting of the Planning and Building Committee has been rescheduled and will now be held on Thursday 8th 1995 in the Liberation Room of the Secretariat, commencing 1.30pm. Members for the Public may attend to observe the workings of the Committee.

The Secretariat, Stanley
26 May 1995
Ref: PLB/49/1

Notice No: 76/95



Winner and Runner Up of Johnny Walker Darts Competition, Gary Hewitt and James Lang

POSTSCRIPT from St. Mary's

THE CHRISTIAN World celebrates Pentecost this Sunday. The following event could help us appreciate the feast.

The 1980 Winter Olympics were held in Lake Placid, N.Y. That year the U.S. Hockey team wasn't much - just a collection of inexperienced college kids. In an exhibition game before the Olympics, the Russians swept them off the ice.

Then came the Olympics. The first surprise: the U.S. team tied with a strong Swedish team. The second surprise: they upset a favoured Czechoslovakian team. The big game with the Russians: the Soviets secured an early lead; then things settled down until the third period, then the unthinkable happened: the Americans closed the gap to tie with the Russians. Then came the miracle: The U.S. team scored in the final seconds to

win the game.

Pandemonium broke loose. For a moment or two nobody could believe it. Suddenly the nation began singing and toasting and dancing in the streets. The spirit that radiated from the U.S. team that night swept across the country like a tidal wave. Even people who were not hockey fans got caught up in it. It was an experience no one would ever forget.

That totally unexpected happening in the 1980 Olympics gives us an insight into what happened on Pentecost Sunday 2000 years ago. Before Pentecost the disciples were a collection of confused men. Then the Holy Spirit descended upon them and totally changed them. They were filled with a Spirit that radiated from them and swept across the world like a tidal wave. On that first Pentecost the Church was born.

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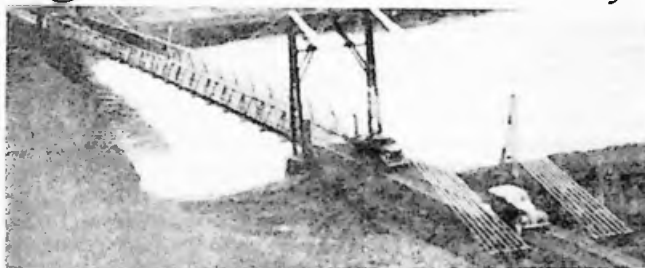
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Bodie Creek Bridge not the most southerly

THE FOUR councillors who voted this week against the full renovation of Bodie Creek Bridge after a long debate, will no doubt be relieved to learn that it is almost certainly not the world's most southerly suspension bridge as was claimed by some of their colleagues.

The picture, at right, supplied by Fred Gooch, is of the 100 m long suspension bridge over the Rio Grande in Patagonia, leading to the freezing works of the same name, which was built in 1918 for the *Importadores y Exportadores de Patagonia*. The frigorifico's engineer was John Goodall, a relative of the Harberton Goodalls and the manager was William Elliot. The iron for the bridge came from the USA, unlike the machinery which was British. As far as is known, the bridge is still in existence.



Reasons for resignation

IN HIS letter of resignation to the Governor, dated June 6, Mr Michael Summers reiterated his previously stated view that the post of General Manager FIDC should not be occupied by the same person for more than five years.

The job itself, he said, required a fine balance between individual benefit and common good, which was "often a matter of individual or collective judgement and was all too frequently subject to uninformed comment and criticism". Nevertheless, he believed that he had brought to it "a vision of the achievable", which had led to "a series of notably successful projects and programmes, a clarity of policies and procedures and a solidity of administration" on which future management could build and add new ideas.

Mike went on to identify a number of factors, besides his view that it was "time for a change for the organisation and myself", which had built up over the last several months and had led to his decision to resign. These included disappointments, at the "cool" reaction of the rural community towards the Draft Rural Development Policy, and at the lack of support for FIDC from the private sector of the fishing industry.

Giving notice of his intention to remain in the Islands and of his availability to assist the Government or the private sector in any way he could, after the end of his term of office on December 31, Mike concluded that he had enjoyed this job more than any other in his working career.

Budget gets liposuction

AFTER an epic eight-day Legislative Council session, Chief Executive, Andrew Gurr, praising the hard work put in by councillors and officials, said their success in trimming over £3 million from an estimated budget deficit of over £6 million was a result of "phasing expenditure and de-fatting".

No money had actually been saved, he said. What had happened was that "fat" had been extracted from departmental budgets in the form of money that would never have been spent, but had been included as part of "worst case scenarios".

Reviewing the Government's priorities for the coming year, with regard to capital projects, the Chief Executive said that the first job was to finish the work currently in hand, such as the Lookout Industrial Estate improvements, and the Rural Roads Programme.

The next highest priority would go to the planned extension of the Stanley Infant and Junior School, an assurance, which had earlier been given by Cllr Cheek.

Further priorities included the provision of serviced plots for house building under the East Stanley Development Plan, the re-surfacing programme for the MPA road and the renovation of the Town Hall and the Post Office.

Concluding his speech in support of the motion for adjournment, Mr Gurr said that though he disliked the notion that there should be a difference between budgets and financial targets, he hoped that the balancing of this budget would be seen as an achievable target, despite the estimated budget deficit of £2.6 million.

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GEU Agreement. May 30
1995**

1. A 2% increase in the shearing rates, making the figure £56.13 per hundred for stud sheep and £40.97 per 100 for flock sheep
2. An increase of 5p for table hands, making the rate 6.5p per fleece, to be shared if more than one is working at the table.
3. An increase of 23p for meals, making the rate £1.
4. Overheads to remain the same.
5. The suggestion that a minimum hourly rate for rousies is set will be discussed during the meetings for farmers in August.

£10,000 local donations to Shackleton Scholarship Fund

THE SHACKLETON Scholarship Fund Appeal Committee welcomed several important donations this week. The fishing company, Eurofishing, has given £1000, while Goodwin Offshore and Gordon Forbes Ltd have each given £500.

The present score for local fund-raising is over £10,000, which will be doubled by councillors' decision to match sums donated, pound for pound.

In all the total raised is over £90,000, taking into account the £20,000 received from the Foreign Office and £32,000 from the 1982 South Atlantic Fund.

On June 15, Sir Rex Hunt will launch the Appeal in the United Kingdom at the Lincoln's Inn Reception.

Meanwhile there are still a few tickets for the dinner and cabaret in aid of the Shackleton Appeal at the Town Hall on Saturday June 10.

Donors:

Fortuna Ltd, ANAMER, Argos Ltd., Eurofishing, Goodwin Offshore, Gordon Forbes Ltd.

Personal Donations: Juanita Brock, Jerome and Sally Poncet, Community Fund Raising: FIODA £350, Girl Guides (Gourmet Dinner) £435.

Death at sea

THE CHIEF Engineer of the *North-ern Desire*, Mr Harry Pick, aged 60, was found dead in his bunk on June 1st, as the ship, which had been engaged in Fishery Protection duties in Falklands waters, was on its return voyage to the UK at the end of its contract. The ship returned to Stanley, where an inquest will be held.

F.I. Volunteers 1939 - 45

Mrs Mary Hirtle has been able to add another name to the list of volunteers we first published on May 12th:

David Lees R.N.

(Mr Lees never returned to the Falklands)

MAGAZINE SECTION

DUE to technical difficulties slowing down production of *Penguin News* this week, we regret that there is no magazine section in this issue of the paper.

We hope to remedy this omission in our next issue, which is due out on Wednesday 14th June.

Penguin News

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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I WAS somewhat horrified to discover from the gleeful reaction to it in some quarters that my editorial last week was taken to be a personal attack on the reputation, professionalism or value-for-money to the Falkland Islands of the Managing Director of FIDC. Such was not my intention. I hope to take on Mike Summers later in the winter, but on the Falkland Club snooker table, not in the pages of this journal.

As far as I know, Mike works very hard and does a good job for which he receives remuneration at an appropriate level. (and I hope the fact that I can type the above is sufficient indication that he has not been twisting my arm) This does not alter the fact that for many people in this society, particularly those on hourly pay, even the relatively modest salary earned by the Editor of the *Penguin News* must seem like a wind-fall for doing very little. If we are to have the leadership in the public and private sector that we deserve, then it stands to reason that in a global talent market we must pay the going rate, but we must also ensure that this is not done at the risk of creating in a majority of the public, the perception that the gap between effort and reward widens as collars turn from white to blue to become an unbridgeable gulf.

Part of the purpose of what was meant to be a light-hearted piece, leading up to the 'rubbishing' of Sir Alan Walters' pathetic performance in Buenos Aires, was to illustrate, not only how difficult it is to judge other peoples' performance when there is no tangible product at the end of it, but also how ready society in general is to make value judgements from a basis of near-total ignorance.

Those in doubt of the truth of this last assertion should read the article in the *Yorkshire Post* of May 25, which commends Sir Alan's reiteration of his ancient 'bribe' proposal, as "timely", as if it had just risen glistening and virgin from the sea of wisdom, instead of being more akin to a somewhat battered and abused old hag patrolling the waterfront of the Boca district in Buenos Aires.

The writer suggests rather quaintly that Menem could "use the idea to anaesthetise his country while he tackles its serious problems", and concludes with a nice cocktail of condescension and ignorance: "Whether the islanders will be tempted is another matter. They have always seemed happy with their windswept home and they might be unwilling either to move away or remain under Argentine rule. An adverse climate is not an adequate reason for selling one's birthright as the English would readily acknowledge". As a *Yorkshire* man, myself, this is the sort of stuff that makes me want to burn my clogs and stuff my cloth cap..... well never mind. I digress and am tempted into coarseness!!

I WAS, if not horrified, at least a little bemused to find further evidence of the tendency of people to read what they want to hear, rather than what the writer might have wanted to say, in the Argentine reaction to my editorial of April 29th in which I compared Dr DiTella to a magician producing rabbits from a hat. This was deemed to be "surprisingly generous and accommodating" about his "person and office" in the pages of a recent Buenos Aires Herald. More than a little worrying, particularly as I had earlier received a personal message along the same lines from the "magician" himself.

As the old song, (whose title and singer no one in the office can remember) used to go:

"I'm just a boy whose intentions are good,
Oh Lord, please don't let me be misunderstood"



"Another eyesore for visitors..."Bernard illustrates his objections to recent Stanley developments

YOUR LETTERS.....

The best place for Daft Town Plan?

WHY SHOULD people, mainly the 'When I's', attempt to determine how 'OUR TOWN' should look in the distant future; for our younger generation, to rumble on with the best way they can. The so-called daft Town Plan should be placed in the public toilets to be made use of in the most appropriate fashion.

After all, it is just a 'blown up version' of what McAdam Design displayed in the Town Hall foyer some years previous, but the cost was multi thousands less than their one was. Their one was a 'story without words', whilst this one has the 'moisturised dream' with it. OIL! IF AND WHEN the oil, look-alike 'Sheikhs' plan to 'INVADE' us in the foreseen future, the rules and regulation should be left to the younger generation to decide for themselves, and not left to carry the can from their Grand-parent bounty-hunters.

Pollution, and the build-up level of silt in the harbour have been mentioned on a number of occasions. The Councillors should be looking for an alternative site for the siting of another 'Ewing Oil', mini Dallas town. An instance would be, better placed on the port William side of the Camber. There is more than sufficient crystal clear water available in the area. There is deep, unobstructed water to enable a good jetty/dock to be built. The place would easily be accessible by land or sea, to Stanley. There would not be a fume umbrella for us to inhale 365 days a year. The population and people of Stanley would not be burdened by the drastic increase of population and JR Ewing and the rest of the oil barons with their Cadillacs, adding to what we are told, is the overcrowding of our streets.

It is common knowledge, that some of the desks in the Administration are too small for the assortment of 'In-trays'. Islanders consider it a complete waste of time, writing letters, as a majority of them are ignored anyway. Consequently, I will have a "SEALED" box in the Philomel Store, if you would wish to place a copy of your letter concerning this Town Plan, which you have either put into the black box in the Post Office or mailed through. This will be opened in the presence of witnesses, about mid-July.

Two points come to mind, as I write this: (1) The access road from the MPA/Pony's Pass road to link up Ross Road West and Jeremy Moore Avenue. It would seem by this proposal, that the originator was AGAINST our sports, or just plain IGNORANT.

If such a link road was needed, well what is wrong with Moody Valley and the ridge behind it? Of course, if the Administration had listened to local knowledge instead of IMPORTING these so-called EXPERTS, the link would already be operational.

Of course, things haven't changed much of today, we are still getting smothered in excrement that smells fouler by the week.

(2) Similar circumstances are those overlooking the ex-B.A.S. garage and store buildings. The administration are planning on bulldozing them down for redevelopment? Those buildings, painted up, could be attractive and fit in with the town. They are exceptionally well built. However, apparently they have NO VALUE to the Government. What CRAP.

Take, for instance the garage part. This could house Mr & Mrs Ford's coaches, out of the weather, instead of having to be left outside. Calculating the 'airspace' of a pack-away in the lookout Industrial Estate, which the Development Corporation sold for £10,000, PLUS another £4,700 for the SMALL piece of ground it stood on. Surely, that kind of charging by our Development Corporation, for local benefit, is to charge extortionate figures as that, on buildings that were received almost as a gift from the military. Taking into consideration the equivalent airspace of the garage ALONE, that would put a figure well in excess of £40,000. The ground area of the garage, the forecourt the South side entrance area, at these charges, would show a figure of at least £42,300, plus the fact that the entire area is concreted, must again increase this estimate! The airspace of the store-rooms in comparison would put a figure of, well over £20,000. Therefore, these buildings would have a value of, A MINIMUM OF £102,300. AND THE ADMINISTRATION WANT TO BULLDOZE IT DOWN, JUST TO CREATE ANOTHER EYESORE FOR VISITORS. A PRIME EXAMPLE IS IN THE PHOTOGRAPH BELOW.

It is time there was a CLEAR-OUT of Administration 'brass' and Kelpers introduced a new pack of cards, where 'they' would plan and decide how they want their town to look, what should go and what should stay.

Best wishes from, just ANOTHER CHEESED-OFF KELPER, being told how and where we must live.

B Peck
Stanley

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

Two views on the Saddle Farm Hydatid Case

The Vet's View

AS REFERENCE was made to me in the question and answer exchange between the Hon W Luxton from Chartres and the Attorney General broadcast on the radio on the 30th of May 1995 into the matter concerning the prosecution of Mr D Dunford by the AG for a breach of Hydatid Legislation, I should like to outline my involvement to the general public so that they can judge the situation.

I was approached by a member of staff of the Agricultural Department who had been on the West. Friends and acquaintances of Mr Dunford had expressed concern to her that Mr Dunford had shot a dog and left it lying in the cage in full view of its contemporaries. She expressed concern to me about the situation. I discussed the matter with the Director of Agriculture who instructed me to carry out an immediate investigation of the facts by visiting Saddle Farm.

I rang up Sergeant McGill on the day the report was made to me and requested police assistance with the matter. I was advised by Mr McGill to visit Saddle Farm initially on my own and inform the Police if I had any concerns.

I visited Saddle Farm in April 1994 and discovered on a stroll around the farm that there was no evidence of ill treatment to dogs but a putrid smell led me to an open trench approximately 150 yards from the house which was full of several hundred decomposing sheep. Reference to the situation has subsequently been made by Mr Dunford in a letter to the *Penguin News*. The carcasses were in a pit he stated. I present the photos for publication. The public can judge who is closer to the truth. Could a loose dog access the carcasses? I have no doubt that it could. The concern about the Hydatid situation expressed by the general public obviously motivated my conduct. I feel that to have ignored the situation would have removed any credibility the Department of Agriculture had especially as the existence and location of the sheep in retrospect were common knowledge in that area of the West. The breach of the legislation was in my opinion so gross that it could not be ignored. In my experience approximately 50% or more of farms were in breach of the legislation in one form or another but I recognise that some breaches are technicalities with some little risk. However to ignore such a gross breach as that committed by Mr Dunford would give the wrong signal to farmers. It is essential that they realise that

the Department of Agriculture will enforce the legislation.

On the afternoon of my visit to Saddle Farm I contacted Detective Sgt. McGill by telephone from the West and asked for Police assistance with the matter. I was prepared to wait for their arrival the next day, however was told to visit the police on my return to Stanley which I did the next day where I outlined my concerns.

They eventually visited Saddle Farm at least one week later by which time the evidence had been concealed by Mr Dunford.

I could not believe their continued refusal to proceed with the case even when I produced the photos taken on the occasion, some of which are now published.

I felt that I had no option but to approach the Attorney General. Public concern on the Hydatid situation, I felt, justified that approach. I am glad that the Attorney General concluded that a prosecution was in the public interest. Mr Dunford was actually only prosecuted for one breach of the legislation but other breaches were not acted on as I was ignorant to the correct legal procedure and did not caution Mr Dunford formally on arrival at the farm.

The result I feel was fair. Mr Dunford was the first person I know of to have been prosecuted under the legislation and was dealt with relatively leniently as a result, but the message conveyed is that the public view the hydatid situation with great concern and, in my opinion, expect Government officers to act accordingly, which will be done.

However I must sympathise with the implication made by the Hon. Member from Chartres in the final question to the Attorney General. It is unlikely that many people will not have realised to which matter he referred but in case they haven't, my supposition is that he refers to the 'Bodie Creek affair' which resulted in prosecution of the Manager and Assistant Manager of Goose Green Farm under the protection of animals 1911 Act. I cannot say how sick I was at the outcome of this case. I felt sick and outraged for a week after the event. Why was the outcome so pathetic? Compare the sentence on Robin Goodwin for allowing several hundred sheep to starve to death.

I was actually informed of the situation by the Attorney General who was outraged at the report he had received and asked me to go immediately to Goose Green to investigate and advised me to take a Police Officer with me as the investigation had to be carried out under police caution. "No punches

were to be pulled".

From then on it would appear the General Manager of F.L.H. conducted their side of the affair. He incidentally had been informed of the affair at least one week before the police investigation by a F.L.H. Manager, but had given no instructions to the Goose Green Manager to deal with the aftermath in terms of removal of sheep carcasses to prevent access by dogs. Carcasses lay on the bank of the Creek for at least one week.

From that point the investigation was an uphill struggle. Witnesses to the event and its aftermath ranging from people in lowly to senior positions and presumably fearful of their jobs or local reputations would not give statements to the police? The only material witness to give evidence did so with the defence's solicitor being present to advise him.

I do not know what advice the solicitor gave. Hardly an impartial approach though. The witness had been instructed by the General Manager that he could only make a statement with the solicitor present. He refused to submit photographs he had taken to the police.

That sets the tone for the rest of the investigation. The inquiry was resisted all the way by Falkland Landholdings. According to the Police it was feasible to make orders to seize photographs and force witnesses to give evidence in court. However none of these measures were taken.

(See page 10 for Mr Dave Dunford's View)



Ian Saunders photographs of the disputed pit at Saddle Farm

At the end of the day, the charges in connection with Hydatid Legislation breaches were dropped for guilty pleas on the Protection of Animals Act charges. I believe it was a damage limitation exercise. Had the case been tried I have no doubt that there would have been public outrage at the full facts which did not come out in the Police statement in the court, which I feel did not do justice to the event.

This I believe reflects the difficulty in guaranteeing absolute impartiality in a small community such as this when government officials are wearing two hats.

I feel that it is essential that everyone is treated equally but I have good reason to believe that the outcome would probably have been different for a small farm without the connections of F.L.H.

I feel the honourable approach for F.L.H. would have been to publicly admit the incident, condemn it and state categorically that it would not happen again. It is bad that what should be the flagship leading the way in farming matters lagged behind many subdivision farmers in terms of animal welfare. I was however glad to learn that the Board of FLH refused the General Manager's request that FLH pay the fines. That would have been complicity to what I see as inexcusable action in terms of animal welfare. It is a pity that the decision was not unanimous

Mr Ian Saunders
Veterinary Officer

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Full tender documentation is available from the Secretariat in Stanley. Bids based on the tender information should be submitted to:

The Chairman of the Tender Board
Secretariat
Stanley

Tenders must be received by 15:00 local time on 21st July 1995. Enquiries concerning the Tender should be directed to the Senior Assistant Secretary, Stanley, Falkland Islands. (Telephone 27405, Fax 27212)

SUPREME COURT OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Notice under the Administration of Estates Ordinance (Cap.1) TAKE NOTICE THAT John Stewart, deceased, of Stanley, Falkland Islands died at Woolwich, United Kingdom on the 9th day of May 1995.

WHEREAS Hulda Fraser Stewart, widow of the deceased, has applied for Letters of Administration to administer the estate of the said deceased in the Colony.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 4 of the Administration of Estates Ordinance to all persons resident in the Colony who may have prior claim to such grant that the prayer of the Petitioner will be granted provided no caveat be entered in the Supreme Court within 21 days of the publication hereof.

Goose Green Liberation Tradition in safe hands



Eric Goss and Ken Lukoviac

FOLLOWING a tradition begun in Goose Green, but continued in Stanley since 1988, many of the survivors of the 140 members of the Goose Green and Darwin community, who were imprisoned in the Goose Green Social club by the Argentines in 1982, met in the Upland Goose on the evening of Monday 29th May to celebrate the anniversary of their liberation by the 2nd Battalion of the parachute Regiment.

Earlier in the day, many had also been present at the annual Act of Remembrance at the battle monument outside Darwin Settlement where Canon Stephen Palmer had read once again the names of the British dead, laid as in life, by Lieutenant Colonel H Jones.

One difference from the celebrations of previous years was that this year the organisation of the evening celebration was in the hands of the rising generation represented by Lisa Jaffray and Caroline Ford, who were congratulated on their efforts by Kevin Ormand when he rose to present his usual toast to "The absent party-goers", which, he said, he hoped to be able to continue to propose annually until he joined their number.

Two new guest speakers at this annual event were also like Kevin and Gary Clements, veterans of the Goose Green Battle: Ken Lukoviac and Andy Palmer.

Ken who has written a book about his experiences and was visiting the Falklands for the first time since 1982 said that his chief memory of the 29th May 1982 was of joy "your joy and our joy in contrast with the fear of the 28th."

Andy Palmer, who is now serving with the RIC, but has also been down here since 1982 with EOD, was only 18 years old at the time of the Falklands War.

Rural Development Update

IN ANSWER to a question by the Honourable R J Stevens at the recent 'Questions for Oral Answer session' of Legislative Council, the Chief Executive gave an up date on the issues discussed at the last Farmers Week on the 'FID's Plans for Rural Development'.

He said that The Draft Rural Development Policy remains very much a live document in FIDC as the framework for a significant number of ongoing issues. The key issues raised by the document and progress to date in each area are as follows

Sheep Farming

A permanent home for the stud flock has been achieved.

Contacts have been established with research bodies in Australia and Chile to benefit from their agricultural experience.

The need for subsidies has been eliminated by raised wool prices but action has been taken to reduce the debt burden on farms by reducing the capital element of FIG/FIDC mortgages.

FIDC is pursuing opportunities for knitwear, organic scoured wool

and the possibility of low grade wool used for house insulation

The abattoir project is progressing as are investigations into the upgrading of Falkland beef.

Diversification

Efforts continue, for increase of tourist numbers, tourism being a diversification for the camp.

Other projects are supported if they make commercial sense, eg. goats, pigs, hens, turkeys, lamb production and skin tanning.

Marketing

A commercial marketing presence in the London Office has been established

Infrastructure

Road building continues, as does the development of key ports.

Regarding renewable energy, the Energy Advisory Committee has been charged with developing an energy policy for the Falklands.

Land availability projects are being pursued via an FLH Coordinated project plus through the possibility of a debt reduction scheme, to negotiate the acquisition of common land in return for the release of zero interest loans.

Thanksgiving and Hope mark community's farewell to Iain Stewart

THE AFTERNOON of Friday, June 2 saw a large congregation gather in the Tabernacle in Stanley for what was described as a "service of Thanksgiving and Hope" in remembrance of Cable and Wireless, Stanley Manager, Iain Stewart, who died in London last month after a prolonged struggle against illness.

The service, which began with a moving and courageous welcome from Iain's widow, Hulda, was conducted by Tabernacle Minister, Mike Parkyn, who paid his own tribute to Iain's courage, cheerfulness and Christian faith, and also quoted movingly many of the tributes and memories of Iain that he had gathered from his family, colleagues and friends.

Iain was born in Oban on the West Coast of Scotland in 1937, though his family hailed from Harris in the Outer Hebrides and his grandfather and great uncle had both visited the Falkland Islands around the turn of the century.

National Service in the Royal Navy led to Iain taking up the Service as a career and introduced him to the Falklands, which he first visited in 1961. A year later, he was to marry Hulda Watts and eventually they were to make their home in Stanley and establish a global reputation for hospitality.

From the Navy, Iain joined BAS as a radio engineer, transferring to Cable and Wireless when they took over BAS telecommunications in 1974.



LIBRARIAN Sue Birmingham and Teresa Lang, Secretary of the Falkland Islands Cancer Support and Awareness Trust, (FICSAT) showing some of the forty or so booklets on all aspects of cancer, which are now available in the Community Library thanks to FICSAT's efforts.

Produced by the British cancer support organisation, BACUP, the booklets give clear, well-illustrated information and advice, both on specific cancers and also on a whole range of related topics, such as cervical smears, radiotherapy, diet and coping with hair loss.

Slim risk to Penguin News in grenade find

ON TUESDAY, May 30, a team of divers from the 59 Independent Commando Squadron Royal Engineers, who are the current Falkland Island Field Squadron, were to be seen exploring Stanley Harbour just outside the Penguin News office.

Why? "It's an interesting place to dive", said Sergeant Jansons, a spokesman for the Royal Engineer's EOD team based in Stanley, who explained that military divers had to do a certain number of hours diving per year to keep their qualifications current.



One of the grenades, corroded but still deadly

Stanley harbour was a useful area to dive because of the amount of material that had been dumped in it. To prove his point, on the first day's dive the team discovered two special forces grenades and an illuminant.

The grenades, containing ex-

plosive, were pronounced stable although there is always a very slim chance that they could present a danger. An emergency notice was issued to Air Movements and the grenades were disposed of within two hours at Yorke Bay demolition range.



The EOD diving team at the Public Jetty on Tuesday

Mike's full set

THE latest addition to Mike Butcher's private Stanley whaling museum arrived last week from Bleaker Island. (see PN of April 8)

Pictured with the whale bones, believed to be the first full set ever shown in Stanley, are (left to right) Mike Bingham, Mike Butcher himself, Kurt Whitney and Paul Morrison. Along with Findlay Ferguson of Bleaker Island, they all helped in gathering the bones from the beach and getting them ready for shipment to Stanley on MV Tamar, courtesy of Byron Marine.

The whale is believed to have been a 45 ft. Sei and Mike now faces the considerable job of reassembling the skeleton for display.

Fred's Auto accident

ON HIS WAY to FIPASS last week, veteran marine engineer, Fred Gooch had a narrow escape from serious injury when he was run over by his own car.

Having broken down due to a flooded carburettor in his trusty Citroen Dyane, Fred was pushing it along to get a running start, when the vehicle began to get away from him down a hill, which he had not noticed in the prevailing foggy conditions.

Before he was able to do anything to prevent it, Fred, was dragged along and then, as he tried to steer the car away from a ditch, found himself on the ground, where the rear wheel ran over his head.

Fred succeeded finally in starting the car and carried on to FIPASS to do a job, before reporting to KEMH for stitching up.





Results of Penguin News survey of readers' opinion

What does it all mean?

ONE HUNDRED and fifteen people took the trouble to complete our recent survey of readers' opinions for which we thank them very sincerely. Something like one hundred and fifty of them are resident in the Falklands, which is really a remarkable response from a population of around 2,000. Allowing for the proportion of the population who, are small children or unlikely to be readers of any sort of newspaper due to infirmity, or other reasons, it becomes a large enough sample to take seriously, although as always in the Falklands, absolute statistical reliability is difficult to guarantee. At the request of many of our readers, we publish the scores below, along with a little bit of analysis, though that is a process, which will keep us going for some time. Thanks to you, the readers, we feel that we now have a body of information which will help us plan for the future development of *Penguin News*.

Readership profile

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10. Do you watch CNN News programmes?

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| 3 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 40 | 6 | 44 | 1 | 99 | 15 | 87 | 13 |
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No real surprises here, except for the fickleness of *Penguin News* buyers in not sticking to the same shop each week (only 20% do)

Our readers seem to be drawn mainly from the more mature end of the population and a high proportion of them do not rely on the *Penguin News* alone for local and international information. Our readership appears to have grown by 5% during the last year.

The fact that 22% of the sample send *Penguin News* overseas was one that we could not have guessed at and it's encouraging that 80% of those doing so, buy an extra copy.

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Favourite bits



Which of the following articles and features do you read regularly?

11. Editorial
12. Sir Rex Hunt's UK Newsletter
13. Baldrick, Diary of a Farmer's Cat
14. As I see it, by Gail Steen
15. A Doctor Writes/Health Matters
16. Back Page Ads
17. Postscript
18. Letters to the Editor
19. Exco/Legco Reports
20. Conservation/Nature Articles

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Phew! What a relief! By this reckoning the editorial is marginally more popular than the diary of that moggy on the West.

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I'm always surprised by the number of people who say they don't read Gail Steen and then go on to quote from what she wrote! Own up!

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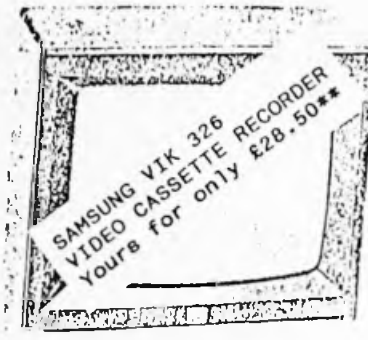
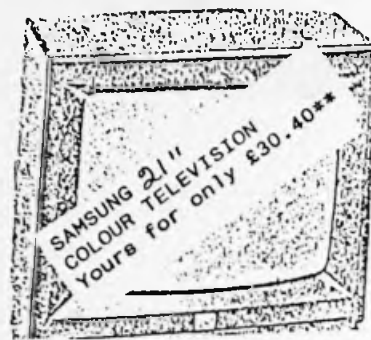
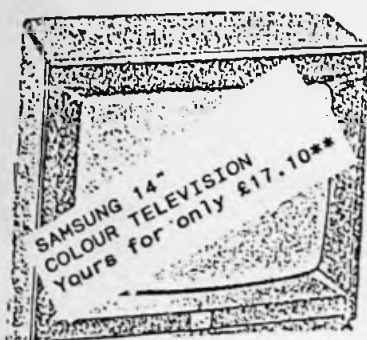
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DIARY OF A FARMER'S CAT by Baldrick Wilkinson

Taste of Camp for the sykey-something

ENOUGH of the digs about 'hibernating'. Who does she think she is anyway? Sheesh. Can't a chap have a quiet snooze any more without some silly moo saying they're 'hibernating'? I suppose when she disappears into her cosy portacabin she's not 'hibernating' but 'working'. Yeah, yeah, yeah. You don't fool this cat that easy. I've seen her emerge all sleepy eyed and confused when the boss shouts 'oi! are we having any lunch today or what?' I know what's been going on in there, and it's not 'work'. I swear I've heard her snoring. I bet she's got a nice cosy box of her own in there, with a snuggly blanket to keep her warm...

Can't say I blame the old bat for opting out. Since that nice patrol came and went it's been fairly quiet round here. Not much to keep her awake really. Back to normal in fact, apart from the boat arriving last evening and spending a stormy night anchored out in the bay 'cos it was too late and too dark for them to work then. The Boss was up at first light and went off to help offload stores, fuel and timber with the neighbours down the coast, 'cos the tide was too low

for the Seatruck to get into the jetty. The Missus opted out of this little pleasure jaunt, and I can't say I blame her.

She did show signs of life when the stores arrived home though. Amazing how humans can get excited at the appearance of some boring old boxes, isn't it? With the rotten weather this morning everything had got pretty wet, so she was kept busy drying 'em off and stashing them away in the storeroom.

Along with the stores came some of that flat-pack furniture, sort of office stuff it is. The Boss spent a few happy hours in the Portacabin today, with a screwdriver and a blasphemous running commentary, trying to fit the things together to please the Missus. He finally got one particularly fiddly looking item almost finished, only to find part of it was upside down. He'd have to take it all apart again. The Missus, who was visiting the scene briefly to praise his handiwork, disappeared rapidly back into the house....

Talking of screwdrivers - there's a bloke coming tomorrow who's a sykey-something. I didn't

recognise the word that the Boss used when he gave the phone to the Missus, to okay the chap's visit, but I think he must have something to do with screwdrivers. At any rate the Boss keeps cracking jokes about the Missus having a screw loose and he hopes this chap can fix it...

Apparently he's coming to 'get a taste of camp life'. Gadzooks! Couldn't anyone find him somewhere saner to come?? What kind of sadist was it who pointed him this way, poor man?? If he's not a sykey-something he'll need one himself by the time he's spent a night in this place...

Guess he must be a pretty big chap, this screwdriver man. The Missus was worrying about a bed for him, and now she's put two ordinary ones together to make one. Jumpin' Jemima! I can't wait to see him! Hope he likes cats. I really hope he likes cats. I wouldn't like to argue with anyone that big...

Hope he likes dogs too. That Moss is growing like blazes, and he likes visitors. It's not everyone that appreciates being bounced on by a wet puppy though. Time he learnt some manners, I reckon.

Ah, Well. Think I'll go and hang wistfully round the kitchen door again. The Missus is mincing up great mounds of beef for the freezer, and with the right doleful expression I might be able to divert some my way. Tomorrow she's supposed to be making sausages, which I'd have thought would be dead easy. Almost as easy as eating 'em. Apparently you need good co-ordination to make respectable sausages though. Dunno what that is but the Boss obviously thinks the Missus is lacking in it. Promises to be good for a laugh, anyway, and I won't look a gift sausage in the mouth if one happens to come my way. The Missus tends to throw things when they go wrong, like burnt biscuits for example. They come hurtling out of the kitchen window accompanied by unprintable oaths. Once they're cool they're usually edible still. If misshapen sausages happen to get the same frisky treatment, this pussy cat is in for a luxuriant and fattening time. Sod the diet...

Cheers, chays -
Love,

Baldrick

Questions for Oral Answer taken from the Meeting of Legislative Council on 27 May 1995

Hydatid Dogs Control 1981

COUNCILLOR LUXTON requested that the Attorney General explain why he had decided to mount a prosecution of one of Councillor Luxton's constituents (Mr Dave Dunford) when the police had advised against it.

He added that the police would have advised a caution in that particular case.

He asked the Attorney General "in view of the way in which a subsequent case was handled does he now consider that the caution was excessive and generally considered as victimisation? Will he take steps to assist Mr Dunford in making an appeal with a view to have the conviction quashed?"

In reply the Attorney General explained that Mr Dunford had offended under the Hydatid Dogs Control Act of 1981. He felt that the breach of the relevant provision by Mr Dunford was so great that if he were not prosecuted then it would be difficult to prosecute anyone else who offended under that provision. Also great public concern was being expressed at

the time regarding Hydatid. The Attorney General felt that it was an "open and shut case" due to having seen photographs of the so called pit.

FIG Land Policy

Councillor Halford asked that the Chief Executive confirm that it is FIG policy to make known to the general public any land it may have available for sale or lease.

The Chief Executive answered that it was his understanding that it was usual policy to make known publicly any land FIG intends to dispose of for housing.

However it was not always the same policy with land to be disposed of for commercial purposes; the policy in either case is one for councillors to decide

Draft Town Plan

Councillor Birmingham asked the Financial Secretary for the total cost of preparing, printing and distributing the Draft Town Plan. The Financial Secretary replied

that it had cost £4,700 not including staff time. Staff time would total approximately £35,000. Councillor Birmingham hoped revealing these figures would create more interest in the Town Plan.

Abattoir

The Chief Executive was required to inform the session how many abattoir questionnaires were sent to farmers, how many completed and returned and the total number of mutton sheep and culls available to the abattoir.

In answer it was said that 88 questionnaires were sent, 45 farmers replied and approximately 26,454 culls would be available on an annual basis. This compared favourably with the 30,000 estimate of culls needed. There were still 48.9% replies to come in the form of questionnaires. In the replies 88.2% of the target culls had been achieved.

Councillor Birmingham then asked if the abattoir report would be sent to every farmer in the camp in the future?

The Chief Executive replied that all farmers had had the opportunity to buy the report.

Road Works

Councillor Wendy Teggart asked when road works on Endurance Avenue, Scoresby Close, Shackleton Drive and Discovery Close would commence.

The Chief Executive answered that roadwork on Endurance Avenue was already out to tender and work would commence in the summer of 1995. It was for the Councillors to decide when the other roads become a priority, however provisions had been made for these roads.

Coastal Shipping

In answer to a question regarding coastal shipping, the Financial Secretary said that the coastal shipping service provided by Byron Marine Ltd had receipts totalling £205,521 for the companies financial year from local freight from around the Islands.

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LETTERS (continued).

Views on the Saddle Farm Hydatid Case

The Farmers View

FOLLOWING THE exchanges between the Attorney General and Councillor Luxton at the recent Legislative Council meetings, I would like to make the following comments.

Firstly I would like to thank Councillor Luxton for concerning himself in a possible miscarriage of justice. Thanks must also go to the Police Force for being genuine and human, and I apologise to the Chief of Police, if he had any comeback from the Attorney General for being truthful and trying to serve the public correctly.

The Attorney General's reasoning that it was an open and shut case after looking at a photograph does not take into consideration a small but vital part of my considerable defence, that although the pit was open, the steep sides and inherent suction and quagmire effect of the surface made it virtually impossible for a dog to drag anything from or walk on the surface of the pit. This

is apart from the fact that my hydatid free dogs were unable to get to it because of their confinement.

The reason I pleaded guilty was that only days before the re-adjourned court case, my lawyer told me that unless I pleaded guilty, he would not continue with the case. He also said that if I pleaded not guilty and was found guilty that the penalties would be more severe and I would have to pay substantial court costs.

I could not take the chance of fighting the case without legal representation. To me this smacks of plea bargaining. My lawyer admitted that he did not relish taking on the Attorney General in court because he had a better legal brain.

In the light of the Attorney General's response and previous lack of response at a previous LegCo meeting and subsequent lack of action, in more blatant cases, I call for his resignation, before he makes a mess of something else which effects us all.

D Dunford
Saddle Farm



Ian Saunders photograph of the disputed pit in relation to Saddle Farm house

A distasteful editorial....

HAVING returned recently from a brief trip to UK, and the States. I again found myself somewhat amazed by the depths to which all news papers in the UK go to in order to sell their product. The vast majority of the first few pages of every paper consist of articles exposing and discrediting some prominent member of society.

So it was with disappointment, that the first Penguin News I purchased upon my return, contained what I consider to be a somewhat distasteful editorial.

Whilst accepting that the more pro-active members of the establishment will attract criticism. I feel your article is

fuelled more by the misnomer that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, than the fact that it actually is.

I do not oppose constructive criticism of policies, actions or inactions of influential persons or organisations within our society. However I do object to the style of journalism displayed in your editorial.

I am sure that this is not a sign of things to come. However, would like to note that as a reader of Penguin News, this is not the style of editorial I wish to read.

Hamish Wylie
Stanley

As I See It By Gail Steen

Why build UK style...when you can have so much more?

I RECKON Baldrick has the right idea. The thought of hibernating, when the temperature drops and the night descends around 4 pm, is very attractive.

My hibernation fantasy involves a big comfy bed, waiter service, a dozen or so notepads and pencils and a huge pile of books. No telephone, no clock, no deadlines.

I could lie up in sublime tranquillity and devour all the books I've been meaning to read for years.

Books like, Leo Tolstoy's War and Peace, which I'm ashamed to admit I've tried to get into a few times and failed miserably. I've never really got the hang of all those Russian names. It's very frustrating if, when you get a quarter way through, you've got your Bezuhovs and your Bolkonskys hopelessly mixed up. It sort of spoils the story and your understanding of it, quicker than missing pages.

Having such a pathetic grasp of serious works I suppose I should not have attempted absorption of

the Draft Town Plan all in one evening. But mindful of all the pleas for comment and the fear of (sometime in the future), getting lost on one of my strolls down east of Stanley, not forgetting the cost of its production, I felt I had to bow to pressure and try to make a few fair comments.

I could probably write a book on this report so I will limit myself to some of the areas I am concerned about.

The first impression I got when reading it for the first time was that here was a good base from which to work towards a town we can all be proud of and happy to live in.

One of the first objectives, I think, is to clearly define residential areas, recreation areas, commercial areas and works areas in relation to how far we want such areas to be developed and how these different activities can live side by side in harmony. It seems that each time the town grows we get a little bit more of each type of development springing up in the

new areas the old facilities carrying on as usual, part of but apart from each other. Take for instance the East Jetty and port facilities at FIPASS and PWD, Megabid and Central Stores. It seems to me the time will come when some far reaching decisions will have to be made - maybe that time is now?

I do not like the idea of any large port facilities oil supply bases being sited in Stanley harbour. I believe the low water depth in the harbour is already a problem, so why, if a greater demand and usage is envisaged, aggravate the problem?

I think a deep water site should be identified outside of Stanley town, where all large port facilities and oil related business could be incorporated.

Stanley should be for the smaller port related commercial activities. Not stuck in the middle of some sprawling dockside environment. Cape Pembroke should be left as it is as far as possible, already certain sites sit like scars on an otherwise beautiful area. Don't add to them.

How long can we keep building everything in one small area and hope to end up with an attractive place to live?

The aspect of the East Stanley Housing Development I do not like is the tendency to 'cram up', apparently the plots are long and narrow, so there we will be, shoulder to shoulder, or eaves to eaves, when it is quite unnecessary. I can understand the closer you site houses the cheaper it is to service them. But I detest this 'like it is in UK' style we seem to be following. They are short of space - we are not!

When you look at the maps of the old town and at some of the newer buildings as in Jeremy Moore and Endurance Avenue, all are set out in a logical way making as much use as possible of space and views. Then look at recent developments. While the houses along H Jones Road have superb views and are well set out what of those in behind, they seem rather jumbled, with virtually no view or space. As are the ones in the Eliza Cove Crescent area and Squid Row. Some owners have and are building very attractive homes on, what I think, are inferior sites through no fault of their own. Viewed in this way each successive housing development seems to get a little worse, plot wise and layout than the last. What can people do if they need a building plot but take what is available.

While a view and spaciousness is not a right, surely these aspects

could be given more consideration?

If the curvaceous planning of the East Stanley Housing Development goes ahead I can envisage more of the same higgledy-piggledy style. Save the cramming and brick (or in our case wood or swish) wall vistas for when these islands are so crowded that it becomes an unavoidable necessity. Why build UK style housing estates in the Falklands when you can have so much more.

However I think the Draft Town Plan is very well done and contains some good plans and recommendations along with some that are not so good and I do not envy those whose task it will be to decide which to adopt, adapt or abort.

I must also add my support to those who favour the setting up of a home for the elderly, I cannot imagine anything more depressing and degrading than spending my last days in hospital. But need it be a Government project? With the right guidance and support it could be a private concern.

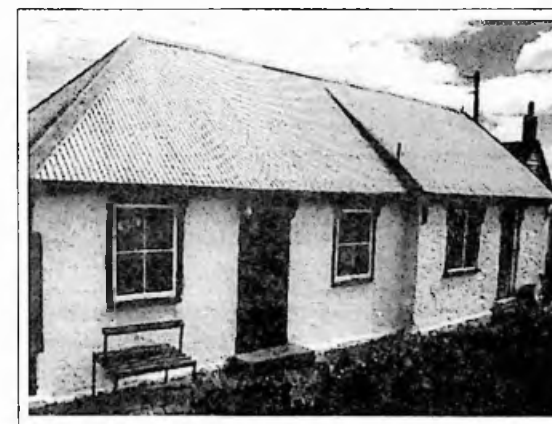
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"was it a rabbit's head?"

Anyway if these plans come to be, we will have more than we have ever dreamt of. It is a bit like a fairy story isn't it; and like fairy stories and all good books, the best part is always the ending. When the plot has finally come to a fitting conclusion, when everything is sorted out, when all is in place, and everyone lives happily ever after.

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POSTSCRIPT FROM THE CATHEDRAL

IN THIS century there have been few men more brilliant or versatile than Albert Schweitzer, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Whilst still in his twenties he was in the front rank of bible teachers and philosophers, a famous organist and a world authority of J S Bach. He could have asked much of life. But he decided that he would devote himself to his studies and his art until he was thirty; then he would train as a doctor and go to Africa to pay what he could of the debt which he felt the white man owes to the coloured. (Schweitzer founded and built with

his own hands a hospital deep in the Congo jungle, and then worked there for nearly fifty years). And as he stood on the deck of the ship bringing him home for a brief leave period, he looked back to Africa and said "I feel humbled, and ask myself how I earned the privilege of carrying on such a work." "Who-soever will save his life shall lose it," said Jesus, and "who-soever will lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall find it." Schweitzer discovered God's secret - that real life is in self-giving not in bargaining.

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Emergency services praised after *Isla Guafu* rescue

THE prompt and efficient way in which the rescue operation for the stricken Chilean longliner, *Isla Guafu* was carried out this week drew public praise from many sources, including from Consolidated Fisheries, who were chartering the vessel.

In a letter to Captain Jon Clarke of the Fisheries Service, who coordinated the rescue, HE The Governor wrote, "It is a source of great pride to everyone in the Islands that when a crisis like this occurs, we can rely on the Fisheries Department to handle their side of it with complete competence, just

as we can rely on the RAF and Royal Navy to handle their responsibilities so well. The Governor also sent messages of congratulations to other organisations involved, such as the Medical Services and the Red Cross in which he praised the efficient way in which the recently constructed Emergency Plan worked so satisfactorily.

The crew of *Isla Guafu* were evacuated from their vessel by two RAF Sea King helicopters on June 7.

The ship was approximately 50 miles east of Volunteer Point,

when a fire was discovered on the vessel. The crew attempted to fight the fire but were unable to contain it and left the vessel for life-rafts later in the morning.

Following a call from the Fisheries Department an RAF Hercules of 1312 Flight was scrambled to investigate the distress call. The Fisheries Patrol Vessel *Cordella*, HMS *Marlborough*, and the tug *Typhoon* were also diverted to attend the stricken ship.

The Captain of the vessel Augusto Olavarria said that some of the life-rafts were kept perilously close to the side of the vessel due to draughts, which in his opinion may have been created by the fire. However it took only 40 minutes from the time the distress call was made to the helicopters reaching the scene.

The crew and a Consolidated Fisheries Scientific Observer, Mr Nigel Brothers, were taken to the King Edward Memorial Hospital in Stanley for a medical check. Some members of the crew suffered as a result of smoke inhalation and one had a minor injury.

The crew left the Falklands on Friday on a Russian vessel bound for Punta Arenas. The Captain, pilot and four officers flew to Punta Arenas later the same day. At the time of going to press, the ship is still adrift, still smouldering, attended by the *Typhoon*, until the Chilean authorities have finished their inquiry.

Disposal of the vessel may pose an environmental risk as it still contains 60 tons of fuel oil and 4 tons of ammonia.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Argentine Squid Fishery closes at last

ACCORDING To the *Boletin Oficial* in Buenos Aires on June 5, the Argentine Squid Fishery has been closed South of 44 degrees. It is assumed that this decree includes all squid species as none were specified. The Falkland Islands closed its *Illex* fishery on May 19 of this year.

Di Tella talks change nothing, says Governor

THE GOVERNOR, talking to Patrick Watts on News Magazine on Monday, indicated that he was confident that the licensing round planned for the austral spring would go ahead, whatever transpired of the talks between The Argentine Foreign Minister and the British Foreign Secretary regarding oil exploration offshore.

However what was clear, he believed, was that oil companies would prefer some sort of arrangement between Argentina and Britain which would allow co-operation over the development of hydrocarbons in the area.

Solid Shackleton Achievement

THREE important donations last week have added over £6000 to the Shackleton Scholarship Appeal Fund.

Saturday night's Dinner and Cabaret at the Town Hall raised almost £2000.

Kelvin International Services donated £2500 to the Appeal.

Mr Bob Fiddes (Hanswell Marine) donated £2000.

Message from shipowners, Carlos Romero, Captain Augusto Olavarria, Officers and Crew of the *Isla Guafu*

MANY THANKS to the authorities, organizations and people of the Falkland Islands for your help.

Thanks to the RAF, Fisheries Department, Police, Hospital, Red Cross and all others involved in the excellent rescue operation.

We were very impressed by the way in which all involved made it easier for the survivors by going to the hospital. Everything was so good that even our two pet dogs, Conchita and Cornetta were well looked after.

Lest we forget



A summer-time picture for Liberation Day. Vicky Lee, Tamara and Roxanne Morrison bring flowers to the grave of Captain GJ Hamilton, M.C. in Port Howard cemetery. Photo: Nick Hadden

Liberation Day Magazine edition

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WITH Dr. Di Tella's recent visit to Britain the avalanche of words coming from Argentine sources about the Falklands has increased to what, given the relative size and global importance of our two countries, must seem to an outsider to be ridiculous new levels. It's almost as if every communiqué from the Elysée Palace in Paris were to include some reference to Guernsey or Sark and the importance of them being French once more.

If Kevin Kilmartin's assessment of the high level of indifference to the Falklands/Malvinas issue amongst ordinary Argentine people is correct, after his recent visit there, then one can only be forced to agree with what many commentators have been saying for a long time; namely that the driving force behind the 'mega bribe', and all the other somewhat shady and underhand efforts to cause disunity amongst us on the sovereignty question, is not one hundred and sixty odd years of wounded national pride, but the prospect of oil in these waters.

If such is the case, I fear that we shall get no peace from the increasingly confused and shrill utterances from Buenos Aires, until the successful conclusion of the first oil licensing round. Then, if international oil keeps its head and isn't put off by the empty threat of the international law courts, it may be in a position to do what the Foreign Office have failed to do, which is to persuade the Argentine Government of the real benefits of accepting the futility of their claim and adopting a more co-operative stance. I shall not, however, be holding my breath!

General Manager Falklands Landholdings Ltd

Applications are invited to fill the interesting and challenging position of General Manager, Falklands Landholdings Ltd.

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For further details, please contact Mr Robin Lee at Falklands Landholdings Limited on telephone number 22697

Letters of Application with CV's should be sent to the Chairman, Falklands Landholdings Ltd., Secretariat by 4.00pm on 30th June 1995.

YOUR LETTERS.....

I still protest my innocence says Robin Goodwin

ONE OF THE two letters, that appeared in the Penguin New on 7th June in connection with Mr Dunford of Saddle Farm, made reference to me in person.

My family and I went through a very traumatic time during those events and even though found guilty, I still protest my innocence.

To have had my name brought up again and re-stirring this subject up was in very bad taste, even more so when I was not found guilty of STARVING, but of PERMITTING CRUELTY TO LIVE-STOCK.

The real truth of the findings was never printed correctly. The fact that the title PERMITTING covered up very nicely, for the Crown, the true meaning of the sentence.

I argued then and still do, that someone, or something caused one of our fences to be flattened, allowing a large number of sheep to become trapped in a corner of a paddock bounded by a deep ditch. We had no way of knowing about this until too late; and whoever or whatever caused the problem, left me alone (as I am the owner) to take the rap for it. The fine cost me £1000.00 at the time with no right to appeal. The exact amount of dead counted at the time was 252 and not the near 500 as suggested.

Shortly after this Mr Dunford was being convicted for not disposing of some stock properly, yet still much later Falklands Landholdings were let off the hook.

The punishment handed out went in this case to the employees of FLH and not one bit of blame was passed to the top of FLH who permitted those persons to carry out, what I consider to have been an evil act. I said then and say now, Where is real justice. Pity my farm was not called FLH.

Yet, even another more sinister act of cruelty was caused to almost half of the Pedigree Stud Ram Hogs on Sealion/Lively Island. Yet again, no financial costs were delivered against anyone for cruelty. (Another figure head operation that farmers are supposed to be guided by). Instead this time several hundreds of thousands of pounds were put up by the FIG to carry out a report and re-locate the entire Sealion flock to land at FLH. (Again, pity my farm name was not National Stud flock). Why did I not get the same offer of help.

The point I am trying to make is that both Mr Dunford and I were the subject of brutal punishment, on both occasions, but neither of us were directly involved with any cruelty of any kind.

It is also worth pointing out that, I have never and will never take the life of a lamb, but would rather fetch it home to bottle feed. Is this the kind of person who would permit himself to allow the

sufferings as suggested to take place. If someone did knock down my fence, then I hope that person realises what torment they have caused my family.

While some points made in the vet's letter are worthy of mention, printing boldly my name was not. Nor did he appear to mention the Sea Lion saga that he himself was part of. Who said there is no class distinction here?

It is very easy to point a finger of blame at any individual who has little chance of properly defending themselves.

It seems quite clear by the vet's letter that he was actually tasked to visit Mr Dunford's farm on a quite different matter, which never even reached the headlines. In this capacity, given the nature of his visit, he should not have been permitted to even consider searching out the smell he mentioned, which could have easily been from an offal drum. Perhaps he actually knew of the killing before he went to see Mr Dunford. I had the exact same treatment when the Agricultural Officer told me he was bringing the new vet along to see the country. I now know that was also not true.

Just as I was, Mr Dunford was a victim of circumstances and made a scapegoat to set examples to others. That was also made very clear by the judge on passing my sentence. When he said, "let this be an example to others". The vet's letter almost replicates this finding against Mr Dunford.

The photos printed show nothing and are taken at an appropriate angle to make the pit look more shallow than it is. Either that or the person in the picture has severe short leg problem.

Dog testing of Mr Dunford's dogs has shown them not to have been infected with Hydatid at any time, which demonstrates his efforts and the effectiveness of the trench the sheep were in.

It is disturbing to hear the Attorney General mention during the Legislative Council meetings that in his mind Mr Dunford's case was an open and shut case. Does this mean that he has the power to determine a case without proper and fair trial? If so how many such cases have been handled this way in the past.

Just like me, Mr Dunford should have been allowed the opportunity to a fair trial even if it meant that heads of departments might have been put in the firing line to establish the facts. Or indeed is it even legal to determine a case in this manner? What happened to human rights? I have been taught that there is always two sides to every story. Mr Dunford's was a very one sided one.

Robin Goodwin
Green Field Farm

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

Is it time to extend limits?

ON LAST Tuesday's Euro News seen on TV by satellite. (Euro News is funded by the EEC). The Lady Commissioner for Fisheries for the EEC was interviewed in this respect and expressed that "The attitude of the Spanish fishermen had an adverse effect in trying to come to a feasible agreement and that EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO FIND ANOTHER FISHING GROUND IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC."

I understand that fish migrating South to our Conservation Zone, when North of this boundary, in what is called International Waters or the High Seas, are being subjected to fishing by an increasing number of ships each year, and that this, being uncontrolled, could be the reason, not only for our decreased catch, but with fish again being caught in this area when migrating North could seriously affect stocks on the Spawning banks.

It was clearly stated in news that Canada, with Latin American countries are considering extending their boundaries, to enable them to preserve stocks; Four hundred miles has been mentioned. In the olden days the limit was 12 miles or the distance that a cannon ball could reach. The world was shocked when Peru decided to extend it's boundaries to 200 miles, or the distance a trawler could travel in a day. The Peruvians arrested

whole fishing fleets and refused to release them 'til millions of pounds in fines were paid. The insurance companies at that time were not pleased. Peru set a precedent and the world followed suit. But now trawlers can travel more than 400 miles in a day so if one is going to preserve our stocks the area must be increased accordingly. More so as in this matter we have to think ahead and realise that in a hundred years time there will not be International or High Seas for fishing but that increasingly all areas will be allocated to the first comer or the one with MOST CLOUT.

On news commentaries one hears of increasing numbers of vessels fishing outside the 201 mile limit of one or another country and it is clear that something must be done with urgency. I understand that at 40 years of age one is at his best and that at 78 I can be written off, but I am neither senile or a fool, and even a fool can see that the time for talking has gone. Our next door neighbours are considering an extension that could mean an extra 200 mile across the North and South of our 200 mile limit. This if effected would mean that when we decide to do something, we could find that we have lost 200 square miles in each area.

The EEC Commissioner has already said that efforts will be made to allocate EEC vessels to

fishing banks in the SOUTH ATLANTIC. This clearly gives the impression that a 400 mile zone might be in the offing for some one.

In our case we could expect that an announcement of intent to extend our boundary to 400 miles

would get an immediate approval by the EEC of which the UK is a member State, as it would make available more fishing areas to accommodate their excess fishing fleets, under proper control for conservation of fish stocks.

Joseph Booth
Stanley

Robin's response to vet's accusations

I REFER to last week's article in Penguin News, written by the Government Veterinary Office, Ian Saunders. I would like to answer some of the remarks made by Ian towards the end of the letter where he has seen fit to attack me personally for the advice I felt I should give to members of my staff, during the investigation.

The only advice that I gave to Landholdings staff, was to be sure to seek professional legal guidance before answering questions put to them by the Vet of a policeman under caution Ian seems to have taken exception to me suggesting this to members of my staff. I can only assume that he was disappointed not to be able to talk people into admitting to a crime that they had not committed by heavy handed questioning under oath.

I am sorry Ian, but if like me, you

genuinely want to see an end to Hydatid Cysts in the Falklands the way to achieve this is NOT to treat farmers like second class citizens who should be thrown into jail from time to time just to treat the rest of us a lesson.

The farming community of the Falklands is made up of honest, decent hard-working people who over the years have managed to reduce the incidence of Hydatid in sheep from over 40% to less than 1%. I have been involved in this campaign all of my working life and feel very proud of our achievement to date. I am in no doubt that if we continue with our common sense approach we will soon see the last of it in the Falklands. I wish I could say the same about patronising members of the Agricultural Department staff.

Robin Lee
Stanley



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May Weather

ANOTHER generally mild month, marked by two periods when weather systems became slow moving and led to prolonged periods of mist and low cloud.

Maximum temperatures were around a degree higher than normal with minimum close to average. Three air frosts occurred, normally seven or eight would be expected.

The rainfall total for the month was 50.3 mm, very slightly less than average. A third of that total fell on the first of the month. Rain fell on 19 days of the month, also close to average.

Snow fell on six days, again slightly less than average, but there were no significant accumulations. Lying snow was only recorded on the 28th and 29th.

Sunshine totals were higher than average, 88 hours compared with 76. That makes it the third sunniest May at MPA since it opened.

The average wind speed over the month was 12.8 kt half a knot less than average and the third least windy May recorded at MPA. A full gale was recorded on one day as would be expected.

This summary of last month's weather is by courtesy of MPA Meteorological Office. Longterm averages for Stanley (1962-81) are shown in brackets. Temperatures

are in degrees Celsius, wind in knots, rain in millimetres, sunshine in hours.

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| Highest daily max temp | 22.6 (23.7) |
| Lowest daily min temp | -1.5 (-7.3) |
| Mean daily max temp | 7.7 (6.3) |
| Mean daily min temp | 2.4 (1.5) |
| Total monthly rainfall | 50.3 (52.8) |
| Total monthly sunshine | 88.0 (70.1) |
| Days with rain | 19 (21) |
| Days with snow | 6 (7.6) |
| Days with snow lying at 1300Z | 2 (4) |
| Days with fog | 0 (4.2) |
| Days with air frost | 3 (7.5) |
| Days with hail | 5 (2.1) |
| Days with thunderstorms | 0 (0.2) |
| Days with gales | 1 (3.6) |
| Days with gusts 34Kt plus | 13 (17.8) |
| Highest gust | 58 (76) |

Mark for Port Services Manager

MARK COLLIER has been appointed by the Falkland Islands Company as manager for the operation of all the company's port services. The company hopes that this re-organisation will lead to a more integrated and flexible service.

Teddy Summers and Brian Middleton will continue to play their key roles in the operation and development of the company's port facilities.

James displays his latest fine art

ART lovers should visit the Falkland Islands Community School on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of June (1-5pm) if they wish to view a selection of work by Falkland artist James Peck.

The exhibition will contain recent paintings by the artist but also

include a selection of work taken from the last six years. Limited edition prints and drawings will also be on show.

If you want more information about the exhibition then phone James on 21896 or call in to his Studio on St Mary's Walk.

Making the MORI poll results quite clear

A PRESS release from the Chief Executive informs us that "In view of the constant offensive charm of Dr di Tella's charm offensive we wish to clarify certain findings from the MORI poll of last November, all of which are available in the commentary published by this office on 2 December 1994.

1. Only 4% of the population thought that we should negotiate with Argentina regarding sovereignty.

2. 91% of the population indicated that they have no confidence in Argentina's ability to keep a promise.

3. In the unthinkable and unlikely event of some mega bribe being sanctioned, only 17% of the

population would stay in the islands.

4. 81% expressed themselves satisfied with the way in which Britain is dealing with the Falkland Islands.

5. The expression "kelper" so popular with much of the world's press may create an entirely misleading impression of the mobility and international awareness of Islanders: 92% of the population have travelled abroad, 87% of those in Britain.

In a conversation regarding the poll MORI indicated that these conclusions were overwhelming and that they had rarely if ever seen such unanimity on a major issue."

KTV launch: a pre-war dream comes true for Mario Zuvic

FROM MONDAY this week, when the company had its official launch, TV viewers in Stanley have had the chance to subscribe to KTV Ltd, the brain child of Mario Zuvic.

As will be known to most television owners in Stanley, since September, Mario has been transmitting on a trial basis, gradually introducing channels and adding power. Now, with reception tests completed, Mario is confident that given the right antenna, the three channels which he obtains from satellite and re-broadcasts, can be received satisfactorily throughout the Stanley area.

In order to be able to make test broadcasts and fine-tune the transmitter, since September, Mario and Sharon have been paying fees of £1500 per month to Turners (the American company owned by Jane Fonda's latest husband) to receive the three channels which KTV is currently putting out: CNN Live News, Cartoon Network and TNT, (a Classic Movie Channel), all 24 hours a day.

In a sense, Mario and Sharon have been paying the subscription for us all since September, as one of the problems that KTV has faced is that normally 5000 is regarded as the minimum size of population that a satellite company will deal with.

Initially, KTV subscription will be available at a special promotional rate: an installation fee of £100 and a monthly subscription of £20. When the promotional period is over, new subscribers will have to pay £125 installation fee and £25 per month.

For their money, subscribers will have installed by Mario and his small team, a special antenna to ensure optimum reception of KTV's output, plus the necessary cabling to connect the antenna to their TV set, and, ultimately, though these are not yet available, a tiny de-coder.

When the de-coders are all available and installed, anyone not a subscriber will be unable to receive the service. For the moment, however, Mario and Sharon are content to trust that enough people will join the scheme to help them begin to recover their costs and, ultimately, perhaps, be able to offer further channels.

Given sufficient support, the choice could extend to include the Discovery Channel, which is devoted to documentaries, nature etc. or the Home Box Office, which features new movies, some even before they are available on video. Should BBC World Service TV ever be beamed this way, then Mario is confident that it could be made available, though any extra channels would necessarily in-



Mario with his monitoring equipment

volve some increase in subscription rates.

KTV, who have received some financial help in the form of an FIDC loan, have also obtained from FIG an exclusive five-year licence to transmit wireless, cable TV. They are very grateful for this

help and for the encouragement they have received from many people in Stanley who have given them signal strength reports during the testing period.

Mario first conceived the idea of re-broadcasting TV within Stanley in 1981, when he wrote to

the then Governor, Sir Rex Hunt on the subject, but the time was not then considered right for government support and, in any case, other events were soon to intervene.

Later, working with Joe Booth, who Mario regards as the father of satellite TV in the Falklands on the installation of satellite dishes, he had the opportunity to acquire his own dish and begin to acquire more practical expertise. This culminated in the purchase of a first transmitter, a year ago, since when Mario and Sharon have sunk their life-savings into more equipment for their project aimed at bringing choice to TV viewers in Stanley.

Would-be subscribers should contact Mario or Sharon by phone or fax, on telephone number 21049, when they will be put on what is hoped will be only a short waiting list till KTV are ready to make an installation. Then and only then, will he or she be asked to sign an agreement, which has been checked by the legal authorities and to make their initial payment.

Colonial Police Long Service Medal for Graham Didlick, former "spotty faced, clean-shaven cadet".

ON THE EVENING of Monday 5th June, virtually the whole of the Royal Falkland Islands Police gathered, in uniform, with wives and other guests, in the large drawing room at Government House for the presentation of the Colonial Police Long Service Medal to Sergeant Graham Didlick.

Superintendent of Police, Ken Greenland, began proceedings with a review of Graham Didlick's career in the police, both in the Falklands and in the West Mercia Constabulary in England. It had begun, he said, when Graham had been a "spotty-faced, clean-shaven police cadet", though details of this period of Graham's police service seemed mysteriously to have vanished from his personnel record. On December 3, 1976, Graham was appointed Police Constable with West Mercia and served around the Telford area, gaining qualifications in a number of specialisations, including vehicle testing and firearms.

Graham had service in the Falklands in mind for a long time before he actually arrived here; the processing of his first application to FIG was interrupted by the events of 1982 and although he applied, he was not selected for inclusion in the contingent of UK police sent here after the conflict.

Eventually, however, he had been successful and as PC 2045, joined the Royal Falkland Islands Police Force on May 19, 1989.

In 1991, after passing the nec-



essary exams, Graham Didlick was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on March 1 and appointed Station Sergeant, the post he still holds.

In presenting the Colonial Police Long Service Medal to Sgt. Didlick, HE the Governor congratulated him on his eighteen years service in the police and said

that he was glad to have the opportunity to congratulate the Superintendent and the whole of the Force on their success. It had given him great satisfaction, he said to be able to report to Legislative Council on a year when crime figures had been much reduced and detection rates much increased.



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New Zealand

A home from home for Islanders



Christopher Bonner, Kaiapoi, Christchurch, NZ. (son of JB once owner of San Carlos)



Jim and Joy Lee (Ex Sea Lion Island) Shannon, NZ.

ANNA KING initially began photographing Falkland Islanders abroad whilst studying for her Photography Diploma in Britain. She started with the Islander community around Southampton but was persuaded by her course leader to take the project further.

Anna has recently returned from a 5 week journey down the North and South Islands of New Zealand, in search of more Falkland Island subjects for her camera.

The journey started in Victoria, Australia where her father grew up, from there she took the opportunity to visit Vivian De Heer, nee Gleadell (sister to Don Bonner) and her family in Melbourne.

From Melbourne Anna continued to Sydney and on to Auckland, New Zealand. A hire car transported Anna on a zigzagging course down the Islands visiting the many hospitable Falkland Islanders on the way, taking photographs and gathering



Ken and Zena Mills (Nee Goss), enjoying their favourite pastime, Sequence Dancing

information.

She was unprepared for the sheer numbers of Islanders living in New Zealand who she said were extremely hospitable and thankfully only too willing to cooperate with her project, which would not exist without their help.

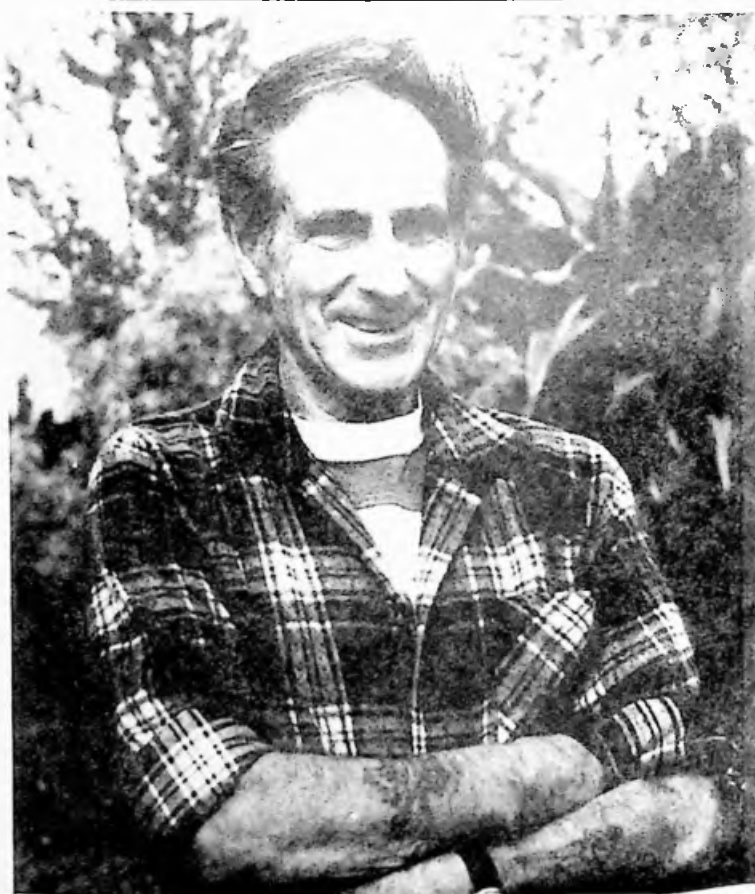
Anna found that most of the Islanders kept very closely in touch with the Falklands and their relations and were always delighted to hear news of their old home. At the

same time although many would like to visit the Islands they did not regret leaving, as at the time opportunities were very few.

The selection of photographs here are a very small extract from Anna's collection, and we hope to have the space to run some more next week. Let us know if you have enjoyed these photographs. Anna has many more which I am sure she will be delighted to show you.



Laura Middleton Nee Perry (and budgie) Te Puke, NZ



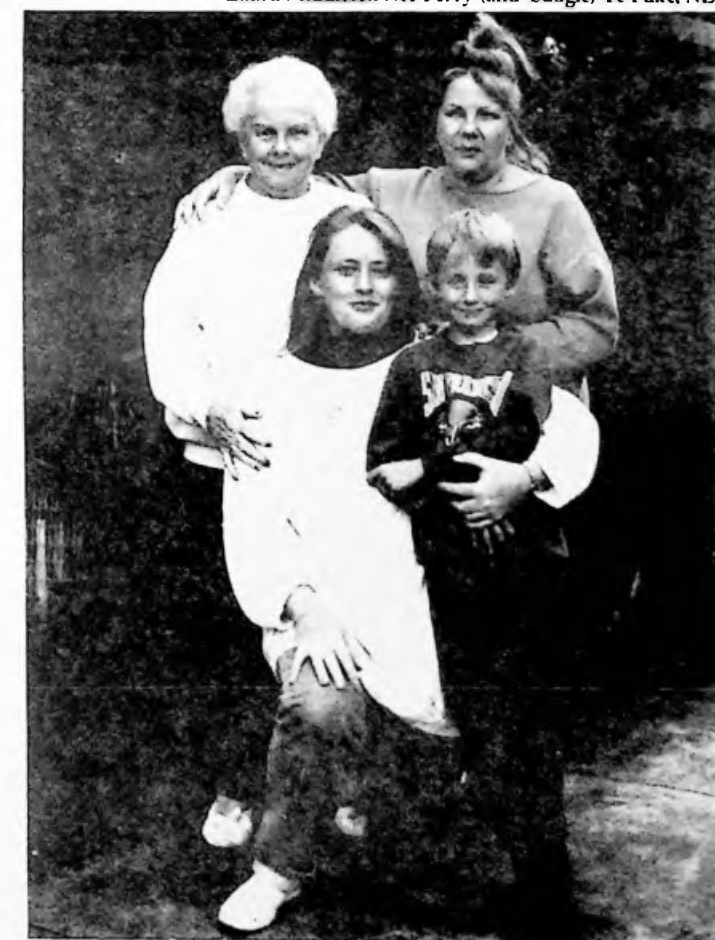
Ivan Morrison of Auckland, NZ



Adrian Biggs, Auckland, NZ (brother to Joan Bound)



Bert and Mildred (nee Skilling) Hansen, Daughter Denise and Grandson Rueben, Para Paraumu, NZ. Bert is a brother to Ray Hansen and Glenda McGill.



Vivian De Heer (nee Gleadell) and family, Ascot Vale, Melbourne, Australia

June

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11.00am Liberation Monument Ceremony
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Deaths:

April 28

Jean Massingham (wife of former Colonial Secretary, John Massingham) at Pershore, Worcester, United Kingdom
John (Iain) Stewart at Woolwich, United Kingdom

May 9

Births:

April 3

A daughter, Lauran Joyce McKay to Veronica Joyce Sinclair and Peter John McKay.

May 1

A daughter, Kylie Rebecca Velasquez to Arleen Velasquez and Hernan (Oscar) Velasquez

May 9

A daughter, Mikaela Jayne Parkyn to Heather Parkyn and Michael James Parkyn

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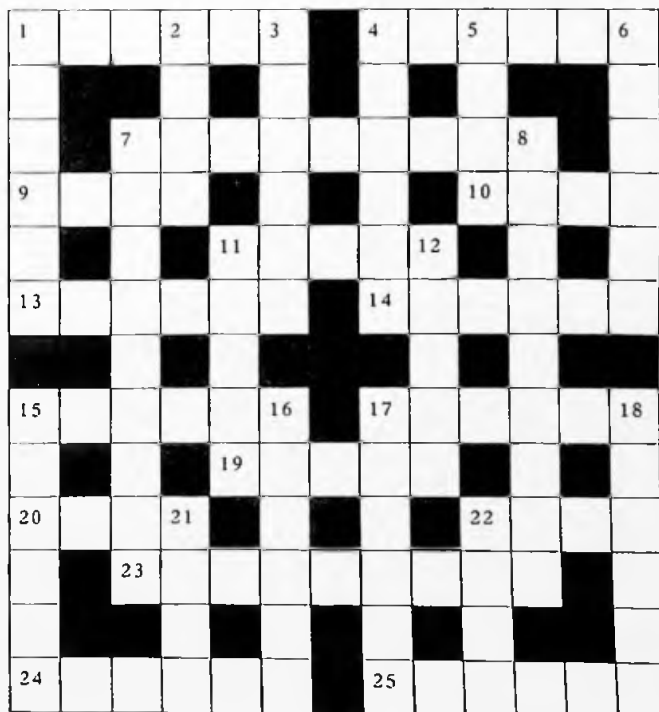
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13. Ledges to slide on (6) (anag)
14. Feeling again like a new Christian baby (5)
15. Type of creature with its den in rot (6)
17. Animal's home, but not the Spanish donkey it sounds like (6)
19. Official name of book on peacage? (5)
20. Small coin from Roman general? (4)
22. A long time stuffing with onion? (4)
23. What a clockmaker eats from? (9)
24. Set back the school break in America (6)
26. Light cavalryman, fractionally gay by tradition (6)

Down:

1. Going backwards, the trace of these soldiers, leads to a tee. (6)
2. A frosty sort of ruler goes back east (4)
3. A confused sort of church, when over a window (6)
4. In season now (6)

5. Mix up the kids' building bricks and look at them enviously (4)
6. This hut could almost be a Japanese car (6)
7. What sort of territory are we any how? 9
8. Lead European Nations to bravery? (9)
11. 007 wasn't really a cad, but one of these (6)

12. Look back in a lightly entertaining way? (5)
15. People may marry for this, but generally end up getting poorer
16. Big stripey felines (6)
17. What makes the Surf Bay sand white, perhaps? (6)
18. Clean, circular bit of metal (6)
21. Tessalating ceramic? (4)
22. Big mountains, my confused old friends! (4)



FALKLANDS COOKERY by Jenny Luxton

ALL the spuds are dug and stored in dark dry sheds. Now is the time of year for lighting the fire and enjoying warming meals, in the cold long evenings.

If you are faced with a piece of beef and you cannot determine what part of the beast it comes from, one option is to mince it up.

Meaty Loaf

Take:
1lb minced beef
1 packet of stuffing of choice (or make your own)
1 small onion, chopped
1 Tablespoon HP sauce
Salt
1 egg
Make stuffing and add all other ingredients and mixed well - grease a loaf tin and put mixture in. Bake for 1.5 hours at approx. 180 degrees C

Barbecued Cabbage Slices

Take:
A firm white cabbage (works well with red cabbage too)
15oz can tomatoes
1 tablespoon Tomato puree, Tomato ketchup,
2 tablespoon Demerara sugar
1 teaspoon mustard
Salt and pepper

Cut cabbage into wedges and put in dish. Cover with tomatoes. Mix juice of tomatoes and all ingredients together and pour over cabbage. Cover with foil and bake for 1.5 hours at 180 degrees C
Serve Mince Loaf with cabbage and baked potato

Eve's Pudding

Take:
1 lb cooking apple
3oz Demerara sugar
grated rind of 1 large lemon
3 oz butter
3oz sugar
1 egg
4oz self-raising flour

Peel, core and slice apples thinly. Arrange them in a buttered oven-proof dish. Sprinkle with sugar, lemon rind and 1 tablespoon cold water. Cream butter and sugar together. Beat in egg to mixture, add flour and fold in gently.

Bake for about 40 minutes at 180C

A hard song to sing?

Lisa Riddell reviews "A Soldier's Song", by Ken Lukowiak, who took part in the Battle for Goose Green in 1982 as a member of 2 Para.

(A Soldier's Song is published in paperback by Mandarin and priced £4.99 in the United Kingdom) A NUMBER of books have been written about the Falklands War (and I say "war", not conflict deliberately as referring to those days as a conflict is about as demeaning to those involved as the tendency to refer to the carnage in Ireland as "The Troubles") many of them reasonably accurate historical accounts with correct times, dates, places and the exact types of weaponry involved in each incident. If it is this type of book you wish to read then A Soldier's Song is not the book for you.

However if you truly wish to experience the psyche of one individual soldier, share his fears, humour, bitterness and emotional turmoil then this is the book for you. From the early pages, Lukowiak shows us that times and dates are secondary to what he wants to convey about his feelings and impressions about the Falklands War. "We were the first to leave" he states. "I don't remember at what time, I read in a book that it was 2300 hours. I don't know. I don't remember."

Through over-use the phrase "the reality of war" becomes a cliché, but Lukowiak's descriptions are far from that. He strains

to be painfully honest about the motivations behind his sometimes brutal behaviour; having rescued an Argentine soldier from firing line he kicks the soldier's injured leg and readily admits that having done something good he wanted to show his mates (and himself) he was still a 'hard man'. Not the best of motivations, perhaps, but throughout the book it is hammered home to the reader that this type of conditioning results in the bravado that controls and covers the understandable terrors just below the surface of the young men's minds. At one point Lukowiak says "The tears of the wounded prisoner made me nervous", not compassion for the crying man but a disconcerting realisation that on the inside they were all the same, collapsed and weeping, but in the victor's case still capable of smothering natural emotions with bullshit and bravado.

The book swings between the depths of Lukowiak's imagination and the filth and cold of the physical world. On the one hand there are his time flashes, when an incident or object via associative thought sends him reeling into his past or simply distorts his logic (Anyone having read the book is hard pushed not to refer to his

descriptions of the dead as 'department store dummies'). However what makes Lukowiak's time flashes so real is the knowledge that war is not just about killing, it is also about the hypnotic monotony or marching and waiting. In such circumstances what is the mind to do, but meander through the past and present, objects that would normally be dismissed in a busy moment are contemplated to a greater degree.

Lukowiak's descriptions of his physical world are again effective in their honesty. As a boy he had been horrified when reading "All Quiet on the Western Front" to discover that the soldiers had no partitions between their toilets. It was this that had revolted him not the killing. The war taught him that killing was disgusting.

"In the tribe that I was once a member of we didn't care. We ate in front of each other and we shat in front of each other."

Savage - or what? No, just practical.

Please don't let me persuade you that 'A Soldier's Song' is just pages of emotional baggage. The humour will make you laugh out loud and he attempts to tell accurately of the Para's practical involvement in the war. Lukowiak has tried to creep into his own mind and uncover the truth about his reasons for what he did. He himself is often unsure whether he is actually telling the truth, but what is obvious, is that he has tried.

The book is an attempt to sort out all those memories, acute emotions and even a certain amount of shame (not necessarily at what he did, but what he didn't do; he couldn't save the life of "The one eyed, lying crying dying, boy" and he didn't have the courage to shoot him). Primarily, however, he is able to explore why he found it difficult to adjust after the war, when his life went downhill. This incident seems to explain something of his problem: during the war a friend received a letter from Access saying he owed money, and if he didn't pay up then he would be taken to court. Everyone fell around laughing about what they wouldn't do to be in a nice warm court with a coffee machine etc. The soldier threw the letter in the mud saying mockingly "I'm really f---ing worried".

Everyone laughed harder. Back in England after the war, Lukowiak still throws letters from credit card companies into the mud and says "I'm really f---ing worried", but nobody laughs. So how do you adjust, when acceptable behaviour in war is not acceptable in peace. How do you forgive yourself for things you did in the war when suddenly the context has changed?

The Housewife's Taleby Veronica Fowler

A Soldier's Song mentions the death of "two old women" in Stanley. Here is an eye-witness account of the incident, written not long after, but published now, for the first time, to set the record straight.

OF THE MANY INDIGNITIES and ignominies endured in that rotten little war, the bloody shelter in the dining room rates high. The destruction of my Laura Ashley dining room grieved me - it was the only room in the house that reflected me - the rest belonged to other people and was testimony to the availability, or more commonly, non-availability of 'things'.

The official black-out was an unnecessary 'edict' for us as John had doggedly, daily, killed the light by filling the window embrasures with Johnny Walker boxes, bulging to bursting with peat, old clothes and our precious books. It was utterly depressing to see those boxes mount and mount, carving the light away with their building-block outlines. I pleaded with John to leave the last few inches free, but he was utterly convinced that should the Argentines not surrender, our long, exhausting imprisonment would end with street-to-street fighting. In this contingency, no stray bullets were going to kill us and ours if he could help it. (When we talked to some British soldiers some days later, they agreed with John's projection of the outcome had the Argentines not surrendered, and talked loudly and with bravado of 'house-clearance' and the inevitability of civilian casualties). So the light of day went and the shelter began.

I know that John had sound reasons for the dining room as his final choice for the shelter site, but I don't remember what they were or, indeed, if I ever knew. The day-to-day survival routine we'd adopted was numbing and turned one in on oneself - everyone lived in his or her own head. Oh outwardly, we were loud, opinionated, caring, laughing, crying, but not, I think, listening to many voices other than our inner ones, and they were full of fear.

Some people dug shelters under their houses, but our house had concrete floors; others adapted the already-stout banks of peat in outsheds, but then one's problem would be deciding the precise moment when one should seize one's newborn and toddler from the warm security of the home for the cold unknown of the peat-shed. The shelter would be in the dining room.

Its eventual dimensions were roughly six by six with a roof height of three feet - these dictated, not by any architectural or aesthetic considerations but, rather by the length and height of the magnificent Victorian sideboard which housed linen, cutlery and glassware. This lovingly-polished piece, emptied of its treasures and packed hard with clothes and books, became the main retaining wall of the shelter. The three remaining walls comprised tea-



Glad it's all over. Two year-old Rachael Fowler outside the KEMH Stanley waiting for liberation with a happy Argentine conscript and Winnie Miranda. chests and more Johnny Walker boxes, full of peat; the roof planked, covered with mattresses, cushions, duvets and the whole topped with a large tarpaulin.

Being a baby of the Second World War, I grew up playing in abandoned air-raid shelters with their stink of cat pee, and much else, so I knew of their density and darkness, but they were no preparation for the total all-engulfing, black-blackness; black-velvet blackness; pervading, creeping-under-one's-skin blackness of John's shelter. It damned my senses. I was blind and couldn't see my baby. It made me afraid and I fought John tooth and nail for the right to sleep with my head sticking out of the small entrance and, occasionally, he wearily consented.

The night the British Navy shelled us I must have lost the battle for the head in the doorway, because we slept through the shell which landed on the front path, and which broke all the windows in the dining room and adjoining conservatory. I doubt not that the house rocked on its foundations when I reviewed the damage, but we, and our babies, slept like babies. Not so the others in the house. They frantically woke us from the lulling deadness of that shelter to the shattering and shattered scene

the shock and fear, came a glimmer of relief. HE would have seen that the shell had landed in the Fowlers' front garden and tell the 'others' to correct their aim. We'd had ours - it wouldn't happen again. The ever-vigilant John wasn't having this and ordered us out of the kitchen into a more protected area while he went to check the children. Mary, Lawrie, Doreen and myself crowded into what had once been a maid's room, (now Mary's, because it had a washbasin and was near a loo), and Sue, the ever-reluctant-to-follow-instructions-Sue, stood in the doorway.

The whine of the next shell was immediate. It was ours. Mary was on her bed, Lawrie on the floor by the washbasin, Doreen and I clutching one another on the floor at the end of Mary's bed. I think I screamed to Sue to get down, or perhaps I imagined I did; but I do know that before I saw nothing and everything, I saw her slide down the door with the mug of tea still in her hand. Sue, who was never going to get down for a 'bloody Argie'.

If the shelter deadened the senses, the bursting of that shell over the house attacked them with an indescribable violence. The bedlam was in one and of one; deaf with the noise; blinded by smoke and dust; and smell, overpowered by the stench of cordite. I was dead; no one could recover from that assault on the senses and, besides, there had been a momentary awareness of pain in my back - that had killed me.

"Come on Doreen, let's get the hell out of here. Come on Doreen." I pull and tug at her but she is dead. We lie, entwined, in this horror, like babes in the wood, and one of us is dead. I'm screaming that Doreen is dead when I hear the crackle and licking of flames. 'The children! Fire! The children! God get them out!' I'm screaming - I think I'm screaming - when a voice of sanity intervenes, calling me a very rude name and telling me the noise I hear is not that of fire, but of water. It is Steve. The tanks have burst. Doreen is dead, Steve is alive and I am alive.

My instincts must have forced my limbs to move through the choking blackness towards my family in the shelter. I remember the front of my dressing gown felt heavy and wet and it was only days later, when I found it stuffed at the bottom of a hospital locker, full of bum-holes, and stiff with dried blood, that I realised what the wetness was. In the shelter I found my babies unharmed and my husband alive, but injured - we cried and held one another, cried and held one another, and our two-year-old woke to ask if this was a bad day.

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Falklands Philatelic by SG

IN THE PREVIOUS edition of this column, I outlined the first Overseas Air Mail Service - but what about INLAND air mail?



At a meeting of LegCo in 1947, the Governor outlined plans for the purchasing of an ambulance plane. In the event two land Auster planes were purchased from the RAF and they arrived in the Falklands in 1948 onboard the RRS John Biscoe. One aircraft was used as an air ambulance and the other for the carriage of mails. Subsequent aircraft used were a Norseman and two Auster float planes. In 1951, the PWD completed a hangar for the float planes. In 1953, the first De Havilland Beaver seaplane arrived in the

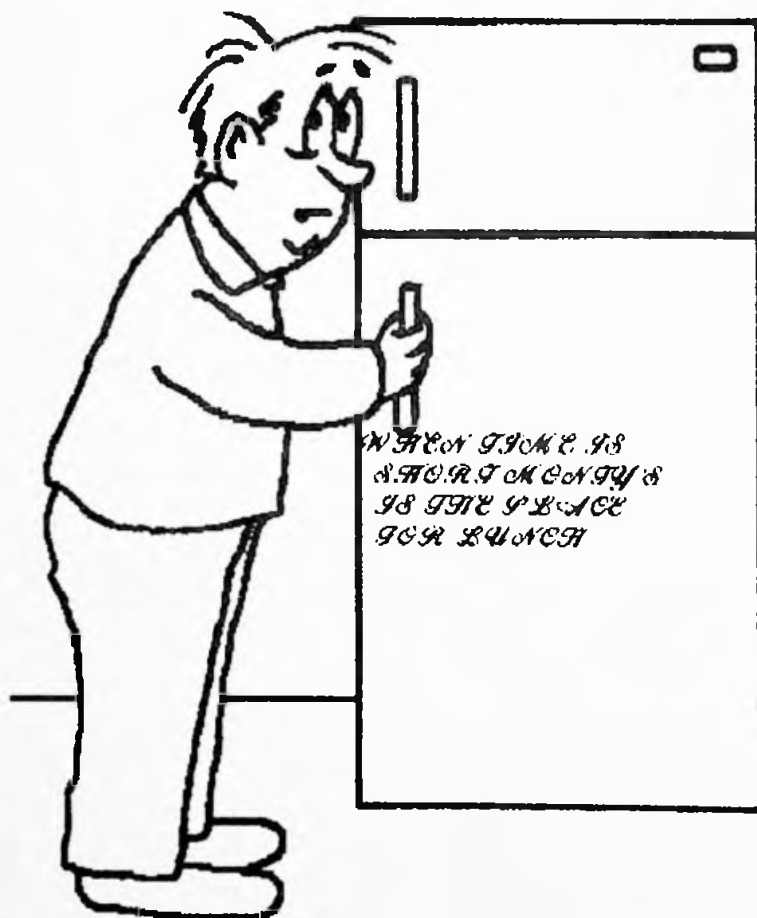
colony. The 21st Anniversary of the Government Air Service was celebrated with a special issue of four stamps (above).

However the first internal air-mail flights in the Falklands occurred in 1934, when mail was delivered by aircraft catapulted from HMS Exeter in Falkland Sound.

The stamps used were the 1933 Centenary issue and were overprinted with the words AIR MAIL. One of these covers (valued at over £500) is still in private hands in the Falklands.

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"The Coast" revisited

While most Islanders are glad that they no longer have any need to visit Argentina, others, perhaps remembering pre-war holidays in Bariloche, trips to Iguazu, or simply mammoth steaks in Buenos Aires, may occasionally wonder wistfully how far things have changed there. Recently Kevin Kilmartin took the opportunity to find out. This is his report.

A FEW MONTHS ago a visitor to Government House from the British Embassy in Buenos Aires brought me news of an English family living in Northern Argentina that I had not seen since I last stayed with them before the war.

In April I had to visit Montevideo by ship and decided to extend my visit to South America by going to their Estancia and then returning to Stanley via Chile.

From Montevideo I caught the new catamaran ferry which skimmed across the River Plate to Buenos Aires overtaking lines of ships.

The last time I had passed through Argentine immigration in 1979 my passport had been defaced by agitated officials. This time I walked off the ship, straight out into the centre of the city with hardly an official in sight, and no one wished to see my passport.

The dock area is being redeveloped into expensive offices, flats and restaurants.

I decided to visit the street markets in San Telmo. Journalists appear to believe that taxi drivers are an infallible guide to the opin-

ions of the ordinary man. My taxi driver, aware that I was an English speaker told me that the Argentine claim to the Falklands was impractical and should be discontinued. These remarks made me feel that the estimate that 25% of the Argentine people would drop the claim could well be on the low side.

In the old part of the city I was particularly interested in houses that had been built of ships timbers and brightly painted corrugated iron. These were now the subject of preservation orders.

I had met Conrado Bulrich and his family when they were in Stanley and they invited me to supper. Conrado, at very short notice asked me to give a talk at the University of Buenos Aires before the supper. The lecture hall was full and included some who had been conscripts in Stanley in 1982.

After my unscripted talk I answered questions. The historical and geographical arguments so beloved by the Argentines were followed by a discussion of the

right to self determination and the UN committee of 24. The meeting ended on the consequences of the British victory in the 1982 War and the concept of dropping the claim as a prelude to better relations.

I had already noted from the Argentine media that the Falklands were not an election issue, but following the talk at the University I met a number of people interested in the Falklands including representatives of C.A.R.I., the organisation that had arranged the lecture tour made by Janet Robertson and Graham Bound.

Many were critical of Guido Di Tella's direct approach to us. However, they did emphasise that this direct approach had changed Argentina's perceptions of Islanders who were now no longer regarded as backward and second class citizens with no rights.

When I was informed that Guido Di Tella could spare a few minutes I had no hesitation in going to talk to him.

The map of the world on his wall had a piece of tape with the words "Malvinas: Argentina" placed near the Falkland Islands. The tape had peeled off so that the words underneath "Falkland Islands; British" could be read. We differed as to whether this was an omen. We discussed the Penguin News that had recently arrived by fax from Stanley. He was particularly entertained by the editorial. I expressed the view that we had the right to determine our future and in those circumstances we would never be Argentine, although in the long term it was possible that we might seek some form of secure independence. He responded that all things were possible but that for the present we should be able to agree to disagree. He then had to return to work, but throughout the meeting he had been courteous and friendly.

I flew to the Estancia on the

edge of the Ibarra a vast wet land covering thousands of square miles which is now the subject of a wildlife documentary on British TV.

Settlement life appeared very familiar. Communication was by radio telephone; the electricity came from Lister generators; the water was pumped by windmill and a camp track led to the village 10 miles away where the tarmac road stopped.

We exchanged stories about 1982. Two policemen had been kept on the farm for 6 months ostensibly to protect the English population, but they had encountered no problems.

The farming business is based upon Zebu cattle. However, the herds are being reduced as the farm prepares to become a national park by the end of the century. The Gauchos will stay on to become park rangers.

As the alligators and carpincho are no longer killed for their skins they can be seen in increasing numbers on the banks of the lakes. The shallow waters and the trees were full of birds, some like the vulture were familiar but most were not. The trees also contained bands of monkeys.

All too soon it was time to fly south to catch the DAP flight in Punta Arenas. I had gained some valuable insights into Argentine political thinking in Buenos Aires, but I could not help wishing that I'd been able to spend more time in the Camp.

From my brief visit to Argentina it appeared that times were changing on the coast and with them people's perceptions. It may not yet be time for Councillors themselves to take the Falklands' message to Argentina but it is certainly time for others to stand up in Argentina and put the Falkland Island view. Perhaps the next step for 1995 is the making of a video on Falklands' life and opinions for the Argentine audience.

1995 PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

THE Photographic Committee are pleased to announce that the 1995 Photographic Exhibition will be held in Stanley at the beginning of October. The exact date and venue will be publicised nearer the time.

As in previous years, the exhibition is intended as a non competitive display of photographic prints of high quality. Photographs may be of any subject worldwide, but this year a special section will be dedicated to 'The Falklands Way of Life' so any submissions on this theme will be especially welcome. The same high standard of mounting will be required as in the past and more detailed guidance on format and materials will be given in the entry form leaflet to be issued at a later date.

Anyone requiring further information may contact a member of the Committee: Jane Cameron, Kathleen Clarke, Dave McLeod, Des O'Shea, Phyl Rendell, Ian Strange and Brian Summers.

Our gratitude is immense, our memory fresh, and our absolute determination to remain British as solid as ever.

TO CELEBRATE Liberation day in the Falkland Islands, the Falkland Islands Government Office are to host a reception at Lincoln's Inn on June 15.

Guests will include, (plus many others) representatives of the 1982 Task Force, former Commanders of the British Forces in the Islands, Falkland Islanders including students, representatives of Shandwick's, Members of Parliament, businesses with Falkland Island connections, members of the British press and Clothes show.

The Chief Executive will address the guests with the following speech (of which this is a draft copy).

It is my very real privilege to welcome you all here this evening. We are celebrating a victory! It is a valid and worthwhile thing to do just that. Far from being chest-beating jingoists - tonight we are reminded of the principles for which we fought. We are reminded too of the heroism and professionalism of those who carried out the fighting, and, probably most important of all, we remember our responsibility to those principles and those people who only 13 years ago performed with such tenacity, bravery and sacrifice, in the name of freedom.

I have only been in the Islands for the last nine months, but I consider it a great honour to bring to this gathering tonight the Islanders' salute to the memory of June the 14th 1982, when the 74 day occupation was brought to an end and when Britain rightfully reclaimed our beautiful islands that had been inhabited peaceably since 1833. Our gratitude is immense, our memory fresh, and our absolute determination to remain British as solid as ever.

It is also particularly appropriate to pay tribute to the considerable amount of work done in the UK by all our friends and supporters: individuals too numerous to mention and, the Falkland Islands Association, Falklands Conservation, the Falkland Islands Trust and particularly the Falkland Islands Government Office. Since 1982 the Islands have not been sitting on another's laurels - we have used the victory as a catalyst for change; as a launch pad for a Falkland Islands that can hold its head high in economic, social and cultural terms in the modern world. And it is my happy task tonight to be able to report on substantial and, some may say, amazing progress in virtually all fields of endeavour within the Islands.

In agriculture we now have very clear plans for the improvement of wool husbandry and production, reaping the benefits of subdivision and of farming as against ranching.

We have in place a National Stud Flock, which will ensure that the micron content of our wool will diminish in future years to produce an even finer product. The world wool market has recovered strongly this year and we owe a significant debt of gratitude to Jeff Banks and the Clothes Show team for the inspirational creation of the "Falklander" sweater, which we will be launching in December. The superb quality of the wool, the appealing design and the hand crafting give us confidence that demand will far exceed supply and provide us with a niche export market.

We have strongly emerging plans for forestry, a substantial increase in cattle and the farming of other animals in the Islands for economic benefit. Within the next 12 months we shall be building an abattoir near Stanley which will give us the ability to market all our meat products not only to the military at Mount Pleasant, but to the wider world. It is to be hoped that gourmets in the UK will at last be able to savour the unique delights of Falkland Islands' mutton as well as the luscious tenderness and taste of our organic beef.

In the world of fishing, ours continues to be acknowledged as one of the most professionally managed fisheries in the world. Our fish is sold widely in world markets as far afield as Japan, Korea, Spain and Chile. We have been much encouraged by the discovery of new commercial species and as fish stocks throughout the world decline, our own *Loligo* squid enjoyed an amazingly buoyant season this year. The major volume squid, the *Illex*, was not so plentiful, and a second poor season makes us keen to ensure that Argentina follows our lead in being serious about the conservation of this species. However, I am glad to report that longlining for Toothfish and continuing good catches of Hoki and Blue Whiting have helped towards another satisfactory performance in this year's fishing season.

Any consideration of the economy of the Islands would be incomplete without the mention of hydrocarbons. There has been a great deal of misunderstanding as oil companies position themselves to respond to our first licensing round, which will begin this year. The round will open with presentations giving details of geological structures and the tranches on offer.

These presentations will be held both in London and Houston during the northern autumn. The round

itself will last less than 12 months and thus we anticipate being able to award licences during the northern summer of 1996, enabling the start of serious exploration throughout the austral summer of 1996/97. We believe we have the infrastructure in place to accommodate anticipated activity and we are confident that the ever developing technology of offshore oil explorers is more than able to cope with our weather and depth of water; they are, after all essentially similar to conditions in the North Sea.

The Falkland Islands is a place where growing confidence is a reality. There is a genuine "feel-good" factor 8000 miles away in the South Atlantic - possibly the pundits and politicians could look to us to see how it has happened. This year we celebrate 150 years of representative government; we have a near perfect democracy where most Islanders are fully informed of internal political situations and are more than capable of ensuring their input into discussions. We also have a young and burgeoning private sector, our Chamber of Commerce in Stanley having over 70 members.

Time forbids me to extol the virtues of the pure air and our surprisingly sun-drenched islands, and I will conclude by emphasising two particular points - the first is to do with our protection of our unique environment. There is no equivocation whatsoever on this point - we regard our natural environment as far more important than any exploitation of oil, or any other resource.

Our natural surroundings will be with us long after oil has run out and we are the stewards of that future world. Our wildlife and whole ecosystem is incredible, it is unique, and the Falkland Islands Government is spending a great deal of money to ensure that relevant baseline surveys and monitoring activities are in place well before they will be needed to prevent or protect against any aberration in the exploration programme. Our professionalism and concern in this area should never be doubted. We are well aware of the ability of the environmental lobby to frighten anyone who will listen, but we are equally aware that we control the situation. We love our environment and we are not about to degrade it in the interests of Mammon.

The second point is even more sensitive; for me, the loneliest and most desolate place in the whole of the Falklands is the Argentine cemetery at Darwin. There are bur-

ied 232 Argentineans, most of them very young, and above most graves lies the heart rending notice: "An Argentine soldier known unto God". One is always moved by visiting the British Military Cemetery at San Carlos, and remembering as we do tonight our brave servicemen who so clearly laid down their lives for us. But for what did those young Argentineans who rest at Darwin, lay down their lives?

I like to think that the Falklands conflict had a direct impact upon the whole future of that great country of Argentina. That our victory and the sacrifice of those young soldiers was the catalyst that brought about a genuine democracy in Buenos Aires.

We congratulate President Menem on his recent re-election, because we believe heartily both in democracy and in each country's right to self-determination. We desire normal relations and secure peace as must be considered appropriate between neighbouring democracies.

Argentina still carries a weight of unjustified cultural baggage with regard to our Islands, as was so colourfully illustrated by Dr Di Tella's activities in London last week; but as we approach the 21st century, the doctrine of self-determination must be considered paramount. The clear and unequivocal view of the Islanders have recently been proved by an independent and Argentinean inspired MORI survey, and President Menem must realise that we (and I speak for 96% of those interviewed) do not want to become Argentinean, either in name or reality; not now, not in the year 2000 and not in the year 3000.

In addition we see no logical reason why our geographical position should expose us to incessant bribes and threats and the offensive charm of the charm offensive. We look forward to the day when Argentina will quietly but sincerely, revoke her claim to the Islands as no more than a hangover from a time of insecurity and immaturity.

Last month, a writer called Ken Lukowiak visited the islands. He had fought with 2 Para at Goose Green and subsequently written a book "The Soldier's Song". During his visit he placed a wreath on the memorial in front of the Secretariat in Stanley, and having seen the progress made since the conflict, he wrote on that wreath in tribute to his fallen colleagues: "IT WASN'T FOR NOTHING", - we in the Falkland Islands Government will see that it wasn't.

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A Town Hall full of talent

THERE were so many good things about the dinner and cabaret in aid of the Shackleton Scholarship Appeal that it is difficult to know where to begin. Sometimes when the town hall is full of people determined to have a good night out, a special sort of magic seems to occur as it did on Saturday night.

Despite having paid £15 per head, and the fact that outside it was a bitterly cold night, the atmosphere at this sell-out occasion was warm and relaxed from the start. Shortly after eight, the bar was doing good business and the tables were full of victims for Jean Smith and Janice Black to sell

£500 worth of raffle tickets to.

Hawksworths had laid on an excellent cold-buffet and soon a contentedly replete audience were ready for the cabaret to begin. And what a cabaret it was! There were some old favourites such as the FIDF belly-dancers and Liz and Jock, but in the main it was a panoply of fresh new talent, quite a lot of it from FIBS and all introduced and accompanied in his usual style by compere Patrick Watts.

The CBFFI's jazz band were marvelous, but special mention must go to Chris Plumb and Lorna Howells, who showed talent which belied their youth.



CBFFI's jazz band. He's there somewhere on keyboard



Lorna Howell's looks relaxed as she gives a rendering of Hotel California that the Eagles would be proud of



Mr & Mrs Norman Plumb



Left: a view of the FIDF formation dance troupe fortunately not seen by many!

Right: The Porters relax with Irene Ewing



Below: After the cabaret dancing to the CBFFI's jazz band.



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Dylan Stephenson

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Mrs Sheila Summers is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Sandra to Mr Andrew Alazia.
Congratulations to you both

To Maud Watson in hospital
Get well soon, Loads of love
love from the family
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications are invited to fill the permanent and pensionable post of Clerk in the Court and Registry Office commencing on 3rd July 1995.

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POSTSCRIPT FROM the Baha'i Writings

IN THE Baha'i Cause arts, sciences and all crafts are counted as worship. The man who makes a piece of notepaper to the best of his ability, conscientiously, concentrating all his forces on perfecting it, is giving praise to God. Briefly, all effort put forth by man from the fullness of his heart is worship, if it is prompted by the highest motives and the will to do service to humanity. This is worship: to serve mankind and to minister to the needs of the people. Service is prayer....

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Still quite serious differences before oil deal says Governor

COMMENTING on a report this week by the Argentine newspaper *Clarín* that Argentina and Britain had "practically agreed on a deal to share royalties of oil output in

two areas near the disputed Falkland Islands," the Governor, Mr David Tatham, said that while it was no secret that talks were going on with the aim of achieving

Argentine acquiescence in our licensing round, as far as he was aware there were still quite serious differences to be overcome before any agreement could be reached.

Falkland Island councillors had been briefed on these talks by FCO Legal advisor, Mr David Anderson during his recent visit here and it continued to be the position of the British Government that no agreement would be entered into without councillors' full approval.

In the *Clarín* report, which was circulated by Reuters News Agency on June 18, it was asserted that Argentine Foreign Ministry

sources that Britain and Argentina would "form a joint commission to call for exploration tenders in two areas, each containing both undisputed Argentine waters and waters claimed by both countries." According to the report, these areas had both been identified as exploration targets by YPF and British Gas during talks on a possible joint venture.

The announcement of the deal, the report went on, was being stalled by disagreement over Britain's wish not to give Argentina any share of oil rights from further inside Falklands waters.

Falklands Liberation Day celebrations take place despite the wintry weather



PUBLIC celebrations of the Anniversary of the Liberation of the Falklands from Argentine occupation in 1982 went ahead as usual in Stanley on June 14, but the closure of the MPA Road due to extremely wintry conditions limited the participation of the military (Pictures and report in centre pages)

Colourful language lesson for Mr Gurr

"COPIES of English villages planned for the Falklands" was the headline over an article in Monday's *Daily Telegraph* which claimed the existence of a plan to bring a flavour of the English Cotswolds to the Falklands by building stone cottages with thatched roofs at North Fitzroy and Goose Green.

This "new village concept" the report stated, "is a key part of a Falkland Islands Government plan to use £70 million of cash reserves to create a rural population of up to 20,000 in an area larger than Wales."

The arrival of this article in the *Penguin News* Office was followed almost immediately by

a press release from Chief Executive Andrew Gurr, describing the piece as a "very colourful interpretation" of a discussion he had had with David Brown, the *Daily Telegraph's* Agricultural Correspondent, who, it appears, had in his possession a copy of Mr Gurr's Falklands Landholdings report with its deliberately thought-provoking "scenarios". (Contd. page 9)

Birthday Honours

Among those receiving honours in the Queen's Birthday list were Michael Shersby MP, who was awarded a KB. Sara Jones, widow of Col. H Jones received a CBE and former CBFFI, Air Vice Marshal, Peter Beer, a CB.

Labour Party support unequivocal

SPEAKING by telephone on Monday, from Edinburgh, where he was visiting FIG's Oil consultants, BGS, for briefing on the latest "fill in" seismic data, Chief Executive Andrew Gurr was very enthusiastic about the friendly reception he had received from senior members of the Labour Party last week.

Mr Gurr spent two hours with Shadow Foreign Secretary, Robin

Cook, and on the following day he met with Tony Lloyd, MP, recently appointed Labour Party spokesman on Latin America.

Mr Lloyd, who had come from a breakfast meeting with Mr Cook, during which the Falklands was discussed, was able to assure Mr Gurr that the Labour Party would continue to follow the same policy towards the Falklands as the Conservatives. The Labour Party's

support, said Mr Gurr, appeared to be "solid and unequivocal."

These statements to Mr Gurr were consistent with reports made earlier in the Argentine press on the meeting in London of Argentine Foreign Minister, Guido Di Tella and Robin Cook, at which Mr Lloyd was also present.

Asked about the impact of Argentine Foreign Secretary, Guido Di Tella's recent visit to

Britain, Mr Gurr said that he had been aware of "negative vibes" about it.

Political commentators, he thought, had been somewhat puzzled by the length of Dr Di Tella's utterances on the Falklands/Malvinas question, to the exclusion of much else, which might have been regarded as of more relevance and importance to Anglo/Argentine relations.

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WE HAVE probably all at some time or other been assailed by the bar room comic with the latest in a line of mildly racist jokes of the "How many Irishmen does it take to dig a hole?" variety, but I was more than a little surprised to find what appeared to be just such another joke faxed to me the other day from Government House. In this case the opening gambit was "How long will it take an Argentine to earn £495,000 (or \$800,000)? With relief, I discovered that this was not, in fact, a trick question, but evidence of some research done in support of the Governor's assertion on FIBS last week that he doubted whether the Argentine people would ever agree to the so-called "Mega Bribe", as the latest figure being put upon it was at \$800,000 (£495,000), the equivalent of one hundred years wages for the average Argentine industrial worker.

According to the figures provided by Government House, which I imagine come from a reputable source, the average Argentine industrial worker earns \$618 per month or \$7,930 per annum (wages being apparently calculated on the basis of a pay day every four weeks, which gives 13 per year). He, or she, does rather less well than an army colonel, who gets \$2,000 per month, but rather better than a school teacher, who according to these figures, earns on average only a measly \$400 per month. Don't ever consider becoming an Argentine OAP, as at present you would be eking out an existence on a mere \$278 monthly (just over £40 per week at current exchange rates).

Interesting though these figures are, particularly with regard to the relative levels of reward of colonels and teachers (an indication, perhaps, that, despite democracy, the former are still regarded as far more important than the latter in modern Argentina) I am not at all sure that this is a helpful exercise. If we start to engage in similar arithmetic, (At current rates, I'd get mine just three years before the Argentine Colonel - that's if I were still alive and in work in 2022), we are in danger of forgetting that this money is about as real and attainable as the fairy gold at the rainbow's end.

In fact this is magician's money which can appear to be offered over and over again without ever having to materialise. As such, it will cost the workers of Argentina nothing, because should enough of the Falklands population decide that they wanted to take it, then - "hey presto" - there would no longer be any need for the Argentine Government to give it. We should have lost the support of the British people and the British Government, and be ripe for the taking, for nothing. No doubt our new countrymen would then treat us with the contempt we should deserve.



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David Tatham

Government House

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Really, the crew are surprised at the speed of reaction, the capacity of organisation, the skill of helicopter's crew, the security of the rescue, the attention received at hospital and the warmth and the hospitality of the community to them.

My poor english doesn't permit me to better explain my feeling, but I think you should be proud of your community. All of them are marvellous people.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

My Best Regards
Carlos Romero

YOUR LETTERS.....

(The letter below was first published last week, but, unfortunately, the first three paragraphs were accidentally left out. We apologise to Mr Booth and readers and present the whole of the letter again. In the interval it appears to have gained considerable relevance in the light of reports that Argentina is seeking international agreement to extend her own jurisdiction over fishing, beyond her present territorial waters.)

Time to extend limits?

WITH RESPECT to the decrease in revenue, as quoted in Penguin News, attributed to loss of catch noted by Fisheries during the last seasons and up to date, I would be pleased if you could find room in Penguin News for my impressions on this matter.

With access to more news media by Satellite, and as a pensioner, the time to see and hear this allows me to gather news not usually on the local net.

With fishing by EEC trawlers off the Grand Banks being out by about 70% in view of strong opposition by Canada to excessive none controlled catching of fish in an area of International waters but, that could affect the stocks migrating to Canada. And now in Africa, with the expiry of the agreement between EEC and Morocco, this state insists that the new agreement considers a 50% reduction in fishing to thus conserve stocks that were being seriously over fished. This to Spain would mean that of a fleet of 650 only 200 ships would be allowed. To try and force the issue the Spanish fisherman have indicated boycotting of the transfer of Moroccan produce through Spanish ports to European destinations. The Moroccans have countered by diverting their ships to French ports. Though the EEC commission has had meetings with the Moroccans in an effort to get a better deal the Moroccans are not accepting any change to date.

On last Tuesday's EURO NEWS seen on TV by satellite, (Euro News is funded by the EEC). The Lady Commissioner for Fisheries for the EEC was interviewed in this respect and expressed that "The attitude of the Spanish fishermen had an adverse effect in trying to come to a feasible agreement and that EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO FIND ANOTHER FISHING GROUND IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC".

I understand that fish migrating South to our Conservation Zone, when North of this boundary, in what is called International Waters or the High Seas, are being subjected to fishing by an increasing number of ships each year, and that this, being uncontrolled, could be the reason, not only for our decreased catch, but with fish again being caught in this area when migrating North could seriously affect stocks on the spawning banks.

It was clearly stated in news

that Canada, with Latin American countries are considering extending their boundaries, to enable them to preserve stocks; Four hundred miles has been mentioned. In the olden days the limit was 12 miles or the distance that a cannon ball could reach. The world was shocked when Peru decided to extend its boundaries to 200 miles, or the distance a trawler could travel in a day. The Peruvians arrested whole fishing fleets and refused to release them till millions of pounds in fines were paid. The insurance companies at that time were not pleased. Peru set a precedent and the world followed suit. But now trawlers can travel more than 400 miles in a day so if one is going to preserve our stocks the area must be increased accordingly. More so as in this matter we have to think ahead and realise that in a hundred years time there will not be International or High Seas for fishing but that increasingly all areas will be allocated to the first comer or the one with MOST CLOUT.

On news commentaries one hears of increasing numbers of vessels fishing outside the 201 mile limit of one or another country and it is clear that something must be done with urgency. I understand that at 40 years of age one is at his best and that at 78 I can be written off, but I am neither senile or a fool, and even a fool can see that the time for talking has gone. Our next door neighbours are considering an extension that could mean an extra 200 mile across the North and South of our 200 mile limit. This if effected would mean that when we decide to do something, we could find that we have lost 200 square miles in each area.

The EEC Commissioner has already said that efforts will be made to allocate EEC vessels to fishing banks in the SOUTH ATLANTIC. This clearly gives the impression that a 400 mile zone might be in the offing for some one.

In our case we could expect that an announcement of intent to extend our boundary to 400 miles would get an immediate approval by the EEC of which the UK is a member State, as it would make available more fishing areas to accommodate their excess fishing fleets, under proper control for conservation of fish stocks.

Joseph Booth
Stanley

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

Time for flexibility over Argentine visits

I WOULD like to congratulate the media on the coverage of the most recent pressure campaign launched by Argentina following President Menem's re-election and Sir Alan Walters visit.

I hope that Mr Lewis Clifton, who also happens to be an ex Councillor, will be interviewed concerning his recent meeting with Dr Di Tella.

We are lucky to have some very intelligent Islanders within our community and if Dr Di Tella has the good fortune to meet and talk to some of them, it can only be of benefit to the Falkland Islands.

One of my colleagues stated at

Any more USA Biggs?

A RELATIVE in London has sent me a clipping from the *Penguin News* published in early January. The article concerned the erection of the cairn and plaque commemorating the establishment of the Biggs family in the Falklands. The clipping also mentioned Graham Bound as being involved with the placement of the plaque. According to the information I have gathered over the last five years, Graham is the son of Joan Bound, my second cousin.

My grandfather, Edward T Biggs was born in Stanley on June 17, 1856. He was the third son of William J. and Mary Ann Fleming Biggs, grandson to James and Margaret Biggs. He and Mary Cowan Biggs emigrated to Port Townsend, Washington Territory, in 1886. They had two sons, Frederick and Alfred. My father, Alfred H. Biggs, was born in the Territory on October 22, 1889. Twenty days later, Washington became the 42nd state of the United States.

Frederick had no offspring. My father, Alfred, married Dorothy Rice in 1917. They had five children, all still living. I am the oldest, born July 2, 1920, in South Colby, Washington. My grandfather died in 1954 at the age of 98, a milestone that Madge Biggs or Ewan Morrison may break.

To the best of your readers' knowledge, are there other Falkland Island Biggs in the United States? I have found them in Australia, New Zealand, England, Canada, Scotland and Chile, but only the 50 of us Yanks from the one family in the States. If there are any, I would like to contact them.

Al Biggs
10121 238th SW
Edmonds, WA, 98020, USA

a recent public meeting that if President Menem had a Syrian passport, he would be welcome to come to the Islands. Perhaps we should be exercising flexibility regarding visits to Argentina by Falkland Islanders.

John Birmingham
Legislative Councillor

Make Stanley a better place

TO WHOM it may concern, please note. Contrary to the malicious gossip currently circulating, caused by an individual known to me, the child in my care on Thursday 8th June was not locked in my car, but was securely strapped into the car seat.

If this person would look home-wards before she looks abroad and mind her own business, Stanley would be a better place to live in for us all.

Leann Ford
Stanley

Gone are the pirates and crinolines of yesteryear

HAVING just been one of the judges at the Badminton Club's annual fancy dress dance, I would like, through your column, to ask this question - WHERE HAVE THEY ALL GONE? The pirates? The crinoline ladies? Dusky maidens in grass skirts? Guardsmen? Eastern potentates and their harem? Cowboys and Indians.....well there are still the odd Indians!

I can remember when to dress-up was the rule rather than the exception - and wouldn't it be nice to have a bit of beauty and elegance to balance the shockers and political statements? It would make the judges job a lot more interesting - and bring it back to the mid-winter Event of the Year that it used to be? I know it was snowy, but it always was!

Well done to all who did make the effort. I must just mention Bess McKay - an excellent Pink Panther. Bess, a staunch Badminton Club member of long standing, at 74 still plays regularly and never fails to amaze with her ingenuity and energy year after year.

So.....start planning early for next year - we shouldn't let these old traditions just fade away

Joyce Allan
Stanley

Three continents in one day but they missed the parade



Tommy the Tuba entertains the children in the Town Hall. THE BAND of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars supplemented by members of the Devon and Dorset Regiment, performed two well-received concerts at the Town Hall last Thursday.

After being diverted to Senegal on the way to Ascension Island and then spending the night in Uruguay, the band finally arrived in Stanley about 5 hours too late for the Liberation Day parade.

The afternoon concert for the

schoolchildren was a huge success and undaunted by the terrible weather conditions Stanley's residents turned out later that evening to enjoy amongst other items the march that would have accompanied them from the Cathedral to the Liberation Monument the day before.

Making up for lost time six members of the band then set up in the Upland Goose for a jazz session.

Public Notice

Tenders are invited from suitably qualified contractors for the servicing of FIG vehicles. Further details can be obtained from the Construction Supt MEGABID during normal working hours. Tender documents are available from the Secretariat and completed tenders addressed to the Chairman, Tender Board and marked "Servicing of FIG vehicles" should be returned to the Secretariat by Friday 23 June 1995. The Falkland Island Government reserves the right to reject any tender received. Tenderers should note that this contract will be for a period of three years.

Public Notice

The Falkland Island Government invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for welding and fabrication. Further details can be obtained from the Construction Supt at MEGABID during normal working hours. Tender documents are available from the Secretariat and completed tenders addressed to the Chairman, Tender Board and marked "Welding and Fabrication" should be returned to the Secretariat by Friday 23 June 1995. The Falkland Island Government reserves the right to reject any tender received. Tenderers are to note that this contract will be for a period of two years.

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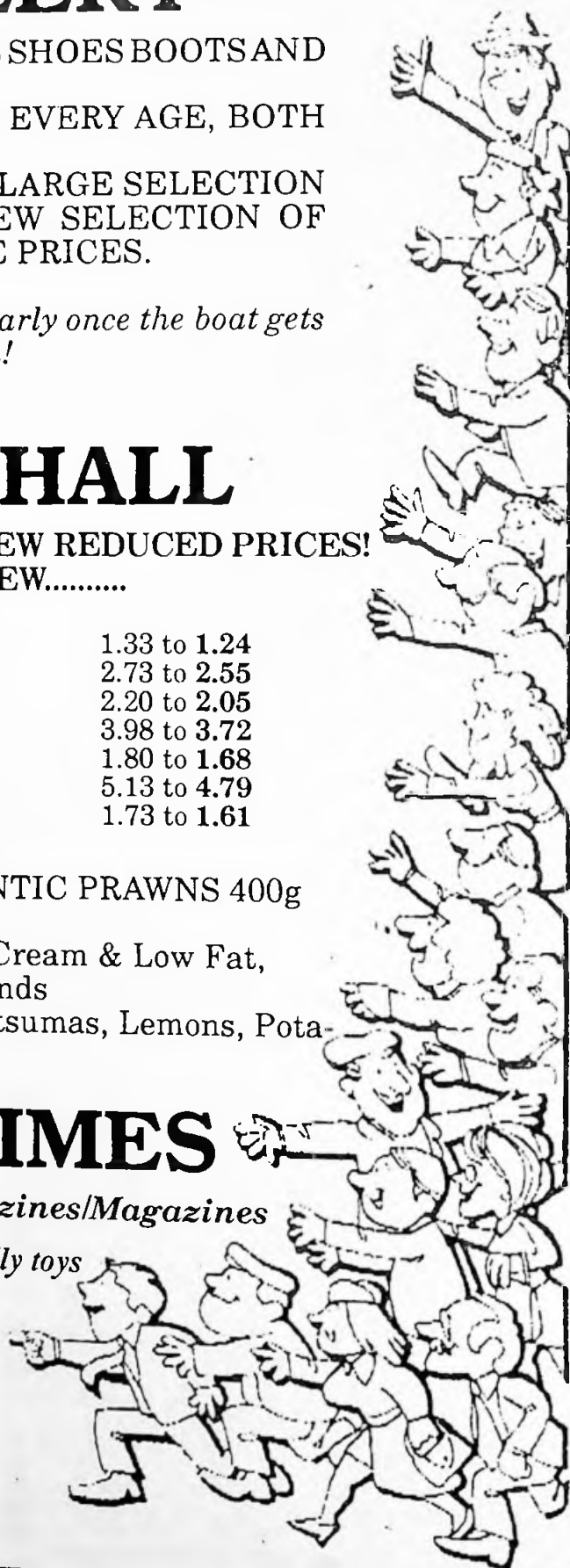
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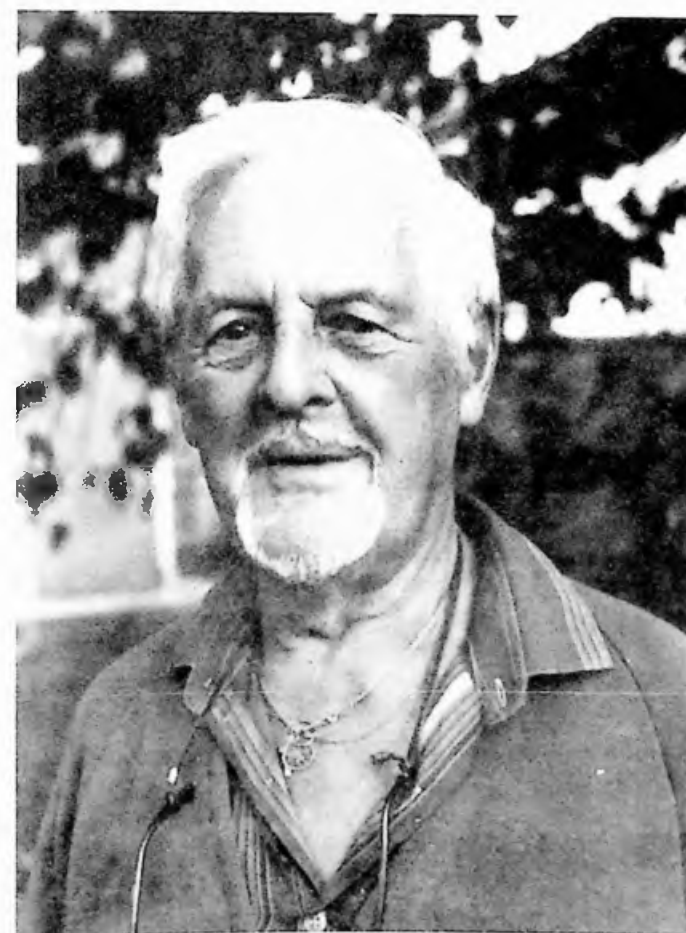
Part 2 of Anna King's photographic project on Falkland Islanders turned Antipodean



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Karl Lellman, Browns Bay, Auckland, NZ (brother to Jim Lellman)



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The Falkland Islands Government reserves the right to reject any tender received.

Work would commence on 1st July 1995 and the contract period is fixed at two years.

Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders from interested persons for the Town Hall cleaning, caretaking and management. The contract is to commence on 1st July 1995 and is for a period of two years.

Further details can be obtained from the PWD General Office during normal working hours.

Tender documents are available from the Secretariat and completed tenders addressed to the Chairman, Tender Board, and marked "Town Hall cleaning, caretaking and management" should be returned to the Secretariat by Friday 23 June 1995.

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Liberation Day in Stanley

A celebration of real value



Daniel Fowler and Mark Gilbert, born during the War

LIKE the event being commemorated, Liberation Day in Stanley in 1995 was, in part, a triumph of grit and determination over bad weather.

For a start, the military band which was to have played for the service in the cathedral and at the Act of Remembrance at the Liberation Monument, had been diverted to Montevideo, but even if they had arrived at MPA, they would not have been able to get to Stanley as days of snow and ice had caused the road to be closed to all military traffic and blizzard conditions were succeeding in keeping helicopters on the ground.

Notwithstanding these difficulties, and the fact that included among those stranded in full dress uniform at Bristows, hoping for an improvement in conditions, were the Commander of British Forces and Lt. Col. Bowles, both of whom should have read lessons, the Thanksgiving Service in the Cathedral for the Liberation of the Falklands from Argentine oppression took place as planned.

For the text of his sermon, Canon Palmer had taken a text from Isaiah, "Why do you spend your money on that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?" and warned his congregation of the dangers inherent in the pursuit of "fools gold".

It was this pursuit by the Argentine Government in 1982, which had led to the Invasion, he said, and in a departure from his written text, added that the DI Tella "Mega bribe" fell into the same category. By contrast, the sacrifice of those who had died or been injured in the war was something that we could affirm as being of "infinite worth and value", he said.

The first lesson was read by HE The Governor, Mr David Tatham, as advertised, but the second lesson was read by the Commanding Officer of HMS Malborough, Captain Gavin Lane, representing the C in C Fleet, who, like the band of the Gloucestershire Hussars, had been diverted to Montevideo aboard the RAF TriStar. Major Charles Lane, Civil-Military Liaison Officer, read the third lesson in the place of Lt. Col. Bowles.

Reading the fourth lesson in the Thanksgiving service in the Cath-



Above: HE The Governor and Mrs Tatham arrive
Right: A light dusting of snow on the monument before the Act of Remembrance begins:

dral was thirteen years old, Sian Davies, who was born in Stanley during the period of the Argentine occupation.

Later, at the Act of Remembrance at the Liberation Monument, the surprisingly large and necessarily hardy crowd, who had braved ice underfoot and the occasional flurry of freezing snow, heard readings from two other children born in Stanley during the same period: Daniel Fowler and Mark Gilbert, both, like Sian, now proud to be young citizens of Stanley, as opposed to Puerto Rivero, or Puerto Argentino.

After the customary laying of wreaths by HE The Governor, Mrs Tatham and members of the civilian and military communities, the latter in most cases, suddenly elevated replacements, most were glad to seek the warmth of the Town Hall for the traditional reception.

**Words and
pictures by
John Fowler**



A crowd gathers braving the icy conditions



Waiting to lay wreaths





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Court News

Unnecessary sternness by police claim dismissed

MR DONALD Harold Wade first appeared in court on June 13 on two charges; the first, being drunk and disorderly in a public place and secondly, resisting a Police-man in his course of duty. Mr Wade pleaded guilty to the first and not guilty to the second.

Due to the plea of Not Guilty the second charge was adjourned until Friday 16 June for trial.

On June 12 PC Eliot had been sent to a house at 41 Fitzroy Road to investigate a disturbance. There a neighbour had told the officer that Wade had been swearing and kicking his wife's door and was now hiding behind the garage. Having arrested Wade it was alleged that the prisoner had resisted arrest by being aggressive and unco-operative.

During the trial on June 16 Mr Wade denied that he had resisted the attempts by PC Eliot to handcuff him or co-operate with the arrest during an incident on June 12. Mr Wade also felt that he had been treated with unnecessary sternness by the Police Officer.

Having heard evidence from PC Eliot, PC Hoy and Mr Wade, the Magistrate Mr Andrew Jones, found Mr Wade's version of events unreliable and was satisfied with PC Eliot's version. Mr Jones added that PC Eliot would have failed in his duty if he had allowed Wade not to be subdued. (PC Eliot had been forced to use his police issue Casco, the new collapsible truncheon with which the police are now issued, striking the prisoner once on the forearm and once on the thigh when the prisoner had been aggressive and refused to co-operate with the arrest and his subsequent carriage to the station in the police landrover).

Mr Jones said it showed restraint on the police officer's part that he had not insisted on handcuffing Mr Wade having subdued him.

Mr Donald Harold Wade was found guilty of resisting a Police-man in the course of his duty, and was ordered to pay a total of £400 including £55.00 prosecution costs. Mr Wade was four days from completing being bound over for six months as a result of a previous offence and was ordered to pay half of the £100 forfeit. Mr Wade was also bound over for a further six months.

Farming Phobia an irregular column

REMEMBER the first National Stud Flock sale? - farmers were to get the blame if it was not a success. After all, they asked for it, but did they?

Let's hope that farmers don't get the blame for the failure of the new abattoir. I wonder how many of us were phoned by FIDC to bolster the figures given in the LegCo reply after hardly any had bothered to return the questionnaire because they knew that it was a non-starter, surely the money would be better spent on a realistic Stanley abattoir replacement and assistance in improving killing facilities and dog kennelling in the camp rather than attempting to sell unwanted meat overseas, but I suppose it has the added appeal of some farmers being unable to continue, due to replacement sheep being unavailable. Why not also build a wood mill at North Arm to process the future forests? Which "wood" also create a new post for any out of work executive as Director of Forestries & Timber at say £60000 a year.

Interesting that 87% in the Penguin News poll listen to News Magazine on FIBS. How long will

Contract shearers beware - Colourful Language lesson for Mr Gurr continued from Page 1

LATER speaking on the telephone to Penguin News, Mr Gurr said that the experience had been a lesson in the need for caution when speaking to journalists.

From his first public utterances since his arrival in the Falklands nine months ago, Mr Gurr has demonstrated a love of vivid metaphors to make his point and to provoke thoughtful reaction from his listeners. One person clearly not impressed by Mr Gurr's col-

this continue if the programme content continues like last Friday? A book review and St Helena news. The review of departments at LegCo compared this programme with other news departments elsewhere but can the quality be compared?

I notice that the new General Manager of Falkland Landholdings is to be paid 20% more than when the current incumbent took the job. I wonder if farm workers have received a similar rise in this time or are we just following the likes of British Gas in massive pay awards for the top management and a pittance for the real workers. As with the FIDC, who will get the job? The time of year gives rise to all sorts of speculation, perhaps either job could be done part time by an independent farmer - although we must remember who is actually leading the way in farming matters. Is it FLH - the flagship of Falkland Farming or the infallible NSF? My guess is that both 'organisations' are so far behind most small farms that it would be a joke if public money wasn't involved.

Contract shearers beware -

ourful way with words, however, was Colin Smith of D.S. & Co. (Falkland Farming Ltd) who in a letter to Mr Gurr wrote about the Landholdings Report, the advertisement for the General Manager of FLH in *Farmers' Weekly* and the *Telegraph* article that "In 35 years of involvement in the Falklands I can personally say that I have never read such nonsense and am horrified at the damage being done to the Falklands."

Falkland Conservation represented at New York meeting on Patagonian Shelf

A WORKSHOP on conservation of the Marine Biota of the Patagonian Shelf, was hosted by the Wildlife Conservation Society, and held in New York on 18-20th May 1995. The meeting was attended by representatives from Falklands Conservation, Fundacion Patagonia Natural, British Antarctic Survey and Sea Mammal Research Unit, and it was a most informative review of surveying, monitoring and research on seabirds and seals in Argentina and the Falklands.

It identified the high global importance of the region, both in terms of breeding species, and as wintering grounds for within-shelf residents and migrants from as far afield as South Georgia and Australasia.

The meeting will produce a

report, which is to include a review of the status of the seabirds, seals and cetaceans in the region, together with a review of the main environmental threats.

The meeting resulted in several recommendations, including the desire to integrate research and management of the wildlife in the region, and to exchange ideas on monitoring key species, such as magellanic penguins. A follow up meeting was planned for late 1996, at which it was suggested a one day symposium might be convened, and to which Government and Government agencies might be invited to discuss conservation and management aims.

(Too late for inclusion, we have just received a more comprehensive report on this meeting from Sally Poncet, which we shall print next week)

farmers are being forced to look at cheaper ways of getting their shearing done due to what now seems to be an annual mandatory price rise, this cannot carry on, they must bear in mind that a professional job must always be done in order to justify such payments.

Isn't it time that prosecuted farmers paid their fines and shut up? Instead of whingeing on and on. Don't they realise that those in authority are always right even when they are wrong, so come on chaps stop rocking the boat and don't forget that you have been used as an example to all those other law-abiding peasant farmers. Time to go and defrost the dogs, by the way isn't it about time that the Government did something about this bloody weather - it shouldn't be allowed.

So, until next time, when unless something else crops up we shall have to discuss such mundane things as Cable & Wireless, the Constitution and for once only - Argentina (This might be an appropriate point to state that the views expressed by Penguin News contributors do not necessarily reflect those of the editor)

Iain Stewart: the public and the private man

IT was brought home to us this week that while in our reporting of the Service of Hope and Thanksgiving for the life of the late Iain Stewart, tribute was paid to his many fine personal qualities, little mention was made of his service to the community. Iain was a JP and served on such bodies as the Scholarship and Training Award Committee, Industrial Training Committee, and Falklands Conservation as well as spending eight years as Secretary to the Tabernacle.

Isla Guafo up-date

RECENTLY fire stricken vessel *Isla Guafo* is now 300 miles off Falkland shores. The vessel owner has personnel waiting for calm weather so that they may board *Isla Guafo* to check the state of damage to the sea cocks. If undamaged then the ship will be sunk. If damaged then Naval tugs will take over and tow the vessel near to East Cove where a ship such as *HMS Marlborough* will tow her out and sink her in deep water.

Nigel Brothers who was on *Guafo* at the time of the fire will be giving a talk in the Community School on Thursday night 7pm. The subject will be 'Fishing on board the *Isla Guafo*'.

Diary of a farmers cat by Baldrick Wilkinson

No good crying over spilt beef

SNOW, SLEET, ICE. Hell's teeth, it's hard being a moggy in winter. I could do with one of those electric blanket things in my box, I reckon. Just the job, that'd be. Fat chance of course. Who cares whether I freeze? Not Them, that's for sure...

And by jiminy, I hate these moonlit nights. How can a chap get his eight hours kip? It's bad enough trying to sleep on windy nights, when it's dark, what with everything rattling and banging around the place. You're just starting to zizz peacefully and forget all your troubles, when some bit of the house goes Crash! or Screech! or Moan, Groan...

Quiet, moonlit nights are even worse. There you are, trying to drift away on a sea of dream, and what happens? Someone shines a dirty great searchlight in your face, that's what happens.

Name? Rank? Number? Ve haff ways of making you talk...

Sheesh. It's all right for that blasted puppy, of course. Nobrains, no feeling. Wears himself out terrorising the lesser moggies (he and I have declared a truce), or trying to kill the Boss's best boots, then scoffs his supper, burps a couple of times and crashes out like a felled ox. Snores, too. Beats

me how anyone can snore like he does but not wake himself up. Makes the flamin' box vibrate...

Talking of felled ox - the poor old Boss had a bad experience this week. Three of his beef had been trespassing on the neighbours' land, right on the boundary, miles from here, and they (the neighbours, not the beef) were getting a little annoyed.

Twice the Boss went off to chase the trio back close to home, travelling more than 20 miles on his battered old motorbike each time, and twice they high-tailed it back to the forbidden ground. By the time he got them home it was too late in the day to bop one off, and there isn't a corral here so he'd had to leave 'em in a paddock. No problem to three Grand National Candidates like those chaps. By morning they were long gone...

Gritting his teeth, the Boss set out on a third mission, this time in the Tank. Once again he brought the Three Musketeers close to home, this time with a little daylight in hand. Desperate to deal with the ringleader, he shot it then and there. No second thoughts. No Last Request. Not even five minutes for a cigarette. (The Boss, I meant.) The mood he was in by then, especially minus a cigarette,

I reckon he could've felled that particular ox with his bare hands, never mind a bullet...

Anyway, he gets the thing into the shearing shed and starts to skin it. Us cats gather round to supervise, as usual, and as usual get told to ***** off. The Missus hovers, moaning about her chilblains and doing very little to help the old fellow, but her moment of glory comes when it's time to haul the beef up to the rafters, using the Tank to pull on the rope. As usual, she gets all twitchy about this job. Maybe she's afraid she'll reverse the Tank by accident one day and flatten the Boss. Bet she's tempted...

All's going well, with the Missus inching the Tank forwards and the Boss skinning the last of the beef as it rises majestically from the floor. It's nearly in place - and then the rope breaks.

The block whizzes past the Boss's ears, the beef goes Whumppp!!! As it hits the deck - fortunately missing the Boss, - and the Missus goes pale and squawks a lot. Us cats disappear and leave 'em to it. Discretion is the better part of valour, and all that.

I guess it was too late in the day to find another rope, collect the ladder, fix the block and tackle,

and try again. At any rate, us cats saw the Boss dragging his victim away down to the beach and Missus dragging her feet back to the house. Oh, well. These things happen. No good crying over spilt beef. Now the Boss has only got to repeat the process - probably twice - 'cos the other two beef have vamoosed again...

No doubt they are back where they shouldn't be. Once the snow thaws I reckon he'll be after 'em with a vengeance. If they've got any sense at all - which is doubtful - they'll have taken passage to foreign parts...

Enough from me. Time for bed, I think. The snow's thawing a bit, but it's still pretty chilly.

Move over, dog.
Night, night, folks. Pleasant dreams.

Love, Baldrick

Baldrick

OI!!! WILL SOMEONE PLEASE SWITCH THAT FLAMIN' MOON OFF!!! SOME OF US WANT TO GET SOME SLEEP ROUND HERE!!! SHEESH!!!

As I See It by Gail Steen

Futile and insulting attempts to bribe Falkland Islanders

MIDWINTER - the time of tinging fingers, dripping noses, and slipping over on slithery pavements; landing on your bum and quickly looking around to see if anyone is having a chuckle at your expense.

But any of those chuckles could not be as satisfying as the derisive chuckle I have been having lately at Guido di Tella and Carlos Menem and their slippery descent into - what is fast becoming stuff that pantomimes are made of - futile and insulting attempts to bribe Falkland Islanders to sell the sovereignty of their islands, or for them to share administration with Britain, which shows how much Carlos Menem knows about the Falklands in reality.

Are they so blind they can not see they are casting their lure on a sea of well fed, well satisfied specimens, and the only prize they are likely to catch on that gold plated hook is the proverbial old boot. Anyone who is tempted should know very well that gold plate soon wears off and you are left with something that leaves a dirty stain.

I think the Falklands have progressed over the last couple of years, not only economically but at a personal and cultural level. We are more aware of and confident in our identity and are unlikely to quietly accept whatever is put before us. Because of this increase in confidence we have shown that the small number of our population does not make us less significant than larger nations and that the ability to take part in any political games larger nations play, that affect our future, is of far greater importance than our size. As a result we receive more recognition as a people in our own right and fully understand the importance of keeping this voice alive.

The growth of these qualities is enhanced by the support of the many friends these islands have made over the years, the 'islanders' wishes are paramount' stance HMG take, the inviolable right of self determination and the upholding of these principles. Whether HMG's stance is prompted by historic, political, moral or monetary values we will probably never know, we can only speculate on the purity or impurity of actions and decisions made by HMG and form our perceptions on those decisions and events, past, present and future.

Whatever the catalyst; at the moment everything appears to be going in our favour, so until everything shuffles round and we draw a duff hand in this game of life I

guess we make the most of our aces.

On the other hand, certain people in the Argentine Government have, in regard to their perception and policy on the Falklands, regressed. Or perhaps they have never really moved on from viewing us as an annoying group of 'little' people who have, for some reason unfathomable to them, an amazing influence on the British Government. A democratic concept they obviously find difficult to grasp. Beneath their ploys must lie the belief that ultimately, with enough pressure, we will acquiesce and allow them and HMG to make some 'arrangement' that we will accept. That we will in time recognise the wiser decisions they, being of superior size and intellect, can make for us.

At the moment they benevolently indulge our (as they must see it) annoying little ways, never really believing in us as a people or of needing equal participation in any decisions that determine our future. Instead of this attitude being on the 'right track', it only serves to disillusion us further and pushes our countries farther apart. We all know that what governments say and what they do are not always the same thing, but the Argentine must feature high on the list of governments with this tendency. The Argentine people know this. We know it.

For them there is only one way forward if they really want progress with us in the South Atlantic. The first step is true recognition of us as Falkland Islanders, the second is demonstrating that recognition and respect for democracy, by dropping the sovereignty claim, an archaic dogma in a world moving slowly towards higher recognition of human rights and the principle of self determination. Or is there an element of Latin face saving that we are all missing and perhaps should be paying more attention to?

President Menem comes across to me as something of a clown when he makes his assertions about recovering the islands by the year 2000. There can be no substance to his statement as on the other hand he says his country will never again use military force. Supposedly the only force they will attempt to bring about is on the oil front. And there they must think they have us.

So, if we want or need the oil bad enough, how much are we

prepared to give to get it if we have to?

If the Argentines do go to the International Courts would it make a difference?

Maybe the whole thing could drag on for years, which in a sense may not be a bad thing, because that way the natural beauty of these regions will last that much longer.

However, you can always rely on the reality that when principles and money vie for first place, hypocrisy has a clear field, and I always have this feeling that if there is no oil this harassment would fade away and would only be aired when indulging in a political posturing session or as a time tested diversion from their internal problems. If given a choice between sovereignty over the Falklands and a secure economic future, the average Argentine would probably choose security at home. Of course if you believe Mr di Tella's claim that it is the intrinsic value that moves them and not the prospect of oil money, then you probably believe in gold at the end of the rainbow.

Argentina need to show maturity and to be fair we also should demonstrate the same maturity many of us talk about in that context. No longer can we bleat the old 'not until they drop their claim' adage, it's not working. I believe we have to explore different ways of coming to agreements that will benefit the whole region before other events take over and we are left with very

few options.

As I have said before I am for open travel between our countries on visitor basis. Why not invite Argentine students for a visit. The Chilean student visit was a success and I see no reason why a similar visit by young Argentines would be less successful.

Perhaps our councillors that attend the ABC conference this year could suggest the Falklands as a suitable venue for the next meeting. Our Government have proven their ability to host such an event as with the CPA visit. Even Sir Rex is now suggesting visits by selected Argentines. Contact does not mean capitulation. It could mean the beginning of a coexistence in the South Atlantic of two countries who respect each other and are going forward to a time where boundaries present no problems.

True cooperation needs maturity and give and take. We have a certain amount of cooperation on the fishing scene but it is obvious we need more if FIG HMG and Argentina are serious about conservation of stocks in the South Atlantic in the long term and about oil development that will enhance the lives of all peoples in the region.

As one North American Indian once said, 'Only when we have cut down the last tree and caught the last fish will we realise we can not eat money.' (or oil!)

Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders from interested persons for the collection and disposal of refuse within the town of Stanley, the contract is from 1st July 1995 to 30th June 1996.

The scope of works offered for tender has been extended to include tip management and supervision.

Further details can be obtained from the PWD General Office during normal working hours.

Tender documents are available from the Secretariat and completed tenders addressed to the Chairman Tender Board, and marked "Garbage Disposal" should be returned to the Secretariat by Friday 23 June 1995.

The Falkland Islands Government reserves the right to reject any tender received.

Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders from interested persons for the Maintenance and Improvements of Landscaping in and around Stanley.

Tender documents are available from the Secretariat and completed tenders addressed to the Chairman, Tender Board and marked "Maintenance and Improvements of Landscaping Contract" should be returned to the Secretariat by Friday 23 June 1995.

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NOTICES

Leisure Centre Opening Hours

The following changes have been made to the Leisure Centre opening hours (during term-time):

Saturday: Opening times change from 9.00am - 5.00pm to 10.00am - 6.00pm

A number of swim sessions have also been changed and now read:

Wednesday:
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Thursday:
5.00pm - 7.00pm Public
7.00pm - 8.00pm Adult

Saturday
10.00am - 5.00pm Public
5.00pm - 6.00pm Adult

The amended timetable is available from the leisure centre or can be viewed in the information pages of this Penguin News. Any further information and court bookings tel: 27291

PERSONAL

To Gavin Clifton
Happy 10th Anniversary for 22nd June. Love always Cathy xxxx

Anyone who remembers Dave. The wedding took place in Dorset on 4th May between Joan Park & Dave Pateman, they will be living in Surrey.

Neil McKay, Shearing Contractor

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Sullivan Shield Monday 19th June

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Falkland Islands Football League

Top 10 'Shot Hits' for 4-a-side Indoor League '95 Season

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. J Curtis - 50 | 6. D McCormick - 16 |
| 2. R Miranda - 26 | 7. D Clarke - 14 |
| 3. C Buckland - 20 | 8. C Jaffray - 14 |
| 4. P Riddell - 18 | 9. T Burnett - 11 |
| 5. K Alazia - 16 | 10. W Clement - 11 |

Surf Bay Swim on Saturday

NOW IS the time to dig out your designer swimwear! Despite the winter weather, Saturday on Surf Bay will never present a bigger audience or better opportunity to show it off. Approximately fifty military personnel and 25 locals will muster at the said beach at 10.45 (hopefully being supported by a cheering crowd of spectators) and leap into the waves at 11.00am. Surf Bay is a big place, there's still room for more swimmers; a few sponsors are all you need.

Organiser Martin Cox, says that they have had a good response to the event in the form of corporate sponsorship this year, in the Falklands and even some overseas. Money raised by sponsorship will go to the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen and the Overseas Games Association. Last year £1800 was raised for the former charity (most of which has been used up) and £500 for the latter. This year the organisers hope

to raise a greater proportion for the Overseas Game Association, but it is up to the sponsor to choose which charity gets his/her money.

Following the swim there will be soup on the beach, and then mulled wine in the Victory Bar.

Advice to the swimmers; bring along some thick socks to wear prior to and after the swim - also something warm to throw on after you exit the water. Swimmers should remember that this is NOT AN ENDURANCE TEST, just get in, get wet, get out and get warm! If you're not swimming or haven't sponsored anybody yet, then you have the chance to save your conscience by going along to cheer on the swimmers and perhaps throwing your spare change in the available charity tins.

Anyone who cannot make it on Saturday should have a swim with Martin and company today (21st) at 12.15 at Surf Bay, it being the true midwinters day.

The FIG has for sale by tender a selection of items surplus to the requirements of the Central store

| Lot No | Item |
|--------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Office Desk |
| 2 | Various Rawplugs |
| 3 | Door springs |
| 4 | Welding rods |
| 5 | Various Kitchen units |
| 6 | Various steel bars |
| 7 | Various PVC drain fittings |
| 8 | Photocopier toner & labels |

Tender documents are available from the Secretariat, Stanley during normal office hours and tenders endorsed "Sale of Surplus Items - Central Store" should be returned to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat, to reach him on or before Friday 23rd June 1995.

Viewing of the items can be made by arrangement with the Central Store, Stanley during normal office hours.

The Falkland Islands Government reserves the right to reject any tender received. Only tenders submitted on official tender documents will be considered.

South Atlantic Marine Services Ltd

The Boat House Cafe will be closed until further notice.

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FIG gets £0.3 million computer upgrade

FOLLOWING a call for tenders from eleven major computer manufacturers/suppliers and several local companies the Falkland Islands Government has accepted the offer from Fraser Associates Ltd for the supply of Apricot computers, other ancillary

equipment and software.

Fraser Associates are based in Buckinghamshire and have been supplying Government with the majority of its computer needs for ten years.

The total cost of the computer up-grade will be in the region of

£0.3m. This figure includes the purchase of 170 new computers with 486 processors the majority of which will have a CD-ROM facility. The standard software to be included with the new computers is Microsoft Office for Windows which will replace DOS applications on the majority of computers.

A significant number of the new computers have been allocated for education purposes:

18 are for the Business Studies Unit at the Community School, 22 are for the Infant/Junior School which will provide a substantial multimedia learning facility, 12 are for Camp Education use.

The Fisheries Department's network will also be upgraded and equipped with additional workstations, and a new network facility will be developed and installed in the Medical Department for medical records.

Falkland House, FIDC, the Museum and Falklands Landholdings Ltd are also taking part in the upgrading exercise.

Tied to the installation of the new computers will be a specialist training programme to enable staff to make the best possible use of the new software.

The computers currently in use in Government will be offered for sale by tender in due course.

THIS man should come with a government health warning!

For the second year running, New Zealander Martin Cox, pictured right, Manager of Consolidated Fisheries in Stanley, persuaded large numbers of otherwise sane people (and a few who are not) to hurl themselves into the South Atlantic in mid-winter.

Penguin News was there. First-hand, coldfingered report by Helen Lane and more pictures inside.



Major squares up for a fight with "Batty" after a week of resignations

HAVING on June 22 taken what some British papers have called "his biggest gamble yet" by resigning as leader of the Conservative Party with a view to bringing his opponents within his own party, out into the open, John Major now faces a challenge from the one member of his cabinet, who has not publicly pledged his support, John Redwood.

Mr Redwood, who, according to a report in the Independent on Sunday of January 22, is privately

known to his former cabinet colleagues as "Batty Redwood" resigned this week from the post of Secretary of State for Wales to stand against Mr Major in the leadership election, which will soon be held. While in this post, according to the report, he had drawn up controversial plans to privatise Snowdon and fifty other prime nature reserves in Wales.

Mr Redwood, who has been Welsh Secretary since 1993 and an MP since 1987 is a former

investment banker and at one time was Head of Mrs Thatcher's Policy Unit, when she was Prime Minister.

In an irreverent report on the BBC lunch-time news on Tuesday, he was described by colleagues as resembling Dr Spock from the cult TV series, Star Trek.

Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd, this week also announced his intention of resigning, but used the occasion to pledge his support for John Major's leadership.

Jason Islands owner's gift

MICHAEL Steinhard, the American financier and conservationist, who owns two of the Jason Islands has donated \$5000 (£3,125) to the Shackleton Scholarship Fund, according to a press release from Government House in Stanley.

Commenting on the gift, the Governor, Mr David Tatham, said: "I wrote to ask Michael and Judy Steinhard for help, because I had met them when they visited the Islands in March this year and knew how committed they were to defending our wild-life and our environment generally. This is a very handsome contribution to the Shackleton Appeal, which will serve, in Sir Ernest Shackleton's words, 'to add just one more rung to the ladder of knowledge'."

Earlier in the week, former Governor, Sir Rex Hunt had announced that Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra had graciously agreed to become Patron of the Falkland Islands Trust, under whose auspices the Shackleton Scholarship Fund was established.

At their meeting on June 22, the Stanley Committee of the Shackleton Scholarship Fund welcomed the news of Princess Alexandra's involvement.

Falklands in export top ten for Britten Norman

IN an article in *Export Times*, celebrating Pilatus Britten-Norman's selection by the magazine as "Exporter of the Month" for June 1995, the Falkland Islands is listed as being among the company's top ten markets in the world in the last five years, along with Morocco, Botswana, Australia, Japan, Malaysia and Pakistan.

The company makes Islander aircraft in its Isle of Wight factory.

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I CONSIDER myself very fortunate to have become a father at a period in history when it had become accepted practice for fathers to be present at the birth. Although the experience was not without its terrors, I wouldn't have missed it for the world; however marginally important my presence really was, at least I felt involved and included in a miraculous process.

I don't think I would have coped at all well in less-enlightened times, when I would have been condemned to that scene beloved of comedy script writers, where the expectant father, alone, or with others in the same boat, paces the floor of a waiting room, nervously drawing the worst conclusions from what scraps of information come his way: the demeanor of medical staff, the shrieks and moans coming from the other side of the closed doors and, perhaps worst of all, the silences.

I was reminded of this scenario last week, as speculation in the British and Argentine press mounted that a "pre-agreement" which has apparently been reached between British and Argentine negotiators about joint oil exploration in two specific "zones of petroleum co-operation" to the North and South of the Falklands, was about to be brought out from the delivery room, freshly-bathed and powdered off, to be presented for approval to Falklands councillors.

This sounds like a happy ending - FIG sources have made no secret that an agreement over joint exploration in a "buffer zone" would be welcome, especially if it de-fused Argentine discontent over our unilateral licensing activities elsewherebut wait! According to the Argentine newspaper *Clarín*, on June 21, there is someone else in the waiting room, also waiting to inspect the baby for signs of health and maybe family resemblance.

The report, entitled "Congress seeks explanations from Di Tella", begins: "The Radical block of deputies requested specifications from the government about the pre-agreement with Great Britain". To be accepted and made official, the pre-agreement, whose existence was apparently confirmed on Monday June 19, by Argentine Vice-Chancellor Fernando Petrella, needs the agreement of Congress as it will require the passage of several laws. This can't happen, the writer goes on, "because differences remain over the rest of the Falklands waters where Great Britain 'doesn't want' Argentina to play any role at all."

Unless the Argentine Congress can be persuaded that the "sovereignty umbrella", which has served us so well in making practical and co-operative arrangements regarding fishing, can be extended to cover a limited amount of co-operation over oil without prejudicing either side's claim, it would appear that this particular baby is doomed to be still-born.

At the risk of stretching this particular metaphor to breaking point, such a fate may not be too much of a tragedy anyway - from our poor vantage point outside the waiting room, we might not be able to tell whether it was going to turn out to be our baby, or even a baby we could have lived with - what matters is that we force our way out of the waiting room and into the delivery room, as planned, to give birth to our own licensing round in October. The result of such a move in terms of investment and development may turn out to be significant or it may not, only time will tell, but as a step towards some form of independence - surely the only lasting way out of the sovereignty impasse - it could come to be seen as an historic and momentous birth.

YOUR LETTERS

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

Just an oil slick across an empty ocean

NIGEL BROTHER'S talk at the Community School last Thursday evening concerning the incidence of seabird mortality associated with longline fishing highlighted some issues that are worth thinking about.

Personally, I was fascinated by the video footage Nigel showed, taken while aboard *Isla Guafu*. For long, long minutes we watched hooks jumping out of wooden boxes and into the water at a machine gun staccato-like rhythm. Four thousand baited hooks jumping in the air before landing in the water, amid hundreds of seabirds gathered there, ready to seize the opportunity of picking up the deadly trap.

Four thousand baited hooks fed into the water twice a day: this is what *Isla Guafu*, like all other longliners, was doing before she caught fire.

It is estimated that 100 million hooks a year are baited by the longliners of the Southern Ocean. With a fantastic amount of care it is possible to catch only one bird per million hooks: a mortality that has virtually no effect on the seabird population. But if no care at all is taken, then the number of seabirds caught can go up to as much as 1000 per million hooks. The *Mar del Sur 1* in November last year was catching birds at just this rate in Falklands waters, and vessels areas still doing exactly this, just outside Falklands waters.

At the rate of one bird per thousand hooks, it would only take four months to eliminate the population of black-browed albatrosses from Westpoint, or a year for the entire population of albatrosses in

South Georgia. The total world population of the magnificent wandering albatross is only 20,000 pairs, and many of these are being caught in the waters between the Falklands and Argentina. How many will be left in ten years' time?

Killing the Albatross! Remember the punishment of Coleridge's Ancient Mariner! Whether you catch them from the deck of wind-jammer, or from the deck of a longliner, the punishment may well be the same: utter emptiness.

Water, water everywhere. Not a bird to fly, not a fish to eat. Just an oil slick across an empty ocean.

Jerome Poncet
Beaver Island

Student exchanges with Argentina: Education Department's view.

ON READING Gail Steen's column in "Penguin News" of 21 June where she asks "why not invite Argentine students for a visit.....", I would like to clarify the Education Department policy on student exchanges.

As Gail says, links between Chilean and Falkland Island students have been very successfully established this year and as I write, three Islanders are enjoying a month's visit to Punta Arenas, staying with families and attending the British School there. More exchanges are planned over the next few months.

In addition to Government policy not allowing Argentine passport holders entry to the Islands, the Education Department does not support extending student exchanges to Argentina. This is based on the view that school children should never be used as political tools as they inevitably would be if Argentine students were invited here or vice versa.

John Leonard
Stanley

P Rendell
Director of Education

Bouquet for Veronica

MAY I offer Penguin News, and Veronica Fowler in particular, a bouquet for one of the finest and most moving pieces of writing I have ever read - referring, of course, to the article on the civilian deaths, which occurred during the war in 1982.

Susan Whitley art and craft exhibition for school children

THE ANNUAL Susan Whitley Memorial Art and Craft Exhibition for school children will be held on Saturday and Sunday afternoon 1 and 2 July 1995 from 2-5pm and 2-4pm respectively. It will be held in the Falkland Islands Community School with displays being put up in both the first and ground floor streets and in adjoining classrooms.

For people new to the Islands, Susan Whitley was the Home Economics teacher at the Senior School in 1982 and was tragically killed during the shelling of Stanley. Susan is buried on Sea Lion Island. Her husband Steve and Susan's family established the Susan Whitley Trust Fund with donations from the people of Llandrindod Wells in Wales, Susan's home town.

The aims of the Trust are to advance the education of children

and young persons of school age resident in the Falkland Islands by provision of annual prizes to award endeavour in the field of art, craft, home economics or domestic science in the junior, senior and camp schools.

The first exhibition was held in 1985. Each year an overall winner is selected from senior pupils to hold the Spinning Wheel Trophy for the year.

Names of previous winners of this award are:

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|------|-------------------|
| 1985 | Andrea Gray |
| 1986 | Barbara Cheek |
| 1987 | Glyndwr Valler |
| 1988 | Tom Blake |
| 1989 | Christopher Eynon |
| 1990 | William Robson |
| 1991 | Wayne Jaffray |
| 1992 | Dion Poncet |
| 1993 | Pauline Ford |
| 1994 | Monique Campbell |

Silly Knits say Times

THE TIMES Diary of June 19 reports in an article entitled "Silly Knits" that "The Falkland Islands Association in London has been the scene of some mysterious break-ins, but the intruders, whoever they were, might just be a little disappointed in what they took".

According to the paper, during early June someone forced his way in through a painted-up window which had not been opened for years and the office filing cabinets were rifled. Three files were removed, one on a small islands conference, another which contained little more than a press re-

quest to reproduce an article, and a third labelled "The Falkland Islands Agency".

"They had interesting-sounding titles, but we don't keep secret papers in the office", said Robert Elgood, vice-chairman of the association. "The Falkland Islands Agency might sound very exciting, but it is actually a shop in Wells in Somerset which specialises in high-quality knitwear..... It's actually quite funny, like something from *Our Man in Havana*. It was a very professional job, and whoever it was has gone to enormous trouble looking for information - but has got zilch."

Flag of Von Spee's Mera presented to Falklands Museum

THE FLAG of Battle of the Falklands veteran vessel *Mera* will be presented to the Falkland Islands Museum on June 21. *Mera* was the only unit of Von Spee's Squadron in the South Atlantic to survive the Battle of the Falklands on December 8 1914 at which the German Navy was defeated.

Following the 1914 action, the *Mera* interned herself in Montevideo and was subsequently bought by the Uruguayan Government, which changed her name to *Rio Negro*. According to Lloyds Shipping Register, in 1929/30 she re-

turned to German ownership and changed her name again, to *Brema*, registered to Bremen. Her final fate is unknown.

During the intervening years, the *Mera's* flag has lain forgotten in the vaults of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, until its recent re-discovery.

Captain John Gray, Master of The Honourable Company of Master Mariners, will present the flag to John Smith of the Falkland Islands Museum on the occasion of the World Ship Trust's annual lunch aboard HQS *Wellington*.

Spliced in the Sun



WELL KNOWN for their beach bum tendencies, two of our resident Kiwi's Sheena and Martin Cox wisely sought out a warmer atmosphere than Surf Bay to make their wedding vows in June of this year.

With air temperatures in the mid-twenties, Byron Bay in Northern New

South Wales, Australia was the setting for the nuptials.

The Registrar conducting the marriage added to the colourful occasion by providing a link with the stars....he had conducted the wedding ceremony of 'Crocodile Dundee's' stars Paul Hogan and Linda Koslowski.

Byron Marine Freight Rates Amendments as of 1st July 1995

For minor items the following tariff alterations have been approved:

| Item | Present rate | New rate |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Dogs/cats | £2.30 | £3.00 |
| Mutton carcass | £4.60 | £3.00 |
| Lamb carcass | £2.60 | £3.00 |
| Beef quarter | £8.60 | £5.00 |
| Motorcycle | Full freight | 50% vehicle rate |
| Pass. Daytrip | £15 | £20 |
| Pass. Overnight | £20 | £25 |
| Punta - single | £150 | £180 |
| Punta - return | £250 | £300 |
| Punta - general | £50 | £55 |

Council have agreed to adopt the ad-hoc 'ferry' rates that we have levied for social ferry runs to date.

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| Ferry - vehicle rate | £120 return |
| Ferry - motorcycle | £60 return |
| Ferry - passenger | £15 single fare |
| Ferry - horse | £32.40 return |

Cable and Wireless

THE SECOND phase of the Cable and Wireless Test Marketing Exercise will see a 20% discount on all International Direct Dialed telephone calls between 8pm and 6am Monday to Saturday plus all day Sunday throughout July.

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Harold's "lost and found" forest

"TWENTY-FIVE or so years ago, tree enthusiast, Harold Bennett, then the Stanley Senior Magistrate and Registrar and his friend Gus Perry, then shepherd at Long Island for the FIC planted a small number of *cypripedium macracarpum* seedlings, grown from seed by Harold, at the foot of the north face of Long Island Mountain.

The site, at the foot of a stone run, was chosen for its shelter from the harsh southerly winds, but otherwise there was nothing particularly special about it and there was certainly nothing special about the treatment the seedlings received. Planted straight into the peat, Harold concedes that he and Gus might have put a bit of manure in the holes, but otherwise the seedlings received no help and were not protected in any way from weather or stock.

Over the years, Harold made a couple of attempts to find the plantation again, but without success and with subdivision, Gus moved into town. Not only did the ground have no special features, but it was well off the track, in an area seldom visited. Early this summer, however, Harold's lost "forest" was stumbled on by his



Pat with his find. Will he now go into forestry?

grandson-in-law, Pat Whitney, when chasing a "roughie" on land, which is now part of his farm.

All the trees survived,

somewhat deformed and battered by wind and trimmed by sheep, the tallest now being in the region of 10 feet.

No chat to Maggie for Norman

EARLY subscriber to KTV, Norman Clark, ran into some unforeseen problems on Monday night when he tried to join in a CNN "phone in" to former British Prime Minister, Baroness Thatcher.

Having rung the number given on the screen during the Larry King interview, where Lady Thatcher was answering viewers' questions, Norman finally got through to the studio to be asked where he was calling from. Replying "The Falkland Islands", brought forth the response, "Which city are you calling from sir?"

In the event, Norman was not allowed to ask either of his questions: one about John Major and the other about Argentina, but he says he is left wondering whether the unknown person at CNN was not as ignorant about the Falklands as might have appeared. It might just be that whoever it was had also been reading the *Daily Telegraph* recent report on the Falklands or the "up-beat scenario" from the Falklands Landholdings report. (Perhaps they thought he was ringing from North Arm? Ed)

Lighthouse vandalised

MEMBERS of the Historic Buildings Committee were shocked this week to discover that the Cape Pembroke lighthouse has been vandalised again.

The damage was noticed by Government Archivist, Jane Cameron, when she visited the lighthouse on May 29 to ensure that it was secure for the winter. The building has been damaged, probably by a rifle during the last month. It was Jane's first trip to the lighthouse since March but it had been visited three weeks earlier by a group of school children and their teacher from Goose Green when the damage, two bullet holes; one in the glass and one in the canopy was not noticed.

The glass cost £7000 to re-new two years ago and a lot of time and energy has gone into restoration work on the lighthouse so that everyone can enjoy it.

This is one of our oldest and most attractive historic buildings and a classic example of a Victorian cast iron lighthouse.

It was originally put up on Cape Pembroke in 1854 and first lit on December 1 1885. Apart from a short break in 1906/7

when the lighthouse was moved slightly to the West of its original position, it remained lit continuously until April 2 1982.

It was badly vandalised in the mid 1980's. Restoration work has been going on steadily, as funds have permitted, since 1989. Apart from the major project of installing new lantern glass, the whole area was cleared of old oil tanks and fencing. The pre-fab house was dismantled and a new door made. The whole building was painted inside and out. All tower windows were restored, with new frames made of teak for ground floor windows. Bullet holes in the canopy, the balcony door and the wind vane mechanism were repaired. The original light prism was moved to the ground floor in preparation for installation of a new light in the tower.

An exhibition of the lighthouse history is planned for the ground floor, when other work has been completed.

Not only was the glass damaged by the bullet, which will cost a considerable amount of money to repair, but this irresponsible action could have killed someone. There are people working in the canopy from time to time.



restoration of previous vandalism in progress

Cautious approach from new oil administrator

IN the Falklands earlier this month on his first visit to the Islands, was retired oil company executive, Dr. John Martin, 62, who has just been appointed as Administrator; Oil Licensing Team by the Falklands Islands Government.

Nearly forty years in the oil industry, including over 27 years with BP, Norwich born Dr. Martin retired in 1984, from the BP Head Office, where he was first in charge from 1976 of all Middle Eastern Exploration and then, from 1979, General Manager Exploration for the BP Group.

Prior to joining BP's London Office, Mr Martin had worked as a geologist for BP in Libya, Alaska, Abu Dhabi, Australia, Iran as well as the UK. After leaving BP, Mr Martin's last full-time appointment, from which he retired last year was Managing Director responsible for exploration for Clyde Petroleum. In addition to a working career in the industry Dr Martin has maintained a close link with the academic world and presently holds a visiting chair of Geology at London University.

Speaking to Penguin News, during his visit to the Falklands, Dr Martin was enthusiastic about the quality of the seismic data and cautiously optimistic about the chances of oil in commercial quantities being discovered in Falklands waters, though he decried the exaggerated claims made by some of the British tabloids.

At the time, also, Dr Martin appeared confident that the forthcoming licensing round would

meet with a good level of response. Although he claimed to be aware of some American companies which would be deterred by the existing political situation, he said that he did not expect that the recent threats by Argentine Foreign Minister Di Tella of legal action against participating oil companies would prove of themselves much of a deterrent.

In the Financial Times of June 22, however, Dr Martin is quoted as having said: "It is going to be very difficult to go ahead with the licensing round without an agreement with Argentina." Whether this apparent change of heart is genuine, we have not been able to discover, but, the report continued "Mr Martin's words are likely to be interpreted in Buenos Aires as a sign Mr Di Tella's tough strategy is beginning to work".

Islanders academic honours

GRAHAM CRAGGS, grandson of Rene Rowlands, who is studying to become a doctor has achieved a first class honours degree from Manchester University.

Three other islanders gaining British degrees are Tom Blake with a 2:1 BA Honours in Marketing from Stirling, Emma Edwards with a 2:1 BSc in Geology from Queen's Belfast and Stephen Luxton with a 2:2 BSc in Geology from Durham. Congratulations go to all of them.

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Martin's mid-winter madness claims more victims

Who says we're not brave at Penguin News? We're brave, but we're also fair and when it came to choosing someone to give a first-hand account of the Mid-winter Swim, of course we all wanted the job. Then we remembered that Helen (alias Lois) Lane had said that she was fed up of making the coffee and wanted to go on a proper assignment for the paper. Reluctantly, we decided to give her the chance:

I CAN THINK of nothing I would rather do less, in the cold, IN THE SNOW and in the South Atlantic. I'm sure this wasn't in the job spec. At the best of times, swimming is a very wet pursuit, but cold and wet - we were all obviously quite daft.

Organised by Martin Cox, the Midwinter Swim drew a large crowd of swimmers and spectators to a party atmosphere at Surf Bay. A bus-load of military swimmers drove down, their numbers swelled, thanks to SSVC's David Simon of the Dawn Patrol.

Of course the anticipation was far worse than the reality and after the judging of those who had entered in fancy dress, the whistle blew and it was a mad dash, holding hands, into the surf.

Amazingly, and I think the adrenaline was responsible, I don't remember the water being cold. However, afterwards, even with a towel between my feet and the icy sand I lost all feeling in my toes and losing a sock (which later turned up in my sleeve!) didn't help.

Estimates vary as to how many swimmers there were but it would seem that about a hundred lunatics braved the elements in order to raise funds for both the Royal National Mission for Deep Sea Fishermen and the Overseas Games Association.



Above: They're off!

Left: Do their mothers know they're out? They may be accountants, but there's something odd about their figures!

Right: BFBS's Dave Simon (aka Rasputin) has his first bath for years.

Below: The nonchalant approach by Gabriel Ceballos



Photos by John Fowler



Above: "HMS Crab & Sprocket" with best-dressed swimmer.

Left: They're back again!



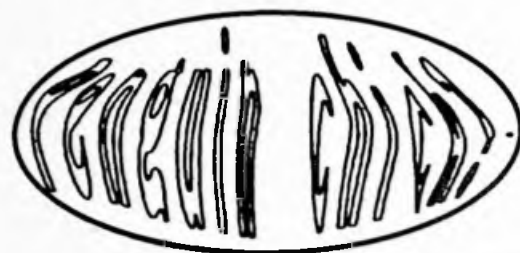
Below: Melanie Gilding and others enjoy the warmth of the bonfire after their dip.



Changes hatching out at Penguin News

Following our recent survey of readers' opinion, when many of our you were kind enough to write making positive suggestions about ways in which *Penguin News* might be improved, we have begun planning some changes.

Here are two of them, which are on the drawing board:



WITH THE CO-OPERATION of the students and staff of the **Falkland Islands Community School**, July 26th will see the first edition of our occasional pull-out supplement for young people. It is provisionally entitled *Penguin Chick*, but other suggestions are welcome. *Penguin News* is offering **£5** for what the editorial panel considers to be the best title, accompanied by a logo, (or the best logo to go with the Penguin Chick title) to reach them by July 12, which is also the closing date for all copy. Teachers and youth leaders please note!

More details from the following at FICS, who are hoping to hear from you about your activities and discuss YOUR contributions:

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A new column in need of contributors

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Phone Lisa on 22684 or Fax 22238

Public Notice

The Planning Ordinance 1991

Notice of Planning applications Received

Notice is hereby given that the following applications for planning permission have been received:

| Reference No | Applicant | Development |
|--------------|------------------------------|---|
| 115/94/DP | Mr J Moffat | Erection of 2-storey house with garage and new vehicular access at 20 Ross Road East, Stanley (detailed plans following the grant of outline permission). |
| 34/95/BP | Mr D Roberts Miss L Vidal | Erection of dwelling with new vehicular access at 7 (Plot 4) Jersey Road, Stanley (detailed plans) following the grant of outline permission. |
| 35/95/BP | Mr T S Betts | Outline application for the erection of dwelling with new vehicular access on land south-west of the FICS fronting Darwin Road. |
| 36/95/BP | FIC | Erection of Pakaway building for storage and servicing of plant and vehicles at Megabid (area of the Asphalt Plant), Airport Road. |
| 37/95/BP | Mr D Shepherd | Erection of domestic garage with new vehicular access at 30 Endurance Av. Stanley. |
| 33/93/BP-A | Falkland Landholdings | Provision of mono-pitched roof to Portakabin at Plot 45 Lookout Industrial Estate, Stanley. |
| 39/95/P | Mr A Jacobsen | Outline application for extension to bar comprising lounge area, toilets, office and stockroom with provision of layby parking area. |
| 26/95/DP | Mr N Rowlands | Erection of 2-bedroomed house with vehicular access to site at 3 Hebe Street Stanley (detailed plans follow grant of outline permission). |
| 38/95/BP | Miss V E M Perkins | Extension to garage to form domestic workshop at 33 John Street, Stanley. |
| 40/95/BP | Mr Mrs B Summers | Alterations and extension to dwelling at 1 Ross Road East, Stanley. |
| 41/95/BP | Mr RWS Bell | Siting of former mobile home to form domestic workshop and store at 12 Endurance Avenue, Stanley. |
| 42/95/BP | Stanley Nurseries | Extension to Garden Centre at the Market Garden, Airport Road. |

These applications may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of the Secretary to the Planning and Building Committee, Secretariat, Stanley. Comments on the applications should be made in writing and should be sent to the Building Adviser Planning Officer, Building Control Office, Ross Road, Stanley, within 10 days of the date of this notice.

The next meeting of the Planning and Building Committee is due to be held on 6 July 1995 in the Liberation Room of the Secretariat, commencing at 1.30pm. Members of the Public may attend to observe the workings of the Committee.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Supreme Court of the Falkland Islands
In the matter of: SEAFISH (FALKLANDS) LIMITED
and in the matter of: THE COMPANIES ACT 1948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was presented to Her Majesty's Supreme Court to the Falkland Islands on the 5th day of June 1995 for the confirmation of the Reduction of the Capital of the above named company from £100000 divided into 100000 ordinary shares of £1 each to £50000 divided into 100000 ordinary shares of 5 pence each by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said petition is directed to be heard before Mr Andrew S Jones sitting as acting Supreme Court Judge in the Supreme Court at the Town Hall, Stanley, Falkland Islands on Thursday 13th day of July 1995.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 21st day of June 1995
Kevin Kilmartin, John Street Chambers, 44 John Street, Stanley,
Legal Practitioner of the above named company.

The Falkland Islands Longline Fishery and Sea Bird Problems

AT a public meeting on Thursday 22 June Nigel Brothers talked about his observations regarding sea bird interactions on the longline vessel *Isla Guafu*.

Consolidated Fisheries General Manager, Martin Cox, in an effort to overcome incidental mortality of sea birds sought assistance in this from Nigel, who has been working for the past ten years on similar problems in the Japanese longline fishery as an employee of The Tasmanian Department of Parks and Wildlife.

In 1991 Nigel estimated that 44000 sea birds a year die as a result of Japanese longliners alone, in the southern oceans. Incidental bird mortality is recorded by Consolidated Fisheries and Fisheries Observers in Falkland Island waters. Unfortunately, however, these mortalities are not monitored on the high seas or on vessels illegally fishing in CCAMLR and South Georgian waters. The impact this fishery has on sea bird populations, in waters outside the Falkland Islands, could therefore be frightfully high.

Local concern about the problem was reflected in the many questions put to Nigel at the conclusion of his talk and several of the most controversial questions

were in fact those asked by Consolidated Fisheries Shareholders.

In the talk and through a video film of the fishing operation, Nigel explained how sea birds get killed on longline hooks and outlined a number of very promising solutions to the problem, which also have economic benefits to the fisherman.

A report detailing the problem and what can be done to overcome it will be completed soon. The recommendations in this report will be received by Consolidated Fisheries with, as Martin Cox described in the closing of the talk, a firm commitment by the company being taken to ensure that the recommendations are implemented in Falkland waters and promoted in neighbouring fisheries.

This report will also be translated into Spanish and will be sent out to fishing companies in South America, and vessels working with Consolidated Fisheries will gain first hand experience at combating the problem. They will hopefully see the economic benefits in the solution as well as the need and the reasons for reducing incidental bird mortalities. Nigel would like to thank Phil Rendell and staff for helping to organise these talks.

Paul Brickie

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Falklands/Patagonia Conservation Workshop

A FALKLANDS/PATAGONIA Conservation Workshop was held in New York on May 18-21 1995 to discuss the biological conservation and management of the Falkland Islands and Patagonian coastal zone.

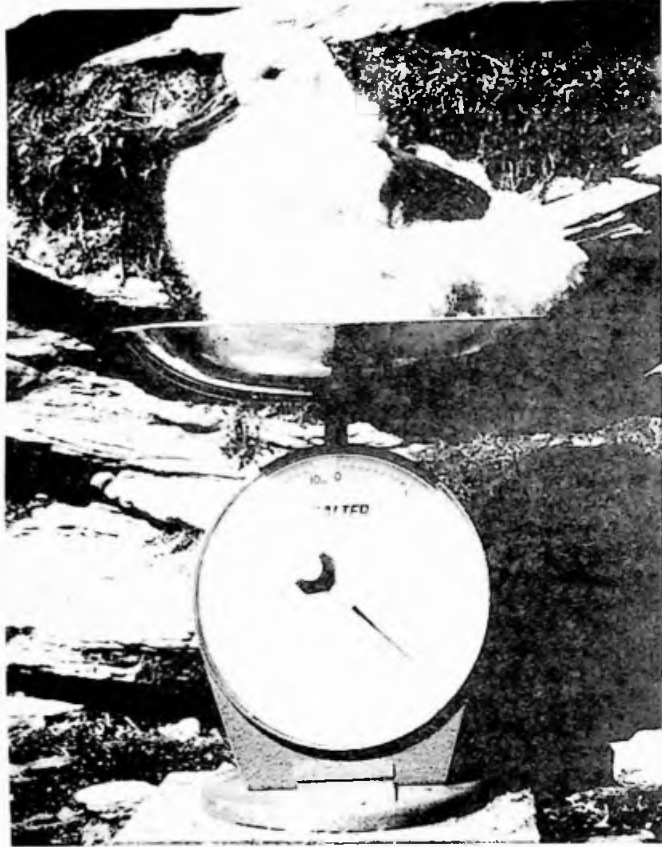
Hosted by the Wildlife Conservation Society of New York, and made possible by the generosity of Michael Steinhart, a WCS Trustee and owner of Steeple and Grand Jason, the workshop involved scientists from Britain, Argentina, North America and the Falkland Islands, whose common concern is the marine wildlife and habitat of the Patagonian Shelf region and in particular seabirds, shorebirds and marine mammals. Information was exchanged about the various research programs in progress in the Falklands and along the Patagonian coast, as well as the impact of tourism, fisheries and oil exploitation.

International concern about the future of the Patagonian Shelf and its wildlife was the driving force behind the organisation of this workshop.

This sea that surrounds the Falklands, and extends west and north to the South American coast, covers an oceanic region known as the Patagonian Shelf, of which the Falklands shelf is a part. It is an immensely productive area, rich in seabirds and sea mammals, rich in oil, rich in fish. The wildlife of both the Falklands and Patagonia depends on the wellbeing and productivity of this shelf area. Unfortunately, it is not enough that the Falkland Islands tries to conserve its won fish stocks or enforce its own oil management regulations within its FOCZ. What happens outside our 200 mile FOCZ, along the coast of Argentina, and on the high seas that begin where the FOCZ ends are very much at risk from over-fishing and so what happens out there will determine the fate of Patagonia's wildlife as it will determine the fate of the Falklands' wildlife, its fishing stocks and FIG revenue. We have every reason to be concerned.

Meetings took place in the offices of the WCS in the Central Park Zoo in Manhattan and at the Bronx Zoo. Accommodation was provided in the nearby St Moritz Hotel and every effort was made by the WCS host to ensure that invitees enjoyed their stay.

Among those present at the workshop were the President of the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), William Conway, who chaired the meeting; Alejandro Grajal, Patricia Majluf, Dee Boersma, Billy Karesh, Robert Cook and Christine Sheppard from WCS; John Croxall and Peter Prince from British Antarctic Survey (BAS); Mike Fedak, Dave Thompson and Callan Duck from Sea Mammal Research Unit (SMRU); Graham Harris, Claudio Campagna and Pable Yorio from



An Albatross chick quite at home in its temporary nest whilst being weighed.

the Fundacion Patagonia Natural in Puerto Madryn. Pable Canevari from the Western Hemisphere Shore Bird Reserve Network in Buenos Aires, Adrian Schiavini from the Centro Austral de Investigaciones Cientificas in Ushuaia; Mike Bingham from Falklands Conservation; Sally Poncet and Robin Woods for the Falkland Islands.

Falkland Islands representative, Mike Bingham, described the work of Falklands Conservation and in particular the seabird monitoring program with mention being made of the population decline for the rockhopper penguins. Community education work such as the Gypsy Cove Trail Guide and the Hadassa Bay litter-pick and school education packs were also described. Robin Woods ran through the Breeding Bird Atlas that he is compiling with Falklands Conservation.

Sally Poncet gave a report on the current development of oil exploration and potential exploitation around the Islands, and explained the role of the Falkland Islands Environmental Task Group (or FENTAG) in providing advice on environmental matters to FIG and in particular on the proposed baseline surveys that are to be carried out in advance of any potential offshore oil exploration. A report on tourism in the Islands was also given, describing the limited scale of this activity which at the moment presents no threat to wildlife, due to the relatively small numbers of tourists and also to the

responsible attitude of landowners, tour guides and the local Tourism Board who are all aware of the need to manage and guide visitors so that the wildlife is not disturbed.

Mention was also made of the new Island South Conservation Foundation and the research facilities that are available there for students and scientists; and of the efforts of the Department of Agriculture to address the problems of coastal erosion and encourage the re-establishment of tussock grass by farmers and landowners. Aidan Kerr prepared a paper on the subject for the entitled "Habitat restoration in the Falkland Islands requires an integrated approach" and this is to be incorporated in the workshop proceedings. Habitat restoration can also be achieved by removing certain introduced animals, such as cats, rats, foxes and rabbits that are having a detrimental effect on the native plants and wildlife, and the benefits of doing this on certain islands in the Falklands was explained.

Dave Thompson from the Sea Mammal Research Unit outlined the work that was being done on sealions in the Falklands, with details of last season's Island-wide survey that confirm the results of Ian Strange's surveys indicating that the sealion population has inexplicably declined over the past 50 years. An identical decline on the Patagonian coast was described by Claudio Campagna, whose research also includes elephant seals and fur seals.

Dee Boersma from the University of Seattle USA, talked about her research on Magellanic Penguins at Punto, Tombo on the Patagonian coast, a site she has been monitoring for the past 13 years, mentioning the high numbers of oiled penguins that are seen every year in the study colonies, direct casualties of the oil spills and pollution that occur along the Patagonian coast.

Graham Harris, Director of the Patagonian Coastal Zone Management Plan and President of the fundacion patagonia Natural, talked about his organisation's research projects that include wildlife census and distribution surveys and gave some interesting insights into the current situation on pollution, tourism, fishing and oil, all of which are of great significance to the Falklands. Presentations by other Argentine scientists included details of research on sealions and elephant seals, waders, and seabirds.

These are summaries only of some of the presentations given. A full account will be published by the Wildlife Conservation Society, detailing the individual workshop presentations, and the current status and future requirements for conservation and management of coastal natural resources of the Patagonian Shelf. The report will be available later this year.

Suggestions for future management priorities for the region were discussed in detail on the third and final day, and plans made for another meeting to be held in 1996.

The workshop drew attention to an obvious but often overlooked fact: that the seabirds and sea mammals of the Falklands and the Patagonian coast recognise no political boundaries. Sealions, fur seals, elephant seals, rockhoppers, jackass, kelp gulls, king and rock cormorants, from both sides of the water, are all part of a single wildlife population that is dependent upon the one marine environment, that of the Patagonia Shelf. More research is needed on these species, and better protection is needed or the seas they rely on.



Mike Bingham on West Point and replacing a worn out ring originally fitted in 1961

UK News letter by Sir Rex Hunt

Fund Raising, a magnificent effort

I DID not realise that there were so many Lords in this land. Not, that is, until I spent most of yesterday signing letters to them asking for donations to the Shackleton Scholarship Fund.

As leader of the House of Lords, Lord Shackleton must have known nearly all the active members, nevertheless, it is a great tribute to him that so many of them, from all parties, went to his memorial service in Westminster Abbey.

Writing to the many hundreds of people who attended the service, I am amazed once more at the wide range of friends and admirers that Lord Shackleton attracted over the years. They come from all walks of life and from varying age groups.

In an immensely rich and fulfilling life, however, Lord Shackleton always said that the Falkland Islands were something special to him. The two honours he prided most were the freedom of Stanley and the Order of the Garter. I think it fitting that Baroness Thatcher, who proudly accepted

the freedom of the Falkland Islands in 1983, should have been installed in Lord Shackleton's place in St George's Chapel, Windsor, by the Queen last week. The Most Noble Order of the Garter is the highest honour that the Queen can bestow and is restricted to twenty-four members.

It is pleasing to think that the two persons who have done more for the Falkland Islands than anyone else would have been thus honoured.

I derive pleasure, too, from the thought that the other person who received the Garter last week was Sir Edmund Hillary, who now joins his leader of the successful Everest expedition, Lord Hunt, in the select band of twenty-four. I think that Sir Ernest Shackleton would have approved.

Both he and his son would certainly have welcomed the Governor's idea of a scholarship fund in their memory. I can think of no better way of creating a

living tribute to them than by establishing a fund that will be used to increase our knowledge of the region with which their names will be forever associated.

I congratulate the fund-raising committee in the Falkland Islands for a magnificent effort in raising so much money in so short a time.

The generosity of local donors has exceeded my highest expectations and I only hope that we can do half as well here in the UK. We shall be helped by Princess Alexandra's gracious acceptance of our invitation to become Patron of the UK Falkland Islands Trust, under whose charitable auspices the Shackleton Scholarship Fund has been launched. As with your local committee, we shall keep the *Penguin News* informed of any large donations received, subject of course to the consent of the donor.

I must now, reluctantly, turn to UK politics. I see from a recent issue of the *Penguin News* that most readers are against more coverage of international events. I do not know whether this includes UK

events, but I imagine that the resignation of John Major as leader of the Conservative Party is of some interest.

The first point to make is that he is carrying on a Prime Minister. The second is that he is standing for re-election as leader of the Conservative party. Why, then, all the fuss?

In military terms, he is making a pre-emptive strike or, as John Willie McBride told his Lions before a rugby match against the All Blacks, 'Be sure to get your retaliation in first'.

Rumours have abounded over the past few weeks about a leadership struggle in November. Hyped up by the media, they have tended to undermine the Prime Minister's authority and paralyse the government.

In Major's forthright terms, his opponents within the party should now 'put up or shut up'. I think that Major will win; but the underlying divisions within the Party over Europe will remain, to surface again another day.

Soapbox: An opportunity to air your views on current topics

Rosemary Wilkinson kicks off

I'VE BEEN quietly simmering away for months now in my small corner of the world, listening to other folk's comments on how they see the future of Camp, etc. I've yet to read the Chief Executive's FLH scenario, or vision, or whatever it may be (it's been requested but hasn't yet arrived), but hearing of the Telegraph journalist's version I wept inwardly for the Islands. I realise that some journalists love to twist things for effect - I've been a victim myself of their manipulations - and I also realise that the paper was intended to provoke discussion and comment - but good grief!!

There's no smoke without fire, as 'they' have reiterated ad nauseam. Somewhere along the line, stone houses and thatched roofs must have been mentioned. Now, I don't know about you, but it seems to me that there's a vast difference between 'development' and cloud cuckoo land. I love stone houses, and have lived in some myself in years past - but Really! Apart from skilled stone work being time-consuming and consequently expensive, there is a dearth of suitable material in Lafonia. Even when farms had large gangs of men, not all that many stone buildings were built. Kit buildings of tin and timber are quick to erect (essential where summers are short and busy, and workers few). They also fit in with the 'norm' in Falkland architectural terms, and allow for easy expansion where this proves necessary. Modern clad-

ding can be added, and makes any building attractive.

Thatched roofs are out, as anyone who's lived with them will know. You can't just slap on any old grass and expect it to (a) survive the wind and (b) keep out the rain. High maintenance costs and extortionate insurance rates go with that, even when it's the real McCoy. If wriggly tin isn't aesthetically pleasing enough, what's wrong with modern-day tiles?

I know I run the risk of being accused of *lèse majesté*, but PLEASE can we restore a little sanity to future planning. Let's concentrate on improving the lot of Campers, so that others are actually tempted to go and join them. How many of the present Stanley Hostellers plan to make their futures in Camp, and how many already yearn to stay put in town? Families become divided once youngsters leave the nest for good, and the future of their parents' farms is in doubt because life there is too quiet. Yes, I know that visitors - and many Stanley dwellers I'm afraid - see only the romantic side of life in Camp. "Shame they've got telly" they say. "Must be ruining life out there. And the phone. Why do they need the phone anyway? They've got 2 metre, haven't they?"

I'll tell you why we need the TV and the phone. We're all, apart from the few large farms remaining intact, suffering from isola-

tion. No more the settlement social clubs for us. No more the chitchat at the store. You want social life? Hit the track, chay. It'll only take you for hours - without boggings to reach the club...

Coronation Street, Home and Away and their fellow soap operas may not educationally beneficial, but they show us different ways of life. The people in them have their own problems, as insurmountable to them as ours seem to us sometimes. It's nice to be able to sympathise with them, pity them, then switch off the telly and be thankful that our own problems seem small in relation to theirs...

Let's take a deep breath, look at the whole picture and not just Lafonia. Let's forget grass huts. Let's plan complete road networks on both East and West, so that isolated Campers can go snooping, have some social life and entertain visitors themselves more easily and more often. Let's enable Stanley folk to take breathers in the Camp without needing second mortgages to afford the travel bills. (Stanley has its problems too, and Camp offers a pleasant alternative.)

Let's site the abattoir at Goose Green, where there's surplus housing, surplus generator capacity, an existing shearing shed and virtually immediate access to at least some of the cull sheep it would utilise. (Not to mention store, school and social club facilities for employees' families.)

Let's solve the problems of water shortage before we go encour-

aging diversification into vegetable growing. Let's look long and hard at the facts of beef production before importing herds of exotic breeds at inflated prices, only to see them fade away on thin pickings. Low rainfall and high winds, together with reseed establishment and maintenance costs, add up to expensive fattening costs. Imported feedstuffs cost a bomb. The only ones to grow fat through such schemes, when all the true figures are taken into account, would be the feed merchants and the breeders back in UK.)

I could rant on for pages about how I feel, including the ridiculous suggestion that Stanley needs 7 councillors to represent 980+ registered voters, but both Baldrick and the Boss are getting impatient with me. Time to get some lunch. I'll end by asking all those who have a say in important decisions on the future of Camp to think before they act. Don't judge present day Camp life by reading out of date books on the subject, or making whistle-stop tours of the larger settlements. You can't become an expert on any subject without studying it closely. Listen to the small people. They can educate you far better than any book or any fleeting visit can hope to do. Forget idealisms and face truths, please.

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The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders from interested persons for the reading of electrical meters for the town of Stanley.

The work involves checking and recording electrical consumption in all houses and premises in Stanley.

Payment is made at a set amount per meter reading, not on a lump sum basis.

For further details please contact the Power and Electrical Superintendent during normal working hours.

Tender documents are available from the Secretariat and completed tenders addressed to the Chairman, Tender Board and marked "Meter Reading Contract" should be returned to the Secretariat by Friday 23 June 1995.

The Falkland Islands Government reserves the right to reject any tender received.

Education & Community Project Assistant

Falklands Conservation are seeking a self motivated person to promote their educational and community involvement roles. The successful applicant will be expected to develop a close working relationship with schools and youth groups, in order to develop new opportunities for promoting environmental education. They will also be expected to organise and participate in community events, such as displays, outdoor activities and social events, and be able to utilise the media for promoting environmental awareness.

An interest in people and the ability to communicate effectively with all sections of the community is essential and previous experience of teaching and organising would be an advantage. A knowledge of wildlife and conservation would be helpful, but is not essential, as training will be given.

The post will involve 15 hours of work per week, at a rate of £5 to £6 per hour depending upon experience and would require occasional evening or weekend work in order to participate in activities.

Job description and application forms can be obtained from Mrs Carol Miller, Falklands Conservation, PO Box 31, Stanley, to whom completed application forms should be returned by 14 July 1995.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides update

AT the sponsored swim during May, girls from the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides swam a total of 1124 lengths (approx: 17½ miles) at the pool. This raised a total of £653.81. They would like to thank their many sponsors and the parents and friends who came along to support the swimmers, and to count lengths.

Advance Notice: On October 28th a Bazaar and Flyaway Raffle will be organised by the Association. The proceeds of those will go to

the Lord Shackleton Scholarship Fund.

Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government would like to inform the General Public that it has available for allocation one domestic building plot situated on Jersey Road, Stanley.

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Stanley 8 Ball Pool League Table as at June 26 1995

| Team | Games Played | Games in Hand | Points | Position |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|--------|----------|
| Hillside | 16 | 4 | 63 | 1 |
| Globe | 15 | 5 | 50 | 3 |
| Stanley A | 14 | 6 | 53 | 2 |
| Rose | 12 | 8 | 34 | 6 |
| Victory | 14 | 6 | 41 | 5 |
| Deanos | 11 | 9 | 42 | 4 |

Postscript From St Mary's

Suffering is one of those human experiences that will sooner or later come your way. Nobody is spared, and nobody fully understands it. What we do know is that suffering can break us or make us. It all depends how we respond to it.

Despair can set in when someone we dearly love dies, when a deep relationship is ended, when we meet with a devastating disappointment. We then say: "Why? Why me? What have I done to deserve this?" We may think of running away, of taking to drink or other drugs. In other words, we may try to close our eyes to suffering, we may try to suppress it one way or another. And in the end it

may break us.

There is another way of responding to suffering: We can face the reality, face the suffering head on, feel the pain of it, own it and endure it the best we can. This positive response makes us grow; it makes us mature and makes us stronger. Think of St. Peter: The suffering he endured because of his denial of the Lord, helped him discover who he was and who he could become. The clearest example and inspiration is Jesus himself in the Garden of Gethsemane: His cry to the Father to let the chalice pass him by became a prayer of acceptance: "Your will be done".

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Stop, Go, Stop

DAP/British Aerospace 146 service blocked by SFC after Exco approval

FIDC General Manager, Mike Summers described as "extremely disappointing and difficult to understand", the decision taken last week by LegCo's Standing Finance Committee to overturn an earlier decision by Executive Council to give a measure of financial support to proposals by Aerovias DAP to operate BA 146's on a Santiago-Punta-Stanley route.

Referring to what he described as a "degree of inconsistency in councillors' thinking", Mr Summers said that in attempting to attract oil exploration in Falkland Waters, the Falklands Government was embarked upon a path, which would clearly lead to a requirement for a commercial air-link with South America. He found it difficult to understand why an early development in this direction should be "knocked on the head" in this manner, particularly in view of the involvement of Aerovias DAP, who had pioneered the Punta to Stanley route, and British Aerospace.

FIDC had asked FIG to guarantee US\$ 180,000 for 6 months to limit the risk to Aerovias DAP during the setting up of the service; there was no question of FIG having to subsidise the operation or having any financial commitment beyond this initial

period. Other proposals, including a joint venture, had been put to FIDC, but they had not recommended them to FIG precisely because they required a more open-ended commitment than the present proposal.

Civilian passengers on the RAF TriStar service represented less than 10% of the total earned, said Mr Summers. He saw no reason to doubt the recent assurances given by the Governor on behalf of the FCO and the MOD that the inauguration of the proposed service, linking the DAP 146 flights to the British Airways London to Santiago service would not, in itself, be a factor in decisions relating to the RAF's TriStar service.

This view was echoed by local business man, Hamish Wylie of LMW, who said it was "a great shame" that a proposal, which promised so much in the way of "knock-on" benefits and involved so little risk should have been turned down. He did not imagine that many Islanders would use the route as the TriStar service was so much more direct and convenient, but its potential for business was very great; apart from increased air freight capacity, such a link would enable us to "cream off" a lot of business from the growing Chilean tourist trade.

Executive Councillor, the Hon. Wendy Teggart said that she regarded the development of a commercial air service between the Falklands and South America vital for tourism and said that she regarded SFC's decision as "unfortunate if we want the Falklands to develop".

Asked how she felt about the possibility that in over-turning a decision of Executive Council, SFC might have acted in an unconstitutional manner, according to constitutional expert Mr Wallace, Cllr Teggart said that she believed it was right that decisions should be taken by a majority of all the legislative councillors, but she considered it important that the workings of Standing Finance Committee should become more public.

Ta! Ta! TA

THE MAIN body of the TA RIC leave the Falklands on Friday July 7 after an extremely successful tour. They are to be replaced by the 1st Battalion "C" Company Royal Green Jackets.

Major Adrian Walton, revealed that 36 of the 191 members of the TA unit will join become regulars when they return to the UK as a result of their experience in the Falklands.

Eric Goss prepares for UN debut

SEASONED Falklands Islands Legislative Councillor, the Hon. Eric Goss, leaves the Falklands today (Wednesday) bound for New York and the United Nations, where he hopes to address the Committee of 24, the Decolonisation Committee at its meeting on July 13.

Mr Goss, who is well-known locally for his ability to tell a tale in a colourful manner, which draws heavily on his acute observations of Falklands life, has never previously addressed the United Nations, but is looking forward to the occasion.

He told *Penguin News* that his maiden speech would be "focused on the principle of self determination, which is embodied both in the United Nations Charter and in the Constitution of the Falklands". He would also have some words to say about his birthright as a Falkland Islander, which, he said, was "price-less".

Consolidated Fisheries top the lot

CONSOLIDATED Fisheries Ltd has sent a cheque for £18,000 to Leif Pollard, Treasurer of the Shackleton Scholarship Fund.

This is the largest donation yet received from a local company and brings the total raised by the Shackleton Appeal to around £150,000.

Born in Poole

CONGRATULATIONS are due to Joanna Summers and Javier Lazo, whose son Mathew Derek was born in Poole Maternity Hospital on Thursday June 29, weighing in at 7lbs. Joanna and Mathew are both well and will be returning to the Falklands in late July.

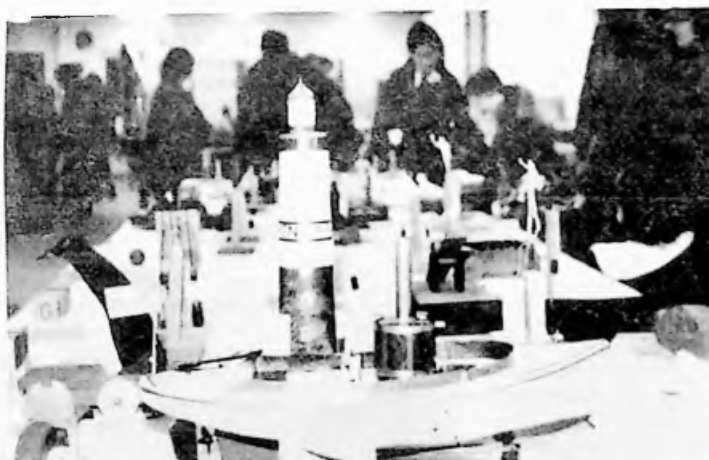
We are grateful to proud Grandma, Rowena (née McBeth) Summers for this report.

Apology

WE neglected to credit Sally Poncet as the author of our report last week on the Conservation Workshop held in New York.

THE ANNUAL Sue Whitley Art and Craft Exhibition was held in the Community School on Saturday July 1, attracting, as usual, a wide range of entries from Stanley and the Camp, which demonstrated a consistently high standard of work. Unfortunately, due to lack of space, we shall have to defer the publication of the full results and photographs of the occasion until next week's edition of *Penguin News*.

Pictured, right, the working model of a steam launch in the foreground was made, from a kit, by Leif Poncet.



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THROUGH no particular fault of the Public Relations firm Shandwick, it would appear that the act of employing them to look after the presentation of a positive Falklands image to the world has, in itself, attracted the sort of press coverage that we have been anxious to avoid. One newspaper recently made the comment that no amount of warm words from Shandwick's would be sufficient to counter the Falklands wind-chill factor and went on to pursue the equally tired line that because of the weather and isolation, we spend all our time in pubs drowning our sorrows. What rubbish, but how annoying that the weather has chosen just this time to play up. I do wish the snow would go away; it's becoming enough to drive one to drink!

One piece of warmth and cheer for me and many others in the Falklands to brighten up our bleak mid-winters is that this is the season, when, with any luck, some of the monthly deduction of income tax from salary comes bouncing back in the form of a rebate cheque. It's part of the soothing magic of PAYE that this return of what is after all our own money, always seems like a gift and creates more joy than the relatively little pain caused by its deduction at source.

If the system has a draw-back it is that it denies us the opportunity of withholding any portion of our income tax as a form of political protest. This has been fairly common practice in the UK, the USA and maybe elsewhere, for a number of years and has resulted in a number of well-publicised court cases. Usually, the portion of tax withheld has been what the withholder has estimated would be spent by his or her government on nuclear submarines, chemical weapon research or some other high-profile "nasty".

As far as I know, such a form of protest has never been attempted in the Falklands, though in many ways, given the small size of the country and the relatively easy access to public accounts, we would seem to have an ideal environment for it. While I hasten to add that I am not advocating such a course of action, before Moira Eccles cancels my cheque or I am arrested for subversion, I would be interested in readers' views about what, if anything, they would rather public money were not spent on.

If our postbag is any guide, the announcement of the Government's £300,000 computer up-grade, which I thought might have attracted unfavourable comment, seems to have aroused barely a ripple. If my arithmetic is correct and assuming that there are around 2,000 of us, this purchase represents an expenditure of £150 per man, woman and child in the civilian population or £600 per family of four. I wonder what the response would have been had Financial Secretary Derek Howatt asked the question: "Would you rather that every computer in the Secretariat has CD Rom capability or have £600 off your tax bill?" I know that government finances do not work in this way, but the "pro capita" concept might be a useful one for Heads of Departments to employ when drawing up their budgets.

I am blaming the weather and the soporific effects of sitting down after dinner in front of a roaring fire for having forgotten to attend the public meeting held by the Police Advisory Committee, which I had been looking forward to reporting on, expecting a packed and lively meeting. In the end, however, the four members of the committee present would have outnumbered the representatives of the general public two to one, but for the presence of FIBS reporter, Helen Andrews.

Applying the "per capita" rule to the Police Force indicates, on the basis of this year's budget of £418,000, that it costs each and every one of us around £200 per year. Does the small turn-out for this meeting indicate, as Cllr Goss was quick to suggest, that the majority of us are satisfied with the way it is run and consider that it is good value for money?

Even allowing for the deterrent effect of the murderously bitter weather, a more likely reason for the low numbers at such an important meeting, is the same one that keeps low the number of readers' letters, namely the reluctance of people to voice in public the views they will cheerfully and loudly express in private.

If that sounds like a challenge: it is meant to be. Apart from the letters page, *Penguin News* also offers the facility of our new *Soap Box* column, for people who feel they need greater length than a letter allows. If this were not a democracy such facilities would not be available, so please use them!

QUESTION to Dr Di Tella by Enrique Mathov during the Argentine Senate meeting, as reported by *La Nacion* of 29th June:

"Will we pay for the Falklands and later abandon them to their own fate as we did with Tierra del Fuego?"

(Apparently the Federal Government granted companies tax breaks to re-locate in Tierra del Fuego, then later rescinded them causing widespread unemployment)

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Putting the culls in context

THERE IS a certain amount of understandable concern in the farming community about the available supply of sheep to those farms who need to buy in to maintain numbers. Whilst I can assure farmers that the concern has been noted and that in putting together the abattoir project we will do nothing which might be damaging to the long term interests of Falklands farming, I trust that the issue will be kept in its proper context on the farming side.

The 93/94 farming statistics show the following:

Sheep Acquired: 12,930
Sheep sold (for breeding/wool): 13,779

(These two figures should in theory be the same)

Sheep slaughtered: 62,514
There are two particularly relevant points here:

1. The abattoir project is not dependent on (and has never been dependent on) the acquisition and disposal of culls for its economic viability. If the abattoir never bought and sold a cull it wouldn't matter, except to the farmers who are still obliged to waste slaughtered sheep because there is no place to sell them

2. All the figures for culls used in the abattoir project are based on

the sheep slaughtered figure (i.e. after all trade in sheep for wool/breeding is completed). Whilst care needs to be taken not to disturb the pattern of this trade the project does not anticipate cutting into those figures.

According to the old adage there are lies, damned lies and statistics, and it would be dangerous to rely too closely on any one years figures without looking at all the underlying factors; the reported acquisitions for the previous year was 15,332; I would predict that with a rising wool price this last years acquisitions will be higher again, but will fall off the year after.

There are many of us who would like to see a much greater internal trade in sheep, and it is an issue which has been discussed before, and will be discussed again. The important point to understand is that unless the carrying capacity of the land greatly increases or the lambing or annual loss percentages change substantially for the worse, the numbers of sheep for slaughter will not change from year to year - just their location will change

M V Summers
General Manager
FIDC

'Let's do it all again next year', says Martin

I WOULD like, through your newspaper to thank all the people of our community who helped make the second annual South West Atlantic Mid-winter Swim such a success. In particular I wish to express my gratitude to Cathy and Ali at the Victory Bar who warmed us up yet again and all members of the local media who did so much to help us publicise the event.

I could not write this letter of thanks without mentioning the military personnel who warmed us up on the beach with hot soup (and something a little stronger), the EOD men who set off the swim with such a bang, the piper who gave us such courage, Dave Simon and Steve Britten who did so much to publicise the event and Charlie Lane for co-ordinating the military effort from the Stanley end. It is efforts such as this which make the military and civilian sections of the Falklands one community.

This year Sheena and I enlisted

the support of a committee to ease the workload so I would like to take the opportunity to thank Joost Pompert and Janet Robertson, Aidan and Pauline (alias Patricia) Kerr, Carole Bedford and Conor Nolan. Cheers team, you made it so easy this year.

Finally, I would like to thank all the people who made the day such a spectacle i.e. the brave (or foolish?) swimmers. Between ninety and a hundred of us took the plunge this year which is a remarkable turnout given the size of our community and I think that as a result, we will raise at least £4000 for our charities and we will have firmly established the Mid-winter swim as a Falkland tradition.

Thanks to all of you. LET'S DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR!

Martin Cox
Stanley

A new look for the Royal Falkland Islands Police

THE ROYAL Falkland Islands Police have recently been undergoing a re-organisation of their management system in an attempt to maximise efficiency. The more modern system divides the force into Administration (or support) and Operations. In the past, the lack of a division has on occasions lead to one or the other being neglected.

Detective Sergeant Len McGill, under the supervision of Inspector Morris will concentrate specifically on Police Operations, taking charge of investigations and the day to day duties of the force.

Sergeant Graham Didlick will take over administration and support, concentrating on licensing, equipment and Police training (local and overseas) and logistics. Trudi Lee will be assisting Sergeant Didlick in many of the administration tasks.

The Military Policeman who works with the local force has now been incorporated within the shift system. This means a local Constable (Leading Constable Jock Elliot) is now free to concentrate on collating information, as Criminal Records and Intelligence Officer.

The advantage in this re-arrangement is that previously records information were collated

by support staff only who were not trained to look for common factors or patterns which may be of importance to a case under investigation.

The timing of the re-organisation operation depends on the view that the system may need to grow rapidly with the possibility of oil and other industries.

It is thought that the split system has the potential to grow without further re-organisation. The move is also related to the reduction of crime over the years.

A few heartening facts about the Police (by the Police): there has been a 52% reduction in crime over the last ten years, mainly in areas of traffic offences such as drink driving and speeding.

Many local people feel there is an excessive amount of policemen per head of population in the Falklands however, the highest ratio of police (on duty) per head of population in Britain is approximately 2.5:1000. Here in the Falklands it works out at about 3:4000.

According to Chief of Police Ken Greenland, calculating as above probably gives a false impression anyway. We should actually view it as the three policemen on duty being expected to police an area the size of Wales!

Prisoner Ned comes to the aid of the Police

ROBERT 'NED' STEWART, who was recently released from a custodial sentence was publicly credited by the Senior Magistrate Andrew Jones, during a court hearing. The credit came as a result of his quick action in summoning a patrol by radio when witnessing an assault on a Police Officer in the police station.

A member of Naval Party 2010 based at MPA pleaded guilty to an assault on a civilian Police Officer when on Saturday the 23rd of June at approximately 10.45pm he entered the Police Station in a frenzied state.

The police officer on duty PC John McLeod realised he was under the influence of alcohol and tried to calm the man who proceeded to jump over the counter and punch the officer on the arm with a clenched fist.

The officer managed to wrestle the man to the ground and Robert Stewart the inmate at that time witnessed the incident and alerted the mobile police patrol who returned to assist.

Public Notice

Applications are invited for the post of Assistant Teacher in the Design Technology Department of the Falkland Islands Community School. This unestablished post will be come available in September and is to provide cover for a member of staff away on training for four years. Salary will range from £7,548 per annum in Grade G1 to £12,900 in Grade G3. Entry point will be dependent on age, qualifications and any relevant experience.

Applicants should have a knowledge of the principles of design work and experience in the use and maintenance of tools and machinery for both wood and metal work. The job will involve working closely with students so an ability to relate to young people is essential.

Anyone interested in applying would be welcome to come to the school to look at the Design Department and should contact the Headteacher Mrs Crowe for further details. Application forms are available from the Secretariat and should be returned to the Establishments Secretary by 4.00pm on Monday 10th July 1995.

'Falklander' is on the move



original prototype of the 'Falklander' jumpers

MARGARETHUMPHRIES, Contract Manager for the 'Falklander' jumper was pleased to report that funding had been approved for the project, at a recent meeting of FIDC.

The machinery needed to set up a workshop in St. Mary's Parish Hall will arrive on the next MOD vessel in mid July.

The aim is to produce 250 Falklander classic sweaters; two hundred of which will be sent to the UK for display on 'The Clothes Show Live' in December; the other fifty to be sold in the Falklands.

Yarns which will come from Fox Bay will be sent in packs to machine knitters in the next few weeks, to continue the production of squares.

The committee are looking for people to work on the assembly of the jumpers in the workshop, beginning mid August. People are

welcome to work on a part time or full time basis. Most will be involved in assembly, although there will be knitting machines available for those who wish to produce squares. Machine knitters will be paid on a piece rate whilst assemblers will be paid hourly.

Wearer trials are presently underway so if you spot Errol in his Falklander tank top, tell him what you think of it.

Canon Palmer and Mrs Tatham are also proud wearers of 'Falklander classics' and have already received plenty of comments on the look and structure of the garments. Now is the time for your opinion of the 'Falklander'.

The whole collection, sent to Jeff Banks, consists of twelve different styles, however Margaret is of the opinion that the 'classic jumper' will be the back bone of the collection.

CPA a learning experience

COUNCILLORS Wendy Teggart and Norma Edwards recently travelled to Belfast for a Regional Seminar of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. (11-17 June 1995)

Councillor Edwards as team leader, gave a (well received) ten minute speech on the Falkland Islands Fishing Industry.

Many were disappointed that time limitations resulted in the lack of a question and answer session.

Most of the seminar consisted of discussion panels where representatives could exchange views and advice on common problems within their countries.

Topics of discussion of particular interest to the Falkland representatives were prevention of drug problems, European Commitment and our relationship to the EC and money laundering.

The councillors also absorbed advice on such topics as 'calling

the Executive to account'.

The councillors were also able to offer advice to representatives of other countries.

A run for our money

STEVE ANDERSON of Turners at MPA has collected £1200 for charity after running the MPA half marathon in March.

The money was raised on behalf of Compass Braille, a UK registered charity.

Compass Braille uses computer driven Braille 400s embossers to produce copies of the Bible and other Christian literature in south Asian languages.

Steve a regular worshipper at the Tabernacle Free Church in Stanley became interested in the charity through his connections with the Tabernacle



CABLE & WIRELESS
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Construction of a new Satellite Communications Earth Station, by Cable and Wireless.

This work will be put out to tender, and, when available, full details of the work involved will be supplied to those who have registered their interest. At this stage of planning, Cable and Wireless needs to establish whether there will be adequate supplies of materials, and labour to achieve the timely completion of this project; scheduled to commence in January 1996, and be completed and ready for equipment installation by 1st May 1996.

Our preference would be to award the work to a single contractor, who will have overall responsibility for completion, but will be permitted to utilise other companies as subcontractors. Cable and Wireless will supply its own Clerk of Works, who will control the project and ensure the appropriate standards are met.

An outline specification of the work involved can be collected from our public counter, at our main building on Ross Road.

Will all those companies interested in being invited to tender for this work please write to the GM, Cable and Wireless, P.O. Box 179, Stanley to confirm their interest, and state their general ability to successfully undertake the work.



CABLE & WIRELESS
FALKLAND ISLANDS

July Specials

20% off all Direct Dialed International Telephone Calls between 8pm and 6am Monday to Saturday plus all day Sunday throughout July.

OIL: THE FALKLANDS & ARGENTINA

[Falkland Islands Government has asked Penguin News to reprint the text of an interview which Councillor John Cheek gave to Mr Patrick Watts of FIBS on 23 June. We are grateful to Miss Juanita Brock (Teaberry Express) for transcribing the report.]

Introduction by Patrick Watts:

LOCALLY, the Governor said earlier this week that "it has been proposed that the border areas be developed, but Argentina are asking for involvement deeper inside Falklands waters, which is unacceptable. Councillors have been kept fully informed and will have the final say before any agreement with Argentina is signed". However, Mr Tatham reiterated that the oil licensing round will go ahead regardless of any agreement.

To date, most of the information regarding possible agreements on oil exploration and exploitation seem to be coming from Argentine sources, with their Foreign Ministry quoted on several occasions. And there has been a distinct lack of information locally. Councillor John Cheek is a member of the Falklands Oil Management Team. I asked him why there was a lack of information from the Falklands.

John Cheek: I suppose in a way that I, as Councillor with oil responsibility, need to apologise to people that they heard the information first from the Argentine source rather than from here. But when you are negotiating or talking about a subject, normally it is better if the other side doesn't know what your final points may be, so we tend not to talk about it too much. The Argentines have come out and obviously some of it has been confirmed by the Governor, so I phoned you today and suggested that the time has come for us to make as much as we can public.

Well, there is going to be an oil round opening later this year. The Argentines say early October and that's a pretty good, fairly accurate date. We haven't given a date at the moment and won't for a little while yet, but let us use early October as being fairly close. It will close towards the middle of next year. Now I am not being purposely vague on that. We haven't set a final date for the closing of the round. Our advice is that if we can come to some agreement with Argentina that does not impinge on our sovereignty, that will make the whole business easier and certainly some of the companies, some of the major oil companies would be more enthu-

siastic about applying for licences. And just briefly on that point, we are aware that some of the major oil companies probably would not apply for licences if there was no Argentine acquiescence. Likewise, we are pretty certain that a number of the major oil companies and others will, no matter what the Argentines do.

Firstly can I explain EEZs [Exclusive Economic Zones] regarding oil areas. We are no longer in the days when we can measure the distance between our country and our neighbours Argentina and put a pin half way between us and say: that's the border. It doesn't work like that any more. It has been changing quite dramatically over the last 30 years. The borderline nowadays tends to be somewhat closer towards the smaller country. In some cases there are no agreements between two adjacent countries. For example, Australia and Papua New Guinea have not reached an agreement so you end up with a grey area if you like between two countries, and in the case of Australia and Papua New Guinea, they have agreed a small dividing line between their two countries - where they cannot agree on exact demarcation, the two countries between them licence that narrow, relatively narrow area. We used that as a possibility of reaching some sort of agreement with Argentina, that the area on the dividing line - the borders, if we cannot agree, and I suspect a relatively small narrow band - could be jointly controlled by ourselves or the British and Argentina. That is one possibility that councillors would probably be agreeable to as long as the position of its centre is acceptable and as long as it is not too wide. I said earlier that we will probably agree to things as long as they don't impinge on our sovereignty. We would expect, if there is some sort of agreement, that when we opened the round for the Falklands area, Argentina would indicate one way or another that they would not cause any problems for the Falklands licensing round. I'm sure you have read *Clarín*, as a number of us have, where they actually mention that and say that the Argentines are actually finding it difficult to accept. I think I can safely say that councillors would not accept any agreement unless there is some understanding that there will be no interference with our licensing round.

John Cheek: Negotiations, talks, whatever you like to call them, have been going on at a low level over the last months. You carried reports of most of them, a recent one between both Foreign Ministers. I think there is another one due next month in July. There is a High Level Group meeting due in early August. Those talks, if there is no agreement, can carry on as far as I'm concerned but the round itself will open early October. Because the round is open doesn't mean that those talks on some sort of agreement on that border area can't carry on. Whether they will or not, I don't know.

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John Cheek: Yes, it says that. Knowing newspapers where I normally reckon if you get 10% right in their reports, it's very good, I would imagine that it is a slight exaggeration. As I said at the beginning, without some form of Argentine acquiescence, it will be

block, isn't it?

John Cheek: I don't think there is any stumbling block about that. I don't think councillors would accept any such move from them. As I say, there is a relatively small area between the two countries where we might not be able to agree where the dividing line exactly is. I can see some sort of joint agreement for control of that relatively narrow band but anything deeper into the Falklands proper waters then I would suggest that Falkland Islands councillors would not accept that at all. I think the Governor intimated and the British government have said to us that the final acceptance of any agreement with Argentina on this matter rests with Falkland Islands councillors.

Patrick Watts: If, as we suspect, the Argentines do not get what they want and that is a cut of the revenue from deeper inside Falklands waters, they presumably will go against the licensing round because they will not be happy just with sharing development on the borders. What will happen in that case? I mean alright they are going to put off some of the oil companies that you mentioned but will the Foreign Office suggest that further negotiation takes place before the licensing round begins?

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more difficult but we don't believe impossible. We feel strongly that there are oil companies out there that will apply for licences. It just makes life easier - as long as it doesn't impinge on our sovereignty - for some sort of agreement with Argentina.

Patrick Watts: But didn't we hear this rhetoric from Argentina before the seismic surveys began with the two companies working in the North and South of the Falklands. The Argentines were going to take action, legal action, all this sort of thing but it went ahead successfully.

John Cheek: They said the same thing when the FICZ was opened. They said the same when the "Gap" was closed. Yes, I wouldn't say the threat was totally empty. They will probably try and do something. How effective it will be, I don't know. I suspect that a lot of what the Argentine government is saying at the moment is for internal political reasons. They now have a democracy. They now have a, I was going to say a Parliament, a Senate and whatever and they have to persuade those people that what they are doing is right. If they reach an agreement that their Senate is not happy with, I suspect their government will be in some sort of problems: the same as if we, as councillors, gave away things within the Islands - which we are not going to. We would be unpopular.

Patrick Watts: So you are confident that the round will go ahead and what about an agreement? Do you believe that there will be some agreement with Argentina before that licensing round begins in October?

John Cheek: I would prefer not to comment on that. I would hope that there were some agreement that, as I say, does not impinge on our sovereignty, which would be useful and make the round easier to go ahead. Whether there is or not, the round, as far as I am concerned, will open in early October. The only way that can be stopped, as far as I can see, is if the British government so instructed. And the word that is coming out, I heard the Governor, was it earlier this week or, I think last week, said that as far as he was aware, the Foreign Office is happy that we go ahead.

(John Cheek is a Legislative Councillor and a member of the Falkland Islands Government Oil Management Team) and the interview was originally heard on the FIBS News Magazine.)

Penguins, bees, turtles and dinosaurs; wildlife with a difference!



Sometimes even a Ninja turtle needs a mum



Kieran Evans



Dylan Stephenson



Dawn and Gabbi Hoy



Jason Stephenson



Camille Wilson



April Faria



Barry & Anna-marie Connelly and Sian Gadd

Jelly Tots Fancy Dress 1995

0-1 Years

- 1st Kieran Evans (Wee Willie Winkie)
- 2nd Samuel Miller (Micky Mouse)
- 3rd Camille Wilson (Bee)

2-3 Years

- 1st Dylan Stephenson (Penguin)
- 2nd Viki Collier (Fred Flintstone)
- 3rd Gabbi Hoy (Clown)

4-5 Years

- 1st Adam Howe (Robot)
- 2nd Thomas Bursden (Elephant)
- 3rd Aaron Clarke (dinosaur)

6-7 Years

- 1st Samantha Chapman (Jack-in-the-box)
- 2nd Daniel & Michaela Ford (Ninja Turtles)
- 3rd Christine Hewitt (Japanese Girl)

8-9 Years

- 1st Jade & Josh Clayton, Mark & Samantha Dodd (Warriors)
- 2nd Bruce Humphries (Clown)
- 3rd Anya Barnes (Snowman)

10-11 Years

- 1st Robin Benjamin, Greg Hall, Michael & Toby Poole (Peter Pan, Captain Hook, Wendy and Crocodile)
- Joint 1st Joleen Morrison (Ballerina)



Aaron Clarke



Jed Coutts



A variety of cultures!

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| Fri 7/Sat 8 | Town Hall Disco (J Clarke) |
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Looking Back on June:

Births:

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| June 4 | A daughter, Amy Anne Minnell to Adrian and Michelle Minnell |
| June 26 | A son, Ryan James Poole to Steven and Ella Poole |

Marriages:

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| June 4 | Neil Alexander Willam Goodwin and Margo Jane Goodwin |
| June 4 | Hector Thomas Sutherland and Marina Fraulein Osborne |
| June 10 | James William Hamilton Curtis and Coral Elizabeth McGill |

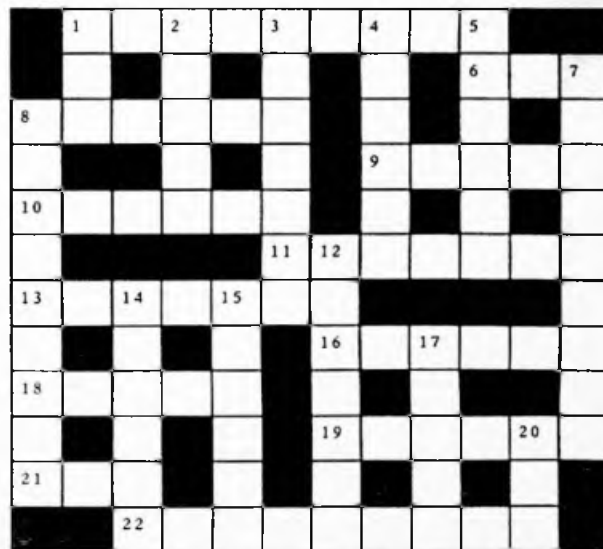
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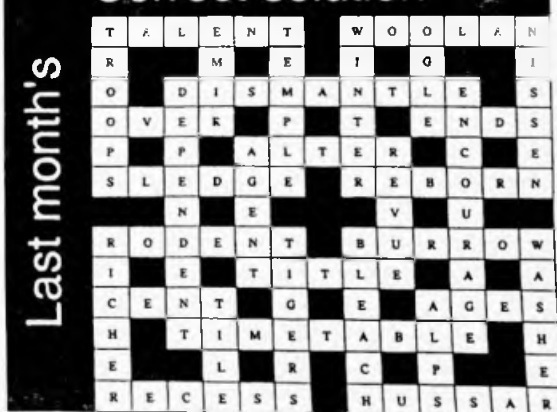
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- 6) Finish nearly round the bend (3)
- 8) Of water or consciousness (6)
- 9) Peaceful sort of branch (5)
- 10) Container of courage? (6)
- 11) Aussie walking trousers (7)
- 13) Not the sort of tissue to blow your nose on Fatty! (7)
- 16) Shout to start filming at lively stations (6)
- 18) Lifeless in Early Radiation Therapy (5)
- 19) Pictures including the three wise men (6)
- 21) Lee is backward and a little slippery (3)
- 22) Divide by colour perhaps (9)

Down

- 1) Smashing sort of record (3)
- 2) Gathered fold (5)
- 3) Wandering like blind archer (7)
- 4) Hard-wearing suits, but are too much for French love (6)
- 5) Resisted boldly, but was nearly defiled (6)
- 7) Bandages worn by ladies only (9)
- 8) The Beatles all lived in a yellow one with their friends (9)
- 12) Not the moment to eat, maybe, unless you're a little mixed up (3,4)
- 14) Is lead what governs ethical behaviour? I'm confused (6)
- 15) Excursion feared by some prominent figures maybe (6)
- 17) Sparkly headgear fit for a queen (5)
- 20) First woman to have a pudding named after her, almost ever? (3)



Correct solution



Falklands Cookery by Jenny Luxton

NOWADAYS we get a bit squeamish about eating offal, especially if we have to prepare it! Most people look at you in horror if you say that we used (and still do I suspect, perhaps not for breakfast though) to eat brain fritters or brains in egg and breadcrumbs for breakfast. So when I was presented with an ox heart a couple of weeks ago, I thought, here goes - having asked the kind impartor of this heart to remove all the insides, leaving a nice clean cavity.

STUFFED HEART

Wash and clean
Put heart into a casserole with a lid and fill with water
Season with salt, pepper, bay leaf and herbs
Cook with lid on for 2 to 3 hours, until tender

Make a stuffing - I make a fairly highly seasoned homemade stuffing

Lift heart out of casserole and cut in half, put some butter in cavity, fill each half with stuffing and transfer to roasting pan. Brush stuffing and heart with some oil, cover loosely with foil and roast for half to one hour in a hot oven, do not dry out, meantime make thick gravy from juice in casserole.

Serve with mashed potato and swede and boiled carrots

POTATO & BACON SOUP

Peel several potatoes dice
Fry potatoes, bacon and onion together until cooked, in olive oil
Add bay leaf, herbs, salt and pepper to taste

Pour stock or stock from cubes into mixture and cook for one hour slowly

Either eat like that or liquidise and add milk, do not boil when milk is added

Sprinkle chopped parsley on top before serving

FRENCH PANCAKES

2oz butter
2oz sugar
2 oz flour
½ pt milk
2 eggs

Cream butter and sugar, add eggs, flour and warmed milk. Grease and flour six saucers (old fashioned deep ones are best). Bake in moderate oven until cooked, lever out with a spatula, fill with jam and fold.

A special story of a special place

Antarctic Encounter



DESTINATION SOUTH GEORGIA
BY SALLY PONCET • PHOTOGRAPHS BY BEN OSBORNE

Lisa Riddell reviews a new childrens' book by Sally Poncet

"MOST PEOPLE have a special place that they love above all others. Perhaps yours is a farm you stay at during school holidays or the lake where you go fishing with your best friend; maybe it's the park on the other side of town. Wherever it is, you know it's the right place for you. For the three boys in this story - Dion, eight, Leiv, six, and Diti, three - this special place is an island called South Georgia....."

For those of you who don't know the subjects of this book, Dion, Leiv and Diti Poncet spend several months every year living on a small yacht off the coast of Antarctica. Their parents, Sally and Jerome Poncet are scientists studying the bird populations of South Georgia. The whole family live on Beaver Island when not travelling.

Through the adventures and experiences of her children, Sally brings the environment and ecology of South Georgia and the Southern Ocean to young readers.

The collection of photographs by Ben Osborne are unsurprisingly stunning, capturing the colours, clarity of light of the surroundings and the abundance of occupying wildlife. However the pictures which will truly appeal to the young observer are those brought alive by the inclusion of one or more of

the boys; a tiny Diti staring nonchalantly into the distance as a number of towering king penguins march sedately past him; the boys using Leith Harbour as a private adventure park and fantasy land; Sally and the boys observing a glacier at close quarters, from the boat.

Sally artfully combines lessons in history and ecology with the fascinating reality of her boys lives

"Come look!" says Diti "I've found a little tunnel"

"That's a rat hole," says Dion, "and there are some droppings."

"I saw a rat a Leith Harbour once," adds Leiv.

"Well, that explains why there are no birds there or here," says Sally.... "No penguins, no prions, and no burrows, except for these rat holes. The rats have killed all the birds little by little."

Rats probably arrived in South Georgia with the first sealers, two hundred years ago. They came ashore in the ships' stores.....

The teaching process in *Antarctic Encounter* is far from monotonous, the young reader caught up in the adventures of Dion, Leiv and Diti will readily absorb the lessons on wildlife and conservation in a way not unsimilar to the way the heroes themselves have learnt.

Having taught their own chil-

dren to love the Antarctic environment and be aware of the threats to it, Sally takes her responsibilities a step further with this book, being only too aware that however much they work to protect it, the future of the Antarctic is in the hands of today's youth.

"For the moment, South Georgia remains isolated, and its birds and animals live there in peace. Jerome and Sally hope it remains that way. They leave the future to Dion, Leiv and Diti, who will dream of South Georgia for many years to come, forever wishing to return."

This book is a must for schools everywhere but especially here in the Falklands where children (and adults who will find it quite as fascinating) can become interested and concerned for their surrounding environment.

Antarctic Encounter is a delightful present for anybody (and possibly an investment in our future.)

Antarctic Encounter by Sally Poncet is published by Simon and Schuster for Young Readers. It has already been released in the United States and will hopefully be on sale in the Falklands before Christmas.

More World War II Convoy Memories by Fred Gooch

HAVING ASSEMBLED at Freetown Sierra Leone, North-bound from the river Plate ports, we had now after 20 days steaming arrived somewhere near Northern Ireland on a smooth autumn day in Convoy. It was 7am and we looked forward to our first landfall in a few hours time, which would be Rathlin Island to Starboard and the Mull of Kintyre to Port. 'Margalau' was leading our column of six ships and the next one was headed by 'Swedru', a passenger/cargo vessel of the Elder Dempster Line, which also had the commodore of the convoy on board. 96 vessels plus corvette escorts and in the middle was the cruiser *HMS Coventry* which joined us three days ago;

she being a specially equipped anti-aircraft vessel as we were in range of enemy air activity.

The commodore received a radio message and signalled it visually by Aldis to all ships "coastal command aircraft! Sunderland flying boat in vicinity". Within a few minutes, sure enough, low down ahead of us we saw a four engined aircraft flying towards our column from right ahead and we should get a good view as he was at mast height. He slewed slightly away to avoid accidental contact and at the same time dropped a bomb which fortunately fell nearby into the sea.

The tail-guns sprayed our ship with bullets in passing and the Fokke Wulf Condor, for such was the enemy plane, banked and flew

over 'Swedru' and scored a direct hit on the accommodation and the Commodore's ship dropped astern on fire.

Not a shot was fired at the enemy as such low altitude caused a very high risk of AA fire striking other ships. Sixteen died in 'Swedru' and she was lost. That evening saw us in the river Mersey safely home once more.

Three weeks later, after a very brief visit home, we were back at sea, loaded once more for South American ports. The convoy was bound once more for USA and Canada and we few for South America would break away somewhere in Mid Atlantic and continue unescorted Southwards. On

a glassy sea we passed the Outer Hebrides. In these high latitudes and now November, darkness came early.

Our gunners were on lookout watches on each bridge wing and at around 10pm one of these decided that the upper bridge (commonly called 'The Monkey Island') was a better place. Snowflake rockets had been installed on the Monkey Island, these being fired by pulling a lever in the wheel-house, which activated the firing mechanism through flexible wires and the rocket burst releasing a magnesium flare on a parachute

(Continued overleaf)



A convoy (not one of Fred's as far as we know) under attack

Photo from In Peril on the Sea by David Masters

FALKLANDS PHILATELIC by SG

AMONGST the special features of the carriage of mail in the Falklands is *Privilege Postal Mail*: This mail is carried free of charge provided that a particular marking as affixed to the front of the envelope. Three such Privileged Mails have existed in the Falklands - but only one remains in current use.

The Fellowship of the Bellows: 1942 - 1944

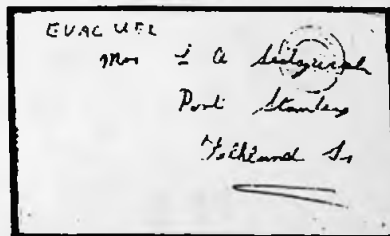
Members of this group undertook to contribute a penny for every German aircraft shot down during the War. The money raised went towards the purchase of a Spitfire aircraft. Envelopes bearing the circular mark of the Fellowship of the Bellows are currently valued from £500 upwards

Evacuee Mail: 1942

In 1942 the FIG took the precautionary measure of evacuating women and children away from Stanley into Camp settlements. Evacuated people were able to send mail free of postal charges within the Colony, provided they marked the envelope 'Evacuee'. These envelopes are much sought after by collectors and fetch prices in excess of £500 at auction

Red Cross: 1940 - to present

The local branch of the Red Cross was granted the privilege of free mail delivery within the Colony provided the envelope carried the oval hand stamp of the local branch. This is usually applied in red, and the privilege is still in use today.



MORE CONVOY MEMORIES by Fred Gooch (Ctd. from overleaf)

THIS illumination (by snowflake rocket) was resorted to only in the case of the vessel torpedoed, to illuminate the offending U-Boat and enabling gunfire to be directed against it before it submerged. Our gunner, wandering around the monkey island caught his foot in the wire and up went two snowflake rockets and as soon as they lit up nicely several other ships sent theirs off to assist the pin-pointing of the non-existent target. Normality was restored and in the darkness nobody would know who it was who started off the fireworks!

The barometer commenced to fall slowly and a swell set in from the West and gradually a freshening Westerly became strong, then gale, and the glass continued its downward plunge and the seas getting bigger all the time, and three days later the conditions were the worst that most sea-goers had experienced. 'Trojan Star' a Bluestar vessel ahead of us, had a lifeboat smashed in its davits and our decks were constantly awash and dangerous to cross. That night during my engine room watch; midnight to 4am, which had to be spent at the throttle-wheel of the main engine ready to shut it in quickly when the propeller came out of the water, as the Aspinall Governor which was fitted to all

steamships never had a quick enough action to prevent the engine from racing. At around 3am I felt the downward plunge of the bows more pronounced than it had been, closely followed by a huge wave sweeping 'Margalau' from stem to stern, a few tons of which came through the engine room skylight which had been damaged and at the same time it lifted the boat deck which was over our accommodation and at the end of my watch I found my cabin flooded and a shambles so I slept in the saloon for several days.

During the forenoon a new tanker returning in ballast from its maiden voyage broke completely in two and fortunately the crew were all on the afterpart and I believe were eventually saved. Eventually the storm blew itself out and on being able to take soundings of the holds from the deck once more, it was found that Number 1 was taking in water and had to be pumped continuously and we continued westward bound for the port of Halifax, Nova Scotia for repairs.

Now we found that we had another disaster on our hands. In our tween decks cargo was a large consignment of Cooper's sheep dip and these large drums had broken loose and rolling about had caused many to lose their contents by

leakage and the powerful fumes and the liquid itself penetrated into our food storerooms on the same deck level and the horrible creosote taste entered into everything which we ate; the bread, butter, bacon, eggs, meat etc, all except the onions was almost impossible to stomach. We had to put up with this for another ten days as fog at the Grand Banks off Newfoundland reduced our speed, until eventually the port of Halifax saved the situation with fresh stores arriving on board.

Five blissful weeks including Christmas were spent in this pleasant city and the temperature stayed below zero all the time with the winter snow everywhere, but clear blue skies. I volunteered to go on night work, so every day was free after a few hours sleep and with others in the same circumstances we bought ice skates and boots and had wonderful days on the lakes in the wood on the Dartmouth side of the harbour, whilst the cargo was removed from Number 1 Hold and temporary repairs effected to get us to our final port where we would be dry docked and repaired.

Leaving in January we sailed South and after a short spell of high winds we got into warm waters but found that we had commenced to leak somewhat once more and the general service pump

in the engine room was constantly keeping the intake under control. Arriving in the latitude of the West Indies it was plain that the pump was suffering from the extra work at its time of life and, badly worn, could not cope with the task. We went into Port of Spain, Trinidad where new castings were made and after one week, the pump was reinstalled with all working parts renewed and three months late we arrived at Buenos Aires.

Once the cargo was discharged and no dry dock being available, 200 tons of sand was placed on deck aft, all forward double bottom tanks emptied, the anchors and chain dropped into the water and with this the bows came out sufficiently to effect the repairs.

When all was in order we were ready to commence loading in Rosario, but an accident in the engine room as we were leaving left me with a fractured wrist and two fingers and the tug took me ashore to the British hospital to repair the damage and thus ended my 18 months companionship of the gallant 'Margalau' which was at the end of the war the sole survivor from enemy action of the original 14 vessels of Kaye Son & Co, plus seven new units lost before it was all over.

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Farming Phobia an irregular column

I FOR ONE am cheesed off with people in the public eye continuously going on about how much is being offered by Argentina as a bribe. If they are not interested in considering it, why worry about how much it is, or do they really mean - if the price is high enough - possibly? A pity a few more wouldn't follow Councillor Birmingham's lead and, if they have to mention at all, state publicly that they are not interested and then leave it at that. Otherwise Dr Di Tella will have succeeded in his aim to divide us. So let's concentrate on reality. We'll soon hear the last of this particular type of bribe if we don't respond. Something else will take its place, but ignore that as well and only respond to honourable diplomatic moves. I presume that most of us are fed up with reading and hearing all this crap from Argentina, so I promise that it will not get mentioned in this column again.

It was interesting to hear on Calling the Falklands about the 2,000 year old sheep living in the Orkneys, perhaps it would solve any problems of supplying sheep to the abattoir and to 'under-sheeped' farms. FIDC should re-

member that a lot of farms are still in the process of establishing themselves and trying to improve lamb markings and lower mortality rates, couple that with low wool prices and the inability to pay for replacement sheep. If the next few years wool prices are as good as we hope, past statistics will mean nothing, as farmers who have had to let their sheep numbers fall or those who keep 10 year old wethers will have to purchase replacements. This will not be possible or will again prove too expensive if they are in competition with an abattoir. Okay, the abattoir would be a steady market for those farms with surplus sheep, but are these the only farms we want to survive. What about those that due to their locality or the mess that has resulted in the thoughtless splitting up of some of the large farms are unable to keep going in sheep numbers? If these farms are forced to cease trading due to lack of sheep, they will then get taken over by those farms with plenty of sheep - we will obviously then end up with big farms again who as well as keeping themselves going in sheep will be able to supply the abattoir. Over the years more meat

breeds would be imported to improve the quality. So if you want to swap the ever improving fine Falkland wool which could be in short supply, for meat that is in over supply - go ahead. Incidentally our farm can keep itself supplied with enough sheep without buying in.

It had seemed that someone such as Canon Palmer had intervened as the previous cold spell was over and we enjoyed a few glorious days, only to be followed by an even worse spell - what are we doing wrong?

So that this column can't be accused of being completely negative. I have decided to include an accolade of the week for someone, or an organisation or company that in my opinion have contributed or helped the farming community or the camp in general. This weeks award goes to the Falkland Island Company for assisting farmers with inducements and very low freight rates southbound, if we ship north-bound with them.

They do actually save us a lot of money and worry, which coupled with Byron Marine's half freight rate for agricultural machinery must help those over on the West even more. So thank you FIC.

June Weather

TWO SPELLS of prolonged cold weather, with frequent snow showers, affected the islands during the month.

The temperature was cold with an average maximum temperatures @ 2.8C, 1½ degrees below normal, and average minimum -0.8C a degree below normal. This makes it the third coldest June at MPA. Air frost was recorded on 21 nights, 9 more than average. The rainfall total was 105 mm, over twice the average. Snow fell on 19 days and was lying on 25 days. The total sunshine was 67.5 hours, higher than normal. This summary of last month's weather is by courtesy of MPA Meteorological Office. Longterm averages for Stanley (1962-81) are shown in brackets.

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| Highest daily max temp | 8.1 (11.0) |
| Lowest daily min temp | -7.4 (-7.3) |
| Mean daily max temp | 2.8 (4.7) |
| Mean daily min temp | -0.8 (0.2) |
| Total monthly rainfall | 105.2 (49.9) |
| Total monthly sunshine | 67.5 (56) |
| Days with rain | 29 (20) |
| Days with snow | 19 (11) |
| Days with snow lying at 1200Z | 25 (7) |
| Days with fog | 1 (4) |
| Days with air frost | 21 (12.6) |
| Days with hail | 8 (3) |
| Days with thunderstorms | 0 (0) |
| Days with gales | 3 (3) |
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| Highest gust | 61 (79) |

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SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY 29 JUNE 1995

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THIS MEETING had a long agenda - 38 items - but we moved through it briskly and business was concluded just after 4 o'clock. Councillors Teggart and Halford were present, as was Councillor Stevens standing in for Councillor Norma Edwards who is abroad.

Stud Flock

On agricultural matters, the Council noted a report from the Director of Agriculture on the state of the National Stud Flock. They also discussed the subject of dogs legislation, and it was agreed that the Attorney-General would put a paper to Councillors comparing the impact of the present legislation and the proposed new legislation for the control of hydatid disease. The Attorney-General pointed out that the proposed legislation was in some respects more farmer-friendly than the present 1981 rules. It was also agreed that the Director of Agriculture would be asked to produce an action plan for discussion with farmers to enable them to implement the various regulations for hydatid control.

Compassionate Visit

I informed Council that the date for the visit of Argentine relatives to the grave at Pebble Island was likely to slip to 30 October.

Capital Gains Tax

On the main agenda, the proposal for introducing Capital Gains Tax to ensure that companies, particularly oil companies, could not evade taxation by exploiting this gap was agreed. Councillors noted that they would not expect taxes to be levied on capital gains of less than £1 million. I reported to Councillors on recent developments in the international oil sphere, and Councillors agreed the text of a brochure to be issued when the licensing round is launched covering the assignment of licence interests and a statement on immigration policy. The immigration statement simply sets out the present position: this is that a permit is required for any person regardless of nationality to work in the Falkland Islands and that permits will not be readily granted to oil companies or their contractors if local labour is reasonably available. But we noted that skilled oil industry personnel are not present on the Islands at the moment.

Councillors noted a paper on

the taxation of employees and contractors in the context of oil. This will be eventually reflected in amendments to the 1994 Taxes Ordinance

OAP Changes Agreed.

Changes proposed by the Committee established to examine the old age pension scheme were considered and approved in principle. The changes are intended to remove discrimination against married women and generally to update the scheme. A fairly complex Bill will be required to make these changes law and this is unlikely to be ready before May of next year. Councillors agreed that because of the pressure of work in the Attorney-General's Chambers, an outside draftsman would be required and agreed that funds could be provided.

Flexitime

In the discussion on some contracts of employment, it was agreed that the consultants who will be carrying out the review of civil service conditions, should be asked to look at the introduction of flexi-hours, or flexi-time, for civil servants.

Stanley Common

A paper proposing the extension of Stanley Common and the dedication of large areas around Stanley as common land was discussed and it was agreed that a public discussion document should be prepared which would have to be considered with the Town Plan.

PWD Report

Councillors discussed a six-monthly report from the Development Corporation and noted the report on the Public Works Department prepared by the consultants, Booker and Hopkins.

DAP 146 Agreed

It was agreed that an Energy Advisory Officer should be recruited locally by the FIDC. The proposal to guarantee a twice-weekly jet service from Chile to be run by DAP using a British Aerospace 146 aircraft was agreed by Executive Council and referred to Standing Finance Committee.

PWD

Council also considered two reports from Public Works Department: one on road building techniques in West Falkland and one on contain-

ers in the Government dockyard area

FLH Loan Moratorium.

It was agreed that the moratorium for the payment of interest on the Falkland Landholdings loan could be renewed for a further year.

National Lottery

The sale of British National Lottery subscription forms through the British Forces' post office at Mount Pleasant was discussed. It was agreed that these subscriptions could be sold, providing that Falkland Islanders were also able to purchase them. For this an address in the UK and a British bank account would be required.

Chilean Meat

A paper on the import of meat from Chile was considered. It was agreed that for the present only tinned meat should be imported

because the administrative requirements to ensure the health of other meat imports would be expensive and it was not clear that the trade justified such expense.

Cape Pembroke Arms Ban

In any other business, Councillors asked the Attorney-General to consider imposing a ban on the carriage of arms on the Cape Pembroke peninsula, following recent incidents, and he agreed to see how this request could be put into law.

THIS IS the text of the Governor's broadcast on FIBS describing the Executive Council Meeting of June 29. It is intentionally an impressionist account of proceedings, omitting details and simplifying issues. It does not necessarily represent the views of the Falkland Islands Government or Councillors. We are grateful to His Excellency for giving his permission to reproduce this report

Bazaar hits target in half the time



Nelly Hewitt and Hilary Pauloni behind the clothes stall

FUNDS raised by the Cathedral Bazaar on Saturday totalled approximately £3500, despite bad weather and a change to the normal date.

Stephen Palmer described it as "remarkable achievement", considering that this year the Bazaar had been only a one-day event.

Canon Palmer paid tribute to the legion of helpers from Stanley and the Camp and gave special thanks to Viv Perkins

for all her hard work, and to Kelvins International, and the O.C. Catering for their generous help.

The Cathedral is totally self-sufficient and raises all its funds from within the community. The success of the bazaar means that the target amount for the year has now been reached.

The date in November originally earmarked for the bazaar will now be put to use for a Family Fun Day to mark the opening of the Cathedral's new parish hall.



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weekend - but
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As I See It by Gail Steen

Sad Testimony

THEIR faces look out at you from the pages, bringing memories of the past and arousing curiosity - 'Oh, look it's.....' or 'I wonder what she's doing now', or, with unthinking incredulity, 'Hasn't he got old!'

The faces of the people who, for one reason or another left the Falklands many years ago to live in other people's countries.

Anna King has captured these people on camera with a refreshing realism and as I look on the faces that I remember but have not seen for nearly thirty years, the photograph in my memory shifts focus and is replaced with their present day image. A timely reminder of advancing years. Also I feel a sense of sadness when I realise just how many islanders have emigrated over the years.

I wonder if anyone has ever done a study on that number, their average expected progeny and calculated the hypothetical population of the islands today if they had stayed?

If they have, it would make an interesting statement and probably show people to be one of the least cost effective exports of our past. Sad testimony of the thinking and policies of the Governments of the day who allowed some would say almost encouraged, a situation to develop where people, so disillusioned, left their homeland.

No doubt, as in any population, there were some adventurous souls who would have ventured anyway, but for many it must have been a decision based on practical reasoning.

I remember when it was common for people to aspire to 'going away' or to retire 'back home' and these were people born here. Almost as if the Falklands were regarded as a stepping stone to a better place, to a place where you had the opportunity to reach your full potential.

Some will say it was and they did, but I can't help thinking what it would be like today if they had stayed. A somewhat irrelevant thought - everyone has the right to choose.

Of course if any calculations were made, they would, at first thought, seem rather a useless exercise and produce a 'so what' response. A response that may be heard in the future when the results of the baseline surveys carried out today, show us whether we have further destroyed or enhanced our environment.

In the days when islanders were emigrating in great numbers I doubt if baseline surveys were as prevalent as they are in today's world, and probably less so in relation to people, apart from maybe tribal

peoples who were facing extinction in a unique culture. Mind you it could be said that Falkland Islanders are heading for extinction, but in this multi-racial world should we worry?

The common herd are certainly nowhere near extinction and apart from the efforts of Hitler and other despotically minded heroes, nothing has reduced world population to any manageable degree.

It was not until 1830 or thereabouts that this world supported some billion or so bodies. These days we are growing by about one billion a decade!

Not so fortunate, or fortunate depending on viewpoint, the animal world.

Worldwide, animals and their environments are under threat.

Which comes first the animal or its environment? The only way you can preserve a species outside its habitat is in a zoo or the likeness of it in some future museum where you will be able to gaze at skeletal penguins and seal as you do today at dinosaur remains.

Baseline surveys are necessary, if only to confirm what we already suspect - you would need to be as dumb as the dodo if you didn't. But we need to do things now, not wait for statistics to tell us we have destroyed one more area of the world. Will heed be taken of organisations such as FENTAG and numerous other bodies of concern? I have doubts and at my most doleful think we will end up recording, not diverting disaster. Will we watch the destruction, oblivious to the fact that we are also watching the process that threatens our own survival.

'So what, who cares?' I hear it said. Certainly not the conglomerates built on a money grabbing society. The hype they give out about their concern for conservation and the environment all has a price - an example being the latest confrontation between Shell and the environmentalist group Greenpeace over the oil platform in the North Sea. What is pleasing is the proof that people can make a difference if they really care.

You can read in the house magazine of Esso about their parent company, Exxon, and what it is doing to save the tiger. They have allocated US\$255,000, over three years, for tiger research in Russia! Sounds good until you think about it and realise that to them it's merely an oily stain on their tax sheet.

I wonder how the advert will

go when the Siberian tiger is extinct? Put a mouse in your tank? Doesn't have quite the same oomph! Does it?

I can just imagine some future oil company adopting the sealion or albatross as an emblem for oil from our oceans while they contribute to their extinction and no doubt pay piffling amounts to assuage public concern, and any conscience they have.

And what of filming companies? How much do they contribute to conservation? Is it realistic in relation to the damage they cause?

Esso also describe West Siberia as 'cold, windswept and wet' and 'holds few charms for any, but petroleum geologists'. Words that could be equally applied to the Falklands by unthinking bigots with scant regard for those issues that affect everyone.

Okay - the Falklands are far removed from Siberia, but environmental concerns are a worldwide issue. The differences being the species, the habitat, the method of destruction and what is being done about it.

I sometimes think that we are more closely related to lemmings than we like to think. Wars - environmental damage - the onward rush - to what? Who knows?

Gerald Durrell brought it all into perspective when he said, 'we are destroying the world with the speed of an exocet and we are riding on a bicycle'.

I say - to those with the power and influence to make a difference - the decisions you make today will determine whether the Falklands will have a tomorrow.

Let there be no more sad testimony.

Tenders Invited to provide manned boat

Falklands Conservation invites tenders from suitably experienced applicants, to provide a manned boat for transporting and accommodating a team of up to three researchers, during a survey of seabirds around the Falkland Islands. The survey team would require to depart from Stanley around 25th October 1995, and the duration of the charter would be for 4 to 6 weeks, depending on conditions and work schedules. The charter must include a suitable vessel for putting the team ashore at numerous sites during the survey.

Tender documents can be obtained by writing to Mrs Carol Miller, Falklands Conservation, PO Box 31, Stanley. Tenders must be received by 1500 local time on 14th July 1995.

Falklands Conservation do not bind themselves to accepting the lowest or any other bid.

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NOTICES

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Booby Mrs V Malcolm & Mrs C D Smith

Despite the foul weather, a reasonable gathering enjoyed themselves. The next cards evening will be on the 12th July.

PERSONAL

Happy Birthday Emily



Riversdale N.Z.

Have a lovely 2nd Birthday on 17th July. Thinking of you. Love Nana, Pops, Graham, Liz, Aunty Truds, Uncle James, Bevs + Merv's, Nan Burns.

Mrs Velma Malcolm would like to thank Dr Diggle, the stretcher bearers, Ambulance team and all others who assisted following her fall at the Town Hall last Saturday.

My Heartfelt thanks to all family and friends for their tremendous support and help in so many ways. Sincere thanks too, to all who visited, phoned, sent cards and letters. The Lord bless you all
Hulda

To my sister-in-law, Catherine. My grateful thanks for everything. I'm so glad you were there.
Love Hulda

The Netball Club focus on fitness, fun and finance

STANLEY Netball Club have recently begun their biggest annual competition - the Challenge Shield League - with three teams, thirty two players taking part. Early results suggest that it will be a close competition with teams evenly balanced and equally determined.

The Netball Club has set out to gain new members this season using the F plan: fitness, fun and finance, with the unwelcome addition of flu effecting many players over the first two weeks.

The general fitness of members has greatly improved over the first few years of the club's existence.

This is due presumably not only to their Netball playing, but also to increased local opportunities for women to take part in sport and to changing attitudes to exercise for health and entertainment.

Club finance forks two ways, with general club funds paying for hire of the sports hall and a long-

term fund to send a team to compete in the Small Island Games in Jersey in 1997.

With this aim, the Netball Club are combining finance with fun, by holding a dance in the Trough on Saturday 29 July, with a licensed bar, food and live music.

Tickets will be on sale shortly around Stanley. The Netball Club Raffle will be drawn at the Dance, with many prizes including a child's motorbike, a £50 FIC voucher, free meals at the Malvina House, Globe Hotel and Arlette's Cafe.

Also free membership of Stanley Leisure Centre, and many other prizes donated by Reflections, The Gift Shop, The Victory Bar, Michelle Jones' Hair Salon, Monty's and Beauchene. Raffle tickets are still available from shops around Stanley and Rightlines at MPA.

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Public Notice

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*Happy Birthday Bob Abernethy
He's 52
Love Lee, Duncan and Peter*

Postscript From the Baha'is

PEACE ON EARTH, elimination of prejudice, unification of mankind, and creation of a world society are all basic principles in the teachings of Baha'u'llah. None of these are attainable.

He points out, unless the world adopts a common language and script, to be taught in all countries in addition to the native language. When this has been accomplished, no one will have to learn more than two languages - his own, and the world auxiliary language - to be able to communicate easily with any other person in the world. In that day, He tells us, "to whatever city a man may journey, it shall be as if he were entering his own home."

Anyone who has ever found himself in a foreign country, un-

able to speak or understand the language, to read the street signs, travel about, or find important offices, can only yearn for the accomplishment of this goal. How many international conferences would be improved if delegates really knew what all the others were saying!

To achieve this, writes educator Stanwood Cobb, in his book, "Tomorrow & Tomorrow," - referring to the principles of Baha'u'llah - "the nations of the world by delegated conference should agree either upon an existing language or an artificial language such as Esperanto, and then require it to be taught in all the schools of the world. Thus in a single generation the universal language would be in effective use."

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And "go" again!

AFTER a number of meetings involving the Board of FIDC, Legislative Councillors and ExCo, an air route to UK via South America may be a reality before the end of the year.

Last week in our leading story under the headline 'Stop, Go, Stop', we reported that a hung vote in

Standing Finance Committee had vetoed financial help to the Aerovias DAP/British Aerospace initiative to inaugurate a Santiago-Punta-Stanley air link, despite the fact that Executive Council had voted in its favour earlier in the week.

Following the decision which

was a disappointing one to FIDC and many of the business community, the view was apparently expressed by some councillors that had the money required (US\$180,000) been forthcoming from FIDC's own budget, the proposal would have been acceptable.

After a meeting of the Board of FIDC a decision was taken to take the money from its existing budget by careful pruning of existing allocations to Industry & Services, Tourism, and Fisheries, sectors which, it is thought, will benefit greatly from the proposed BA146 service.

This decision was approved by ExCo at a special meeting at 2pm on Tuesday and FIDC General Manager, Mike Summers will soon be talking to Aerovias DAP and British Aerospace.

Leaving, but will it ever arrive?

THE GOVERNMENT

Oil barge, once a familiar sight around Stanley Harbour, but more recently lying, rusting, at the Camber, left the Falklands on Monday evening, towed by a tug and loaded with rusty vehicles from Megabid.

(Full story page 5)



Fishing companies respond

FOLLOWING the generous response of several local fishing companies to the Shackleton Scholarship Fund Appeal, a number of foreign fishing companies have responded equally handsomely.

Mr Matsutomi, President of the Japanese consortium KSJ, has promised the sum of \$10,000 in a letter to the Governor. And Mr Nakabe of the Maruha Corporation has sent a cheque for £3000 to the Appeal.

Today a promise of £2000 was received from Senor Antonio Grana of Spanish Association ANAC-OP of Vigo.

So does the Bank

THE MANAGER of the Standard Chartered Bank in Stanley, Mr Norman Black, has informed the Governor that his bank will be contributing £2500 to the Shackleton Scholarship Fund.

In a letter of thanks to Mr Black, the Governor, David Tatham, wrote "It was particularly kind of Standard Chartered Bank to respond so handsomely as I know that you are approached by every fund raiser. You play such an important role in the community here that we all look to you for help - both professional and personal - and are not disappointed. I think I mentioned that Standard Chartered Bank's sponsorship of the Scottish dance band in 1992 prompted me to suggest the "Quality of Life" scholars.

"Sunny Falklands" status confirmed

TAKE COMFORT, while we face yet another snow fall, this really is the "Sunny Falklands".

A somewhat surprised Met Office in MPA were forced to admit this week, to the Governor, that, taking season for season, year round, the Falklands has consistently more hours of sunshine than either London or Aberdeen.

CAPED bus here at last



THE GOVERNOR, David Tatham, Senior Medical Officer, Roger Diggle and CAPED Founder, John Teggart brave Thursday's cold to inspect the bus. (More on Page 5)



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THE CHIEF Executive, Andrew Gurr, readily admits that some of the scenarios and suggestions contained in the second draft of his paper, "The Future of Falklands Landholdings" are a little outrageous, but insists that it is only a discussion document. Others, including most vehemently, Colin Smith of DS & Co (Falkland Farming) Ltd. (See his letter to Mr Gurr opposite), claim that the wording of the advertisement for a new General Manager for Landholdings indicates that the paper has already achieved 'de facto' status as a blue print for the future.

Whichever side one might take in this argument, Cllr Teggart's report to FIBS on last week's GPC meeting indicated that councillors are alarmed that the administration seems to be calling all the shots on the future of FLH and they have now stated that they wish to be more directly involved. This might be a reaction to the debate between Messrs. Gurr and Smith, a response to somewhat misleading and mischievous reporting in the British Press or, as some unkind commentators have suggested, a case of the mice playing while the cat is away.

A straw poll of FLH employees taken over the weekend suggests little enthusiasm for the councillors' initiative because of their insistence that no further steps should be taken until they have had a chance to debate the subject with all members present - presumably in GPC - which, due to councillors' overseas commitments, holidays, etc. will not be possible before November.

To quote from the "What Went Wrong" section of Mr Gurr's paper, *Many of the employees (of FLH) feel let down by the apparent breaking of perceived promises and the seemingly perpetual state of 'review'.* However good the intentions of the councillors, their intervention is seen as something which cannot help but prolong the agony for the FLH employees, work force and management, as a time-table which already appears to have been slipping, will now run into another shearing season, when, as is well known, those councillors who are also farmers (and might therefore be expected to have most to contribute to the debate) will be too busy farming to have much time to talk about it.

In the words of the paper, the Landholdings farms are, *"the last great tract of land to be considered in terms of rural development for the benefit of the community as a whole"* The issue at stake, is the shape of the future of the Camp, not, as some people persist in thinking, recovery from some sort of past disaster - FLH hasn't been one. (In fact, despite having come into being at the beginning of four of the worst years for wool prices in recent history, FLH has held its own in financial terms)

Clearly councillors, as the representatives of the community, who between them own FLH, should be involved in its future. The question to be asked is at what stage in the process? We have become used recently to ExCo stepping in to intervene in developments which, in some cases appeared to have reached a fairly final stage: the National Stud Flock and the Abattoir being two recent examples. In this they are fulfilling a role a little like that of the House of Lords in the British Parliament, who only come into the picture at a late stage when a Bill has already been through the Commons.

The parallel is not exact, however, because in the Falklands, ExCo can kill a proposal, rather than just delay it and also its members, unlike the Lords, are also members of the Lower House, the Legislative Council in our case, and should, therefore, already have been involved in the creation of proposals, when policies and principles were being decided.

The truth is that the Chief Executive's paper should have been unnecessary, if our constitutional arrangements defined councillors' responsibilities more exactly and allowed them the time and facilities to carry them out. The future of FLH should already have been debated by Council, extensively and in depth, with expert witnesses being called, where required, months before, as part of the debate on rural development in the Falklands, a firm policy on which should by now have been agreed. (It is now, for example, almost exactly a year since FIDC presented its Draft Rural Development Policy, the luke-warm reception of which by the rural community was listed by FIDC General Manager, Mike Summers as one of the reasons for his resignation)

Councillors can not be expected to be expert in all the varied fields in which Government is concerned; it is and always will be the job of the Administration to advise on the practical detail. Councillors are, however, expected to be the experts on the subject of their constituents' wishes and it is they who should be shaping policy on our behalf, rather than simply reacting to initiatives from elsewhere. Perhaps, the time for full-time paid councillors with ministerial responsibility is upon us, ludicrous though it might at first seem. We may be a small country, but we have increasingly big decisions to take - quickly in the case of FLH. The General Manager is already going and others will soon follow his lead unless they can soon see a believable future ahead of them.

YOUR LETTERS

The letter below, dated July 4, and addressed to Chief Executive Andrew Gurr was offered to us for publication by its author, Colin Smith of DS & Co. (Falkland Islands Ltd) and forms the final part (thus far) of a somewhat lengthy correspondence between them on the subject of the Landholdings Report, which we referred to briefly in our edition of June 21.

WITH REFERENCE to your letter by Fax of 19th June:

"As neither you nor the Daily Telegraph seem to realise, the report on FLH is not a plan but is intended to stimulate debate"

This is wholly contradicted and denied by your advertisement for the new manager of FLH, in the UK's Fanner's Weekly of June 9, which proclaims:

"Following a recent study on the future of the company (FLH), the board of Directors wishes to implement a programme of diversification.....in particular, the board intends to take advantage of the opportunity which will be available with the new abattoir facilities enabling slaughtering to take place to E.U. standards. Forestry, in-shore fishing and movements towards a mixed agricultural economy are also part of the plan."

Government domination
Your FLH Report envisages a "command economy", to the exclusion of private ownership:

"(1) The only real hope of any benefit from scale economy is of ten monopoly and it may be both unhealthy and unfair to place monopoly in private hands."

(2) Many decisions must be made that are in the long term interests of the people, such decisions simply would not be addressed under the inevitable short termism of private ownership.

(3) Government should and does represent the interests of ALL the people in a very close and increasingly well monitored manner. It is better placed to do so than a private concern, and with sound commercial attitudes should be able to reap optimum benefit."

Your alarming Orwellian visions compounded by the current constitutional amendment proposals, which will destabilise the well found balance between Stanley and Camp; compounded together may well extinguish the economic democratic and remaining social structure of Falkland Islanders in Camp.

Your FLH Report constantly disparages private owners and free enterprise and goes on to suggest a vision of setting an example to the private sector.

Whilst in actuality, it is the private sector, which is constantly at the forefront of progress. If FLH were to emulate successful private farms, such as: Blue Beach, Horse Shoe Bay, Cape Dolphin, Port North, Port Sussex, Many Branch, Boundary Farm, Bold Cove, Little Creek, Shallow Bay, Home Farm, Brookfield, Mossvale, The Peaks, Teal River and many other privately owned farms. FLH's pro-

duction and income would be inevitably more than double. The real net income gain at today's values, to Government and the Falklands would be in the order of £2m per annum. This can be verified by analysis of the actual farming statistics for 1992, 1993 and 1994.

Last year we submitted detailed reports on FLH, with comparisons to the performance and production of successful privately owned farms. Our reports were discarded, precipitating our resignation as FLH's agents.

Forestry & Timber

You now present a quixotic report on FLH, which does not even attempt to grasp reality, never mind "sound commercial attitudes"

Even in your chosen subject, where you have career experience i.e. forestry and the timber industry, you "tilt at sawmills", you have a vision of Falkland's forests, commercial timber and furniture production, with exports to Chile.

This is preposterous. In the real world, Chile a country of 186 million acres, with an ideal eco-climate for growing timber, has 84 million acres suitable for forestry. There are currently nearly 9 million acres of productive natural forests. In addition there is a growing base of cultivated forests mainly Radiata Pine and Lenga. Plus 400,000 acres of Eucalyptus Globulus which is projected to double to nearly a million acres by the year 2000. Stemming from this huge forestry industry is a major timber and furniture manufacture by hundreds of companies.

Just take one for example Andinos S.A., they own two sawmills with a production of 250,000 M3/Yr., a plant of finger-joint mouldings that produces 70,000 M3/Yr., a plant of raised panel doors with an annual capacity of 250,000 units and a furniture factory that can produce 150,000 units per annum. Andino's principal markets are the USA Japan and Europe.

How can you possibly have a vision of exports of Falklands furniture to Chile, in a presupposed serious report. Chile is a natural exporter of timber products. If you were looking for a market for "Falkland's furniture" why not Britain? which you must be aware imports 80% of its timber requirements. Any thoughtful report would not have mentioned exports of furniture to Chile.

In the "Development Dimension" portion of your FLH report you state:

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

"There is overwhelming proof that trees can be grown in significant quantity in the Islands."

Where is this "overwhelming proof", you do not cite a single reference, study, trial or report? Your descriptions of "a large forest, mainly of Sitka spruce, with its nearby sawmill and the thriving local furniture factory which has a very high level of mechanisation."

The furniture is used locally with some exports to Chile."

Are absurd. This is your chosen subject, where you have some career experience. The fact that this part of your report is ludicrous, leaves the rest, where you lack experience, insupportable and flawed.

Colin Smith
Knaresborough

Food for thought

WHAT with Mrs Steen quoting old Indian chiefs and all the current discussion on environmental matters, I thought that this quote from Chief Seattle might provide food for thought:

*All things are bound together.
All things connect
What happens to the Earth
happens to the children of the Earth"*

Chris Harris
Stanley

Labour's prayers

JOHN MAJOR'S victory last week in the contest for the leadership of the Conservative Party received a mixed reception by the British media, according to the BBC's *Press Review* for Wednesday July 5.

Only the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Daily Express* appeared totally enthusiastic; the latter heading its front page report with the single word, 'Victorious'. For the rest, it seemed, no sooner had the rallying calls for party solidarity and unity left the lips of the leader and his cohorts, before they were beginning to conclude that a Labour victory at the next General Election was now more likely than it would have been if Mr Major had lost.

In a cartoon in *The Times*, Mr Major was apparently depicted on a horse, on a battlefield featuring several dead candidates for the leadership, quoting the Duke of Wellington after Waterloo in 1815: "Next to a battle lost, the greatest misery is a battle gained".

The Waterloo image was echoed on the front page of the *Today* newspaper, which says that Mr Major has been 'left wounded and bleeding as leader of two Conservative parties' - meaning that the chasm between right and left is as wide as ever

The Sun, it seems, went further and declared on its front page that those Members of Parliament who voted for Mr Major had done the country a grave disservice by handing victory in the next General Election to the opposition Labour Party. No wonder, the paper says, that the Labour leader, Tony Blair, looks like the cat that got the cream

The BBC Press Review quotes *The Times* as arguing that Conservative MPs have thrown away their last, best opportunity to win the next General Election. Faced with the prospect of a change and a chance, they could not muster the courage to seize it, the paper

says - and likewise pronounce Mr Blair the happiest man after the result.

A report in the *Financial Times* quotes one Labour backbencher calling the Prime Minister's win, "the answer to sixteen years of prayer".

Hurd's fond farewell to the Falklands

SECRETARY of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Mr Douglas Hurd, sent a farewell message to the Falklands, on the occasion of his retirement from the Cabinet. In a letter to the Governor, he wrote

"I was proud to be the first Foreign Secretary to visit the Islands last year and will always cherish memories of my visit."

Mr Hurd described the Islands as a "heartwarming place" and was glad to be able to "reassure Island-

Captain John Gray, Master of the Honourable company of Master Mariners presents the flag of German supply vessel, *Mera* to John Smith. The vessel was the German navy's only survivor of the Battle of the Falklands.

A Forgotten Flag Returns to the Islands



Foreign Office reshuffle leaves Rightish baronet responsible for Falklands

SIR NICHOLAS Bonsor MP takes up the post of Minister of State at the Foreign Office with responsibility for the Falkland Islands after the recent cabinet reshuffle, and the appointment of Malcolm Rifkind to the Foreign Secretary's post made vacant by Douglas Hurd's resignation.

Educated at Eton and Keble College Oxford, Sir Nicholas was formerly the MP for Upminster. In a profile received by *Penguin News*, he is described as "Rightish law-and-order baronet who is wealthy, well-married and well-paired".

Sir Nicholas, whose other responsibilities include The Americas, Caribbean, the Antarctic, Former Yugoslavia, Russia/Former Soviet Union, Central and Eastern Europe, United Nations, Human Rights, International Relations, Aviation and Maritime, Environment, Science and Energy takes up the post vacated by Mr David Davies, who assumes responsibility for the EU, Southern and Western Europe.

78 Squadron to the rescue again

ANOTHER daring rescue by 78 Squadron took place last Friday (July 7) when assistance was requested for an ill crewman of MFV *Argos*.

Following a request from the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre at Falmouth in the UK, the Theatre Operations Centre at BFFI launched the Sea King rescue helicopter at 0115 hours.

Arriving over the vessel, the difficulties of the operation were compounded by 8 metre waves, gusting wind, cold and darkness. These weather conditions dictated the use of a high line to get the

winchman on board the vessel safely in such a hostile environment.

The casualty, who suffering chest and intestinal pains, was winched from the vessel to the Sea King in a dangerous operation. It then flew directly to Stanley and dropped the casualty off. Staff later described his condition as comfortable.

The helicopter mission was supported throughout by a Hercules aircraft of 1312 Flight at MPA, who provided backup communications and shipping co-ordination.

Beware faulty seals

PETROL TANK seals have been linked with the deaths of four people in recent accidents involving military Land Rovers.

Two Oxford students died after being trapped in a burning army SIII on Salisbury Plain in October and less than two weeks later, two members of the Royals Scots Regiment died in a fire after their Series II was in a collision with a lorry.

The MOD is refusing to discuss the cases until after an army inquiry is held.

A survey carried out for *Land Rover Owner* of recently demobbed and privately owned Lightweights has revealed a frightening percentage of worn, damaged and missing petrol tank seals.

The army is phasing out the Series IIIs, but the survey reveals that dozens of similarly suspect seals may still be in service. The potential problem concerns missing cork rings designed to stop petrol leaking from Series III Lightweights and other military models with under seat petrol

tanks.

These under seat petrol tanks have either a cork type or a synthetic rubber seal (O ring) in the neck which prevents spillage of petrol when the vehicle is on a steep incline or is inverted. A ball valve in the cap breather tube should prevent other fuel escape if the cap is properly bedded. According to a Land Rover spokesman, the neck seal alone is sufficient to prevent any spillage so long as it is replaced if damaged or before it wears out.

As the old cork seal is less resilient than the rubber version, it is recommended that the latter is fitted when replacing worn items. The part numbers (listed in the Land Rover 1989 parts catalogue) are 552412 for the old cork seal and 624425 for the newer rubber equivalent (Unipart seal number NRC 6836).

On Series IIA military models with the under seat tanks, a cork gasket was inserted under the cap to provide a seal. To replace a damaged gasket, the two piece gasket has to be disassembled as the inner diameter is greater than the outer diameter of the internal plate. The cork gasket also appears in the Series II Lightweight with part number 551473 which

carries the slightly different NATO stock number 2910-99-871-1864.

Land Rover Parts says this has been replaced by the confusing similar part number 551743, of which Solihul says that it has a couple of thousand in stock.

Land Rover says that a cap gasket is not generally required on Series IIIs, which have a slightly different petrol cap to the IIA. Some recently demobbed vehicles have Series III caps with cork gaskets fitted.

The confusion for owners is made worse because it is possible that the cap may not be the original one fitted in the factory; in addition, some vehicles ordered for specialist roles may have required cork cap gaskets for a totally different purpose.

If your series III Lightweight has a cap with a bad condition gasket which you feel you have to replace, the simple solution is to cut gasket 551743 to allow it to pass over the cap's internal plate and then glue it into position to stop it dropping out.

Petrol Land Rovers with external filler caps are not affected, but as One Tonne models use the same filler fuel cap, owners are advised to check their vehicles. Although worn or missing neck seals could contribute to serious burns a more likely cause of petrol spillage is a badly fitting filler cap. (extract from *LRO* by Bob Morrison)

Arrival of New RIC Delayed

THE ARRIVAL of the main party of the new Resident Infantry Company in the Falkland Islands was delayed last week.

Members of the advance party of C Company Group, First Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, including the Commanding Officer, Major Nick Haddock, have been in theatre for a week and were looking forward to the rest of the company arriving. However, severe weather on the evening of July 6 meant that the Tristar carrying the main party could not land at MPA and had to be diverted to Montevideo. No doubt the weather

there will be more to the soldiers liking, having come from the Mediterranean sun of Cyprus!

C Company is double the size of an average Rifle Company, having been reinforced with elements from A Company, B Company and the Battalion Headquarters. This reinforcement will allow the C Company Group to carry out a full range of operational and training tasks while in Theatre. The Company served previously in the Falklands, having been part of the battalion deployment in 1984. The main party eventually arrived at MPA at 2200hrs local on July 7.



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33 Years of service to the Islands

OIL BARGE F852 left the Falklands on Monday 10, after approximately 33 years of service to the Islands.

Built in Scotland in 1955, the barge was towed from the UK by RMAS tug *Typhoon* in the early 60's and has been in use ever since.

Owned by the MOD she was operated by the Falkland Islands Government on their behalf.

Amongst her many duties, she was used to fill Navy tanks, bring fuel to the power station and refill the *Endurance* and *BAS* vessels. Later she was used to refuel the military *Coastals* at the Canache.

In 1980 she was towed to Punta Arenas in Chile for a complete refit; with local veteran Marine Engineer Mr Fred Gooch on board as a representative.

In 1986 the barge was given to the Falkland Islands Government, and put to use from 1988 to 1993 by Stanley Services Ltd.

The barge has since been sold to a company called 'Tiver'; loaded with 65 Tonnes of ex-PWD scrap and is presently being towed by an 'Ultramar' tug to Chile to be sold on.

Oil barge at FIPASS



A blessing for the CAPED bus

THE LONG-AWAITED CAPED bus was officially presented to the KEMH on Thursday July 6.

Dr Roger Diggle took responsibility for the bus on behalf of the medical department.

The ceremony began in the Day Care Centre, where in front of H.E. the Governor, members of the Red Cross and regular elderly visitors to the centre the keys were presented by John Teggart, who had spearheaded the fund raising.

The party then moved outside to where the bus was parked and it was blessed by Canon Stephen Palmer. The electronic ramp was tried out

firstly by Mrs Siggie Barnes with her walking frame and then by Stanley's oldest resident, Mrs Jane Clarke, in her wheelchair.

Anyone, either elderly or disabled, wishing to use the vehicle should ring the hospital administration department.

The bus is covered by the Government's insurance policy.

It is available all hours except for Monday daytime and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons when it is used by the daycentre. There will be a nominal charge for use, based on mileage.



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Spinning Around



JULY 2 was just another of those difficult, snowy days we've just about become accustomed to.

John Jaffray, kindly (but unknowingly) provides us with a helpful illustration of the types of drifts to be avoided, even by a landrover. Thanks Dennis!

A message from Jan Clifton at the North Arm Social Club

Forget all the snow, slush and cold windy weather
get your sleeping bags, glad rags and wellies together
Head South to North Arm for another two-nighter
Have a wonderful time, make your winter blues brighter
Be a glutton for mutton
Be a champion beater
Forty chops in an hour was last years champ chop eater!
At least four serious contenders are needed this year

To chew for the championship and raise the big cheer
An hour of munching could win you a prize,
Does the size of your stomach match the glint in your eyes?
So sharpen your nashers and polish your shoes
eat, drink and be merry and dance away your blues!

The North Arm 'Two Nighter', 21st and 22nd of July
Book in for your bed as soon as possible

TWO new faces at the Leisure Centre: Symonds students, Michael Campbell and Tom Chaier will be job-sharing as Dry-side Leisure Assistants during their holiday.

FOR THOSE of you who remember Ted and Dot Gutteridge, their son Tom was married last December

Help Bella to help the bears

BELLA MCKAY of Hill Cove has been a supporter of the Cause for Helping the Bears for a number of years.

Having recently viewed the horrific treatment and exploitation on bear farms in China, on the television programme 'The Animal Detectives', she is interested to know if there are others in the community who would

like to help also.

Bella has a form which she received a while ago asking for signatures from people wishing to end bear farming.

So if anyone would like their names added to the list of signatures then they should telephone her on 41195 at any time.

Bella will be very pleased to hear from you

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Infant/Junior School

Reception

1st Paul Stewart, Collage Penguin
2nd Kimberley Buckett, Painting of Kimberley

Highly Commended Kieron Morrison- Model Chair, Anna Downrick- Model Boat, Helen Davis- Collage- Helen in the Snow, Jonathan Lowe- Collage- Penguin, Kimberley Buckett- Painting- "Penelope", Lucinda Lowe- Painting in the Snow

Reception/Year 1

1st Sian Gadd, Pastels, 2nd Marcus Porter, Felt Dinosaur

Highly Commended Liam Stevens- Picture, Mark Plunkett- Picture, Jonathon Ross- Model Dinosaur, Mark Dodd- Model Dinosaur, Daniel Stewart- Painting

Year 1/Year 2

1st Megan Middleton, Collage - under water, 2nd Christine Hewitt, Puppet Head

Highly Commended Samantha Chapman- Split Picture, Sam Elliot- Weaving (paper), Matthew Vincent- Model, Robert Titterton- Necklace, Andrea Johnson- Hat (DT)

Year 3

1st Sean Moffatt, Model Mouse

2nd Katrina Lowe, Poster Animals, 2nd Zoran Zovic, Painting - Butterfly

Highly Commended Simon Reid- Model Penguin, Matthew Strange- Mouse Model, Simon Reid- Toilet Roll Model

Year 4

1st Samantha Davies, Pastels

2nd Shaun Newman, "Wash Whale"

Highly Commended,

Aaron Irwin- Model Whale, Cathy Jacobson- Needlecraft "Cathy", Roxanne Morrison- Model Penguin, Roxanne King- "Wash Whale"

Year 5

1st Robin Benjamin, Model Eskimo, 2nd Katherine Jones, Model Snowman

Highly Commended Tracy Jaffray- Model Snowman, Greg Hall- Model Snowman, Terrienne Ormand- Picture

Poster, Sarah Carey- Model Elephant

Year 6

1st Edward Neilson, Mosaic

2nd Falkland Anderson, Picture

Highly Commended

Nabil Short- Picture Monet, Tanzi Jacobson- Model Hat, Geoffrey Loftus- Model Top Hat, Michael Poole- Picture Money

Hilary Pauloni Prize

1st Emma Titterton, 2nd Shaun Jaffray, 3rd Jodie Robson

Highly Commended: Javier Latorre, Sara Short, Thomas Howe, Daniel Betts

Art Section of FICS: Mathew Harding- Price (With Susan Whitley Prizes)

Falkland Islands Community School

1. Design Technology:

1st Tracy Freeman 2nd Kirstie Christie 3rd James Wallace

Highly Commended:

Year 7, H Humphreys J Moffatt T Ford

Year 8, M Gilbert J Payne P Lang R Freeman

Year 9, S Forster I Jordan G Strange K McDonald L Poncet

Year 10, I Newman S Payne N Harris

Year 11, M McKinley

2. Art: 1st Andrea Poole 2nd Matias Short

3rd Samantha Payne

Highly Commended:

Year 7, E Grimmer S Benjamin I Corduroy B

Howells D Jones

Year 8, R Freeman J Payne R Burnett B Curtis

M Gilbert C Herron

Year 9, G Strange M Summers M McMullen

A Poole L McLeod

Year 10, M Short M Clifton N Gilbert K Ross

S Payne

Year 11 M McKinley

3. Home Economics: 1st Luke Hobman 2nd

Tanya Jaffray 3rd Kirstie Christie

Highly Commended

Year 7, P Napier T Heathman L Irwin B

Howells

Year 8, M Gilbert J Payne

Year 9, P Ross S Forster K Marsh

Year 10, M Clifton S Halford A Clarke D May

Year 11, J Adams

4. Spinning Wheel Trophy: Tracy Freeman

5. Romeo Pauloni Prize: 1st Eddie Grimer

2nd Tanya Ford 3rd Martin Barnes

Highly Commended

Year 6, A Ceballos

Year 7, S John S Hirtle I Cordory F Clarke

6. Needlework Prize - awarded by Mrs

Pauloni

1st Jenna Adams 2nd Donna May

Highly Commended

Year 11, H Neilson

7. Cookery Prize - presented by Mr

Keith Reddick

Year 7, 1st Felicity Clarke 2nd Tamara

Morrison 3rd Tanya Ford

Year 8, 1st Rachel Jones 2nd Joanne Payne

3rd Mark Gilbert

Year 9, 1st Michelle Marsh 2nd Paula Marsh

3rd Stephen Betts

Year 10, 1st Luke Hobman 2nd Martin Howells

3rd Melvyn Clifton

Special Prize for the Best Presentation

of the Exhibition

Luke Hobman

Camp Education

Under age 7

1st Nadia Smith, Robot

2nd Clint Short, Painting of Jim Davidson

Highly Commended

Erica Bernsen - Underwater Collage, Dion

Robertson - Robot, Andrew Felton - Light-

house, Jonathan Felton - Sunflower

Age 7 - 8

1st Caris Stevens, Shell Peacock

2nd Nicole Jonson, Felt Farm Scene

Highly Commended

Rachel Goodwin - Tufting, Tiphonie May -

Lady Collage, Roxane Morrison - Catapult

and Plans, Sarah Bernsen - Penguin and

Antarctica

Age 9 and over

1st Roxanne Morrison & Justine Goss,

Handknitted Jacket

2nd Karl Nightingale, Jack-in-the-Box

Highly Commended

Any Barnes- Swans (stuffed toy)

Farrah Peck- Teddie's House Book, Louise

Pole-Evans- Handmade Clay Pot,

Louise Pole-Evans- Leatherwork, Mark

McPhee- Rockman

SUSAN WHITLEY 1995

MEMORIAL EXHIBITION



Sandi Halford - Highly Commended



Robin Benjamin.

Eskimo by Robin Benjamin

Anything boys can do, girls can do as well!

THE SUSAN WHITLEY EXHIBITION, held annually as a memorial to the life and work of the Stanley Senior School's domestic science teacher, who was killed during the 1982 Falklands War, took place this year in the Community School on Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd July.

One of the interesting features of these displays of childrens' art, craft, technology and domestic science is that despite the relatively small numbers of children in school in the Falklands, no two exhibitions could ever be described as being the same, and yet the standard remains consistently high.

Amongst other things, this year's exhibition demonstrated the refusal of Falklands pupils to be bound by 'sexist' stereotypes. Well-deserved winner of the Spinning Wheel Trophy this year was Tracy Freeman, for an excellent Design Technology project, while the first prize for Home Economics went to Luke Hobman, who, with Martin Howells and Melvyn Clifton, carried off the first three places in Cookery for Year 10 as well as winning a special prize for the best presented exhibit of the Home Economics exhibition.



Samantha Davies - picture in pastels



Jenna Adams - Rag doll



Andrea Poole - Scraperboard mouse- 1st, Art

LATE LETTER

No need for new noddling donkeys

AS we preoccupy ourselves with trees, ostrich and more bull for Falklands Landholdings, the benevolent and selfless British Government and its puppets, are once more poised to allow the Argentines into our territory.

When it comes to oil we won't need "Noddling-Donkeys" from Argentina, we have too many of those already.

Eddie Andersen
Stanley

Travelling Teachers

Camp Education will have vacancies for Travelling Teachers in January 1996. Applicants must be qualified teachers. Salary will be in Grade G4/5 ranging from £13,320 to £18,648 per annum, entry point being dependent on qualifications and experience. In addition the post attracts an annual allowance of £612.

Interested persons should contact the Camp Education Supervisor, Mr Richard Fogerty, for details. Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Chairman Senior Appointments Board by Monday July 17, 1995

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Part 3 of Anna King's photographic record of Islanders in exile:



Percy and Georgie Dixon, Mairangi Bay, Auckland



Nadine Campbell and her mother, Alice Evans, Upper Hutt, Wellington

At home from home in New Zealand



Ron & Heather (née Berntsen) King, Mt. Maunganui (Joe King's brother).

I WOULD LIKE to thank Gail Steen for her complimentary words about my photographs in her July 5th 'As I See It' column. In fact I would like to thank all those people who have made comments to me in person and asked when the next collection of photographs will be printed. It really is heartening to know that you are as interested as I am in those who have gone on to settle elsewhere for some reason or another. So many names have disappeared from the Falklands, but they are still out there somewhere!

I started photographing Falkland Islanders living in the UK towards the end of 1993 as part of a college project. The project grew and I was able to display a collection here in December 1993, and later at Lincoln's Inn in June 1994 and Falkland House.

Besides the Islanders who have moved away from the Falklands, I have photographed quite a number who are still here, and I hope to continue with this. It is my aim to produce a book of some sort, which would concentrate mainly on the 'Faces of the Falklands', but would also include stories about families and anecdotes. I am hoping that Graham Bound will help me with this.

During my recent visit to Australia and New Zealand, I was not able to see as many people as I had hoped, although I saw as many as I could in the time I had. I know that I have probably just scratched the surface, and I was told by one person that in the 1960's there were already 400 Falkland Islanders and their descendants living in New Zealand. The list of names is endless.

Thanks once again to everyone who has agreed to be the subject of one of my photographs, so far.

Anna King
Stanley



John and Genny (née Rutter) Luxton, Papatoetoe, Auckland (Ernie Luxton's eldest son & Dot Keenleyside's niece)



Les Alazia, Gerald & Shirley Reive, Papatoetoe, Auckland



Nick Keenleyside, Northcote



Hugh Jones Auckland



Graham and Nancy Jennings

IN A LITTLE under two months as many as 18 locally trained Novice II divers, aged between 15 and 50, will begin openwater dives with the dive leaders and advanced divers in the practice of the recreational sport of sub-aqua, here in the Falkland Islands.

This is a great achievement by both the students and the committee of the Stanley Sub-Aqua Club. The students have had to put a lot of physical effort into gaining their qualification and have been obliged to purchase expensive diving equipment. In this regard all divers owe a debt to Paul Howe who has enabled the provision of equipment having ordered a range of products from DACOR, UK Ltd at his own financial risk.

Conor Nolan, as Chairman has 'harnessed' the diving resources. Roger Coggan has devised and adapted a training programme that would impress Dr Edward de Bono. Dave McLeod has filled the cylinders when nobody else wanted to and he has more than filled the 'fins' of responsibility as the Diving Officer. Karl Tuplin has secured BSAC and club membership for all and the novice divers Helen Lane, Alison Blackburn and Anna Doughty have lent their support to a whole myriad of activity including helping Roger understand his training programme, promoting the club and the novice course in particular and assisting in pool sessions.

Three new aqualung sets have been purchased for the benefit of the next novice training course scheduled for the summer. David Eynon and I have added our expertise to that of the other instructors and a right little happy band we are too.

But what is to become of our novice graduates? Isn't this article premature. I hear you ask, well maybe but Penguin News is a little short of material this week....

To participate in sport diving, much like any adventurous activity, a safe and achievable aim must first be identified. It is possible to

Sport Diving in the Falklands

By Charlie Lane

dive 'headlessly' for years, repeating known and acclaimed dives or merely taking the softer options of sheltered waters. However the waters around the Falklands contain examples of the more exotic marine life found in the oceans of the world. To dive with sea lions, penguins and dolphins, whilst not unique to this archipelago, is nevertheless an exciting and rare prospect. To begin one's diving career

amidst these exotic species is the sort of circumstance that can spoil you for life. Properly managed it becomes the envy of the less fortunate divers who have to endure the 'pea soup' visibility and limited opportunity of notorious sites such as Portland Bill or Dosthill quarry!

The Falklands has both good visibility and marine activity; two prerequisites for novices who are keen to progress to their sports



Dave McLeod taking the plunge

Reorganisation of MPA complete

BRITISH FORCES at MPA have undergone an administrative reorganisation in a move that should streamline the force and avoid duplication of effort and activity.

The reorganization started in March this year when the Combat Operations Centre at Mount Pleasant and the Joint Operations Centre at HQ BFFI were combined to form the Theatre Operations Centre (TOC). The success of this move has been demonstrated clearly in manpower savings and in the success of the TOC in controlling missions such as that to rescue 38 sailors from the "Isla Gualafo".

The second phase of the reorganization took place on the 1st of June when RAF Mount Pleasant ceased to exist as a single Independent Unit within the British

Forces Command and Control structure and was replaced by 4 Independent Units based on the previous Mount Pleasant Wing structure.

This reorganization brings the former Mount Pleasant Wings into line as BFFI Independent Units with the same status as that enjoyed by the RIC, the FI Field Squadron, the Joint Service Provost and Security unit, the Joint Communications Unit, the Joint Services Signals Unit and Naval Party 2010. The reorganization also sees the former Station Commander, Group Captain Dixon, assume the post of director of Operations/Air Commander and extend his role as the Deputy Commander British forces.

It is most unlikely that those outside the Services will notice

any change in the modus operandi of BFFI, apart from a number of name changes. Operating capability will be unaffected but the reorganization does represent a significant step forward in streamlining the command and control structure of the Theatre.

**Report by
Joint
Information
Officer Sq.Ldr.
David Ogg**

diver qualification. Trainee sports divers are divers under training and are limited to diving progressively deeper to a maximum of 20m prior to qualification and are not permitted to undertake dives requiring decompression stops. Once qualified they are able to dive to a maximum of 35m.

In addition to the marine life, there are reputed to be hundreds of wrecks lying in Falklands waters, some offshore and not for the consideration of novice divers but many inshore. A glance at John Smith's admirable map wets the diving appetite.

Hopefully many of you will have seen David Eynon's dramatic video 'Diving in the Falkland Islands' which is one of the products of the work of the Wreck Survey Group that David had the foresight to set up. If you haven't, like John's map, it is one of the essential purchases for anyone having a love for the sea. For the novice diver these products set the wreck diving scene. Marine life tends to be plentiful around wrecks, seals and dolphins are as curious of divers as whatever cats are supposed to be curious of (help, Baldrick!).

Wreck sites are a natural haven for all sorts of flora and fauna. In such a situation the diver enjoys the techniques associated with viewing and describing a wreck whilst sharing for a moment the environment with the indigenous population. It is never long before some amateur photography enthusiast turns into a diving photographic bore. Even so the patience required to capture the colours of the underwater world is amply rewarded once the pictures have been developed. By comparison the replay facility on the video camera means that you can instantly see the results of your recording thus editing as you dive.

So a possible second and third aim for the aspiring sports diver would be assisting in the work of the wreck survey group and embarking upon underwater camera work.

African Exchange

ARE YOU hard working, in your twenties and eager to spend six months or so in a beautiful part of South Africa?

John de Havilland (Chairman of the National Rifle Association) has two hard working single daughters aged 28 and 30 who currently work their parents estate in South Africa.

John is keen that they should take a 6 month sabbatical from South Africa and do something else. What he would like to consider is some sort of exchange with two Falkland Islanders. Although John would possibly prefer two hard working young men, two equally hard working young women would be very acceptable to him.

If you are interested, then contact Gerald Cheek.

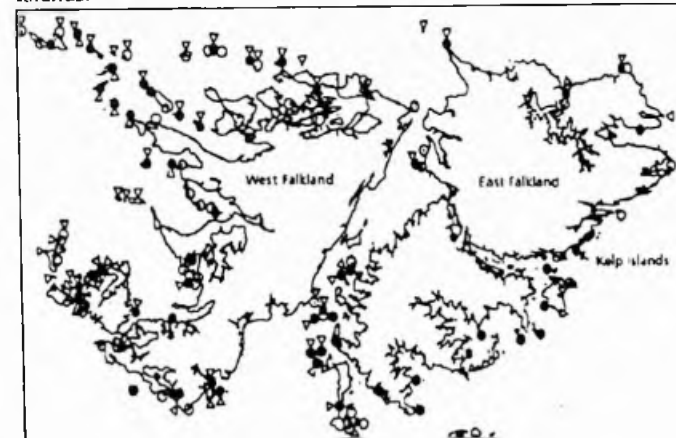
Decline in Falklands Sea Lion Population

THE FOLLOWING extract from the *Warrall* is by kind permission of Falklands Conservation and details the Island-wide survey mentioned in Sally Poncet's article a couple of weeks ago.

This February a census of the Falklands sea lion breeding population was completed by Falklands Conservation. Dave Thompson, of the Sea Mammal Research Unit, reports here on the results.

Dramatic Decline since 1930s.

In the 1930s the Falkland Islands held a large population of the southern sea lion (*Otaria flavescens*). Over 80,000 pups were born in the Falklands each year, equivalent to a total population of 380,000 animals. Unfortunately the population has declined dramatically since then. In 1965 an air survey of the entire archipelago produced an estimate of only 6000 pups. Incidental observations and a partial aerial survey in 1990 indicated that the decline had continued and that very few sea lions remained in the Falkland Islands.



A Census was Essential

The population decline, coupled with potential new threats from the fishing, oil and tourist industries, highlighted the need for a conservation strategy for sea lions in the Falklands. An accurate estimate of the size and distribution of the population is essential for developing conservation strategies and for testing their effectiveness.

Need to Visit all Breeding Sites

The aim was simply to obtain a complete count of the number of pups born for comparison with the 1930s counts. To accomplish this we needed to visit all the breeding sites in the islands. In planning the survey we relied heavily on local knowledge, contacting as many land owners as possible asking for details of sea lion sightings during the breeding season. We combined their observations with records from the boat surveys in the 1930s and from aerial surveys in 1965 and 1990 to produce a survey route.

Over 5000 Sea Lions

Between 17th January and 15th February 1995, we sailed round the Islands on board the MV Penelope, visiting all the locations identified as possible breeding sites. We visited 191 separate island and mainland sites, and found 103 groups of sea lions, 61 of which were breeding groups with pups present. In total we counted 5,574 sea lions, comprising 2,034 pups, 2,144 adult females, 649 adult males and 747 immatures and non breeding adults.

Largest Colony has 138 Pups

We found breeding groups on all sections of the coast, with the lowest density on the north and east coasts of East Falkland (see map). The distribution of breeding sites in 1995 (filled circles) was similar to the distribution in the 1930s (triangles). Open circles represent non-breeding groups of sea lions. However, the largest single colony with 138 pups was on the Kelp Islands off the South coast



Sea Lion Colony, Falkland Islands

Photo: Ian Strange

PUBLIC NOTICE

Falkland Island Government Air Service
Pilot

A pilot is required to join a team of highly trained and motivated pilots engaged in the provision of a passenger and freight service within the Falkland Islands plus the aerial surveillance of the licensed fishery activity in the seas surrounding the Islands. The Falkland Islands Government Air Service operates entirely using the very versatile Pilatus Britten-Norman Islander.

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UK CAA Commercial Pilots Licence
Current Instrument Rating

A minimum of 2000 hours total flying experience which should include 500 hours pilot-in-command twin or multi-engine aircraft is required together with a type rating on the PBN-2B Islander and preferably grass strip experience

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MV Penelope Photo: Dave Thompson



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1 3 man domed tent £90
1 JVC Camcorder, 18 months old £400
Phone McKenzies 21505

19ft glass fibre speed boat with 90hp Johnsons O/B, good running order, C/W trailer, offers around £4500. Apply Dawn Pole-Evans, Saunders Is. Tel:41298

Sale By Tender: Government House has for sale by tender a long-wheel base Samurai Suzuki Jeep.
The Vehicle (GH6 - white) is a little over three years old, has been regularly serviced and maintained at the FIC garage, and is in excellent condition. It has manual steering and has done just under 5,000 miles. Those interested are invited to submit bids marked "GH6" to Government House no later than noon on 25 July. Government House does not commit itself necessarily to accept the highest or any bid. To inspect the vehicle please ring Government House on 27433 during office hours.

For sale, black Truck Cab 110 with new set of wheels. Ring r Roger on 21931 evening

By tender - Suzuki SJ 413, 4 yrs old, lots of extras. To view phone 21633. Offers to P.O. box 406

The tenderer does not bind himself to the highest or any offer

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Dressing table/desk, chest of drawers, arm chairs. Contact Pauline on 21971

Personal

F.R.M. (Joe) and Jennie Lewis, Douglas Station, Salvador. Does anyone know them or how they can now be reached. Tony Lea an old Navy Friend would like to know.
Anthony Lea

NOTICES

The Cancer Support and Awareness Trust, will be holding its quarterly open meeting on July 19 at the Globe Hotel at 7pm. There will be a talk on counselling by David Harding. Price for anyone who would like to come along

Stanley Sports Association
Notice of AGM in Town Hall. Refreshment Room at 6pm July 24.

Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government has for sale by tender
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1 x Suzuki Jeep.

Tender documents available for collection from Secretariat during normal office hours, tenders endorsed "Sale of Surplus Falkland Islands Government Vehicles" should be returned to the Chairman Tender Board, on or before Monday 24th July 1995. The FIG reserves the right to reject any tender received. Vehicles can be viewed by contacting the Workshop Foreman, Plant and Vehicles Workshop during normal office hours

Football Fixtures

Monday 17 July
Young Guns v FIDF
Power Failure v Victory V
Red Niners v Redsox

Friday 21st July
Grabbers v Young Guns
Traps Gang v Crystal Paralysis
FIDF v Power Failure

Monday 24th July
Redsox v Traps Gang
Victory Vandals v Red Niners
Crystal Paralysis v Grabbers

For Football Fans!

End of Round One Sullivan Shield

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| Grabbers | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 54 | 66 | 24pts |
| FIDF | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 98 | 53 | 45 | 18 |
| Traps Gang | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 108 | 85 | 23 | 18 |
| Redsox | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 101 | 89 | 12 | 15 |
| Cr Paralysis | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 85 | 90 | -5 | 12 |
| Victory | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 97 | 100 | -3 | 9 |
| Young Guns | 8 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 83 | 92 | -9 | 9 |
| Pwr Failure | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 48 | 104 | -56 | 3 |
| Red Niners | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 59 | 132 | -73 | 0 |

Top 10 Goalscorers at the end of the first round of the 1995 4 a side indoor football season

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| J Curtis: | 69 |
| P Riddell: | 50 |
| R Miranda: | 43 |
| C Buckland | 41 |
| C Jaffray: | 33 |
| K Alazia: | 30 |

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| D McCormick: | 21 |
| D Peck: | 20 |
| T Burnett: | 19 |

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An interest in people and the ability to communicate effectively with all sections of the community is essential, and previous experience of teaching and organising would be an advantage. A knowledge of wildlife and conservation would be helpful, but is not essential as training will be given.

The post will involve 15 hours of work per week, at a rate of £5 to £6 per hour depending upon experience, and would require occasional evening or weekend work in order to participate in activities.

Job descriptions and application forms can be obtained from Mrs Carol Miller, Falklands Conservation, PO Box 31, Stanley, to whom completed application forms can be returned by July 14.

Postscript From the Baha'is

Last week a typographical error caused the sense of the below passage to be critically altered. We offer our sincere apologies for this mistake

PEACE ON EARTH, elimination of prejudice, unification of mankind, and creation of a world society are all basic principles in the teachings of Baha'u'llah. None of these are attainable, He points out, unless the world adopts a common language and script, to be taught in all countries in addition to the native language. When this has been accomplished, no one will have to learn more than two languages - his own, and the world auxiliary language - to be able to communicate easily with any other person in the world. In that day, He tells us, "to whatever city a man may journey, it shall be as if he were entering his own home."

Anyone who has ever found himself in a foreign country, unable to speak or understand the

language, to read the street signs, travel about, or find important offices, can only yearn for the accomplishment of this goal. How many international conferences would be improved if delegates really knew what all the others were saying!

To achieve this, writes educator Stanwood Cobb, in his book, 'Tomorrow & Tomorrow,' - referring to the principles of Baha'u'llah - "the nations of the world by delegated conference should agree either upon an existing language or an artificial language such as Esperanto, and then require it to be taught in all the schools of the world. Thus in a single generation the universal language would be in effective use."

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Waiting for the snow to go

AFTER one of the longest, coldest, snowiest, spells in memory, one thing unites everybody in Stanley - even the children - we are all waiting for the snow to go.

More Stanley snow scenes and weather statistics in the centre pages.



More support promised next year at UN

ASSURANCES made last year at the UN Committee of 24, (the "Special Committee on the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and people") by Papua New Guinea and others that this year the text of the resolution would be altered to include a reference to the right of the Falkland Islanders to self-determination, as opposed to independence, came, in the end to nothing this session, but were renewed for next year.

PNG's representative Mr Samana said that he had prepared and circulated a draft proposal to this effect, but "in the interests of future co-operation with the committee and following consultations with the co-sponsors" had decided not to present it formally this time. He still believed, however that the text of the resolution should be amended and confirmed that the PNG delegation would take the proposal forward in good time before the next session.

These views were echoed by Sierra Leone and by the delegate of Trinidad and Tobago, which had hosted what was described as a Committee of 24 seminar, attended

by Cllrs Luxton and Edwards.

Cllrs Edwards and Goss also addressed the full session of the Committee in New York.

For the Argentine side, the Committee heard the Minister for Foreign Affairs and also

No need for listeria hysteria

THIS WEEK, for the first time in four years, milk produced by the dairy herd at Becks Farm has tested positive to a routine test for Listeria. Following this result, the Medical Department issued a warning that milk intended for pregnant mothers, children under five and elderly frail persons should be boiled for 3 minutes before use. It was stressed that the milk is perfectly safe for everyone else to drink.

Two weeks ago all samples were perfectly clear and the vet Mr Ian Saunders, in conjunction with the Laboratory technician Mr Jeff Benjamin, have been testing samples taken from each cow and also from various stages of the milking equipment in an attempt to identify the source of the outbreak.

At this stage it would seem that about two thirds of the cows are affected and it is suspected that the silage is the most probable

statements of predictable length and dullness from Alec Betts and a Mr Patterson, who has some family connection with the Falklands. (More details of their speeches next week)

cause of the infection.

If the silage is positively identified as the cause the milk will continue to be contaminated until the spring when they will return to grazing. The contamination will then go on its own or the cows may need antibiotic treatment, the risk to the cows health is the possibility of abortion.

Dr. Roger Diggle has confirmed that there have been no human casualties and that milk is a low risk substance due to its short self life in comparison to, say, soft cheese or paté.

If anyone hasn't become ill yet then they are unlikely to and the infection can easily be treated with a course of antibiotics in humans outside the high risk groups. However, those at risk are those who have underdeveloped or compromised immune systems such as young children and the elderly and pregnant women who are in danger of miscarriage.

News in brief

Five year old breaks leg in snow accident

FIVE YEAR old Joshua Clayton of Stanley (son of Brian and Sue Clayton) sustained a broken leg last Sunday afternoon, when he was involved in a collision with a vehicle.

Joshua had been playing in the snow on Kings Street with his father Brian. However when Brian left him momentarily, Josh rode his toy car down the hill into the back of a moving vehicle being driven along St Mary's Walk by Miss Amelia Betts.

All parties were very shocked by the accident, but Josh is recovering well at home.

Oil barge makes it to Punta

DESPITE encountering a day of storm with 45 knot winds and fifteen foot waves, the tug *Ultramar X* arrived safely in Punta Arenas on Thursday afternoon towing the old government oil barge, an FIC spokesperson told *Penguin News*.

The barge's deck cargo of old PWD vehicles was still intact.

Governor goes on leave

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor, Mr David Tatham, together with Mrs Tatham departed the Islands today, Wednesday, for a period of leave.

During the Governor's absence, the Chief Executive, Mr Andrew Gurr, who returned to the Islands on Tuesday, will serve as Acting Governor and Mr Craig Shelton, the Assistant Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, will act as Commissioner.

Mr and Mrs Tatham expect to be back in the Islands during the third week of September, in time for the departure of senior officers to London and Houston for the oil launch conferences.

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WHEN one of our contributors takes air time on FIBS to disassociate herself from an error made by us in publishing her article, (*Soap Box*, June 28) it would seem that it is time for a few apologies again. In the case in question, we (using the personal pronoun loosely) took the sentence "Let's plan complete road networks on both East and West so that isolated Campers can go shopping, have some social life and entertain visitors more easily and more often," and inadvertently converted the word "shopping" into "snooping". This is the sort of error, which we dread, because it comes not from careless fingers, which might have typed "shipping", which would have been detected by the spell-check or even "slipping", which would show up to even a casual reader as nonsense, but clearly from somewhere deep in the sub-conscious of the typist, which throws up alternatives to the original copy, which are not what was intended, but nevertheless make good sense. Apologies, once again, Rosemary!

"Snooping" is not what Rosemary Wilkinson wrote, but to the two of us, besides the typist, who read the piece, it seemed such a good word to use, in the sense of "having a nosey" or "a poke about", that we did not query it. At one time, this sort of low-level inquisitiveness - not spying, but an interesting way of passing the time while "spinning around" - would have been regarded as an acceptable reason for getting in the rover. Perhaps it is a mark of the proprietorial feelings in campers that sub-division has engendered that now makes the thought of such activity so contentious.

There is a serious point in all of this, as Cllr Cheek made me aware last week. If one of the by-products of the sub-division of the old farms is that access to the wide-open spaces of the Falklands, without specific permission from or payment to the landowner, is to be denied to the rest of us (and this could apparently include our use of some of the new all-weather tracks) then instead of Rock Berntsen singing about "The Falklands so wild and so free", he will have to change his song to something like, "The Falklands, so wild and so hedged about by 'Keep Out' and 'No Access' signs".

Of course, farmers have the right to demand that some sort of Country Code is adhered to by visitors, and maybe to limit public access to parts of their land at sensitive times, such as lambing, when disturbance of stock could end up hitting them in the pocket. There are also areas of the Falklands where the need to conserve wild life makes the control of visitors imperative, but it would be a great shame if generally we had to follow the UK in having public access to the countryside become a matter for long-running law suits, demonstrations and great bitterness on all sides.

When most of the land was owned by a relatively small number of absentee landlords, more people lived in Camp, yet their right to travel about from settlement to settlement for sport, socialising or just "snooping", never seemed to be in question; indeed the willingness of Camp people to travel long distances in Winter just to attend whist drives was even regarded as being part of "our unique way of life".

ONE of the previously "unique" features of our way of life was the feeling of absolute personal security that we all once enjoyed in Stanley and the Camp. For many of us, the Argentine invasion changed all that in a brutal and shocking way. Since then we have been like people who having once been burgled, or mugged, half expect it to happen again and never quite lose that anxiety. In this, we have become sadly like the majority of people in urban Britain, where the expectation of violence, loutish behaviour and vandalism has pretty much emptied the streets of most towns after dark, except for what can only be described as noisy "herds" of inebriated young people.

In such a situation, throwing a concrete block through a window in the early hours of the morning, when drunk, might be regarded as such a commonplace that the culprit, if caught, could expect to be let off with a small fine and damages, after telling some pathetic tale about being cold. Such seems to have been the case in Stanley last week.

Since 1982, we have learned to welcome or at least not complain about, the horrendous din of low-flying jets - indeed it has been called "The Sound of Freedom". Are we now to regard the sound of breaking glass in the early morning in the same benevolent light? I hope not.

AMONG the mistakes made in last week's edition, we changed the name of one of our New Zealand readers from Gerald to Graham. Again this was not a typographical error, but, I guess, because just before writing the captions to our final instalment of Anna King's photographs of expatriate Islanders in New Zealand, I had been reading her letter in which she mentioned Graham Bound. This is not the first time I have had a problem with Gerald's identity; when he was here on holiday last year, I greeted him fondly in the West Store, thinking he was Ray Hansen.

YOUR LETTERS

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

More on the Falklands Jonah

I ENJOY reading the Penguin News and am particularly pleased with the increased historical content of late. I am also pleased with the detailed obituaries now published which remind people of past outstanding service, that relating to John Blyth being a particular example.

I have been tempted to write in the past but thought that I should now do so in relation to three items in particular.

I, too, read the Daily Mail mention of a man who survived being swallowed by a whale. I enclose a copy of the full story. I do not know its origin but this report was found within a book acquired at auction for the Falkland Islands Company library several years ago.

The list compiled by Mary Hirtle of volunteers from the Falklands in the 1939-45 was has a further omission, J.T. Clement. I have always understood that Jim was one of the first volunteers

from the Islands. He is alive and well and living in Wiltshire and you may have heard him on the 'Calling the Falklands' programme on VE Day as he was one of the names I gave to the BBC.

Finally, and in relation to my special interest of maritime history, the "Good King's Shilling" regarding the 'Victory'. I enclose a copy from records which for that period are from the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners. You will see that by some extraordinary happening the record of the Victory is added in manuscript. The Master's name appears to be Mullins.

Frank Mitchell (Mr. Mitchell, long-serving Director of FIC in London will be well-known to many readers from his visits to the Islands over the years. The tale sent to us by Mr Mitchell, and the extract from the records of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, may be found on page 4)

For the first time in my life, I was made to feel scared in my own home

AT APPROXIMATELY 2.00 a.m. on Friday June 30 I was awoken by a strange noise. I went to my back door (a standard door with two large, double glazed panels) to investigate what I thought to be an explosion. My husband was very quick to join me and imagine our horror when we were faced with a drunken lout attempting to smash his way into our home with a 4 inch concrete block. We phoned for the police who were thankfully with us within a few minutes and they caught and arrested a Spr Penny in a very short time.

This incident scared me a great deal. For the first time in my life I was made to feel scared in my own home but, knowing that the person concerned had been handed over to the judicial system, I was confident he would get his just desserts.

In the Magistrate's Court on Wednesday July 12, Sapper Penny was ordered to pay costs of £130 (to replace the double glazed unit in our door) and received what my husband and I consider to be an almost farcical fine of £100.

Being a Falkland Islander I have always enjoyed the safe and peaceful way of life which we have all

come to take for granted. For someone to come and attempt to enter our home by force, invade our privacy and then walk away with a fine which is less than most receive for innocently exceeding the speed limit has left me with no confidence whatsoever in our Justice Department.

The only thing we are thankful for is the fact that it was the door Sapper Penny took the 4 inch block to and not the next window but one. This would have resulted in our 18 month old daughter being buried under a shower of broken glass and a concrete block.

If you have a view that needs to be aired, then send us a letter at Penguin News

Our own survey showed that 90% of our readership read the Letters Page regularly.

A quiet family wedding for Osmund and Olive

THE MARRIAGE of Osmund Smith and Olive Morrison took place on Monday June 10 at St. Mary's Church.

The ceremony was conducted by Monsignor Agreiter.

The bride was given away by her Uncle, Charles Clifton, with Donald Jaffray carrying out the duties of best man.

The marriage was witnessed by the groom's twin sister, Thora Perry and the bride's daughter, Marina Svendsen. The bride's sis-

ter, Pearl McLeod was also in attendance.

The marriage ceremony was followed by a quiet reception for close friends and family at the couple's home.

Olive and Osmund would like to thank everyone involved for making their wedding day so special, particularly Terry Clifton for driving everyone around safely in extremely slippery road conditions.

"We really appreciated the lucky ladder Terry!", they say.



International help for new local tussac group

TUSSAC Islands are among the Falkland Islands most distinctive features, being the last remnants of the amazing fringe of vegetation which once surrounded the Falklands, until largely wiped out on the mainland by the depredations of the sheep on which the colony's wealth once depended.

Tussac is attractive to stoack and very nutritious (Governor Moody reported on two American castaways, who had lived for two years on very little else but tussac roots). This led to its rapid disappearance from the mainland, except where grazing was restricted. Carefully managed, however, tussac islands have proved to be a valuable asset to the farmer for fattening beef or restoring health to ill-faring animals.

More recently, with the growth in interest in wild-life conservation and nature-based tourism in the Falklands, it is the tussac's value as habitat that has been increasingly prized. As anyone who has visited Kidney Island will know, tussac can provide home for a host of small birds as well as providing a nesting site for Magellanic penguins. (In some places it provides a sheltered basking ground for seals, always a potential hazard for the unwary walker, where the density of the tussac's growth prevents you from seeing what's around the next corner.)

While some islands teem with bird life, neighbouring islands, including tussac islands, may be disappointingly empty, with no breeding birds and seemingly only populated by casual visitors to the shoreline. The answer to this apparent conundrum, according to visiting New Zealand Wild-life expert,



Brian and Paul Bell, of Wildlife Management International

Brian Bell, who with son Paul is the driving force behind an outfit called Wild-life Management International, may be one of two words, either "rats" or "cats."

Brian was in the Falklands at the invitation of Falklands Conservation and a newly formed group the Tussac Islands Restoration Group, which has been formed by a number of landowners and farmers interested in restoring tussac islands in their ownership.

Wildlife Management International in the shape of Brian and Paul had been working in Ascension Island on an RSPB sponsored project to restore the once plentiful breeding colonies of Frigate Birds, Noddies and Boobies to the Island and halt the decline in the Sooty Tern population, by the elimination of the feral cats which are their principal predators. The opportunity was seized upon to bring them down to the Falklands to advise on all aspects of the better management of our tussac islands, including the extermination of introduced predators.

Islander Aircraft searches for Ilen

FAMILY and friends of Paul Ellis and Stanley Anderson became concerned for them on Friday 14, when it was discovered that the pair who had set off for Speedwell Island in

the vessel *Ilen* had not arrived at the expected time.

No radio contact had been made with the *Ilen* since they had left Stanley on Thursday around lunch-time.

On Friday night messages were announced over FIBS asking the pair to make radio contact, and Mr Vernon Steen, Manager of FIGAS was requested by Fisheries to have an Islander aircraft stand by for a search, if they had not been located by Saturday morning.

At 8.30 on Saturday morning, FIGAS was alerted, and an Islander aircraft followed the intended route of the *Ilen*.

The *Ilen* was located in Eagle Passage on the route to Speedwell Island.

The historic vessel, which was built for the FIC in 1926, in Baltimore, County Cork and is now owned by Paul Ellis, had not apparently encountered any problems.

tralise and disseminate information to interested land owners on habitat restoration, with the aim of encouraging and facilitating practical solutions to the problems of erosion, to eradicating introduced wildlife predators such as rats and to replanting tussac and other native grasses."

Fox poisoning leads to significant increase in native fauna

WE are grateful to Penguin News subscriber, Mrs A Jones of Bury St. Edmunds for a newspaper cutting from her daughter in Manjimup, Western Australia, which says that a regular poison baiting programme by the Department of Conservation and Land Management targeted at foxes in over 110,000 hectares of the Eastern Jarrah forest has led to a significant increase in native fauna species, including Ringtail and Brushtail Possums, Numbats, Woylies, Dunnarts and Bandicoots.

I ADD another story of a rather different character. I have been fortunate enough to get particulars of a well-accredited instance in recent times, of a man being swallowed by a whale and being rescued alive after remaining many hours in its stomach.

Two separate accounts have been given of the event - one evidently by the captain of the whale; the other probably by one of the officers. The incident was carefully investigated by two scientists - one of whom was the late M. de Paiville, the scientific editor of the Journal des Debats de Paris, well known as a man of sound judgement and a careful writer. He was killed unfortunately during the late war. I therefore applied for information to the subsequent editor of the paper, a gentleman noted for his kindness and ability.

He answered that as he was engaged in the War he could not lay his hands on the papers, but when he returned to Paris, he would search for them as he well remembered them being discussed during M. de Paiville's life. Rather more than twelve months later, November 2, 1919, he wrote to me as follows:

'Eureka!... Having gone over a very large number of documents, I have now the good fortune to find the one you want - something even better than what I expected... an English translation which M. de Paiville had himself used'

The account briefly is as follows:

In February 1891 the Whaling ship *Star of the East* was in the vicinity of the Falkland Islands, and the look-out sighted a large sperm whale three miles away. Two boats were launched and in a short time one of the harpooners was enabled to spear the fish.

The second boat attacked the

whale, but was upset by a lash of its tail and the men thrown into the sea, one man being drowned, and another, James Bartley, having disappeared, could not be found.

The whale was killed and in a few hours the great body was lying by the ship's side, and the men were busy with axes and spades removing the blubber.

They worked all day and part of the night. Next morning they attached some tackle to the stomach, which was hoisted on to the

probably have lived inside his house of flesh until he starved, for he lost his senses through fright and not from lack of air.

He says that he remembered the sensation of being thrown out of the boat into the sea and of dropping into the water. Then there was a fearful rushing sound which he believed to be the beating of the water by the whale's tail - he was then encompassed by a great darkness, and he felt he was slipping along a smooth passage of some

The next he remembered was being in the captain's cabin.

According to the record, the skin on his hands never recovered its natural appearance, but the health of the man did not seem affected by his terrible experience.

He was in splendid spirits, and apparently fully enjoyed the blessing of life that came his way.

The whaling captains say that it frequently happens that men are swallowed by whales who become infuriated by the pain of the harpoon, and the attack of the boats, but they have never previously known a man to go through the ordeal that Bartley experienced and come out alive.

It is stated that on the return of the vessel to England Bartley went to a London hospital to be treated for the injury to his skin - but what occurred is not in the record. He was known to be one of the most hardy of whale men.

M. de Paiville, one of the most careful and painstaking scientist in Europe, concluded his investigations by stating his belief *"that the account given by the captain and the crew of the English whaler is worthy of belief. There are many cases reported where whales, in the fury of their dying agony, have swallowed human beings, but this is the first modern case where the victim has come forth safe and sound. After this modern illustration I end by believing that Jonah really did come out from the whale alive as the Bible states"*

The curator of a large museum, in reply to a question I put to him, as to the temperature of the blood of a whale, said it was about 2.5 centigrade above the temperature of the human body - which in the Fahrenheit scale, would be 104.6 degrees, or high fever heat. The provision was doubtless made to enable these mammals to resist the cold of the Arctic and Antarctic seas.

The legend of Bartley and the whale

A tale from *Penguin News* reader Mr Frank Mitchell

Taken from *Sixty-three years of engineering* by Sir Francis Fox

deck. The sailors were startled by something in it which gave spasmodic signs of life, and inside was found the missing sailor doubled up and unconscious. He was laid on the deck and treated to a bath of sea water which soon revived him, but his mind was not clear, and he was placed in the captain's quarters, where he remained two weeks a raving lunatic.

He was kindly and carefully treated by the Captain, and by the officers of the ship, and gradually regained possession of his senses. At the end of the 3rd week he had entirely recovered from the shock and resumed his duties.

During his sojourn in the whale's stomach, Bartley's skin where it was exposed to the action of the gastric juice underwent a striking change; his face, neck and hands were bleached to a deadly whiteness, and took on the appearance of parchment.

Bartley affirms that he would

sort that seemed to move and carry him forward.

This sensation lasted but a short time, and then he realised he had more room. He felt about him and his hands came in contact with a yielding slimy substance, that seemed to shrink from his touch. It finally dawned upon him that he had been swallowed by the whale, and he was overcome by horror at the situation.

He could easily breathe, but the heat was terrible. It was not of a scorching, stifling nature, but it seemed to open the pores of his skin and to draw out his vitality.

He became very weak and grew sick at the stomach. He knew there was no hope of escape from his strange prison.

Death stared him in the face. He tried to look at it bravely, but the terrible quiet darkness and heat, combined with the horrible knowledge of his environment overcame him.

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| Ditto | Page | 150 | Schooner | Fisher | 17 Mar. | 3 April | North America | Falklands | With cargo for sale. |
| Ditto | Petapoco | 92 | Do. | Burrows | 30 " | 7 " | Monte Video | Ditto | With Captain Sullivan and family, also Captain Hammond and servant, and cargo for themselves. |
| British | Australia | 400 | Ship | Harrison | 4 April | 8 May | London | Ditto | Called for refreshments. |
| American | Asin | 300 | Do. | J. Williams | 5 " | 18 April | New York | California | Goods and emigrants for Mr. Lafone's establishment. |
| British | Birius | 236 | Brig | Williams | 11 May | 18 " | Liverpool | Falklands | With specie for Government. |
| Ditto | H.M.S. Daupine | 330 | Corv. 188 | Panahawo, R.N. | 21 " | 26 May | Portsmouth | Do. and Pacific | For beef and water. |
| Ditto | Charles Hurrell | 394 | Ship | Splatt | 25 " | 26 June | London | Lima | For ditto ditto. |
| Ditto | Queen of the Isle | 294 | Bark | Evans | 8 " | 28 " | Liverpool | Falklands | With sundries for sale. |
| American | Pago | 150 | Schooner | Fisher | 7 July | 4 Aug. | Bio Negro | California | Called for refreshments. |
| Chili | Chili | 290 | Ship | Dexter | 18 July | 3 Aug. | Pacific | Ditto | Ditto. |
| Ditto | Anna Reynolds | 250 | Bark | Bottern | 25 " | 2 " | United States | California | For medical attendance on the captain, who died in port. |
| British | Royal Mint | 400 | Do. | Deuchers, 1st mate | 30 " | 8 " | London | Lima | Cargo of hides. |
| American | Evelina | 252 | Do. | Smylee | 15 Aug. | 23 " | Buenos Ayres | California | Stones for Government. |
| Ditto | Vigilante | 90 | Schooner | Bennett | 18 Jan. | 1 Feb. | Bronson Loch | Monte Video | Wrecked on Lively Island |
| British | Nautilus | 133 | Ship | D. Blackdale | 28 Aug. | 8 Oct. | London | Falkland | 11th August, boats came for assistance, 28th, left next day. |
| American | Robert Fulton | 600 | Ship | Chemo | 11 " | 13 " | New York | California | Took home a mail. |
| British | H.M.S. Pandora | 330 | Schooner | Lieut. Commander Wood, R.N. | 31 " | 4 Sept. | Pacific | Portsmouth. | Called for despatches of ship Hudson, of which she is a tender. |
| Oriental | Vigilante | 90 | Do. | Bennett | 7 S. pt. | 2 Oct. | New York and Monte Video. | Falkland | Cargo for J. M. Dean. |
| American | Washington | 146 | Do. | J. M. Out | 10 " | 13 Sept. | From a whaling cruise. | Panama | For beef and water. |
| Oriental | Vigilante | 106 | Do. | Bennett | 6 Nov. | 30 Dec. | Monte Video | Falkland | In want of repairs. |
| American | Zaliska | 100 | Do. | Wilson | 13 Dec. | 21 Dec. | New York | Valparaiso | Ditto. |
| English | Chelydra | 349 | Ship | Wollanley, R.N. | 18 " | 22 " | Portsmouth | Panama | Par beef and water. |
| Ditto | H. M. S. Dredalus | 1,000 | Frigate 30 | Accientou | 1850 | 1850 | Glasgow | United States | With horses for Mr. Lafone. |
| Ditto | Hegia | 374 | Bark | MacKay | 10 Jan. | 21 Jan. | New York | Cork | For refreshments. |
| British | Barbara | 400 | Do. | MacKay | 13 " | 20 " | Rio Negro | | Ditto and repairs. |
| Dutch | Van Broek | 260 | Brig | Jaenb'ac | 30 " | 7 Feb. | Honolulu | | |
| American | Edis. Frith | 366 | Bark | J. Winters | 1 Feb. | 12 " | Coquimbo | | |
| English | Royal Mint | 400 | Do. | G. Deuchers | | | | | |

Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners. 227

This extract from 1849 shipping records, also sent by Frank Mitchell, illustrates the journey of the *Victory* as mentioned in *Penguin News* feature, *The Good King's Shilling*.

No wonder she's smiling

LEIF POLLARD, treasurer of the Shackleton Scholarship Fund had good reason to smile on Monday morning when she collected a cheque for £37,107.32 from Peter King, representing the Falkland Islands Government.

This money is the first instalment from FIG in fulfilment of its promise to match donations received locally and covers the period from the Fund's launch to July 10th.

The full list of donations to July 17 is as follows:

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| Girl Guides Gourmet Dinner | £ 435 |
| Fortuna Ltd | £ 5000 |
| Argos Fishing Co Ltd | £ 1000 |
| Anamer | £ 1000 |
| Goodwin Offshore Ltd | £500 |
| Eurofishing Ltd | £1000 |
| Fioda | £350 |
| Cabaret & Dinner | £2011.31 |
| Hanswell Maritime | £2000 |
| Consolidated Fisheries | £18000 |
| Standard Chartered Bank | £2500 |
| Marahu Corporation | £3000 |
| Personal Donations | £311 |
| Byron Marine | £500 |
| ANAC-OP | £1957 |
| Cable & Wireless PLC | £2000 |
| Total: | £ 41 564.31 |



Photo: Teaberry Express

Busy programme for farmers in August

THE FARMERS' Association annual meetings for members will take place between 7 and 10 August in Stanley.

The Agricultural Department staff will give an update on work carried out in the last year, and other subjects will be discussed including animal welfare and Artificial Insemination.

Mr Peter Marriott of Falkland Islands Wool Marketing will attend and farmers will also be meeting Stanley and Camp Councillors, the Chief Executive, the General Manager of FIDC and the Director of Civil Aviation.

There will also be Airstrip Fire Appliance Training on one afternoon at Stanley Airport.

A meeting has been arranged with representatives of the FIC to discuss insurance, shipping, special orders and other matters.

Mr Fred Wood Manager of Hogg Robinson Shipping, will be in Stanley and will also meet with farmers.

Mr Bob Hancox, the PWD Road Engineer, will discuss the on-going work on roads in camp.

Mr David Harding-Price, Nurse Counsellor, will have an informal get-together with everyone to explain his work.

Last but not least, Falkland Conservation will come along to brief farmers on their work.

There will be a number of social functions during the week.

Happy landings for tourists at Public Jetty

A SAFER landing at the Public Jetty for tourists is planned for the coming season as a result of discussions between FITB and Tony Lee of PWD's Design Office, writes Wendy Teggart in the FITB newsletter.

It is proposed that the existing steps be removed and a series of landing stages be placed along the side of the jetty. Each landing will be separated by two steps and the series will get progressively lower. At each level the new landing stages will have a substantial 'grab post' set a bit back from the edge to help disembarkation. The landing used on any occasion will depend on the individual boat's need and the tidal state.

Ben Cockwell will be drawing up plans for the landing stages during his work time with the design office and it is anticipated that the work will go out to tender.

Seventeen cruise have provisionally been booked to call at the Falklands during the 1995/96 season. These include the ships

World Discoverer
Pacific Princess
Royal Viking Season
Alla Tarasova
Kapitan Khlebnikov
Explorer
Marco Polo
Bremen
Hanseatic

Passenger exchanges are scheduled to take place during nine of these visits

Mid-winter swim set to raise £5,000 for charity



CANON PALMER would like to say a big thank you to everyone, especially the brave swimmers, who took part in the Mid-Winter Charity Swim at Surf Bay on Saturday June 24 to raise money for the Mission to Seamen and the Overseas Games Fund.

Last year £2200 was raised for charity and this year's target was set at £4000. Organiser, Martin Cox, has confirmed that this figure has been exceeded already and the final sum raised by the 94 swimmers is expected to be in the region of £5000, including the sale of the special T shirt.

Special thanks go to Martin and Sheena Cox and the fishing companies for their substantial donations and Dave Simon for all his promotional work.

Stanley transformed by the longest- lying snow in years

July Weather

JULY has been a cold month so far with average temperatures well below normal according to the Meteorological Office at MPA.

Average daily maximum has been +0.2C, compared with the July norm of 4.5C and minimum temperatures have been running at nearly 4 degrees below normal. The highest temperature recorded at MPA so far this month was 4.0C on the 8th and the lowest was a near-record minus 9.5C on the night of the 12th.

Lying snow has been recorded every day since June 10 (and is still lying as we go to press), though the average for June or July is only about 12 days. The biggest depth of snow was 29cms on June 18, just 1 cm less than the all time record in July last year.

The icy conditions have contributed to a number of minor traffic difficulties, particularly on the hills, but there have so far been no serious accidents.



Suddenly the town is full of trees



Over the last few years in Stanley, there have been many obvious changes; some, like the new housing, stand out, but others are not so immediately obvious.

One of the latter sort of gradual but significant changes is the steady growth of the many plantations of trees in gardens around Stanley.

These trees, mainly *cypripedium macrocarpa*, are probably unnoticed by most of us, until, as in the last few weeks, as these pictures illustrate, a dusting of snow brings them suddenly into prominence.

Top of page: View of Cathedral from Davis Street, looking down the yard at the back of 31 Fitzroy Road (Billy Poole's)

Right: Looking down from Davis Street, between Philomel and Dean Streets.

Left: View of George Butler's house from Allardice Street

Above Left: View from a little further East along Allardice Street



Above: View from Davis Street, looking North.

Below: View West along Davis Street



On the eve of his departure on leave, HE the Governor reviews the preceding twelve months in the Falklands

(What follows is a slightly condensed and adapted version of Mr Taham's replies to questions put to him by John Fowler, during an interview broadcast in full on FIBS News Magazine on Tuesday July 19.)

Highlights

IT HAS been a year of highlights rather than of low points, a good year. My happiest memories are not of high politics but of some of the occasions along the year, particularly of Stanley 150 which I thought was a very successful series of events, reminding everyone of our origins. It was blessed with tremendous weather, so we had several very pleasant events: the 'walk round', the 'ride round', the 'drive round', the 'sail round' and so on. I think everyone enjoyed them a lot and there was tremendous mixing of military and civilians. It wasn't an enormously elaborate occasion; it didn't cost Government a lot of money, but people enjoyed themselves and they made it work. So Stanley 150 is one of my great memories of the year.

Another happy memory was the drum head service for VE day. We were blessed with very good weather, and that was a very moving occasion, when all the veterans came out and the present defence and volunteer forces were there. I thought that was also a great Falkland Islands occasion.

Otherwise, we have had the CPA Seminar and that was very important for us because it was the first ever Commonwealth Parliamentary Association event to be held in the Falklands. I think that the Clerk of Councils, Claudette de Ceballos and Jenny Luxton did a tremendous job, helped by everyone else in the administration, and of course by councillors, in making that really go with a swing. It was great fun as well as being extremely valuable.

I think the spin-off from it will come from the people who came here, knowing us much better, and being committed defenders of our cause. We learnt a lot from them. We have quite a lot in common with the Channel Islands in that they, like us, are small jurisdictions with a very strong British tradition. Councillors were very interested to hear how the Channel Islands arrange their administration and their parliaments and we learnt a lot from that. The CPA has always been a very stout defender of the Falklands and our own councillors get great value from the various meetings they go to all over the Commonwealth.

Oil

IT SEEMS so long ago, but it was only last October that the oil legislation went through and we've come an awful long way since then; we know a lot more about the industry; our own plans are in much

better order, and we are going ahead with the launch conferences in October. This has been really very considerable progress and a lot of people in Government have worked extremely hard on this, particularly the Chief Executive who set up the Oil Management Team and the Attorney General, who has been drafting all the legislation and the various regulations for the oil industry. It's only in the last month or so when Emma Edwards was employed as a geologist that we actually have had anyone working full-time on oil. Everyone else is working on oil, so to speak, in the margins of their other work, and it's been quite a heavy load; but we have come a long way.

Argentina and Oil

WHAT BOTH FIG and the British Government have said, is that Argentine acquiescence, that is agreement to our going ahead, is desirable but not essential. Ministers have been very staunch in assuring us that in the last resort the round will go ahead, if necessary without an agreement with Argentina. However, I think everyone can see that it would be some reassurance to the oil companies themselves, who are after all the people who are going to put up hundreds of millions of dollars, to know there was an agreement between the British and Argentine Governments that this process should go ahead. There have been negotiations going on, which Councillor John Cheek mentioned in an interview on FIBS, (*Penguin News, July 5th*) to see if some agreement can be reached with the Argentines. What is essential in all this is that our sovereignty position is not weakened and I think there really should be an understanding between the two sides that whatever solution is found is so to speak 'sovereignty-neutral', that it is covered by the umbrella. It should be possible to reach an agreement here, but what worries me is that the Argentine Government seems to be going for some arrangement that will, in fact, allow them to assert Argentine sovereignty over our designated area, and clearly that isn't on. There has to be, as I say, a 'sovereignty neutral' agreement, not one which pushes one side or the other.

'Mega Bribe', and Mori Poll

THE MEGA BRIBE was lurking under the surface for quite a long time. We knew that Dr. Di Tella was thinking about this but he finally came out into the open with it, during the past year. Then, of course, we had the Mori Poll which was a difficult one to cope with. When we first heard about it we wondered whether we ought to try to prevent the Mori researchers landing in the Islands, because it

seemed to us that it was a very divisive tactic, which would set neighbour against neighbour, would make people suspicious and would offer people a great deal of money. When we saw the results of the poll, we were enormously reassured. People had seen through the 'Mega Bribe'. They had remained extremely calm and collected, and had realised that there was no easy money through selling out their sovereignty, that it was never likely to happen and anyway that they didn't want to lose their sovereignty. The 'Mega Bribe' and the Mori Poll have rebounded, have backfired in the face of the people who paid for them, and I am certainly very pleased with the result. I feel immeasurably stronger as a result of what we know from the Mori Poll: that we are really united on this issue, that we reject the 'Mega Bribe' totally.

Lecture Tour by Janet Robertson & Graham Bound

IT WAS a very successful operation. I read the reports that Graham and Janet wrote and it is quite clear that there is extraordinary ignorance even among the people they spoke to who were mostly students, quite educated audiences. People, who ought to know better, still seem to imagine that the Falklands is living in some sort of colonial servitude. Janet and Graham certainly were able to open a great many eyes. It will take time for this sort of information to make an impact on the Argentine Government. There are an awful lot of people in Argentina who simply don't want to know and who cling to the claim. I think we have got to reckon that over the next twenty or thirty years we must just keep chipping away, getting our point of view across, making it clear to the Argentines, that the claim is a dead duck, that the Falkland Islands is going ahead, that the future of the Islands lies in the hands of the Islanders and that it is not inevitable that they are going to slide into Argentina.

On the danger of the wrong signals being received by Dr Di Tella

THIS IS ALWAYS a danger with Dr. Di Tella, because he is the sort of person who, if you say "Good Morning" to him as you pass in the street will say "Ah they want to talk to me, they're on my side". I think you have to allow for this element of self-delusion which exists in Argentina, but one must keep chipping away at it and put our point of view firmly and reasonably, which was what Janet and Graham did. How anyone can say that that tour represented any weakening of the Falklands will, I don't know, because if you actually listen to what they said, it was

very clear.

On relations with Britain

IT HAS BEEN a vintage year for relations with Britain. We've had the first ever visit by a Foreign Secretary, and an enormously successful visit. It's quite clear that Douglas Hurd was very taken with the Islands. He knew a lot about them from his parents' visits here, but he personally was very attracted by the Islands and it wasn't simply a matter of receiving political briefings and so on. He was enormously impressed by what we had done, by the affection that people held him in and by the confidence that the people have in the British Government. As we know, Douglas Hurd has now resigned but his place has been taken by Malcolm Rifkind, who was himself in the Islands in, I think, March 1993 as Defence Secretary and he too had a very good visit and met councillors. I gave him lunch at Government House and he set up a committee after he left, which enabled us to provide goods and services to Mount Pleasant from the civil community in a much more ordered and constructive way than we had before that. I'm confident that he is a friend of ours, that he knows us, and that he will defend us.

FIG's policy paper

I SHOULD also say that one of the very important events this year has been the paper which FIG put to the Labour Party, putting our point of view and hoping to get them away from the previous attitude that what mattered was the interests of the Islanders, not their wishes. We saw the effect of this very quickly in the debate in the House of Commons in March, where there was really very little difference between the point of view of the Government and the point of view of the Opposition on the Falklands Islands. This was really very good news. It marks a very significant change and it means that we can look forward to a change of government without any of the worries which we would have had even a year ago.

The next twelve months

THE MOST IMPORTANT thing is to get the oil round launched successfully. We must get our baseline environmental surveys underway.

There's going to be a major review of the Civil Service, which could make a lot of difference to peoples' lives and working conditions.

We've got to watch fish income because *illex* has had a couple of bad years.

In general, however, I think the outlook is good and I envy anyone who is young and just starting out.

AS I SEE IT BY Gail Steen

If all things come to pass

I WOULD like to report that my phone rang constantly all week - but alas, not one call! No irate film makers demanding to know why I accused them of environmental damage. All I got was the odd puzzled inquiry as to what I had against film companies. As all switched-on folk who read this column guessed, it was one of those typographical errors and should have read as 'fishing companies', when I referred to their monetary contributions to conservation in my last column.

'Sod's Law' being what it is, just as I cast doubt on the authenticity of the concerns fishing companies may spout with regard to conservation, I find they are all at it, boosting the Shackleton Appeal's Fund nicely. This surely proves their concern. Or are they, like other companies involved in business, which could come under criticism from the public, keeping a 'fish' eye on the public relations aspect? Will donations save the albatross and other species or merely fund the studies and projects which will tell us how they were

wiped out? What is an acceptable figure on the numbers of albatross caught by long-lining? Is it the difference between wiping them out slowly rather than quickly? Would any fishing companies be concerned enough to stop or reduce their activities if research proves, what is generally surmised, that their operations are decimating them and other species? Would licences be withdrawn? How far would this concern stretch? I suspect only as far as bank balances stay healthy, and doubt the plight of the albatross or any marine/other life will deter governments or companies in the pursuit of wealth.

Anyway, enough recapping - while watching the end of some inane game show on T.V. where the contestants drove off with a car and a couple of thousand pounds, the thought occurred that money appears to be an essential ingredient for happiness, which is a rather sad observation. Conversely, parting with it seems to cause a proportionate amount of unhappiness. Not being immune from the baser

human emotions, I must admit to a similar feeling the other day, while shopping in the West Store. I'm not one to bother trotting around the shops to get the best bargain, so don't usually take too much notice of price differences, howsoever, one glaringly obvious, startlingly, mind-boggling difference, jumped out of the freezer, in the shape of a few pork chops. I'm surprised the F.I.C. had the audacity to leave them in the original wrapper. One side declares, 'Iceland Exclusive deals £1.39/lb' with a pack price of £3.79, while on the other side is marked '£9.52' in the familiar blue of an F.I.C. marker pen! This proves the sense of moving towards more home produce. Oh for the day when we have only to choose between North Arm and Goose Green for the most flavoursome home farm pork, and no longer have to try and satisfy the tastebuds, that get a fancy for a bit of crackling every now and then, with a bacon butty.

Crackling could be a good word to describe the winter so far; it snowed and thawed, cracked, iced-up, and then snowed some more. The roads have been in a terrible state, and the D.P.W. is probably skating on thin ice, with his reply, when asked for an explanation as to why something hasn't been done about them. Vehicles slither around corners knocking down fences, while pedestrians go skidding off ice-encrusted pavements in fair imitation of Torvill and Dean (NOT!). But, unlike that famous duo, I can't see anyone getting a medal, gold or otherwise, for their performance this winter. The 'missed the boat' or 'it's coming on the next boat' excuses for the lack of rock salt, went out with the M.V. AES.

In years following, in what will become known as the 'Year of Gurr' when all things come to pass and that which is now a fairy tale, becomes fact; when sceptics have died off, and a committee has actually done something, then, in that golden future, a little fall of snow will not bring our town to a slithering reduction of Public Service, nor will we have to buy over-priced imports, because local shops will have shelves groaning with home produce and locally made goods. We will be a model of self-sufficiency for the rest of the world to gasp at in wonder.

Imagination can build anything and in that new age little 'But and Bens' will spring up, Falkland style, and enterprise will prevail. Lately I find myself doodling all over my notepad, designing and plan-

ning my retirement venture. This involves a secluded valley close to a stone run, out of the hustle and bustle of cosmopolitan Stanley, where I can build, with my own two hands, a wee stone cottage. I've toyed with the idea of a thatch of tussac, but conservation-minded as I am, I've come up with the alternative of a sod roof, upon which my herd of angora goats can chomp while their luxuriant cash crop grows. I'll milk the cow, turn my cheeses and relieve my self-imposed isolation with a good old sing-song accompanied by the contented clucking of the fowl in the hen run. On the distant plains, I'll see the great herds of cattle feeding on the lush grass, the culmination of years of research by A.R.C. and F.I.D.C. The ostrich will sashay majestically by, looking for a sand dune in the time-honoured fashion of its lesser relative - the expatriate.

At times I'll probably sit and bemoan the fact that I can't afford F.I.G.A.S. fares on my pension, despite changes to the latter made in the 1990's (or perhaps they never really happened), and can't avail myself of all the luxuries accessible to the town folk and mutter away to the cosmic rays in the hope that someone will hear my whinge. Morosely I'll consult my latest copy of wool prices from DS & Co., (a company which despite initial concerns kept pace with diversification in the islands) to assess my expected income from the angora clip, which will cheer me up immensely. Maybe I'll even speculate on increasing my herd. Realising I really am better off than in the old days, I'll shrug off my gloom, switch on the generator (fuelled by free fuel - a spin off from the Lafonia Oilfield) and watch F.I.B.S. live on my state of the art wall to wall T.V., standing somewhat incongruously, in the 'Ben' bit of my 'But and Ben'!

Well, I suppose I'd better leave the wool gathering to the experts, the farmers who are scheduled to hit the high spots of Stanley in Farmers' Week. I know they have the imagination to take any plans presented to them on board, thrash them around, sort out what is possible, and come up with something attainable. Make your voice bigger than your number and while you are at it, perhaps it is time to shake the dust off F.I.D.C.'s Rural Development paper and give the whole idea of development/diversification more consideration. Cut through the hogwash and frivolous notions, that's just a bit of fun. Self-sufficiency is a serious option... ..make it a reality.



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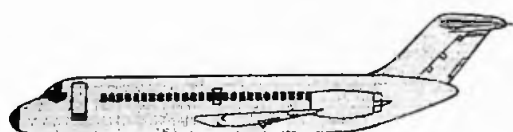
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Health Matters: Nurse Counsellor Mr David Harding-Price

Stress: the cause, and the way forward

What causes stress?

WHICH of the situations below
would cause you to worry and so
raise your anxiety level?

- 1) You have to change the oil on your Land Rover.
- 2) You have to cook a meal for six people.
- 3) You have to record a one hour radio programme for FIBS.
- 4) The bank has just closed your overdraft facility.
- 5) Your child is leaving for Peter Symonds College for the first time.
- 6) You are alone in camp with just your partner, the children have gone (or you never had any) and getting to see your nearest neighbour is a three hour drive, if you do not get bogged.
- 7) Your partner dies suddenly.
- 8) You witness a fatal road accident.

For many of us numbers one, two or three might cause some worry but we could cope with them reasonably well. Numbers four and five would cause most of us to have raised stress levels but we would eventually deal with it.

However, the last two would almost certainly cause all of us to suffer a large amount of anxiety. Even people who see death every day find death a traumatic experience at times or when it happens close to their personal life.

But what of number six? The pressures of day after day in isolation; cut off by impassable camp tracks or snow drifts; can be an intolerable burden which some people do not cope with at all well.

Some stress is necessary

Stress; anxiety, pressure, strain, tension, worry call it what you like; affects all of us every day. However, without stress we would not be able to function. Stress prepares us to face dangers, it is part of the fight or flight mechanism we all possess.

A small amount of stress can be useful for us in our daily lives, whether that be in our job, such as meeting deadlines or completing a number of tasks, or in our home life e.g. getting the children to school, helping with their homework or doing the shopping.

However, when the amount of stress rises to a higher level then it is disabling and affects the way we live our lives including how we

function.

Excess stress can be disabling

Stress is our response to the environment we live in. As shown above there can be a number of circumstances which lead to an anxiety state where our stress level can become debilitating.

There are two influential aspects which lead to some-one suffering from stress. They are life events and life changes. These two can be broken down into five main sub-groups, family, employment, financial, change and other trauma.

The list below gives some of the possible situations (stressors) in each of the above groups. It has to be remembered each one of us is unique and consequently the lists below are only a generalization.

Family:-

death, divorce, adult children leaving home, educational separation, remarriage, new baby and puberty/adolescence.

Employment:-

unemployment, changing jobs, lack of support from one's superiors, poor working conditions, professional isolation, lack of job satisfaction.

Financial:-

failed wool prices, employer goes under, major bills, inability to get funding from the banking system and unexpected calls on your financial position e.g. pipes freeze and burst.

Change:-

moving house, changing job, getting married or divorced, anatomy loss and friends move away.

Other trauma:-

seeing horrific events first hand, war, being attacked, loneliness and isolation. Isolation can be on your own or with only your immediate family or even within your family.

So how do you deal with the stress in your life?

Firstly it is necessary for you to recognise you are suffering from stress. It can manifest itself in a number of ways. These include not being able to sleep; loss of appetite; anger; despair; disorientation; panic attacks; dry

mouth; sweaty hands; headache; nausea; fear of events, places, people, things; palpitations; butterflies in your stomach; goose pimples; feeling of not being able to cope; not being able to plan; wanting to go to the toilet more than usual.

These sensations most of us feel at sometime during our lives in a mild form. However, when these sensations become so strong they take over our lives, this may be in certain situations or all the time, then stress becomes a debilitating factor and we do not function as we would under usual circumstances.

What is the way forward if you feel you are under stress? There are two ways of dealing with increased stress levels i) release the tension stress causes by turning off the fight/flight trigger and ii) avoiding setting off the fight/flight trigger.

There are a number of approaches which you can take to reduce your stress levels. I have tried to sum these up in the acronym CAMPER.

- C - communication
- A - avoidance
- M - life Modification
- P - personal activity
- E - exercise
- R - relaxation

Communication.

Through talking to some-one who is independent, able to remain calm and is emotionally unaffected by the stressor you may be able to see the problem in a better perspective. Verbalizing fears and anxieties reduces the stress they can cause.

Avoidance.

If you do not put yourself in a position where your anxiety level rises you can escape stress. However, often this may not be possible and as a result you may need adjust the way you live your life so you are able to deal with the stress causing factor.

Life Modification.

This allows you to face whatever is causing you stress. It may be by working through the situation, for example fear of wasps, with a counsellor you become able to cope with the stressor.

Personal activity -

Recreation time. Personal space is important, we all need time away from it all. Time when we are able

to turn off the mental triggers which cause stress. However, if amateur football is your chosen relaxation and the team captain causes you to feel stressed then look for an alternative pastime.

Exercise.

The fight/flight mechanism prepares all of us for physical activity. If this has been activated by something related to our family, finances or work rather than as a physical means of escape then there is a build up of stress. By taking part in physical activity you restore the natural homeostatic balance.

Relaxation.

A stressor only becomes such if you perceive it as such. Therefore, by changing your attitudes and beliefs and the use of relaxation you can become able to maintain a state of inner peace and emotional calmness. Learning relaxation techniques allows you to lower heart rate, reduce blood pressure and rest your body and mind.

Small amounts of stress are necessary for all of us to function daily. For example by having John Fowler set a deadline of last Friday for this article meant that my stress level rose. By Friday morning it was fairly high. As I type these last few sentences it will start to lower because I know I am coming to the end of the article. Once I have given it to John my stress level will return to its usual level.

A professional can help you

If you feel you are finding yourself in stressful situations or finding you are stressed but cannot see why then turn to a professional who can help. A independent confidential service is now available to all people in the Falkland Islands through the Mental Health Team. You can contact the nurse counsellor directly. My telephone number is 27420.

Stress can not be avoided but you can become disciplined about it, learn to cope with it, avoid the triggers and make a conscious effort to worry less, to relax and exercise more.

Remember what is stressful to you may be exciting to some-one else. Going back to the beginning of this article I would dread having to change the oil on my Land Rover but lay down a radio programme - no bother.

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NOTICES

Stanley Netball Club Dance will be held at *The Trough* on Saturday July 29 starting 9pm

Tickets are £5 and can be purchased from Netball Club members and the Victory Bar. There will be hot food and a fully licensed bar. 18's and over. No admittance after 11pm.

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To all St. Helenians, relatives and friends

I have discovered that, not only is there no shuttle to Ascension before Christmas, but also a cruise has been advertised for the December sailing of the RMS from UK, preventing many St Helenians from coming home for Christmas.

I need NUMBERS of St Helenians in UK, Falklands or Ascension, who planned to come home for Xmas, but have been told the ship is fully booked. This is very important, so please write, phone or fax me on 4525.

Barbara B George
Willowbough, St Helena

PERSONAL

Andrew & Sandra

wish to thank everyone for making our engagement party so special and for all the lovely cards and presents. A special thank you to our Mums and Dads and Nunka for all your help. Ray, Lisa & Ged's for running the bar, Dave & Pauline who supplied the food & The Fighting Pigs for the music. Also Hamish Jennings, Willie & Norma Bowles, Dave Allen, Dave Hall, Serena & Derek for ensuring that our ring arrived before the party.

Happy 2nd Birthday to Bromwin Jones

in Balintore, Scotland
Love and kisses and cuddles from Grandma & Grandad Decroliere in the Falklands
Am-beth

Falklander Update

A workshop is being set up in St Mary's Parish Hall where 'Falklander' sweaters will be assembled and there will also be several knitting machines available for people to come in and knit their squares in the workshop. We are still looking for more people to come and work on assembling the sweaters in the workshop, part-time or full-time, we would be pleased to hear from you, so if you feel that you have sewing or linking skills or would like to learn, then please ring Margaret Humphreys on telephone 22028.

HAVE YOU SPOTTED A FALKLANDER YET!

There are several garments being worn around Stanley for wearer trials. The wearers would appreciate your comments which will be passed onto the design team.

Postscript From the Tabernacle

What Price Friendship?

In our world with so much hurt, loneliness, divorce and separation, true friendship is a valuable but rare experience for many. The old adage "if you want a friend, be a friend," is a guide that often works.

When God wanted us to become his friends, he reached out to us in love. He sent Jesus, his son, to die for us on the cross. He made the first move. The bible says, "This is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his son..."

The way is now open for us to be friends with God. To know him deeply and personally. Here is the real answer to loneliness and hurts of the past. Without his loving presence deep within us we can be empty and lonely even amongst friends.

Remember, God made the first move. He dealt with the barrier of sin and opened the way for us. Walk into peace, joy and wholeness; receive God's love, receive God's life, receive Jesus!

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Chief Executive repeats 'no redundancy' assurances to FLH employees

FLH Board pay tribute to Robin Lee

IN a press release this week the Board of Falklands Land Holdings Ltd. expressed their thanks and appreciation to retiring General Manager, Robin Lee, who was said to be leaving the company at the end of July to pursue private business interests, in which the Directors wished him well.

With brother Rodney, Robin Lee was a co-founder of White Rock Ltd, which has been successfully building roads on the West Falklands for two years. He is the owner of the Port Howard Lodge, as well as being since 1987 a director and major shareholder in Port Howard farm, where he was brought up and started work as a young man.

Mr Lee is one of the most experienced managers of large sheep farming operations in the Falklands today. He began his managerial career at Goose Green in the mid 'seventies before spending two years in New Zealand where he took a Diploma in Agriculture at Lincoln College.

On the death of his father, Sid Lee, Robin took over the running of Port Howard farm, until ill-health caused him to relinquish the position to his brother. He was appointed as the first General Manager of Falklands Land Holdings in May 1991 following acquisition of Goose Green, Walker Creek, North Ann and Fitzroy by FIG.

IN his first public statement since returning to the Falklands from holiday, Chief Executive, Andrew Gurr was at pains to reassure the employees of Falklands Land Holdings that previous assurances given by Council still held.

The assurances in question were, that no worker who had come over to FLH from FIC, when the farms were sold in 1991, would ever be made redundant, that in the case of any sale, share-farming agreement or lease of any of the farms, the employees would have the first option and, as stated by ExCo on June 23 last year, that all FLH farms would remain in their original form, in terms of size, for a period between 5 and 10 years. Mr Gurr said that he was certain that the present council would stand by these assurances and that employees had no cause for alarm.

With regard to the recruitment of a General Manager for FLH to replace Robin Lee, Mr Gurr said

that the board of directors has already initiated a recruitment process for a general manager to replace Mr Lee but would not be making any appointment until after the future of the company has been determined by Councillors later this year.

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Sounds familiar

SPORTS fan, Neil Watson, of Long Island thought there was something familiar about the commentator on "Sports America", on the BBC World Service, last Thursday evening, but at first he was fooled by a slight American accent. In fact, it was FIBS Director, Patrick Watts, obviously enjoying a busman's holiday, describing the US soccer team's progress in the Copa America in Montevideo.

Stanley Services team say farewell to Bob

Pioneer of family life by Fax goes home



Back row: Stevie Jaffray, Gary Hewitt, Jack Rendall, Colin Teale, William Goss
Front row: Karen Drysdale, Denise McPhee, Bob Abernathy, Jackie Draycott, Lisa Jaffray.

BOB ABERNATHY, manager of Stanley Services in the Falklands for the last 3½ years, returns home to Orkney this Wednesday, with no regrets and a lot of happy memories.

Asked what his first priority would be on his return, Bob had no hesitation in saying, "becoming a member of a family again." With the education of two boys, now both at Edinburgh University studying chemical engineering, to consider, when Bob first came down here to stay, his family life, apart from holiday visits, was reduced to the weekly phone call and the daily Fax.

Bob was born and brought up in Edinburgh, but his father was from Shetland and he spent his summer holidays there as a boy - an apprenticeship for life in the Falklands which continued when he moved to Kirkwall in 1977 to work for Robertsons, a company which distributed oil and oil-related products throughout northern Scotland. (Contd page 9)



Let's keep the Mori moral high-ground

SPEAKING to the Governor last week for *Penguin News*, (Vol 7, No 22, page 8), I was somewhat perturbed to discover that preventing the Mori poll in the Falklands from taking place had actually been considered as an option. In my view this would have been a public relations disaster of such huge proportions that it might even have been what the Argentines were hoping for in the first place. Certainly they would have been able to use it as evidence that the right of Islanders to free expression was being suppressed by a colonial regime for years to come.

As it turned out the Mori poll "rebounded" and "backfired" in the faces of those who paid for it, to borrow Mr Tatham's own metaphors. Despite Dr Alan Walters' pathetic attempts to suggest otherwise, the feelings of an overwhelming majority of islanders were made clear in a unequivocal way, to which no accusation of "rigging" by either the Falklands or British governments could be attached. So damaging to the Argentine cause were the answers to some questions that they were withheld from public release by Mori, at the request of the survey's sponsors, until they finally caved in under the weight of a considerable critical outcry from all quarters.

No doubt the sight of the Argentine discomfort over the Mori poll gave HMG and FIG considerable satisfaction at the time, but now it seems they could be about to fall into the same trap. As part of the process by which the performance of our new Public Relations consultants, Shandwick, will be measured, a further Mori Poll has just been carried out, this time in Britain, with a view to discovering how the Falkland Islands is regarded by the British population. Despite his customary openness, all that the bearer of this news, Chief Executive Andrew Gurr, will say - apart from allowing that a report has been prepared for councillors' scrutiny - is that the results were "somewhat unexpected, but consistent across the income and political spectrum of those questioned".

"Unexpectedly bad" or "unexpectedly good"? No one, it seems, is willing to give an answer to this question, but they must, whatever it is, and they must do it quickly, if we are not to lose with this second poll, the moral high ground we won with the first.

A question of justice

WE apologise for having inadvertently omitted to append Mrs Sheila Stewart's name to her letter last week about the ordeal she and her family went through in the small hours of the morning of June 20, which led to the arrest of Sapper Penny for attempting to throw a concrete block through her door.

In respect of this case and the indignation that many people have expressed at the apparent lightness of the sentence, it is alleged that at some point during his misadventures of that night, Sapper Penny, who, it seems fairly evident, was drunk, besides unlawfully breaking into a number of vehicles "to get warm," actually succeeded in driving away in one, for which he presumably had no insurance. The lightness of his sentence of a £100 fine and costs is contrasted with that meted out to Keith Whitney, who, as was reported on FIBS, was recently banned from driving for 2½ years, had his licence endorsed and was fined nearly £1000 for driving his own uninsured and unlicensed vehicle, while very much over the limit.

We are told that Sapper Penny was not charged with a driving offence, because the owner of the vehicle in which he drove away did not press charges, but the same informant claims that there has been at least one other case involving a local man, where the reluctance of a vehicle owner to press charges, when her vehicle was driven away without her permission, did not prevent the police from prosecuting. On that occasion, we are told, it was claimed that the wishes of the vehicle's owner were immaterial, because the police knew that such an offence had been committed. If all this is true - and it might serve the purposes of good relations between the police and the public if they were to offer to clarify the position publicly - then we must charitably assume that the police had no knowledge that such an offence had been committed. The two other alternatives: that there is a policy of offering preferential treatment for military personnel or that some form of 'plea-bargaining' is on offer to miscreants who plead guilty to minor charges, are surely too disturbing to be contemplated.

YOUR LETTERS

Getting in touch after 45 years through Penguin News

HAVING not spoken to a Falkland Islander since 1950, I met a lady in a friend's home in this Melbourne suburb of Research. She was Sylva Jones nee Blyth of Stanley, whose father was lightkeeper at Cape Pembroke. She herself was delivered at KEMH by my late husband, Dr Jackie Stafford. At one time Sylva and her son Ben lived in Sydney with her parents. She has lent me seven books and many copies of the *Penguin News* to read. It is a great improvement on the flimsy "Squeaker", especially the lady who writes "Diary of a Farmer's Wife".

Jackie, myself and baby Maureen were posted to Darwin from London in 1947 to 1950. My son Michael was born in the doctor's house and is now head master of a Secondary School. Later (After a course in tropical medicine) we resided in Uganda for fifteen years with two more children, before the Colonial Medical Service ceased to function in 1962. Jackie died at Hastings in 1966. After my first book "A Leprechaun Abroad" was published, I re-mar-

ried and left Leicester to emigrate to Baimsdale in Victoria during 1969. I acquired a step-son who emigrated before we did.

After twenty-three years of married life, working as a district nurse in East Gippsland, I was again widowed with adult children and many grand-children. My second book "She'll Be Right Mate" by Helen Knights was published in 1993 and launched at my wedding reception to an Australian watercolour artist. We live in Research and I have asked Sylva to write to you at the *Penguin News*, as she has been invited to do - I can send a photo later.

I would like to send two copies of the book to the Stanley public library. After the end of 1982, I encouraged the Countrywoman's Association members to provide rugs and caps for the elderly patients at the hospital. Can you please give me the Library's address.

I shall await your answer; very best wishes to you all

Helen Harbeck
Research, Victoria
Australia

FLH should stick to what it does best

WE FURTHER contribute the following for discussion about the future of Falklands landholdings Ltd:

The primary objective must be generating increasing profits from sustainable agriculture, to benefit the Falklands.

Intensification (Wool Sheep)

The agricultural skills and resources within FLH concentrate upon sheep ranching for wool production. The maxim "doing what you do best, better" is appropriate.

Wool production results achieved elsewhere in the Falklands, support the lowest risk strategy of improving the current wool production enterprise.

Improving wool production to increase FLH to increase FLH profits, could be achieved by adopting the proposals made in our letter sent to FLH in July 1994, or by emulating the best privately owned farms' policies. The target; to more than double income per acre, at current values (Ref.: FIG Cap Ord 40 & Falklands Farming in 1994).

Lafonia is in need of capital investment, but that expenditure needs to be targeted on successful projects. If FLH management were given the opportunity of capital expenditure on fencing and livestock improvements, then they

could achieve "the target", equalising the best Falklands farms' current production.

The costs of such investments would be rapidly recouped by improved income per acre, as a result of higher stocking rates, compounded by improved income per sheep. No other development proposal for Lafonia demonstrates such favourable Cost: Benefit Analyses nor such high internal rates of return.

Diversification (Beef Cattle)

Given major capital expenditure on an EU standard abattoir and on intensifying sheep production, the obvious course for diversification is into beef cattle.

Beef cattle should succeed in Lafonia and complement sheep. EU-funded research projects with participants in a number of countries have demonstrated "that mixes of cattle and sheep result in more even utilisation of vegetation and enhanced output" compared with single species grazing (ref.: MLURI Annual Report 1994).

The decision to build the abattoir has been taken and it is now urgent and necessary to plan quality supplies. The world demand for beef greatly exceeds that for sheep meat; local military and fishing fleet demand for beef will be

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

widespread. Sheep will be primarily required for intensification and to replace seasonal losses. Above all else for the abattoir to function, it requires a good product in high demand. Capital investment in beef production might just achieve that aim. If adequate beef supplies are to be produced; immediate investment in beef cattle and production is required.

Intensifying wool sheep production and diversifying into beef production will achieve the primary objective: increasing profits from sustainable agriculture, to benefit the Falklands.

C.M.L. Smith & R.H.B. Hall
DS & Co (Falkland Farming) Ltd
Knaresborough

Calling all Falkland Islands World War II veterans in UK

THROUGH the pages of Penguin News, I would like to extend an invitation to all Falkland Islands veterans of World War II living in the United Kingdom to join with other Falkland Islands veterans in the VJ Commemorative March Past in London on Saturday August 19. All interested should assemble at Falkland House, 14

Broadway, London (St James' Park underground) no later than 12.30am. Activities will end at 5pm. Dress for gentlemen will be jacket/blazer and tie, plus medals. Please advise FIGO on telephone 0171 222 2542 if you plan to attend.

Brian Summers
Co-ordinator

Left off the list:

With reference to the letter by Frank Mitchell in last week's issue, Mary Hirtle has called us to

confirm that Mr Mitchell was correct and Jim Clement should have been on the list of Volunteers from the Falklands, in the 1939-45 War.

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Public Notice

The Planning Ordinance 1991 Notice of Planning Applications Received

Notice is hereby given that the following applications for planning permission have been received:

| Reference No | Applicant | Development |
|--------------|-----------------------|--|
| 43/95/P | Goodwin Offshore Ltd | Erection of two 10 metre high aerial masts 30 metres apart to support HF antennae at the Chandlery Building, Airport Road, Stanley. |
| 44/95/BP | Mr I Bury | Siting of Portakabin for storage purposes at Plot 44 Look out Industrial Estate, Stanley |
| 45/95/BP | Mr Mrs R G Stedman | Erection of dwelling and garage with vehicular access at 3 (Plot 2) Jersey Rd, Stanley (detailed plans following grant of outline permission) |
| 71/94/R95 | F.I.C. Ltd | Renewal of temporary planning permission for change of use from engineer's shop and store to retail outlet with storage at the FIC Ltd garage, Crozier Place, Stanley |
| 70/94/R95 | Mrs G Anderson | Renewal of temporary planning permission for siting of C & R accommodation unit at Eliza Cove Road, Stanley |
| 54/93/R95 | FI YMCA | Renewal of temporary planning permission for siting of 2 rollalong units for use as hobby rooms at the FI YMCA, 12 Shackleton Drive, Stanley |
| 54/93/R95 | FI YMCA | Renewal of temporary planning permission for alterations to design of approved roofing over Rollalong units used as hobby rooms at the FI YMCA, 12 Shackleton Drive, Stanley |
| 46/95/P | Iberia Fishing Co.Ltd | Change of use from private garage to offices at Lafone House, Ross Road East, Stanley. |
| 47/95/P | F.I.G. | Reclamation of further 10 metres of land east of the Public jetty, Ross Road, Stanley. |
| 48/95/BP | Mr Mrs L Ford | Erection of dwelling with vehicular access at 9 (Plot 5) Jersey Road, Stanley |
| 49/95/BP | Mr M McLeod | Construction of domestic garage on site of existing with enlargement at 15a James Street, Stanley. |
| 50/95/P | Mr M Rendell | Outline application for five-phased extension to hotel accommodation at Malvina House Hotel, 3 Ross Road, Stanley. |
| 51/95/P | F.I.G. | Construction of link road between Bypass and Callaghan Road (south of Philomel Street), Stanley |

These applications may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of Secretary to the Planning and Building Committee, Secretariat, Stanley. Comments on the applications should be made in writing and should be sent to the Building Adviser-Planning Officer, Building Control Office, Ross Road, Stanley, within 10 days of the date of this notice.

The next meeting of the Planning and Building Committee is due to be held on 3 August 1995 in the Liberation Room of the Secretariat, commencing at 1.30pm. Members of the Public may attend to observe the workings of the Committee.

UK NEWSLETTER by Sir Rex Hunt

Hot pigs, shepherds, bombs, Bosnia "bafflement and unshedable tears"

IT HAS been so hot in England and Wales these last few days that farmers have been carting water into their pig wallows to save the pigs from dying from sunstroke. I had not realised that pigs cannot sweat and need to coat their tender skins with mud to keep cool.

Caught in a three-mile tailback on the M25 with the temperature over 90°F, I could have done with a wallow myself. The motorway was being widened, from three to four lanes each way. In America, they would have constructed twelve lanes from the start. As with the MPA road, however, short-term attitudes prevail over here and a higher price has to be paid in the long run.

I was delighted to read that a decision has now been taken to seal the MPA road, but it is to my lasting regret that I failed to persuade the ODA to chip into the MOD budget to do this when the airport was being built. All the equipment and materials were then to hand and the job could have been done at a fraction of what it will now cost PWD. And it is not only the financial cost: there has also been a grievous cost in lives.

BBC's 'Farming Today' declared that shepherds in Scotland

and northern England are an endangered species. 300 shepherds have departed over the last five years and the total remaining is now under a thousand. Not long ago, 400 sheep were enough to pay the wages of one shepherd. Today 1500 sheep are needed.

One wit expressed the hope that, with a Shepherd and a Hogg now in the Cabinet, the lot of the farmer might improve, to which came the retort 'Hogg (ex-Foreign Office minister) doesn't know a cowslip from a cow-pat'.

I cannot let July pass without reminding readers of yet another anniversary. Fifty years ago, the world's first atomic bomb was detonated in the New Mexico desert. The few survivors who made it gathered together in Los Alamos. Their only regret was that they had not assembled the bomb in time to use it on Hitler. The rest of us, of course, knew nothing about this until the second bomb was dropped on Hiroshima three weeks later; but then, as now, I believed that the Allies were right to use it. Churchill called the bomb a 'miracle of deliverance' and it has been an effective deterrent ever since.

Now, however, there is a serious risk of nuclear proliferation.

Falklands Landholdings:

(Continued from front page)

REPLYING to criticism that the terms of the advertisement for the new General Manager indicated that his "discussion paper" had achieved the status of a policy document, Mr Gurr said that the purpose of the advertisement, was to cover all the options. Whether or not a 'change manager' would be required would depend on decisions yet to be made about the future of FLH. The need to wait for such decisions to be made in November, rather than in September, as originally planned would delay the selection of a candidate, but not the selection process which was already in train. If candidates selected as being likely in September had slipped away by November, it would be a shame, but the process would have to begin again.

Mr Gurr emphasised that it was the job of the Chief Executive to carry out the policy decisions of councillors, not to make them. He could only act on their advice.

In the meantime, interim arrangements for managing the company would involve the appointment of a small managing committee of directors (initially comprising Ian Dempster, Richard

Wagner and Owen Summers). The committee will be meeting once a week with office staff and will liaise with individual farm managers.

Commenting on the public debate over the future of Landholdings, Mr Gurr said that it had been "terrific", though he was less enthusiastic about some of the contributions of Mr Colin Smith of DS & Co. (Falkland Farming) Ltd, the Yorkshire wool broker, whom he accused of conducting an "orchestrated campaign of unease".

Mr Gurr was particularly amazed to be accused of 'Orwellian communism' by Mr Smith. His position was simply that he did not wish to see what belongs to the people of the Falklands sold off to individuals to enable them to make a profit. If this was communism, said Mr Gurr, then he was a communist.

The guiding principle for government had to be whether they could manage the business efficiently. If they couldn't then it should be sold, but Mr Gurr said he did not believe that Government had yet given it a proper go.

According to the Israeli Government, the latest prospective member of the nuclear club is Syria, and guess who is said to be selling the necessary expertise and equipment - Argentina.

I have left the most depressing news of the month to the end. No, not the rail strike, or the West Indies annihilation of England, but the mess that we have got ourselves into in Bosnia. Some have compared the UN's position there with the League of Nations' failure to prevent Mussolini's conquest of Abyssinia. As older readers will recall, that was the end of the League of Nations. The UN is not yet on its death-bed, but its credibility as the world's peace keeper has taken a heavy knock.

As usual, Margaret Thatcher is right in saying that we should have taken firmer action to stop the aggressor - Serbia - from the beginning. But what to do now? While our politicians and military advisors wrangle, we can only watch the refugees fleeing from the so-called 'safe havens' and feel as Alistair Cooke so aptly put it, 'bafflement and unshedable tears'.

British Mori Poll Finished

PUBLIC relations consultants, Shandwick, were working to contract, and doing the things they were employed to do said Chief Executive Andrew Gurr at a Press Conference in the Secretariat on Friday.

He reported that had been very pleased with the level of exposure that they had been able to arrange for him during his visit to Britain, which had included a number of successful radio interviews and contacts with some senior journalists, even if David Brown of the Daily Telegraph had become "incensed" by the village concept in the FLH report to such a degree that the Secretariat had received many approaches from Cotswold builders wishing to sell us stone cottages.

The Mori poll on the standing of the Falkland Islands with the British public, which was designed to be the sort of 'baseline survey' by which Shandwick's performance would ultimately be measured, had been carried out, he said and shown some surprising results. He was not prepared to comment further as report on the survey was still being prepared for Council

Ukraine takes over Faraday Station from BAS

UKRAINE signed an agreement last week to take over the British Antarctic Survey's Faraday Station, one of the oldest research stations in Antarctica, according to a report by Nigel Sitwell in the New Scientist of July 15. No money has changed hands, but the transfer relieves Britain of its obligation to clean up and remove the redundant station.

BAS decided that it would be too expensive to upgrade the base in line with British health and safety rules, so in 1993 Foreign Office ministers began to look for a suitable country to take it over. If Britain had failed to find a taker, BAS would have had to close the base in 1996.

Under the terms of the Antarctic Treaty's Environmental Protocol, the entire station would have had to be physically removed and disposed of outside Antarctica. This would have increased the cost of shutting down the station to at least £1 million. BAS would also have had to set up an automated system to collect data on the oceans and atmosphere for worldwide monitoring programmes.

After initial interest from South Korea fizzled out, Ukraine came into the picture.

The deal with Britain will have advantages for both countries. Britain will avoid the logistical problems and cost of closing the station, while Ukraine will acquire an established station in good working order, complete with fixtures and fittings, some scientific instruments, electricity generator and waste processing equipment.

Britain is also scaling down its operation at Signy in the South Orkneys. Like Faraday, Signy is more than 40 years old and would have been expensive to modernise.

Signy's research programme in terrestrial biology will continue, but the marine work is being moved to Rothera Station, on Adelaide Island, where a £4.5 million building programme is under way, including accommodation for 40 people and a rock airstrip.

Despite the transfer of Faraday to Ukraine and the scaling down of Signy, Britain is not cutting its research in Antarctica, says BAS Director Barry Heywood. More scientists, both from the BAS and universities, will be able to work at Rothera, and thanks to the runway they will have access to more of the continent.

"Moving the marine programme to Rothera will provide the opportunity to test theories developed at Signy in another area of Antarctica," he says and it will also free the BAS supply ships to spend more time on research work.

FITB release plans for 1995/1996 season

FITB sponsors tourism visitors for 95/96 Season

THE FALKLAND Island Tourist Board are sponsoring a number of visitors to the Islands during the 95/96 season, writes Wendy Teggart of FIDC in the FITB Newsletter for 11th July:

American Tour Operators
Nadir Le Bon will be leading a group of four American tour operators on a visit between November 24 and December 1. Nadia is the wife of FITB's USA representative Leo who will be undertaking a private visit with his son Alex at the same time as the group is here.

A representative of Victor Emmanuel Tours will be making the trip as will Margaret Cartwright of the National Audubon Society and Dave Parker, the Vice President of the Operations for Mountain Travel/Sobek. The final place has still to be confirmed.

The group will visit Volunteer Point, Pebble Island, Saunders Island and Sea Lion Island.

The Le Bon family will be staying on in the Falklands for a further week following the group's departure and are hoping to visit West Point Island and New Island before they leave on December 8.

British Journalist
Michael Edwards, a freelance photographer/journalist, arrives from the United Kingdom on November 28. He is scheduled to visit Darwin, Sea Lion Island, Fox Bay, Port Howard, Pebble Island, Saunders and Volunteer Point.

He has a commission for a three page colour feature in Country-side magazine with an emphasis on the ornithology and botany of the Falklands. He will also produce a feature on wool and the woollen industry for Farmers Weekly. Mr Edwards is interested in game fishing and would like to write a speculative article on the subject should the opportunity arise. He departs the Falklands on December 9.

Belgian Interest
Anthony Dalton from Discovery Expeditions of Belgium will arrive in the Falklands for an 11 night visit on November 30. He is booked to visit Sea Lion Island, Pebble Island, Saunders Island, Port Howard and Volunteer Point.

Discovery Expeditions specialise in wildlife and cultural tours to less well known areas. They plan to bring three groups on 18 day tours during 1996/97, probably in the months of November December and February.

Mr Dalton will be taking photographs for their promotional brochure during his visit to the Islands. FITB are funding his ground costs.

Sea Frontiers Magazine
Rosemary Sullivan is a Science writer for the Sea Frontiers magazine based in Miami, Florida. She will be accompanied by her husband, David Plane, who is a filmmaker and photographer. Ms Sullivan's main interests are in seabirds, ocean currents, the fishing industry and environmental surveys.

Sea Frontiers has a press run of 30,000 copies and also sponsors natural history trips.

Details of Ms. Sullivan's intended visit are still being finalised.

French Journalist
Paul Siffert is a French journalist and teacher who writes articles for La Montagne (circulation 100,000 copies) and L'Oiseau (The Bird) (15,000 copies). He has worked with the RSPB in England and Scotland and gives wildlife lectures and slide shows to pupils and members of the general public. He is particularly interested in wildlife and is currently writing a book of 80-100 pages on the osprey.

Mr Siffert is paying for most of his own visit, but we are making a contribution to his local flight costs.

New excursions to give added value to Falklands tourism

THERE ARE several additional attractions for visitors to the Falklands this year:

Port Howard Lodge are offering boat trips to Narrows Island. As the name suggests, the island is situated at the entrance to Port Howard harbour and is about a mile long. It has not been grazed by sheep for about a 100 years, making the plant life very interesting. There are a wide variety of nesting birds and the tussac fringes and rocky shores provide shelter for a large number of sea lions and their pups.

Tony Smith offers tours to Cape Dolphin this year. Also fringed with dense tussac, the shore provides an excellent breeding ground for seals and birds. The excursion is made by four-wheel-drive landrover, over road and countryside from Stanley and the opportunity to visit a sheep farm and sample 'smoko' and local hospitality should not be missed.

Blue Beach Lodge also offer boat trips this season which take in

a number of interesting destinations on the San Carlos river. The rigid inflatable boat will idle offshore whilst visitors enjoy photographing seals and penguins in their natural habitat. A picnic lunch can be enjoyed at Fanning Island, where a variety of birds including Crested Caracara, Black Crowned Night Herons, Oystercatchers and Terns and a host of

smaller birds can be seen.

The final stop on the journey is at Ajax Bay, the site of the old Refrigeration Plant that was used during the 1982 conflict as a military field hospital. Throughout the excursion, schools of Peale's dolphins take a lively interest in the boat's activities giving wonderful opportunities for photographs.

Public Jetty tourist cabin location ideal

PLANNING PERMISSION for the portakabin on the public jetty which serves as the tourism office and public toilets has been extended until the end of march 1996.

The cabin has proved to be in an ideal location for the many cruise vessel passengers and other visitors to Stanley including those from MPA and the BAS ships. Visitors to the office can obtain information and directions on

where to go and what to see whilst in Stanley and shelter from inclement weather whilst waiting for their return to ship. It is hoped that a more permanent structure in this area can be achieved in the not too distant future. The office will re-open for business at the beginning of October. Office hours are 10-12 in the morning and 1.15-4.30 in the afternoon, remaining open throughout the day and at weekends, when there is a cruise ship in port.

A good selection of souvenirs is available. These include Falkland Island Books, Postcards, Maps, Videos, T Shirts, Rugby Shirts, Keyrings, Watches and Diddle Dee jam. Cable and Wireless Phonecards are also stocked, and a variety of leaflets on different aspects of Falkland life are available.

The above material comes from the FITB tourism newsletter produced by Wendy Teggart, which she hopes to bring out every two months, news permitting. Material for the next issue should reach Wendy by the end of August.

COMPARATIVE TOURISM STATISTICS

| | 88/9 | 89/0 | 90/1 | 91/2 | 92/3 | 93/4 | 94/5 |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Overseas: | | | | | | | |
| Group Clients | 121 | 141 | 106 | 132 | 121 | 89 | 115 |
| Individuals | 54 | 102 | 48 | 46 | 32 | 42 | 80 |
| Total O/seas: | 175 | 243 | 154 | 178 | 153 | 131 | 195 |
| Local: | | | | | | | |
| Civilian | 264 | 330 | 402 | 490 | 359 | 258 | 136 |
| Military | 149 | 361 | 489 | 617 | 720 | 734 | 1070 |
| Total Local | 413 | 691 | 891 | 1107 | 1079 | 992 | 1206 |
| Cruise Vessels: | | | | | | | |
| Visits | 8 | 10 | 11 | 26 | 26 | 29 | 35* |
| Passengers | 880 | 1673 | 1587 | 4151 | 6005 | 5563 | 5650 |

*including 10 passenger exchanges

Time is nearly up for Caroline and children



Michael Collins

PAINTING, SINGING, drawing and playing with toys are just a few of the activities for children at Mrs Caroline Aldridge's popular pre-school group. Caroline has been running the nursery for around 12 children per morning aged 3-5 for five and a half years, a task she says she has enjoyed immensely. She took over the task from Mrs Sue Martin and only intended to fill in as teacher until another was found, however she decided to continue indefinitely.

Regrettably for Caroline (and despite some support from the Government) due to financial reasons she has decided to end the pre-school service in December. Caroline charges £2 per morning (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) per child and is reluctant to ask for more as she is aware that a number of parents could not afford higher fees. As a result Caroline feels it is time she retired from a project which demands a large amount of time and energy with inadequate financial reward.

Over the past year she has been helped by Mrs Teresa Gadd (Teresa's husband was QMSI Mines Steve Gadd with EOD) however Teresa has now left the Islands; another reason influencing Caroline's decision to give up the nursery.

Many parents feel that the pre-school facility is an invaluable part of their child's introduction to education. It is generally felt that those children who have attended pre-school adjust far more

quickly to the school environment. Caroline is less concerned for those younger children aged 3-4, however she feels that the children aged 4-school age gain much from a pre-school education.

Director of Education Mrs Phyllis Rendell has been a source of support to Caroline's group and she commented on Monday, that in late 1996 on completion of the Infant/Junior school extension, a room would be provided within the existing building for a pre-school facility. The department she said, intended to provide a qualified pre-school teacher for children aged 4 to school age.

Parents should note that the pre-school class should not be mistaken for a creche, or baby-sitting service.

Mrs Rendell said that the visiting Child Psychologist had advised the department that a pre-school facility could also be invaluable to children with learning difficulties. A pre-school education could advance the abilities of children with such problems before they officially entered school. Mrs Rendell also added that if Caroline decided to carry on her private facility after all, there would still be enough children aged 3-4 to continue the group (minus the waiting list).

Whatever the result, one thing is certain, the community owes Caroline a debt of gratitude for her years of hard work in a project that was only ever intended to be temporary.



Caroline with (l-r) Thomas Bursden, Barry Connelly and Samantha Dodd



Toni Jacobsen



Thomas Dowrick



Thomas Bell



Thomas and Thomas; a building partnership in the making?



Callum Middleton and Samantha Dodd

Engineers raise £350 for Stanley nursery school

A CHEQUE for £350 was presented to Stanley Nursery School by QMSI Gadd on Thursday 20. The money was raised by members of the Mt. Pleasant Engineering Unit who participated in a 24 hour sponsored Go-Kart event in May.

Those participating in the event were, Sqn Ldr Young, Sgt Dodd, Sgt Duddridge, Cpl Mawer, Cpl Wright, SAC Burton and SAC Reynolds.

The Nursery was chosen as recipient due to its military/civilian link, that is, Mrs Teresa Gadd, wife of QMSI Gadd who has been helping out at the nursery over the past year.

Farming Phobia

An irregular column

SURELY A better job for our Chief Executive would be as General Manager of FLH, after all he is a man of vision, he could then try to implement his unrealistic 'debate starters'.

The Falklands would then be that much safer than if he keeps his current position. At least at Landholdings he could dream away to his hearts content quite safely, because he would then presumably come up against the proverbial brick wall as Robin Lee must have done on numerous occasions. Or perhaps he would be better to join the likes of Stephen Spielberg and make some fantastic futuristic films.

I was stunned to hear in News Magazine from members of the Agricultural Department staff about the erosion problem that is prevalent across the Falklands. My dictionary defines prevalent as 'existing or occurring generally, widespread'. What a load of rubbish. Who are they trying to scare? In my area I know of no erosion at all, I hear of some coastal erosion and some areas with sand, appear from the air to be spreading very slowly, but I would think only a very small part of the total land area. A problem yes, on some farms, but widespread - no way!

Whilst on the Agricultural Department it would be good if we could all afford to spend vast amounts of money on buying all the available feed blocks for sheep

as the department does, so that when the small farmer wants some, there are none left.

You would think that a large well organised department could order their feedstuffs in advance and leave at least some of Falkland Farmers Limited's large stock of blocks for the Falkland farmer.

I understand that there are still moves afoot to get rid of the Philomel Store. This is scandalous and it should not even be considered. Although the store may not be one of the best buildings around, it is part of our heritage and should be left as it is and where it is. It is still much the same as it was with 'Old Des' except we now have 'Old Burned'.

Instead of trying to save Bodie Creek Bridge once the road is through, councillors should concentrate their efforts on ensuring that it remains as a working reminder of our past.

As we all know, the cold spell goes on and on; the coldest it's been since the last time it was cold they tell us. It makes you realise how lucky we are to be in the warm with plenty to eat, unlike the animals. With our style of farming nothing can be done for the majority; we can only pray that they don't suffer too much.

This week's accolade goes to Judy Summers of the Farmer's

Association. Nothing is too big, or too small for her to take on. Although you don't like to bother her at home, she doesn't mind you ringing her there either. It is reminiscent of the times gone by with Eileen at the R/T station - always so helpful, I couldn't think of a better person for the job. Thank you Judy.

What do readers think of this column? Should it continue or would we be better off without it? Why not write to *Penguin News* or phone them up with your comments; it would be nice to know, and criticism can be taken!

As well as some topics mentioned before, the next time will probably contain thoughts on the constitution, amongst other relevant matters.

Farming Round-up

A PHONE around by *Penguin News* of a section of East and West farmers last Friday proved to be a little early for an attempt to ascertain the effects of the recent bad weather on farming stock. Being the first day in weeks with marginally higher temperatures and snow having only just thawed in most places, a number of farmers were using their time to examine the state of affairs near to

home.

Most of the farmers contacted were planning to venture further out in the following week (weather permitting) in the hope of obtaining some idea of the health of the stock and extent of losses. Marian Betts of Boundary Farm and Paul Robertson of Port Stephens both felt that the stock they had so far encountered were in relatively good health. Both were hopeful that losses may be fairly limited due to the sheep being fat before the arrival of winter weather.

Mike Evans felt that snow had been particularly bad around the North Arm area, and like Trudi McPhee of Brookfield he felt that immediate evidence of the state of health of stock was the poverty of the cattle, despite supplementary feeding. Mike felt an area of possible worry was around Cattle Point where young sheep were grazing. He commented that daily tasks at North Arm over the last few weeks de-bogging vehicles within the settlement and using a small bulldozer to keep roads usable.

Farmers with most concern for stock were those who had young sheep on high ground. Jackie and Roy of Stony Ridge Farm were waiting to find out the state of their young wethers around Black Shanty. Jackie felt that the sheep they had already seen close to home, looked fairly empty.

On the whole most of the farmers contacted were relatively optimistic that sheep losses would not be exceedingly high. However by the time Farmers Week starts on August 7, the state of the stock should be more clear.

Bisley Meeting 1995

THE FALKLANDS were again represented at Bisley this year with Ron Betts, Harry Ford, Mike Pole-Evans and Stan Smith shooting for the islands. Results to date are as follows:

Competition: CENTURY Range 500 & 600 yards

Maximum possible score 2x50=100

| | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|-------|----|
| R Betts | 49 | 50 | Total | 99 |
| H Ford | 39 | 39 | Total | 78 |
| M Pole-Evans | 42 | 42 | Total | 84 |
| S Smith | 49 | 42 | Total | 91 |

Comp: Donegal Range 300yds, Max poss score 50

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|--------------|----|
| R Betts | 48 |
| H Ford | 45 |
| M Pole-Evans | 44 |
| S Smith | 45 |

Comp: St. Georges Range 300yds Max poss score 75

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|--------------|----|
| R Betts | 73 |
| H Ford | 68 |
| M Pole-Evans | 69 |
| S Smith | 69 |

Comp: Conan Doyle Range 1000 yds, Max poss score 50

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|--------------|----|
| R Betts | 43 |
| H Ford | 42 |
| M Pole-Evans | 43 |
| S Smith | 42 |

Comp: Queens 1st stage, range 300, 500, 600 yards, Max poss score 35x3=105

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|--------------|----|----|----|-------|
| R Betts | 34 | 34 | 35 | (103) |
| H Ford | 31 | 29 | 27 | (87) |
| M Pole-Evans | 32 | 31 | 31 | (94) |
| S Smith | 32 | 31 | 35 | (98) |

The first of the team shoots that the Falklands are eligible to compete in is the Junior Overseas. This competition is shot over the short ranges 300, 500, and 600 yards with 7 rounds to count at each range, highest possible score being 35 per range aggregate score 105. The teams scores were as follows.

| | 300yds | 500yds | 600yds | TOTAL |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| R Betts | 30 | 33 | 33 | 96 |
| M Pole-Evans | 29 | 31 | 31 | 91 |
| H Ford | 29 | 32 | 30 | 91 |
| S Smith | 31 | 30 | 29 | 90 |
| | | | TOTAL | 368 |

The winners of the Junior Overseas were 1st NATAL 392, 2nd JAMAICA 392 3rd NORMANDY 387. The Falklands were placed 9th, 11 teams competed. Stan Smith reported that the weather was quite trying for this event with temperatures around 92C.

Comp: Daily Telegraph Range 500 yards, maximum possible score 50

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| R Betts | 48 |
| H Ford | 43 |
| M Pole-Evans | 43 |
| S Smith | 43 |

Comp: Alexandra, range 600yds, max poss score 50

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|--------------|----|
| R Betts | 50 |
| H Ford | 44 |
| M Pole-Evans | 42 |
| S Smith | 45 |

Comp: Daily Mail Range 500 yds, Max poss score 50

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|--------------|----|
| R Betts | 46 |
| H Ford | 44 |
| M Pole-Evans | 48 |
| S Smith | 42 |

Comp: Times, range 300 yds, max poss score 50

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|--------------|----|
| R Betts | 47 |
| H Ford | 42 |
| M Pole-Evans | 44 |
| S Smith | 46 |

Comp: Admiral Hutton, Range 900Yds, Max poss score 50

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|--------------|----|
| R Betts | 45 |
| H Ford | 41 |
| M Pole-Evans | 44 |
| S Smith | 37 |

Comp: Wimbledon, Range 600yds, Max poss score 50

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|--------------|----|
| R Betts | 47 |
| H Ford | 45 |
| M Pole-Evans | 45 |
| S Smith | 46 |

Comp: Prince of Wales Range 600yds, Max poss score 75

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|--------------|----|
| R Betts | 73 |
| H Ford | 69 |
| M Pole-Evans | 66 |
| S Smith | 67 |

The second team event, the KOLAPORE CUP is also shot over the short ranges but this competition is a 10 rounder, maximum score being 50 at each range with the aggregate 150. Temperatures were still hovering around 90C. Ten teams competed and the Falklands were 7th with scores as follows. 1st Jamaica 569, 2nd Isle of Man 557, 3rd Natal 552

The Falklands aggregate being 546

| | 300 | 500 | 600 | TOTAL |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| R Betts | 50 | 48 | 48 | 146 |
| M Pole-Evans | 43 | 46 | 48 | 137 |
| H Ford | 40 | 43 | 41 | 124 |
| S Smith | 45 | 48 | 46 | 139 |

Maximum possible score 2x50=100

| | 900 | 1000 | TOTAL |
|--------------|-----|------|-------|
| R Betts | 45 | 40 | 85 |
| H Ford | 42 | 36 | 78 |
| M Pole-Evans | 41 | 31 | 72 |
| S Smith | 44 | 35 | 79 |
| Aggregate | | | 314 |

In the prestigious event the Queens Prize which was shot on Saturday afternoon with similar conditions experienced during the Junior Mackinnon the scores were understandably poor. The Falklands marksman Ron Betts only scored 58 at 900 yards and 52 at 1000 yards out of 75 maximum score at each range.

The winner of the Queens Prize was A J Luckman with an aggregate score of 289.

So ended another Bisley meeting with the Falklands team having mixed fortunes.

The FIDF Rifle Association chairman and members were extremely pleased once again to have the Falklands represented at the Bisley meeting.

The participation of Ron Betts, currently the Falklands best marksman without doubt, is much appreciated and of course it was good to see Stan Smith and Harry Ford, the clubs oldest members still putting in some credible scores and not forgetting Mike Pole-Evans who, during his first appearance at Bisley also achieved some good scores and no doubt enjoyed the experience of shooting at the worlds premier shooting ranges.

End of road reached by British Atlantic

THE AIRLINE, British Atlantic, who have been keen for some time to be allowed to provide the UK/Ascension/Falklands Air bridge, have now reached the end of the road, said Mr Gurr, who spoke to them in Britain, in that their final bid is now in place and is currently under consideration by the MOD.

While he was not able to judge

the likelihood of the bid being successful, Mr Gurr believed it to be closer to what the MOD wanted and also to what the civilian community on the Falklands required.

In his view, if accepted, British Atlantic's proposal would not be likely to erode the quality of the service currently provided by the RAF.

(Concluding a round-up of the Chief Executive's Friday Press Conference begun on Page 1)

Major Oil interest

WHILE in the UK, Mr Gurr and FIG's oil man, John Martin, met with the head of what Mr Gurr described as a major oil company, who expressed great interest in the forthcoming oil round in the Falklands and seemed undeterred by Argentine threats,

Tilman Medal for Jerome and Sally

THE COMMANDER British Forces, Air Commodore Peter Johnson, presented the Tilman Medal to Jerome and Sally Poncet on Beaver Island on July 13. The medal was presented to Jerome and Sally on behalf of the Royal Cruising Club for several pioneering cruises in Antarctica over a period of more than 20 years, and for promoting environmentally responsible polar cruising.

The Tilman medal is an award made from time to time by the committee of the Royal Cruising Club for an outstanding voyage in Arctic or Antarctic waters or in other remote places in high latitudes.

The medal is named after H. W. Tilman who was an intrepid mountaineer who turned to sail cruising in his later years. He fought in both world wars, climbed many of the world's highest peaks and explored many hitherto uncharted areas of Arctic and Antarctic waters. Tilman wrote several books but in the early 1970's, at the age of over 80, disappeared somewhere between the Falkland Islands and Argentina with his boat and all hands.

Sally and Jerome have undertaken scores of journeys in their yacht 'Damien II'. Seldom can a presentation have been more appropriate.

Bob Abernathy

(Continued from Front Page)

BOB's first visit to the Falklands was in 1986, when he came down for three days to look into the possibility of a consortium of Robertsons and Hogg Robinson Shipping putting in a joint tender for the provision of a range of services, but principally petroleum products, to the Falklands.

Ultimately the tender was accepted and Stanley Services was formed, owned jointly by FIG, Hogg Robinson and Robertsons, but with FIG having only 45% of the shareholding and the rest split 35%, 25% between Hogg and Robertsons.

Bob, who has been in charge of the Falklands operation since February 1992 has been a director of Stanley Services since its beginning and is proud of the company's progress and its contribution to the well-being and economy of the Falklands.

He is also proud to hand over to a locally-born successor in the person of Robert Rowlands, who has been Operations Manager with Stanley Services for six years.

Stanley Leisure Centre



Adult Swimming Lessons

Learn to swim at Stanley Leisure Centre. Swimming Classes for adults will commence on **Monday 31 July 1995** at 8.00pm. (The course involves sessions on both Mondays and Thursdays at 8.00pm).

Initially there are only 10 places available, however a waiting list will be in operation for more persons who may be interested. Enrolment will be on a first come first served basis.

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ADMIRAL C.H. "Kit" Layman is no stranger to the Falklands. Having served here during the 1982 War in command of HMS Argonaut and later as Commander British Forces Falkland Islands, one might have thought that he would have had enough of us, but in recent years since retiring from the Royal Navy, he and his wife, Kate, have spent two summers at Port Purvis House on West Falklands.

IN the latter part of the 19th Century, Queen Victoria presided over great chunks of Africa, North, South, East and West, huge tracts of Asia, including all of India and what are now Pakistan and Bangladesh, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the West Indies, bits of Central America, lumps of the Far East, Mediterranean Islands and other islands scattered across vast areas of the Pacific, which were all, like the Falklands, coloured dark pink on the world map.

The key to the control of this vast array of her Britannic Majesty's possessions and dominions was the Royal Navy; the same force, which had made its subjugation possible in the first place.

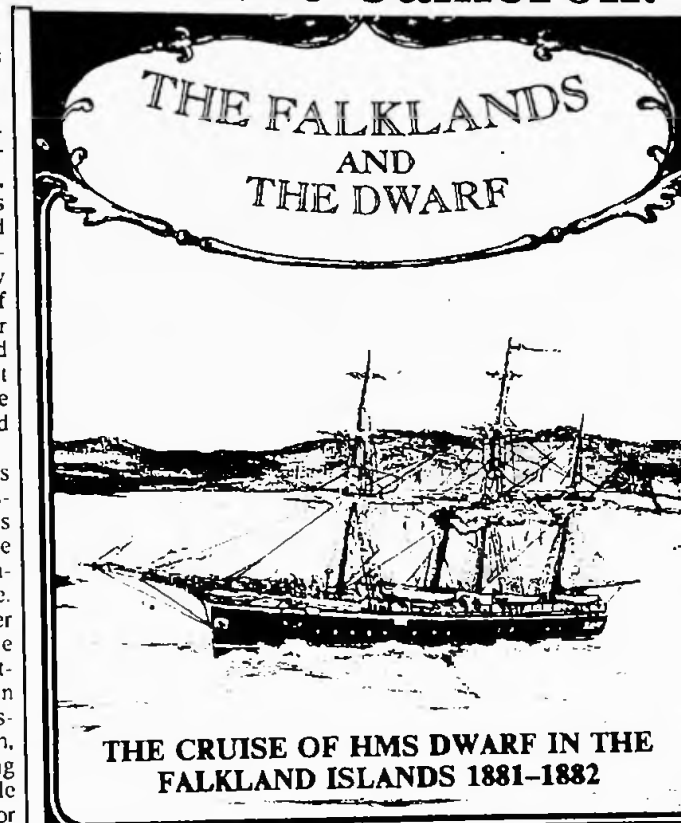
By 1882, the standard answer to any spot of bother in even the most far-flung corner of the British Empire was to send a 'gun boat'. These were smallish vessels, driven both by sail and steam, but carrying at least one gun big enough to make a considerable impression on any malcontents or potential insurgents.

So it was that when Her Majesty's Governor in the Falkland Islands wished to establish an embargo on sealing around the shores of the Falklands during certain months of the year, it was natural that he should have requested the dispatch of a gunboat to get the message across to the captains of vessels engaged in that trade.

In response to this request, the gunboat HMS Dwarf was sent in December 1881, from Montevideo, under the command of Commander Sir William Wiseman, Baronet, who arrived in Uruguay by passenger ship from Britain shortly before the mission was due to commence. It is with Wiseman's letters home to his beloved wife, written between leaving Montevideo in December of 1881 and returning there again in February of 1882, that this excellent book is chiefly concerned.

IF THIS was a period when the world map was largely pink, it was also a period when the map of the Falklands was assuming the multi-coloured appearance which it would keep for nearly a hundred years. Sheep for wool production having been introduced less than twenty years previously, this was the era of the FIC's ascendancy and of pioneer sheep farmers like Charles Hansen on Carcass Island, and the Feltons on West Point whose names remain in the Falklands and others like Dean,

The Falklands and the Dwarf by Rear Admiral CH Layman and Jane Cameron.



The book's cover features a specially commissioned painting by John Smith

Holmstead, Packe and Waldron whose names are now little heard, but lived on until very recently in the title of the farms they set up, which were to provide the backbone of the Falklands economy.

Because the letters, which Admiral Layman has selected and edited so well, were not ever intended for publication, we get insights into the lives of the people he visited, which the Commander would never have permitted himself to express in a less intimate correspondence. Thus we hear of Stanley House, the home of the FIC Colonial Manager, the celebrated FE Cobb:

"It is not a handsome house, looking exactly as if some giant had picked up a detached villa from Brixton or Putney and popped it down in the Falklands"

Wiseman dined there one night and reported "It was a very dull dinner, the ladies having simply nothing to say and the men not much, so we got away about ten o'clock and after a smoke went to bed"

Typically, when Wiseman arrived in the Falklands to carry out this task he was somewhat annoyed to discover that the Bill which he had come to enforce, had not yet been passed:

"Can you imagine anything so stupid? We might just as well have waited for our mails at Monte Video. I shall give His Excellency

a bit of my mind on the first quiet opportunity. I am so angry about it, fancy missing our mails for nothing. I must have shown my disgust at this stupidity for he said he would call his Legislative Assembly together as soon as possible and pass the law, but added he did not think he could get them together until three days after Christmas. Whether they would take these three days to recover from the effects of their Christmas dinner or no I cannot say"

The Governor at this time was Thomas Kerr, CMG, described by Wiseman as "a fine-looking old man with a long white beard." The reader will notice that what really annoyed Wiseman was not so much that he had arrived in the Falklands earlier than necessary, but that he had been forced to miss the arrival of mail from home. This obsession with mail from home, so familiar in expatriates ever since, increases through the book as Dwarf narrowly misses connecting with the mail on several occasions.

At first sight, Wiseman might seem to have been an unlikely person to have sent to enforce a close season as one of his chief passions was shooting, but in this he was simply typical of the age and social class to which he belonged. On George Island, hunting feral pigs he reports

"The pond was covered with

teal and geese so we lined it round and had a regular battue, the birds flying from one end to the other. We succeeded in getting all the teal off it, the geese we spared as they are so heavy to carry. After collecting our game and taking piggy's hind quarters off we started for another pond in hopes of picking up another pig on the way. The latter hope was doomed to disappointment but again the lake afforded much sport - any number of teal and as luck would have it two silver geese.

HMS Dwarf was engaged on what older readers will remember from the days of the Darwin and the Fitzroy as 'a round trip' which took in Lively Island, Darwin, Motley, Bleaker, George, Bird, Port Stephens, Beaver, New Island, Jasons, West Point (beef shooting with 2 Feltons), Carcass (Charles Hansen "He seems a very decent sort of man", Keppel Island, Pebble Island, and Port Howard, where, Wiseman reported: "The best day's sport I ever had in my life, notwithstanding the fifty mile ride".

Instead of picking up wool, however, they entertained and were entertained, gave an opportunity for Camp people to consult the ship's surgeon and held Sunday service (Wiseman's letters faithfully record the hymns and the quality of the singing). They arrived at Darwin in time for the Camp sports which had the edge taken off it by the non-arrival of the schooner from Stanley bringing the whisky!

"I need not describe the personal appearance of either men or women when I tell you they were all Scotch and they looked as if they had been taken off the corner of Market and Union Streets Aberdeen and set down here, all the men smoking and lounging about with their hands in their pockets and talking broad Scotch."

It is hoped that this entertaining and informative book, which is a must for all interested in Falklands history, having many interesting photographs and footnotes provided by Jane Cameron, will soon be available in local stores.



Sir William Wiseman, whose promising naval career was tragically cut short when he died of pneumonia in January 1893

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PERSONAL

To David, Happy 4th Birthday for August 1st, love from Christine and Bernice



Faith

A belated Happy 28th Birthday! May all your celebrations be as quiet and sedate as last Saturday's

VACANCY

A vacancy will occur on the Education Board when Mr Les Harris finishes his term at the end of August. Parents of children over the age of eleven years are invited to put their names forward for election. Details concerning the work of the Board Member can be obtained by contacting Phyl Rendell, Director of Education, or any other Board member. Nominations should be at the Education Office by Friday 4 Aug 1995.

VACANCY

From Consolidated Fisheries Ltd

Two positions are available at Consolidated Fisheries Limited for Representatives to oversee fishing operations in both South Georgia and the FOCZ for our company in the Mero longlining fishery.

The successful candidates will be expected to spend periods at sea of up to six weeks although in some circumstances this may be extended. Duties while at sea include monitoring the catch, overseeing transshipping operations in South America and the Falklands, working on the ship with the fishermen and carrying out special projects as directed by the General Manager

Duties onshore will include writing detailed reports about the fishing operations observed and assisting the General Manager in the operations of the company.

These are responsible positions which require people who are able to work unsupervised, have some ability with computers, get on well with others and have some knowledge of Spanish and other languages.

One position is for a term of approximately four months while the second position is available for an initial term of six months.

Written applications should be received no later than 4pm on Monday 31 July 1995. Any further information regarding terms and conditions etc can be obtained by telephoning 22277 during normal business hours, or Martin Cox on 21897 after hours.

Postscript From St Mary's

One evening a father came to a parent-teacher conference in a Newcastle secondary school. During a chat with one of his son's teachers, the father broke down and began to cry. "My son no longer lives with me", he said, "but I still love him, and I want to know how he's doing in school." The father then told the teacher how his wife and four children had left him that afternoon.

He was a builder and sometimes worked 16 hours a day. That meant that he saw little of his family, and they slowly grew farther and farther apart.

Then he said something sad. He said: "I wanted to buy my wife and kids all those things I had dreamed of giving them. But in the process I got so involved in working that I forgot about what they needed most: a father who was

around during the evening hours to give them love and support."---

We can get so involved in what we are doing that we forget why we are doing it. We can get so involved in living that we forget the purpose of living. We can get so involved in pursuing the things money can buy that we forget about the things money can't buy.

Mary sat down at the feet of the Lord and listened to his teaching. Martha was upset over all the work she had to do, so she came and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!" The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha! You are worried and troubled over so many things, but just one is needed. Mary has chosen the right thing, and it will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10, 39-42)

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MORI poll shows solid UK support for Falklands

FEARS that the publication of the FIG sponsored MORI poll on the feelings towards the Islands held by the British public was being delayed because the results were discouraging were dispelled on Monday with the release of the results to the press in the Falklands and the United Kingdom.

The research report by MORI, based on 2,068 interviews conducted face-to-face in respondents' homes in 150 sampling points across Britain indicates that the UK public is solidly behind the Falkland Islands and that few wish to negotiate with Argentina over the future sovereignty of the Islands.

Acting Governor, Andrew Gurr described the information provided by MORI as both "interesting and heartening". It was likely, he said, to be "a real discouragement to those who believe that any charm offensive is likely to succeed or that there is an inevitable trend towards the Islands somehow being swamped by their threatening neighbour 300 miles away."

Commenting that one of the most important aspects of the poll was the support it lent to those British politicians who have been unwavering in our support, Mr Gurr said: "The poll must also provide a considerable comfort for

those British politicians who have indicated their clear desire to protect the Islands, and it is pleasing to see such harmony between the desire of the people and their representatives."

Although the more detailed tabulations of the report were not released on Monday, Mr Gurr said that they showed support across all socio-economic groupings which was not affected by political party allegiance. It was clear, he said, that those over 35 were more aware of the Islands

and felt a stronger commitment, but this was hardly surprising in view of the Conflict of thirteen years ago and the fact that attitudes are known to become more conservative with age.

Mr Gurr said that the raising of Falklands consciousness in the young and the conversion of the many "don't knows" left Public Relations firm Shandwick something still to do, but maybe less than was at first anticipated.

(More on the MORI Poll on Page 9)

Skate fetches big fines for Korean fisherman

THE CAPTAIN of the Amapola 515, a Korean fishing vessel attached to Dong Yang Fisheries Company, pleaded guilty in the Magistrates Court on Thursday to illegal fishing in the Falkland Islands.

The court heard how on the 22nd of July during a routine inspection by officers of the Fisheries Department, the Amapola, which had a W type licence to fish for fin fish, such as Hooke and Blue Whiting was discovered to have about 22 tonnes of frozen Skate and 2 blocks of Octopus in one of its holds.

When the Captain was asked about the matter he admitted that there were roughly 7000 blocks of Skate aboard his ship.

The Senior Magistrate, Andrew Jones, fined the fishing company £70,000 for fishing illegally and ordered the confiscation of the catch. Captain Mun Gi was fined £800.00 for not having the correct fishing licence and a further £800.00 for giving the Fisheries Department wrong information for their records.

The Amapola was ordered to be detained until the transshipping of the fish was complete or the fine paid.

News in Brief

Marine Addis, further investigations

A NUMBER of British newspapers recently gave further reports on the case of Marine Addis.

Detectives from the Devon and Cornwall police will be flying to the Falklands to assist the Royal Falkland Islands Police in their investigations in the near future.

In a telephone interview with Eddie Mair on Radio 5, Superintendent Ken Greenland said although we've found out an awful lot more than appeared in the original evidence that the SIB had...we ourselves were unable to take the enquiry any further. We're a very small police force with limited experience in this type of enquiry and we needed help from an outside agency.

Superintendent Greenland explained that the original enquiry suggested that Marine Addis had disappeared either by falling into the sea or wandering off into the camp. However he personally found it very difficult to accept that explanation and he did not think they could rule out foul play.

Little change on subject of oil

ARGENTINE Foreign Minister Di Tella has just completed a round of 'conversations' with British Foreign Minister Malcolm Rifkind.

At a press conference after the initial meeting Di Tella said there was no change in the British foreign policy, and that nothing had really changed over oil; which was the principle subject discussed.

He added that "If we do not reach an agreement with Great Britain, the world will not end. We will make the necessary complaints to the international organizations and will express our concerns with concrete measures. But, I insist, that bilateral relations should not be affected."

There was little interest from the British press and almost no comment about Sir Alan Walter's latest article which appeared the day before.

CBFFI at Beaver to present Royal Cruising Club Tilman Medal to Jérôme and Sally Poncet aboard Damien II
(See report last week in Penguin News)
Photo courtesy of D.Ogg





You do your job and I'll do mine

AFTER the loss of a close member of the family, moving house is popularly supposed to be the most stressful thing that can happen to one. What comes next on the list I can not remember, but I'm willing to bet it includes having the builders in, flying long distance, going on holiday with the family, staying with relatives, sending children away to boarding school for the first time and wondering where the money is going to come from for any of the above. While I hope that I am not going to suffer the first of these eventualities or be forced to move house, I am about to embark on all the rest - indeed by the time this gets into the shops, I hope, weather and Tri-Star permitting, to be somewhere between here and Ascension Island - and would ask my readers generally, but particularly Canon Stephen Palmer, whose letter to the Penguin News is published alongside, whether in these circumstances anyone would deliberately seek to increase his or her stress levels by wantonly attacking the police and the Senior Magistrate in the manner of which he accuses me.

Knowing, as I do, that there have been occasions, such as the funeral of Stephen Buckett, when Canon Palmer has made himself extremely unpopular in some quarters by not saying what people wanted to hear, but what he felt had to be said - and respecting him for his integrity in so doing - his response to my editorial on the affair of Sapper Penny came, I have to admit, as a disappointment.

This is a very small community by any standards and it is always very difficult to keep issues from becoming personal. Complaining about anything, however justified the complaint might be, is more difficult for individuals than it might be in a larger, more impersonal society and there is a tendency for folk to mutter to each other, rather than airing their grievances more openly. (This is particularly true, in my experience, when what is being complained about is one of the government departments which we come into contact with a lot and on which we depend. Put simply, apart from the general goodwill which most people have for those engaged in the public services, most people think twice about upsetting the medical department in case they are ever sick, don't like complaining about the schools in case their kids are picked on and don't wish to upset the police, in case they ever need their protection.) While this is understandable it is clearly in the interest of no-one and I consider it one of the legitimate functions and duties of a paper such as Penguin News, operating in a supposedly democratic society, to shoulder the burden of potential authoritarian disfavour, by representing the view of the man in the street and asking, in public, the sort of questions that are buzzing around in private. It is often a dirty job, but, to coin a phrase, somebody has to do it.

I would suggest that a more careful reading of my piece would indicate that far from attacking either the police or the Senior Magistrate myself, I was doing what I feel to be my job in publicly airing concerns which had been expressed to me and which I knew to have been a matter for considerable and for all I know, ill-informed, private debate. Far from "irresponsibly holding the Police and our legal system up to ridicule and contempt", I was trying to bring the whole issue out of a dark corner and into the public domain, where they would have a chance, if they so wished, to put the record straight.

While I agree with Canon Palmer wholeheartedly about the seriousness of the problems caused by alcohol abuse - actually I would like to see the courts here follow the lead of at least one European country in regarding drunkenness as a circumstance which aggravates an offence rather than mitigates it - with respect, while that is important, it was not the issue that I was addressing. To employ a metaphorical mélange, "the cause of justice and good community relations", which I also care about, will not best be served either by dragging in red herrings or by attempting to sweep them under the carpet; it has to be a two way process in which no individual or department should be exempt from the need to offer explanations from time to time.

And while on the same subject

I LIKE to be liked as much as anyone, but I accept as an occupational hazard that I may from time to time upset people, usually accidentally, but occasionally on purpose. If you should happen ever to one of those people, who feel aggrieved by anything I might write, please ring me up and tell me, or, best of all, follow the example of at least two of this week's correspondents and write to Penguin News about it, but please don't harangue my wife and family, who are not to blame!

And please, while I am away on holiday, be nice to Lisa!

YOUR LETTERS

A blast from the Canon

I WAS deeply saddened to read your editorial in the July 26th issue. I am sure that everyone in the community must fully sympathize with Mrs Sheila Stewart and her family. The drunken behaviour of Sapper Penny was quite unacceptable, and the Stewart family must have found the whole experience unpleasant and frightening.

But your editorial was seriously flawed on two counts: firstly your criticisms of the Police and our legal system was unjust and unfair; and secondly you signally failed to identify the real culprit in this sorry affair - namely the widespread and excessive consumption of alcohol within both the military and civilian population.

I was ashamed to read in the Penguin News your quite unfair and unjust criticisms of the Police and other Legal officers. The real travesty of justice was the fact that you cast doubts on the integrity of the Police and Senior Magistrate. The cause of justice, and good community relations, is not served by newspapers irresponsibly

holding the Police and our legal system up to ridicule and contempt. It seems that the disease that is currently affecting the English media has made an unwelcome appearance in the Falklands.

Of course all legal systems can make mistakes, but I simply do not believe that there is 'a policy of preferential treatment for military personnel or that some form of plea-bargaining is on offer', and for the Penguin News to suggest that this might be the case is a disgrace. The reality of it is, of course, that military personnel often suffer the 'double jeopardy penalty', and that they are punished a second time by the military authorities after any civil prosecution.

I am not teetotal, and I enjoy a drink as much as anyone else. I like and respect our publicans, and their families, that run our bars and hotels. But until all of us in the community face the fact that the excessive consumption of alcohol presents us with a very serious social problem, we will fail to address the real issues.

Stephen Palmer
Stanley

And another from Peter

I WOULD like to refer to your July 26th edition of Penguin News vol. 7 Number 23, page related to Teaberry Express.

I find this advert very distasteful in so far that it is obvious that the Media Trust are getting at the Teaberry Express and if adverts are able to continue on these lines then it leaves the way open to the commercial advertisers and the whole thing could get out of hand.

The Penguin News is an acceptable paper likewise so is the Teaberry Express and there is room for the two papers, and we need the two. There is a vast difference in the cost of advertising and we are grateful to the Teaberry Express for us being able to advertise in that paper at a realistic price.

It is true that your paper goes all over the world, so I can imagine does the Teaberry Express but do we sell overseas by advertising in any of the papers?

In a broadcast last Friday evening the Chief Executive said whilst discussing Landholdings "we do not want someone to pursue

the land and get very rich from it" if the trend is to make sure that Islanders do not get these chances to invest, then we need the cheap advertising for us who are less fortunate to gain access to the big money.

Peter Short
Stanley

(For the benefit of overseas readers, who for reasons of keeping postal costs down, do not receive the Information Pull-out, last week it carried a full-page advert which responded in what was intended to be a humorous, but telling way, to comments made some weeks earlier in the Teaberry Express about the relative cost of advertising in the two journals.)

Advertising revenue is very important to Penguin News, if the cost of the paper to the consumer, both direct in form of price and indirect in the form of subsidy, is to be kept to a minimum. We take very seriously any attempt to suggest that it does not represent good value. Ed)

who then sends a bouquet

AFTER having said what I had to say concerning the advert in the Penguin News, I would like to congratulate you on your editorial "A Question of Justice". This type of thing is happening all the time and I believe that because of this, the Police have lost the respect of the community.

I await with eagerness to read or hear their reaction, which I believe they now have to make, and cannot let your editorial go by without comment.

Peter A Short
Stanley

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

Roger seeks help from older readers

I WONDER if some of your older readers could help me to identify the date on which some 8mm colour film was taken of Stanley and the surrounding area.

Since publishing my book, 'The Other Side of The Falklands' I have had many opportunities to talk about the Islands and my time spent there. A few weeks ago I was invited to see a number of short cine films, taken by the current owner's father who had served on one of the ships which took part in the Battle of the River Plate.

Much of the film had been taken along the coast of Argentina and of South Georgia, however, one of the 10/15 minute films had been taken in the Falklands and, in a calculated guess on my part, I believe it to have been taken just a few days after the battle. The Gorse was in bloom. In the harbour, opposite the Cathedral, was a large sailing ship (possible the SS Great Britain). There were also some small children in the film whom I think it safe to assume, would be Islanders.

Common sense and cloud cuckoos

THREE CHEERS for common sense. I congratulate Rosemary Wilkinson for her 'Soapbox' article in the issue of June 28th.

I too was horrified at an earlier report suggesting stone cottages with thatched roofs as a viable possibility for the Falklands. I am not an islander, but have friends who are, and from what I have been told and have read concern-

The telling feature which I believe will identify the date, shows sailors blowing up the Radio Masts. I assume to prevent them falling into German hands.

I feel sure that a number of Island residents must remember the occasion and hopefully recorded the date, if so perhaps they would be kind enough to tell me.

You may also be interested to know that my book has been recorded on to audio cassette. It has been professionally edited for audio and is narrated by an actor who lives in Dorset. It is recorded onto two tapes with approximately 3 hours playing time. I believe that this is the first time a book about the Islands has been recorded onto tape and I hope that some of the Stanley stores will agree to carry copies.

Roger Edwards
82 Drift Road
Clanfield
Waterlooville
Hants
PO8 ONX

Gurr flies the flag of truce, but sticks to his guns over timber

ALTHOUGH, Acting Governor, Andrew Gurr had earlier declared that he did not intend to reply to the many letters sent to him by Colin Smith of DS & Co on the subject of the future of Falklands Landholdings this week he released copies of a letter he had sent to his Yorkshire critic after deciding that he had previously been "somewhat ruder than I would want to be."

Referring to Mr Smith's letter of July 14 (Published in PN) as "particularly helpful" The Acting Governor claimed delight at Mr Smith's "positive response" to the abattoir decision and welcomed his comments about developing wool and beef production in tandem.

"You were quite correct in indicating that in talking about trees and forestry I am on my home ground. In fact I have been involved with operations somewhat larger than those you quoted as existing in Chile. A door factory manufacturing 250,000 units a year is pretty small compared with those producing 80,000 a week. It must be borne in mind that my comments about exporting to Chile were in the fantasy section of the report where I made it very clear that although many of the conclusions were based on existing trends, they would almost certainly never happen. The trend encapsulated in the comment on Chile is to do with a quality of timber rather than its mere presence. The species grown commercially in Chile have broad

not straw, something in short supply even in East Anglia. It also needs skilled thatchers and is costly to maintain and insurance companies for obvious reasons charge a fortune to provide fire cover - as Rosemary says, 'cloud cuckoo land'.

May I venture to ask for enlightenment over an advert that appeared in an earlier edition of

Penguin News. You offered Vanilla Bath Custard - I've heard of people bathing in Asses Milk - but custard! The mind boggles !!!

I enjoy your paper very much and look forward to each edition.
Mrs Diana Rollason
Norfolk

(Thanks for the compliment. I'm told your local Tesco probably supplies the custard!: Ed)

Landholdings lunches departing General Manager



Robin enjoys a yarn with Tony McMullen, left and Derek Jaffray, centre. IN his last full week as General Manager of Falklands Landholdings, Robin Lee was out to lunch on the Company twice.

On Friday, the Board of Landholdings invited Mr Lee to lunch at the Upland Goose, where his service to the company was marked by the presentation of a crystal decanter and two glasses by the Chairman, Acting Governor, Mr Andrew Gurr.

The day before the venue for lunch had been the Social club in Goose Green where some thirty five adults and ten children from the FLH farms at Fitzroy, Walker Creek, North Arm and Goose Green had gathered for a farewell buffet in Robin's honour.

The ladies of the settlements had each brought a plate, whist-drive style, to provide a traditional Camp luncheon, which was washed down by drinks on the house, courtesy of FLH.

There were no special guests, other than Robin himself and little in the way of speeches, but it was clear from his own account that while he had greatly enjoyed both occasions, it was the low-key lunch at Goose Green on Thursday, which touched Robin most. He expressed the wish that this report would carry his appreciation of the distances people had come and the work that the ladies had done to make it such a splendid 'Camp' occasion.

growth rings; this means that the timber has a somewhat open grain texture and although it can be easily worked it has a low density and cannot be used for external products, for floors or for joinery of any real quality. The very best softwoods grow in the hardest climates and I myself have tramped the forests of Northern Finland where the temperatures and the wind can be far worse than the Falklands and where pine trees fetch the best prices in the whole world. Such timber is exported all over the world as can be demonstrated by visiting the FIC in Stanley, where Russian timber is a normal stock. I suspect that the real limiting factor in the Falklands will be moisture and we will have study very carefully the site

of any planting with that in mind. However slowness of growth once the saplings mature should not be a problem as it will only increase the quality of the product. In any event I suspect that the real benefits in the early years (and I am looking at least 10 years ahead) will be in shelter belts for sheep, cattle and possibly crops.

I hope you will gather from the tone of this letter that I do not want to enter into an entrenched fax warfare. I am very aware of your considerable experience in many of the relevant issues here and I am most grateful for your comments. I am sorry we did not meet earlier this month as I feel we may have cleared several misunderstandings but I hope we shall meet again in the future".

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Supreme Court of the Falkland Islands
In the matter of: SEAFISH (FALKLANDS) LIMITED
and in the matter of: THE COMPANIES ACT 1948
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 13th day of July 1995 that ANDREW S JONES sitting as Acting Judge of the Supreme Court ordered that the reduction of the said Company from £100,000 to £5,000 resolved on and effected by a special resolution passed an Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the 25th May 1995 be and the same is hereby confirmed in accordance with the provisions of the above mentioned act.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Court approved the Minute of the said reduction.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Order and the said Minute were registered on the 19th day of July 1995.

Dated the 24th day of July 1995

Kevin Kilmartin, John Street Chambers, 44 John Street, Stanley.

Legal Practitioner of the above named company.

Leif's

TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Leif's will be closed from midday Saturday the 5th August and will reopen at 8.00 am on Wednesday the 9th of August. During the closure we will be installing new display coolers to extend our range of local produce, at the same time we will be refurbishing the kitchen and redecorating.

We very much regret the need to close for this work and apologise for any inconvenience that the closure may cause. However, we look forward to seeing you on our reopening and guarantee that the result will be an improved and wider range of services to our customers.

Late Letters

Police deny preferential treatment for military

WHILST I am happy to take up your invitation to reply to your editorial of July 26, I am sure that you will appreciate the impropriety of a policeman commenting in detail about a particular case or about sentences awarded by the courts.

I would, however, like to comment on the dangers of drawing conclusions from a comparison of cases which are quite dissimilar. The case of a local man who was prosecuted despite the wishes of the victim was quite unlike the recent case. In the first case, the man was arrested for a breath/alcohol offence while driving on a busy road. He had no driving licence and was uninsured. It also transpired that he had taken the vehicle without the owner's consent. He was reported for all the offences, but, in accordance with the wishes of the owner of the vehicle, he was not prosecuted for taking without consent. He was, however, prosecuted for the other offences. Two months earlier, there had been an almost identical case involving the same offender but a different vehicle. On that occasion too, at the request of the aggrieved person, there was no prosecution for the offence of taking without consent. The offender in question had 18 relevant previous convictions. The offender in Mrs Stewart's case had no previous convictions and in any event, apart from his own uncorroborated confession, there was no evidence to connect him with the vehicle offences on the night that he damaged Mrs Stewart's door, offences

which only came to light during the closing stages of the criminal damage enquiry. To compare these cases and assert that they merit identical or even similar treatment is absurd.

Your suggestion that military offenders are treated preferentially is unworthy of a respectable newspaper. Nevertheless, you might be interested to know that there is a converse belief, widely held amongst the military, that it is civilian offenders who receive preferential treatment. Both propositions are equally preposterous.

The fact is that every case is assessed on its merits, both by the police in deciding whether a prosecution should be brought, and by the courts in deciding what penalty to award. If this were not the case, if the police were to have no discretion in deciding that one course of action is likely to be more appropriate than another, if there were a table of mandatory penalties which took no account of an offender's previous good conduct, of mitigating or aggravating circumstances, of his plea, or of any remorse which he might feel, then you would be justified in raising a question of justice. Whatever the shortcomings of the legal system might be, and no-one is claiming that it is perfect, it is the independence and impartiality of the police and the courts which provide the best guarantee of personal liberty and justice.

KD Greenland
Superintendent
Chief Officer

More protests against planning from Bernard

IN YOUR last publication of 26 July, there was a Public Notice containing a list of applications for planning permission. It should be drawn to 'someones' attention that, at the bottom, it states that "comments on the application should be sent to the Building Control Office within ten days of this notice". That the next meeting is due on 3rd August. Of course ten days after the 26th would infact indicate the meeting being held on Saturday 5th August. On that list there is an application from F.I.G for a link road between the Bypass and Callaghan Road (South of Philomel Street). This does not 'fit the bill', as there is ANOTHER road to pass (Jersey Road) to pass, or are there inten-

tions to build a FLYOVER?

Regarding the reclamation of another 10 metres, between the Public and East Jetties, this should be "THROWN OUT" or at least, get some LOCAL EXPERT advice on it first. It is quite obvious that by doing so would restrict the manoeuvring area for the launches of the larger cruise ships, that they would not use the Public Jetty as a landing pier.

The object for the application for the "PORTAKABIN" on the Public Jetty, should be given another 'closer reading'! I won't ask for my photo of the PWD's work, between these two jetties, to be reprinted this time.....BUT!

Bernard Peck
Stanley

Meeting of Executive Council Thursday 27 July

THIS WAS a relatively short meeting of Executive Council, the business being completed by 12:50pm. All members except His Excellency the Governor were present. All members except His Excellency the Governor were present.

the threat of availability of hard and soft drugs within the community and agreed to review the position on a regular basis.

FIDC Manager

The arrangements for the recruitment of a successor to Mike Summers as General Manager of FIDC were approved.

The continuation of the work being done by the Health and Safety Officer, Chris Dowrick was also approved

Contract Officers Housing

The vexed question of housing for contract officers was discussed.

This is proving to be a very difficult problem as there is already a shortage of available housing in Stanley and the new appointments currently on-line, e.g. nurses, teachers, a FIGAS pilot, GM FIDC, present us with a problem, without the addition of a speech therapist, fisheries scientist, second dental officer etc. The Commander British Forces very kindly offered accommodation for single contract officers or couples unaccompanied by Children at Hillside Camp, and Councillors were delighted to accept this very helpful suggestion.

The housing shortage will be alleviated in the medium term by the plans already in train to build more but for the next year to 18 months this idea presents us with a very sensible solution.

Port San Carlos Subdivisions
The situation regarding Port San

Carlos subdivisions was discussed. Since 1989 five subdivision holders have occupied their farms without there having been completed formal long term leases or grants of the freehold of the farms.

It was agreed that freehold grants are made to the holders of those subdivisions at Port San Carlos who have honoured their loan repayments to government and that, in respect of those subdivision holders who have not honoured their repayments, grants are only made upon discharge of arrears.

By Pass Links

It was agreed that both Philomel Street and Dean Street be linked with the By Pass Road, with both sections being surfaced.

Responsibility for Camp Airstrips

It was also agreed that, following a recent report by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), rescue and fire fighting facilities and the Camp airstrips should become the responsibility of the Civil Aviation Department.

Oil Licensing Round

I gave a report, in my capacity as Chief Executive, on the progress towards the Oil Licensing Round.

At present, in spite of many complex hurdles, we are on course for the launch as planned. (I believe I should add that Councillors are being kept fully informed of any meetings that are taking place

concerning Falkland Islands' oil between the UK and Argentina and that much of the press comment in both countries is due to speculation rather than hard fact.

As soon as real facts are available, both Councillors and the Oil Management Team will ensure that they are released in Stanley at least as soon as elsewhere, and where possible, sooner).

Stud Flock

Councillors also received by way of information, the Monthly Report on the National Stud Flock. Six are known to have died during the recent cold weather.

Tennis Court

Councillors also received with gratitude the kind offer of a fishing company, based in Europe, to pay for the resurfacing of the tennis court at Stanley House and subsequently to sponsor a tennis competition.

Wheelibins

It was also agreed that the matter of 'wheelibins' should be considered as a current option and not delayed for another year. An updating paper is to be prepared.

This was a workmanlike ExCo, with no contentious "highlights" but some useful progress being made on a number of important issues.

We are grateful to Mr Andrew Gurr, Acting Governor, for this summary of the ExCo meeting

Application for Grant of Justice Licence

Company Director Margaret Ann Goodwin of 3 H Jones Road, Stanley has applied for a Grant of Justice Licence for the premises on Airport Road, known as Freiwin Chandlery, the owners of which are Goodwin Offshore Ltd.

A copy of this application has been lodged with the Chief Police Officer, the Government Secretary and the Chief Fire Officer. This application may be viewed by the public.

Take notice that the above application will be heard at 2pm by the Magistrates Court sitting at the Town Hall, Stanley on August 24 1995.

Any person intending to oppose the application should give notice of his opposition to the applicant and the Clerk to the Licensing Justices not later than 3 clear days before the hearing date.

Public Notice

Applications are invited to fill a vacancy in the Power and Electrical Section of the Public Works Department for a Watchkeeper/Handyman at the Power Station. Applicants should preferably have some mechanical knowledge, be interested in the operation of machinery, and be a good all round handyman. The duties of the post involve watchkeeping on a shift basis.

Salary ranges from £3.76 to £4.16 per hour. Further details of the duties involved can be obtained by contacting Mr Bob Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent, Power Station during normal working hours.

Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Establishments Secretary, Secretariat to reach her no later than 4pm on Friday August 11.

General Purpose Committee

The General Purposes Committee met on Wednesday July 26. The following summary was supplied by Councillor John Birmingham.

Constitution

It was felt that plenty of time was needed for further discussions regarding the proposed constitutional changes and these will take place on August 28. It is an ongoing debate but conclusions will have to be reached eventually. Comments are still welcome from members of the public.

Public Meeting

It was decided that it was time to have another public meeting and this will be on August 8 at 8 pm in the Infant/Junior School Hall. Councillors will also be meeting with farmers in the Refreshment Room of the Town Hall at 9 am on August 8.

Post Office Stamp

The Postmaster asked for confirmation of a decision made some time ago as to whether he should change the franking stamp from Port Stanley to Stanley. It was

agreed by Councillors that this should be done.

Zebra Crossing outside bank

It was felt that a zebra crossing in the vicinity of the Bank and Post Office would be beneficial. This will be followed through with the Legal Department.

Tennis Court - School Hostel

All the groundworks for the tennis court had been completed by the Gurkhas and it just needs black topping. It was decided to put this to EXCO.

Away Day

This was discussed again and it will be happening at the end of October. Most councillors feel that it will be an ideal opportunity to "get to grips" with some of the more complex issues such as immigration.

Draft Town Plan

Recommendations will be forthcoming from the Planning and Building Committee to the Council.



Children after successful egging in the camp - photo museum



Above: Westers spend some leisure time in Stanley to attend the Centenary Sports, photo Maud Watson



Right: The FIDF boxing team, photo museum

F.I. Magazine and Church Paper 1916/1917

"THE WEATHER has also brought out the general outcry for a Public Swimming Bath; 'We, ... but, sss!! ... Wait and see: ... There may be yet something done!'"

"DANCES AND CONCERTS have taken place just lately to the great enjoyment of all. The Ball on Jan 11 was universally acknowledged to be a huge success, while the return on the 14th, together with the moonlight trip across the water will long live in the memories of those who were present."

"THE prizes for the Stanley Sports arrived quite safely by R.M.S. Ortega

F.I. Weekly News 1945

The silent cinema was first started by the Late Father Migone of the Catholic Mission, he ran it with great success for a number of years until his health failed. Mr Les Hardy bought the apparatus and carried on for about three years. On July 7 1938 Stanley had its first talking pictures

Extract of Films from General Film Library 1953

The following is a list of films at present in Stanley and available for loan (to Ajax Bay in this case)

Miranda
British Transport - This year London
The Pacific (Coloured)
Coronation Ceremony
Eldorado (Incomplete)
Journey by a London Bus
Queen of the Border (Coloured)
One hour from London

Singing, socialising, rowing and egging, the leisurely life of old

IN 1845, the Islands first Governor (when writing to Lord Stanley) described the first settlers of Stanley as 'habitually indulging in drunkenness and prone to every vice'. As early as 1829 Lowther E Brandon wrote a letter to the Falkland Island Magazine expressing his concern for the youth of Stanley in which he suggested a swimming bath, coffee shop, restaurant and gymnasium. However despite Governor Moody's relatively pessimistic view it is clear that local residents did concern themselves with leisure activities other than the consumption of alcohol

The idea to produce a feature depicting early leisure activities in the Falkland Islands, came from a perusal of a research project by local resident Debbie Gilding (who is presently reading Tourism and Leisure Studies (BA Hons. Degree) at Leeds University)

In her second year of study Debbie investigated the Stanley Leisure Centre and its impact on the community. To do so it was necessary to research the history of leisure activities in the Falklands.

Debbie writes 'From what can be gleaned from the Falkland Island Magazine in 1893 the population were trying hard to find entertainment for themselves. Stanley Rifle Club was set up and a football club was formed, boat races were becoming a common occurrence and balls were extremely popular (organised in the Assembly Room with much success)

The weather was, and still is today to a certain extent, a vital factor in deciding people's leisure time, the camp sports fall in the summer period (the earliest being that set up by the Darwin Harbour Sports Association. A short item in the Church Magazine of 1903 states that the Darwin Sports were held at the end of shearing for the first time in 34 years, and that takes us back to 1869.

Tom Beatty (who arrived in the Islands in 1939) describes in his book 'Falkland Island Interlude' (1991) a typical sports week.

"There would be a house party of

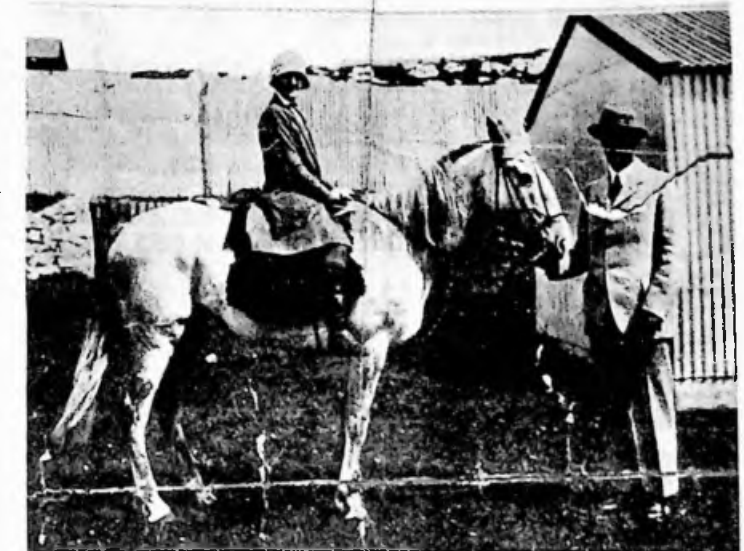
some 30-40 people at the managers house, every married man's house would be full to the rafters and the cook house would be overflowing with single men. There would be dancing every night in the wool store and music was supplied by an amateur musician. There were plenty of these and the favourite was the accordion"

In Stanley much of the people's leisure activities centred around the large amount of ships that called at Stanley before rounding the Horn. With the arrival of these vessels, Stanley's population would usually swell to twice its original size. This gave wonderful excuses for many balls, concerts and sporting activities such as outdoor cricket matches, tug-o-wars and football matches. These activities were extremely popular and evidence from the FI Magazine indicated that they occurred every month. There is a mention of a fancy dress ball being held in conjunction with a visit from HMS Retribution in 1897 and notes that Miss Pinni went dressed as a lady doctor which was undoubtedly a spoof!

A leisure activity perhaps unique to the Islands was egging. Although not the case today, school children received an annual holiday on November 9, to go egging. Egging was, and still is a messy business. It involves lying with your head almost in the penguin's nesting hole and using a long stick with a nail on one end, juggling with the egg and attempting to bring it to the surface whilst trying to avoid a sharp-beaked irate penguin and its lice, which inevitably transferred to the head of the 'egger' for a thankfully short while.

Leisure activities therefore were not wholly based around the consumption of alcohol many English indoor pastimes such as dancing, singing and music could easily be adopted by Islanders, and depending on the weather so could outdoor pursuits. Leisure pursuits may have been viewed with great importance by Governor Moody as a tool to keep men away from alcohol, but to the locals themselves they were simply a natural way to relax and forget an arduous pioneering lifestyle.

The majority of the above text is simply an extract from an extensive study of leisure and the impact of the new centre, thus not all activities have been covered in this article.



Mrs Coutts and Bluebell are congratulated on their success by the Governor



Boat race winners, J Lanning, J Bundas, J Gleadell, T Gleadell, J Davis, C Lindenberg, photo museum



Accordian playing, a dying art in the Falklands? photo Maud Watson



Theatricals in Stanley, photo museum

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Governors Cup Darts Comp (Town Hall)
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Looking Back On July

Deaths:
July 26

Ellen McCallum, age 94 years

Births:
July 24

A son, Travis Ian McGill to Lyn Summers and Darrell McGill
(6lb 4.5oz)

July 26

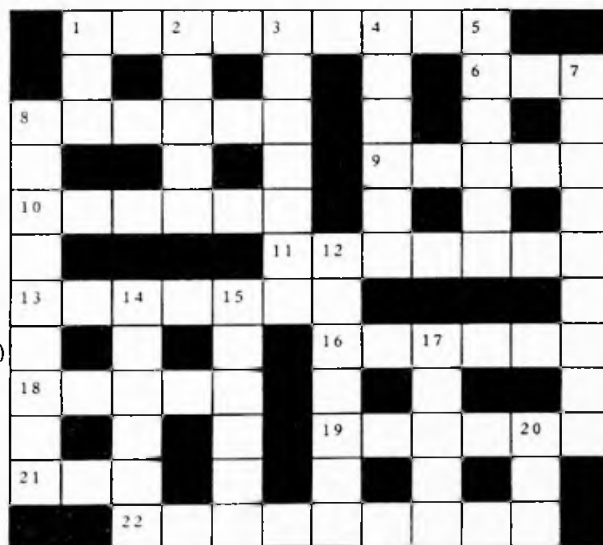
A son, Anthony Vincent Phillips to Lisa Davis and David
Phillips (7lb 1.5oz)

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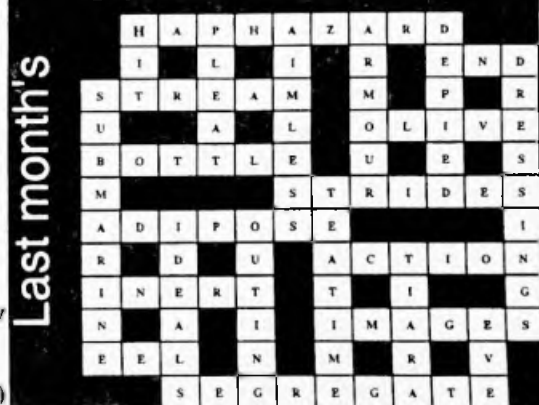
Across

- 1) Shaves close to the point (9)
6) What came between Rhodesia
and Zimbabwe (3)
8) Cyril's words to sing (6)
9) Kids' play for noisy hedgehog
(5)
10) It's an easy wind (6)
11) Keep back (7)
13) Not walking, like a nose in
Winter (7)
16) Explosive Ordinance scan
inside the seas that surround us (6)
18) What Tories traditionally send
for when they've got the law (5)
19) Like wheat, but too closely
related (6)
21) May day call (3)
22) Boy who shakes out the hay (3)
23) Royal House, often made fun
of (5)

- Down:** 1) Sneaky like Stallone (3)
2) Quick-moving (5)
3) Neither pest nor anything but a back
gate (anag) (7)
4) Sounds almost like a reversing session
(6)
5) What Bow Street, curtains, beans and
sledges have in common (6)
7) Rumbled and bigger? (9)
8) Did Hercules have 10 labours? Must
have been hard work (9)
12) Not only, self-centered, he's got ties
(anag) (7)
14) Dustin, confused, goes naked (6)
15) An encroachment is not the sort of way
to go out (6)
17) Let it sink in, then sleep on it (5)
20) I hear Brutus needed to borrow one (3)



Correct solution



FALKLANDS COOKERY by JENNY LUXTON

We hope the worst of winter has come and gone! Time to clear out the freezer of odds and ends of fish, to prepare for the beginning of a new fishing season on the 1st September.

FISH PIE

Gather together different fish ie Mero Squid Mullet Trout Hake (I used some smoked haddock instead of trout - smoked mullet will do equally)

Method:

1. Cut fish into bite size pieces, fry in butter, add Tarragon and set aside

2. Cut up small onion, fry in margarine or butter until lightly cooked

3. Add flour and milk to make a white sauce, season with pepper and salt - go easy on the salt if smoked fish has been used.

4. Add to white sauce, fish mixture, plus chopped parsley.

5. Put in an oven proof dish and roll out puff pastry to cover.

6. Bake in a hot oven until pastry is cooked

MICROWAVE SPONGE PUDDING

(Updated version of grandma's duff - in a matter of minutes!)

1. Grease a 2 pt bowl and put syrup or jam in the bottom

2. Take:
4oz Margarine
4oz Sugar
6oz Self-raising flour
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla or almond essence

3. Cream butter and sugar, add flour and eggs and little milk. Mix well and spoon into bowl.

4. Cook for 6-8 minutes on high - turn out onto a plate. Eat with custard or cream (test pudding is cooked as different microwaves will take more or less time).

(I was lucky enough to have the chance to enjoy the Microwave Sponge Pudding, cooked by Jenny last week. It was marvellous and light - a very memorable 'duff' indeed. Ed)

John Fowler reviews a new book on the Falklands War Not Mentioned in Despatches...

The History and Mythology of the Battle of Goose Green
by Spencer Fitz-Gibbon

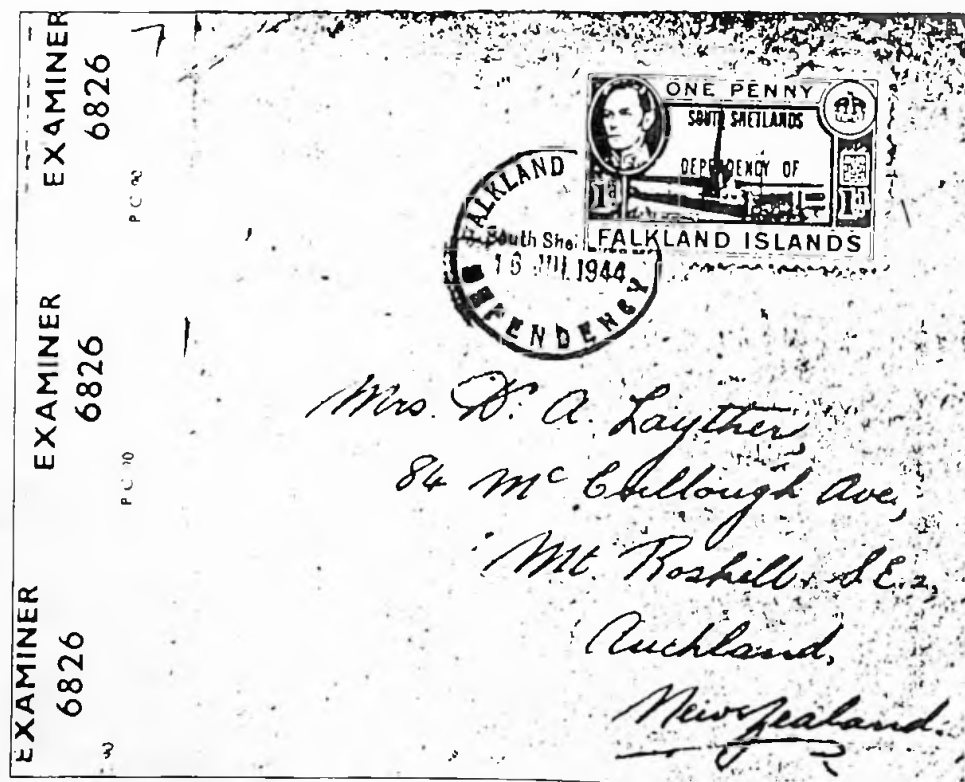
ON the fly-leaf of this book, published by The Lutterworth Press in Cambridge, we read, "This is a fascinating and controversial book, which should be read by anyone with a serious interest in war, organisation studies, and management generally, as well as those concerned about the distortion of

history". It grew, we are told, from a thesis towards his PhD in Military Studies, entitled "Tactics, command and military culture: a study of 2 Para at Darwin Goose Green" which was written by Spencer Fitz-Gibbon, who spent five years as an officer in the 4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Parachute Regiment and

is a contributor to several military journals, including the *British Army Review*.

What we are not told, which would be interesting in the light of the critical tone of this book, is how well Fitz-Gibbon fitted in with his fellow officers and men in the Parachute Regiment or why he

Falklands Philatelic by SG Censored mail from a secret mission



This envelope was sent by the radio/operator mechanic of the first party put ashore on Deception Island during Operation Tabarin. Note that it has been opened and examined by the censor.

OPERATION TABARIN was a secret mission during World War Two. In January 1944 the ships *Scoresby* and *Fitzroy* sailed from the Falklands to the Antarctic Peninsula. The ships, and their crews, were under the direction of the Admiralty, which was acting on behalf of the Colonial Office.

The purpose of the mission was to deny the enemy the use of harbours on the peninsula, and also to control the Drake Passage. Small teams were dropped at a number of locations. The first group went ashore at Deception Island. There

had been a Post Office on Deception from 1906 until 1931 - during the time when the whaling station was operational. The father of Harold Bennett - A G Bennett, was Customs Officer, Whaling Officer and Postmaster for many years at Deception.

The Post Office was re-opened, and a small amount of out-going mail resulted. The envelope illustrated dates from this period. You will note that it was opened by the Censor before despatch. The envelope is postmarked 16th July 1944, but it did not arrive in Stanley

until 15th December 1944. The letter was sent by the Radio Operator/Mechanic of the first party put ashore on Deception.

From these small, and highly secret beginnings, the work of the Falkland Islands Dependency Survey (FIDS) began. Still later, FIDS was developed into the now familiar British Antarctic Survey.

Operation Tabarin postal history is highly prized by collectors, and material from this period fetches high prices at auction.



Cover photo Airborne Forces Museum Aldershot. Collection

Motocross with Moffat

WITH ONLY eight weeks to go before the first race of the 1995/96 motocross season (1st of October) this month is a good time to delve into the garage, dig out your bike and scrape the mould off your racing pants. But as you polish and caress your pride and joy, spare a thought for the punishment your body is about to take for the next 8 months.

A sensible bike racer would have kept his fitness up during the off season and would only need to increase his workout slightly to get back to peak fitness. But, like the world is round there are no sensible bike racers. Being fit will keep a smile on the old girl's face and reduce the chance of injury. When you are powering down the straight at 50 plus MPH, your eyes are jiggling about in their sockets and the last thing you want is your bones to start jiggling along with them. Toned-up muscles will help prevent this phenomenon. Your physical training should concentrate on developing your legs, your endurance, your shoulders, arms and hands and finally your mid-section (Abdomen and back). Stretching exercises are highly recommended for the prevention of injury. So get down to the gym and ask your friendly PTI for some handy hints on how to get fit and stay fit.

Diet is also important. There are six nutrition essentials: proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, minerals and water. The racer taking home the silverware this season will be eating lots of protein, mutton, beef and fish, essential for building and repair-

Tune up that body, and get it in gear for the new season



This is the view most riders will get who haven't listened to the checkout girls' ing of bone, muscle and body tissue.

Carbohydrates: fresh veg, fruits and cereals provide the fuel that the muscles need to work. Eat only carbohydrates on race day; they are easier to digest and you will avoid having lumps of meat bouncing around inside your stomach. Minerals are important to reduce muscle fatigue; the most important for an athlete being magnesium, potassium, calcium and sodium. Don't think a bottle of lucozade a day is the answer to all your problems; it helps, but may not be enough to carry home a

trophy. For more information about your diet, ask the checkout girls of any reputable food store.

Now, with your body in peak physical condition, maybe you should have a look at your bike. To some, riders' maintenance consists of carefully counting both wheels. A full-blown GP race bike requires a little more than this kind of treatment. Apart from the obvious bits like chain, brakes, spokes, sprockets and bearings, here are a few items you may have forgot about. Have a look at the KIPS valve, it will almost certainly need de-carbonising. Also worth a look at is

Focus for an analysis which calls on all the previously collated and published evidence and includes hours of interviews with men who were there, is the part played by Colonel H Jones, VC, who was killed during the battle and whose reputation as a planner, as an officer and as a leader, Fitz-Gibbon systematically attempts to dismantle

A central assertion made by Fitz-Gibbon is that it was the devotion of 'H' to an out-moded form of battle-planning, as taught by the School of Infantry at Warminster, where he had previously been an instructor, which led to the attack becoming bogged down and an impasse, which was only freed by 'H's' death, when an approach that was at once more flexible and focused became possible.

As a civilian, I have to say that I am not qualified to judge either the accuracy of Fitz-Gibbon's assertions or the validity of his evidence for making them, but I do question his motives in allowing this book to be published. It raises many questions which might have been better left for military tacticians and theorists to chew over in the relative privacy of their studies and lecture theatres. While this might be regarded as the suppression of truth, it might be what is owed to the survivors of that ghastly time, including the many who still bear the physical and mental scars from it and to the still-grieving relatives of all those who did not survive.

the stator; take it off and give it good clean, it can get full of condensation and therefore corrosion. Take the shock linkage apart, clean and grease with waterproof grease, also do the same to the head stock. Re-place the oil in the front forks. A new piston and ring is the cheaper way to more horsepower than hopped up reed valves and expansion pipes. Re-packing your silencer can give you more bottom end and a friendlier neighbour!! For more information about motorcycle maintenance and racing engines, ask the checkout girls of any reputable food store.

The next step is to get the leg over... your bike. Spare a thought as to where you do your training. Have you got permission? Are you near a residential area? The last thing you want is for the public to complain about noisy bikes. Use the 'buddy-buddy' system; always go training with a friend. That way, if you have an accident you will have someone to look after your bike while you crawl to the hospital.

WELL DONE to Derek Jaffray who came third in the Four Stroke Clubmans Class and was best overseas rider in the Welsh Two Day International, which reflects the level of competition we are starting to achieve in the short time that the lads have been racing bikes. This will be our third season and with the amount of new machinery arriving each month it has the makings of the most exciting racing to date.

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Key points revealed by Mori Poll

More detailed results of the survey will appear in subsequent issues of *Penguin News*

THE SURVEY was conducted at the request of the Falkland Islands Government and examined the public's knowledge of, and attitudes towards, the Islands. Thirteen years after the Conflict the most common UK public opinion is that the Islands should remain British (36%) with only one in ten people (10%) believing that they should be given to Argentina. A further three in ten of those surveyed believe that the Islands should be independent (29%).

Islands most commonly seen as British

In addition the Islands are most commonly seen as British (58%) and as a safe environment for rare birds and other wildlife (50%). Very few respondents feel that the Islands do not belong to Britain (6%), or that they belong to Argentina (8%).

Labour Government would make a difference

Reflecting the shifts that have taken place in the British political

landscape since 1982, a majority (55%) now feel that a Labour Government would make a difference to the prospects of a settlement. In an earlier poll, in 1990 this figure stood at 29%.

Continue with current levels of spending

The survey found that there is widespread confusion and ignorance as to the amount of money Britain spends on defending the Falklands; only 3% of the respondents knew that the amount is less than 1% of the total UK defence budget, with many believing the figure to be much higher. When told of the true figure most people (60%) felt that Britain should continue with current levels of spending.

Suspicion of Argentina

A high level of suspicion as to the intentions of the Argentinians towards the Islands also remains, with over half saying that they have little or no confidence in the Argentinians keeping any promises made as part of a

compromise over sovereignty.

Positive perception of Islands

The survey also measured positive perceptions towards the Islands in comparison with other countries and found that the Islands are outranked only by the USA, comfortably scoring more highly than South American countries such as Chile, Uruguay, Brazil and particularly Argentina. Indeed, of all the countries asked about, Argentina is viewed most critically with negative perceptions at 33% and positive perceptions at 13%, a net figure of -20%.

The findings of the MORI report are given added poignancy by the recent reaffirmation by President Menem of Argentina of the importance Argentina attaches to securing the sovereignty of the Islands, a commitment underlined by the Foreign Minister Guido De Tella during his visit to the UK last week.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police News

The Royal Falkland Islands Police reported that at 1.38am on Sunday July 30 Police Officers were called to 15 Campbell Drive where an argument was in progress. The officers seized a 9mm semi automatic pistol and the incident is now being investigated.

Cow Rescue

Doreen Dickson of Wreck Point reported on Monday that due to the dreadful snow drifts that were reaching at least four feet in some places, that one of their cows had been snowed in and had to be rescued.

Falkland Craft Fair

The Falkland Islands Craft Fair will take place in the FIDF Drill Hall on the 12th and 13th of August 1995.

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Spinning Around

Roddy says don't let Stanley lose its 'Port'

APOLOGIES to Frank Short for mistakenly reporting that he served in the Merchant Navy, it was of course the Royal Navy.

Sarah Dixon and Michael Allan were married on July 15 in Northumberland, we have been promised pictures and a report for a future edition. Mike and Trish Hanlon show them how its done, by celebrating 25 years of marriage. Trish teaches line dancing to countless local enthusiasts, so their party in the FIDF hall on Saturday took up this theme; photo next week.

Roddy Napier phoned us from West Point Island to voice strongly held feelings regarding the councillors idea to change Port Stanley's postmark to 'Stanley'. Roddy says he is aware that Governor Moody called it Stanley, however the Port prefix has been present for over one hundred years, it would be a shame he thought to discard part of our history. Would famous Australian towns with the Port prefix be so casual about throwing away 'Port'? He added that Mrs Thatcher herself announced that the 'White flag is flying over Port Stanley' not Stanley.

Overseas people with an interest in the Islands have always thought of the town as Port Stanley and apart from that, there are many 'Stanleys' in the world but a lot less 'Port Stanleys'.

Hill Cove suffered a severe pounding by storms and snow last Friday. Sally Blake tells us that there were 50/60 knots of wind from the South East resulting in massive drifts. The storm was so severe that a vehicle 30 yards away could be heard but not seen. Tim and Sally later found many dead hoggets, frozen to death and stuck to the ground with ice. The storm seems to have swept in a relatively straight line from MPA through Stanley.

On a historical note, does anybody know which respectable local publican, as a young lady, was expelled from her basket making class? Rumour has it she still blames Phyllis Robson!

Islander in New Zealand Min McWatters reaches the age of 101



Virginian (Min) McWatters celebrates her 101st birthday with great granddaughters Mary (3½) and Janette (2) McWatters

NEW ZEALAND News paper 'Hauraki Herald' reports on the birthday of Virginia McWatters; daughter of Jess and Harriet Phillips, who sailed to the Falklands from England in the 1860's. Min (as she was known) recently reached the age of 101 which she celebrated in Thames, New Zealand.

The Herald writes that Virginia's father took up a position as foreman with the Falkland Islands Company. There the Phillips produced nine children, the last on

May 13 1894 - a daughter named Virginia Minnie.

Min's family followed three of their sons to New Zealand where they settled in Ngatea. Her future husband Sam (from Ulster) arrived in New Zealand 12 years later, they were married in 1919. Min's daughter, Verna (with whom she now lives was one of five children.

Min has only one regret about her 101 years and that is that none of her children were able to visit her beloved Falkland Islands.

John Smith finds more curious connections between *Mera* and the Falkland Islands

AS REPORTED in a previous issue, John Smith received the flag of the German ship *Mera* at a ceremony on board HQS Wellington.

Apart from being a survivor of the Battles of Coronel and the Falklands, John discovered some other unusual connections *Mera* has with the Falklands. The first of these is that she was built for the German Kosmos Shipping Line. Their ships called regularly at Stanley between 1880 and 1900 with mail and passengers on their voyages from Europe to Valparaiso.

Shortly before the Battle of the Falklands another curious connection occurred. It appears that just prior to the action off the Falkland Islands, Admiral Von Spee signalled *Mera* - then in a Chilean port - to load with trenching tools, cement for blockhouses, and ammunition in the assumption that the Falklands would be taken and that mobilised German settlers from all over South America would beset the Falkland Islands to occupy them. This of course never came about so *Mera*, presumably having received

news of the defeat, put back to Montevideo and interned herself. After the cessation of the Great War she was taken over by the Uruguayan Government, her name changed to *Rio Negro* and not much is known of her then until 1930s when she had a name change to *Brema*. She was then registered in Bremen. After that, disappointingly, she disappears from the records.

Some weeks prior to the action at Coronel, Admiral Sir Christopher Craddock was at Stanley with his ships when he had a premonition that he was going to meet Von Spee with the German Squadron somewhere quite shortly. Knowing that he was not going to return, he left his medals and decorations, along with a letter to his family, with the Governor to be passed on.

It is very pleasing to have had the opportunity of giving *Mera* prominence says John Smith. Without these support ships on both sides the great naval fleets would have been unable to operate.



Darwin from the 'pasa libre'



Mike Peake

Mike Peake's private view of the Falklands goes public at Pink Shop Gallery

MIKE PEAKE arrived in the Falklands with, by his own account, a guitar and his painting materials, to work at the old Ionespheric Station on Davis Street (Now Sullivan Shipping's HQ). Whether he still has the guitar, he didn't say, but as the display of seventeen of his recent oil paintings at the Pink Shop Gallery showed last weekend, he has not lost his touch as a painter.

Mike is the son of a professional artist, from whom he learned his technique, and it shows in the skill with which he handles oil paints, but the factor in his work, which is all his own, is his feeling for the Falklands landscape, a love affair which has lasted thirty-six years and is still as passionate as ever. Nothing makes him more annoyed, he says, than the often-made claim that the Falklands are feature-less and without colour. As Mike's paintings demonstrate so well, there is all the colour here that there is anywhere, but it is subtle and you have to look for it.

The work on view at the Pink Shop this week was painted mostly within the last two years, Mike says as an antidote to his working life, which is largely spent watching a monitor screen in his day-time role as the FIG's Computer Co-ordinator. He insists that his painting is a hobby, not a profession, but the scarcity of paintings without red 'sold' stickers on them on Friday morning is a testament to how keen people are to acquire an original "Peake". (Among the lucky people to fall into this category is Baroness Thatcher for whom Mike was commissioned to do a special painting for her last visit to the Falklands during Heritage Year) Usually, he just paints what he likes and people like what he paints.

In recent years, Mike, who has designs for at least one Falkland Islands stamp issue to his credit has slowed down his production from his early days in the Islands, but he was moved to mount this recent exhibition just to show that he, along with other local artists, is still alive, kicking, and producing excellent work, in the Falkland Islands.

Having never had an individual exhibition before, Mike is now talking about another one, maybe next year. This time I hope to be first in the queue.

JATF



Pens at Dos Lomas



Fr Monaghan



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Information wanted on ex-Boys Brigade Members

Taking up a suggestion by an ex-officer of the Boy's Brigade, to put together a small booklet of information such as, if an NCO or Officer, the time of membership, the present address and telephone number. Already a sizeable list has been prepared, but since June 1954, membership information is very scarce. I have put together two lists, one for local ex-members and one for those living overseas. It would be much appreciated if any ex-member who could assist with information, could collect a list from the Philomel Store as soon as possible, on Fax/phone (00 500) 21123.

It is the intention pending the return of lists from England, Canada, New Zealand Australia, in time, to start putting the booklet together during the early part of November 1995

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I am planning on moving to the Falkland Islands possibly late this year

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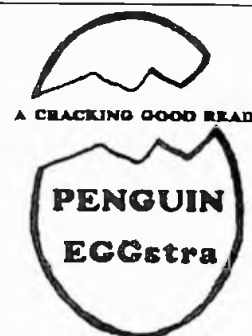
PERSONAL

Mike and Trish wish to thank everyone who helped in any way with their party, with special thanks to all their friends for the marvellous gifts and cards, and for making their 25th Anniversary so perfect and such brilliant fun.

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To all family and friends.
Thank you for all the gifts and cards you sent to us and also to the KEMH staff especially Jackie Earnshaw and Dr. Fisher for delivering our lovely son Anthony Vincent.
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Postscript From The Cathedral

One of the most important things we can do to make our Christian faith come fully alive is to make a habit of reading our bibles daily.

The story is told of a South Sea Islander who proudly displayed his Bible to an American GI during World War Two. Rather disdainfully, the soldier commented, "We've grown out of that sort of thing." The Islander smiled and said, "It's a good thing that we haven't. If it weren't for this book, you would have been a meal by now!"

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Help a mother end her nightmare plead police

TUESDAY 8 August was the 15th Anniversary of the disappearance of Marine Alan Addis at North Arm. As a team of detectives from the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary prepare to come to the islands to assist the Royal Falkland Islands Police in their investigation, the anniversary was marked with a television appeal by Alan's mother.

Mrs Addis said, "Some of you will already know me from my previous visit to your islands; some of you will remember seeing me on TV. I hope so, because today I need your help, not as a stranger talking to you from England, but as a mother who is living a

nightmare; a nightmare I hope you can end for me.

My son came to your islands to help train your defence force back in 1980, before the war. His name was Alan and he was a Royal Marine. Fifteen years ago, on Friday August 8, 1980, Alan disappeared. He had gone to a social event at North Arm and didn't return. He was just nineteen.

Alan was my only child. When I first heard the news, I thought perhaps he had been the victim of a tragic accident, but as the days turned into weeks and weeks into months, and no trace of him was found, I began to slowly wonder what could have happened to him.

Slowly, over the years, that nagging doubt has turned into my private nightmare.

Those of you who are mothers yourselves will know what I mean. To wake up every morning with that terrible feeling of loss in the pit of your stomach. Sometimes the ache is unbearable.

When the searches found nothing I came to your islands to see for myself. Everyone was very kind, but no-one had the answer to my question. What had become of Alan?

Today I need your help again. The police have told me that they have new leads which could uncover the truth. I just want to know what happened.

Long ago I accepted that Alan must be dead, and if that is so, then at least I deserve the opportunity to bring his remains back home for a proper funeral, so that he can at last rest in peace. Is that too much for a mother to ask?

Detectives from England - from the Devon & Cornwall Police - are helping your local police. They have no axe to grind. They too are just looking for the truth.

So from the bottom of my heart I appeal to you to come forward, anonymously if need be, and tell them everything you know. Even the slightest scrap of information which you may think insignificant could prove vital. I know it's a long time ago, but please think back to that August evening fifteen years ago, try to remember every detail. I know there have been all sorts of rumours and suspicions, but I am only interested in the facts, so that I can put an end to the misery that hangs like a black cloud over my life.

My only son came to your islands to help you keep your freedom. Now he needs your help in return - to set his grieving mother's mind to rest. Please help me if you can. That's all I ask."

A freephone line has been installed at Stanley Police Station. When the line is not manned, there will be an answerphone service. If anyone has any information which they think may be of assistance, they are asked to call 22222. It will cost them nothing, and it may put an end to Mrs Addis's anguish.

Oil licensing round date leaked steadily

ON August 2 the *Financial Times* revealed that "the Falkland Island Government is planning to go ahead with a controversial oil exploration round on October 3." The *Times* say "that this date was believed to be known by both British and Argentine officials for several months while bilateral talks aimed at reaching a cooperation agreement on oil continued".

The date had been leaked steadily for a few weeks and has now been confirmed by Chief Executive Andrew Gurr the day after Dr di Tella released it to the Argentine press. For both political and commercial reasons it had been hoped to launch the date later this month.

As talks continue, the Foreign Office have exercised a policy of 'no surprises' with Argentina in the hope that 'the fact that contacts are continuing means both sides are hopeful agreement can be reached.'

Despite the Argentine Foreign Minister's warning that his government is prepared to take legal action against oil companies

which sign exploration deals being planned unilaterally by the Falkland Islands Government, a further round of talks are expected to take place in Buenos Aires later this month.

The official party representing the Falklands at the launch will include the Chief Executive Andrew Gurr, Attorney General David Lang, Economic Advisor Richard Wagner, Oil Expert John Martin, two Councillors, John Cheek and Bill Luxton, Junior Geologist Emma Edwards and representatives from Fannin and Richards.

The London launch will take place at the Geological Society in Piccadilly where about 100 oil companies will be invited to attend a half day seminar. Following the morning presentations will be a question and answer session and informal discussions with individual oil companies.

Eight days later in America the launch will be repeated at the Sheraton Hotel, Houston. The legislation will be published in the *Gazette* and public relations will be handled by Shandwicks.

Governor to give briefing on oil situation

HIS EXCELLENCY The Governor will be returning briefly to the Falklands on Tuesday August 15, in order to talk to councillors regarding the most recent situation on the oil licensing round beginning October 3.

The Chief Executive commented that the Governor's decision to return was not unexpected, it had always been a possibility that he would return in order to brief councillors at the approach of the most sensitive time prior to the launch of the oil licensing round.

Mr Gurr added later that he was not aware that His Excellency was returning for any other reason than the expected briefing, dismissing rumours of pressure from the Foreign Office to make

compromises with Argentina due to the lack of agreements reached in current talks on the subject of oil.

In a press release the Chief Executive announced a number of events planned to keep the public informed regarding the oil licensing round. On Thursday of this week an FIBS phone-in will occur, (6pm) at which time the public will be able to ask questions of himself (The Chief Executive), Councillor Cheek, Mr John Barton (Chairman of FENTAG) and the Attorney General.

On September 19, prior to the licensing round, there will be a public meeting, and another on November 1 (following the round) which will include information in the form of slides and handouts.

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POSSIBLY the only demoralising aspect of being employed by *Penguin News*, is not as you may think the complaints about editorials that rankle, or typographical errors in articles that matter. (On the contrary, in the case of the former, it is a matter of pride to a journalist to be able to elicit a response to a matter of importance to the writer. Regarding the latter, the utmost is done to avoid such mistakes, however occasionally the spell check fails us, as does the fallible human eye) The complaint that truly makes your weeks work appear entirely pointless is that seemingly harmless little phrase uttered by those flicking through the pages of *Penguin News*: "there's nothing in the paper again this week".

Before the reader makes the assumption that I am simply asking for cries of sympathy for the hard-working staff of *Penguin News*, this is not my intention, so abandon the violin and read on.

The complaint initially stems from the presence in the paper of high profile articles of news. On occasions it has happened that the public have already heard of a particular matter on *News Magazine* or through private channels, discussed it and dismissed it from their mind, only to find it on the cover of *Penguin News* on Wednesday. This can understandably be somewhat disappointing to the reader who has sat down with his coffee and digestives, intent on a good read. What must be considered however is that to ignore a prominent issue would be a grave mistake on the part of an editor.

Primarily, a newspaper of any worth must give account of issues which are of specific importance to the area it claims to cover. Secondly apart from providing readers with news of current topics of interest, a paper is highly instrumental in the recording of history. Whereas in Britain, certain tabloid papers will, without great agonies of conscience reduce mass Muslim deaths to a few column inches, whilst discussing the present state of the relationship of Hugh and Liz over the whole front page (safe in the knowledge that the other papers will give accounts of the more serious story), *Penguin News* does not have the choice of ignoring an important story. The museum keeps a copy of all news paper issues (as do many local people) and subjects that seem repetitive and over-exposed now, will in the future be of vital importance in showing change and development in the Islands.

Little therefore, can be done (or even should be done) about the above, however in the case of smaller items of news, we at the paper, can phone the police, collect the court news or follow up stories and suggestions. What we cannot do is phone countless house-holds each morning and enquire of news (because invariably there are snippets of news which other people would love to hear).

We started 'Spinning Around' in an attempt to encourage people to tell all, and to a limited extent it has worked, we are extremely grateful to those who have phoned, faxed or called in with news, but somewhere out there is more of what we want. Being a farmers daughter I would be delighted to hear about happenings in the camp. I don't believe the Westers lead boring lives, so tell us what you're about.

When I first started at *Penguin News*, John told me the most important characteristic required of staff was the ability to be humble, 'if you make a mistake' he said 'apologise profusely. If they make a mistake and blame you, apologise profusely anyway'. Humility has not always come naturally to me, but since I am somewhat nervously forced into a position of responsibility I shall take on the characteristic wholeheartedly, and I humbly ask you the makers of news, to tell us, things that not everybody can claim to have heard already.

SIR ALAN continues to agonise over the future of the islands in his *Times* article of July 25, with an enthusiasm bordering on desperation, (report on page 3), his concern for tax paying Britain who uphold present defence costs, seemingly an important premise in his argument for a quick 'per capita' buyout of Islanders loyalty. He will surely then rest easily as a result of the FIG commissioned Mori Poll, comforted by the knowledge that 68% of British taxpayers are content with the present expenditure on defence costs of the Islands. (Despite the *Sun's* claim that over half the British public were against upholding the defence costs - 36%; either somebody in their office can't count or *The Sun* has concluded it is no longer a good selling point, or politically sound to support the Falklands cause. Should we weep or should we cheer I wonder? Is the support of *The Sun* truly a big point scorer in the eyes of the Great British Public?)

On the subject of Sir Alan however, will the result truly lift the great weight of his assumed responsibility for the Britain/Falklands/Argentina triangle or will he (as is more likely) simply dismiss the poll results as before for being 'divorced from reality'?

YOUR LETTERS

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

Decision to omit 'Port' should be overturned by councillors says Craig Shelton

RODDY NAPIER is surely right in lamenting Councillors' decision to omit 'Port' from the 'Port Stanley' postmark.

Whatever arguments there may be that 'Stanley' is officially the name for the Islands' capital, the name is at the end of the day what the residents choose to make. And 'Port Stanley' is at least as much hallowed by traditional usage as 'Stanley' - probably, indeed considerably more so. Never mind what governor Moody may or may not have called it.

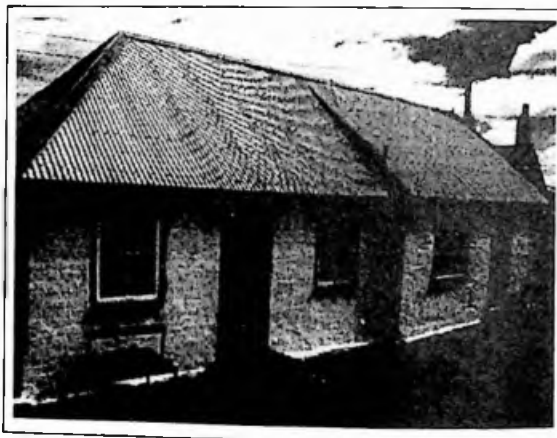
'Stanley' is plain, drab and pinched - evocative of nothing. It

could be anywhere. 'Port Stanley', by contrast, is warm and welcoming - recalling the safe haven where scores of stricken ships sought refuge. So much more redolent of the islands' history, and so much nicer to the ear.

It cannot be too late for Councillors to reverse this unhappy step. Let them be brave and resist this genuflection before an ever increasingly colourless and uniform world.

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Public Notice
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The Falkland Islands Government reserves the right to reject any tender received.

A Tribute to Mr William John Davis

William John Davis (Bill) born on March 16, 1909, died aged 86 on July 31, 1995. The below text is a tribute to Mr Davis by Mr Robin Pitaluga of Salvador. The tribute was read at the funeral of Mr Davis on Friday 4, 1995.

BILL AND ELSIE Davis, with their son Reg came to Salvador from Roy Cove in January 1948 and Bill started work as a rouseabout on the 29th of that month.

Bill was a most energetic and hard worker, who could turn his hand to virtually anything and do it well. His sheep shearing tallies with hand shears and, from 1966, with machines, were up with the best in those pre contract gang years. Teat cutting and fencing were two other contract occupations at which he excelled. He was a very experienced boat man.

Although he had considerable mechanical ability, Bill always declined to drive any motorised vehicle and he walked many miles in the course of his work and for recreation; he became farm foreman in 1959.

From 1960 onwards, Salvador was heavily involved in a re-building programme and Bill was always at the centre of it as working with concrete and timber were two of his greatest pleasures.

Bill never seemed to tire and his reward appeared to come best from a job well and quickly done rather than his pay packet at the end of each month.

Bill retired from full-time employment at the end of September 1987 and it was our hope that he and Elsie would live on in retirement for many years in the house they had occupied since 1957, as they were not interested in moving into Stanley. Unfortunately Elsie's health deteriorated quite suddenly early in 1988 and, in April of that year, they were obliged to move into Stanley where they could be nearer medical attention. So ended 40 years of loyal and dedicated service to Salvador and Sheep farming.

To mark the life and work of the Davis family at Salvador, a new camp formed by sub-division in the centre of the land, was named "Davis Ponds".

A note for Overseas' electors

BRITISH citizens living abroad have the right to vote at Parliamentary and European Parliamentary elections held in the UK (this does not include local government elections).

Any UK citizen wishing to re-register their right to vote as an overseas elector must do so by 10 October 1995 by completing an Overseas Elector's Declaration Form. (The electoral register runs from February 16 1996 and remains in force for all elections for one year).

Forms and explanatory leaflets may be obtained from Mrs Maureen O'Neill at Government House on request - Telephone 27433

Another name to add to the list of Falkland Islanders serving with the British forces in the Second World War. Mr Jim Clements served with the RAF

The higher the sum the better the chance thinks Sir Alan

SIR ALAN Walters, ex Economic Advisor to Margaret Thatcher, recently wrote for *The Times* on the subject of his favoured solution to the 'Falklands sovereignty issue'. Sir Alan's arguments were virtually unchanged from those he outlined in an interview with Patrick Watts a couple of months past (arguments which found little favour amongst Islanders). Sir Alan claims that the concept of offering a per capita sum to Islanders is 'quintessentially an economists solution: an attempt to make virtually everyone better off'.

Sir Alan implies, as he did in his interview with Patrick Watts, that leading 'nationalists' in the islands are baulking at the idea of a referendum to determine the loyalty of the Islanders, if they were to receive a 'compensatory payment' for a transfer of sovereignty. He makes no mention of the results of the Mori Poll conducted amongst Falkland Islanders, (he argued in the past interview that although the question was asked of Falkland Islanders regarding 'compensatory payment', the actual money was not on offer, thus rendering the result invalid). He claims in his article that 'the higher the sum offered, the more likely the Islanders would be to vote for

Argentine Sovereignty.'

In his article, Sir Alan suggests that the British Government agree to hold a referendum of all adult Falklanders. It should invite the Argentine Government to participate by putting the case for Argentine sovereignty within the new constitution. But to overcome the Falklander's understandable lack of trust, the Argentine Government would be invited to contribute a "compensatory payment" for the transfer.

To make the move transparent, the Argentinians would deposit in a reputable international financial institution a sum in escrow for each and every Falklander. The actual sum is a matter for Argentina to determine, but it might be, say \$1000,000 per Falklander; man, woman and child. If the referendum result were more than 65% for Argentine sovereignty, then the \$100,000 would automatically be credited to the named Falklander.

A number of letters were received by *The Times* in response to the above article, condemning his idea; Mrs Margaret Fieldhouse who visited the Islands with Lady Thatcher in 1992 stated 'having been to the islands, I realised possibly for the first time, the tre-

mendous depth of feeling they have for the British. I cannot believe that a single one of them could be bought with Argentine money, when they fought so hard to maintain their British sovereignty'

Further donations to the Shackleton Scholarship Fund

A RECEPTION was held on board Baffin Bay on Sunday 30 of this month to celebrate her arrival as the latest to join the fleet.

Baffin Bay is owned by Marfrio of Spain who are in joint venture with Southern Fisheries Falkland Islands Ltd. During the reception a cheque for £5000.00 was donated on behalf of Southern Fisheries by Cheryl Black, Manager and Director of Beauchene F.I. Fishing and Trading Co Ltd to Mr Andrew Gurr for the Shackleton Scholarship Fund.

Two further donations were received last week by the Shackleton Scholarship Fund. Dean Brothers Ltd have presented a cheque for £500 to Mrs Leif Pollard, Treasurer of the Fund, and Gairloch Seafoods Ltd have promised \$5,000.

The Committee are delighted with these two handsome contributions which brings the target of £250,000 ever closer.

Cowboy celebrations for twenty five years of marriage



Trish and Mike Hanlon celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary in country-style on Saturday 29 July

Soapbox: This week by Robin Goodwin

I THOUGHT I would elbow my way into the soap box to voice a few words.

The Camp Community are at this time struggling with the effects of the worst known winter on record and praying that stock losses will not be as bad as is feared, though personally I think it is going to be a disaster for many farmers. I wonder if the FIG will be there to assist us if this is the case?

It was interesting to hear on the 4/8/95 that Stanley was experiencing a blizzard. Some people said it was impossible to get to work. Funny how our own remarks of the same nature for the last two months were in many cases dismissed by the town as being over-exaggerated. We have been under snow from the 10/6/95 to the present day and on only one day did the grass show through. Some of our drifts were in excess of 10 feet deep at one stage, yes, we took pictures of them. Yet we have to go to work no matter what the weather conditions.

I was listening to the News Magazine programme the other night, when one fishing company was fined some £70,000 for illegal fishing and the total catch confiscated. This got me wondering: what happens to the catch? Do FIG just sea dump it or do they give it to a local fishing interest to sell on. How much would the catch in question be worth on the market?

I hope that they do make use of the catch, if not then to my mind it would not be in the interest of conservation and fish stocks. It would be nice if we, the population, had a print out of the total revenue taken from fines and the value of the taken catches. What do they do with the money from sales, if that's what they do.

Turning back to the stock for a moment. What about the stock on places where the owners only visit them during the shearing season (Absentee owners). Should these persons not be living with their stock as the majority of farmers do, are they in fact breaking the law, as according to the law all persons in charge of livestock are required to look after them in a husband like manner. Some of these owners even had large Development Grants handed to them with conditions that they must represent their property for at least 320 days of the year to qualify.

The councillors are taking their away day to Pebble Island soon. One councillor recently mentioned on the News Magazine that some people do not like the idea. I think that, maybe, councillors should get away to sort out their own house from time to time, but what made them choose Pebble Island. Contrary to the councillors remarks, that they get to see a good

number of people when at Pebble, is an understatement. Surely one of the larger main farms would have been a better choice. Maybe they should rent one of those derelict outside houses somewhere and set up home like some of us lesser mortals had to do; then, maybe, they would appreciate the difficulties many of us have had to face, not being waited on by lodge or hotel staff. I wonder where the next one will be held. Sea Lion perhaps?

One soap box writer had the misfortune of having a word (snooping) printed instead of shopping. Well even in the accidental form of printing this word, the Editor and staff were very close to the truth. Not by another farm member, but by the population of Stanley and in particular Heads of certain Government Departments. All too often we have snooping going on around the farms and likewise, all too often very distasteful comments made about the way we live our lives, or run our properties. Before these snoopers venture onto the farms to see what they can exploit maybe they should try snooping on their own territory

Sometimes the very snooper is committing as much mismanagement on their own doorstep but cannot see it. They are the ones who are very quickly in for the kill when an unfortunate farmer makes a mistake in animal management. But what of all those innocent sheep you see half strangled on a piece of rope feeding on the edge of the roadsides. It is easy for someone to acquire a pet lamb for their child, to find that all too soon the yard has no grass left to feed it. The same snooper does not realise that what they often see, and not like, has always been the way of life for a farmer. The difference now is that these snoopers get to places on small subdivided farms that they were not permitted to get to when it was a much larger farm. Subdivision has put every farmer under a new kind of pressure that previous farmers did not have to endure. We all try to do the best we can to make the country a better place to live in. Meanwhile the snooper and their mates are trying their hardest to ruin them.

What about the interesting amount of rubbish that the traveller (and snooper) is dumping on the road side. Spare a thought for the animal, even if you do not care for the countryside around you. Would you like OUR rubbish in YOUR back yard? No, I thought not. Remember farms might be big but they are no different to back yards.

There are obviously not too many of you that understand, or have heard of the country code. Do get a copy as by doing so you

may help save an animal from unnecessary suffering. The best motto is: **IF YOU CAN CARRY IT FULL YOU CAN ALSO CARRY IT EMPTY.**

How many times do we have to remind shopkeepers of the need to supply only produce that has a long shelf life or best before sell by date. This was a major problem recently for one family with a tiny baby who were issued with out of date Cow & Gate milk. The father had to make a dash to Stanley in terrible conditions to replace this product. Luckily, he was on the East Falkland but what about the West people who do not have the means to go to town to replace bad stock. I believe there was a group of health inspectors set up to keep track of these problems. So come on you shopkeepers don't pile your old unsaleable junk on us Campers. Put yourselves in our place, would you buy it?

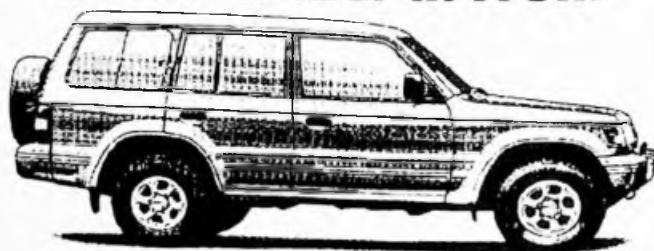
Good job we haven't got thousand of trees on the farm as possibly many would by now be reduced to scrap timber from the onslaught of snow on them. One of our neighbour's long established trees have been battered to pieces during this winters snow. I don't think the Chief Executive's plantation in Lafonia would have done *For our overseas readers; Robin Goodwin is a farmer, owner of Greenfield Farm, East Falklands*

well had it been established. Maybe there is a market selling ice blocks to the Middle East desert areas.

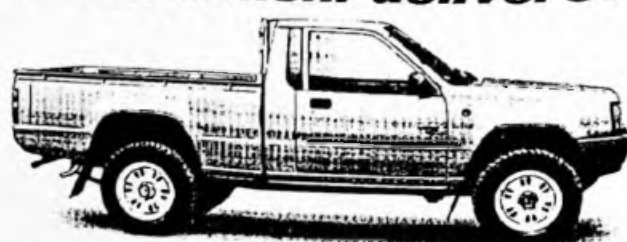
Immigration is an important issue and one the councillors are hoping to discuss at their away day soon. Maybe the solution to future immigration is to adopt the Australian one. This would go a long way to protecting the country from unwanted aliens. For example, you cannot settle in Australia without first having a living relative there or a substantial amount of money to guarantee that you would not be a financial burden on the country. We already see a large number of immigrants arriving here, yet only a minority of them are actually going to settle permanently. Others are here for rich pickings then gone, while others come on contracts for specific jobs and would in many cases love to stay, but cannot because of the contractual terms. A lot of very good people have been lost from this community in this way, people with very special skills which are needed to allow our country to expand.

Looks like someone else wants the box, so better get down for them to have their say, see you around sometime che's.

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A Report on the meeting of the Committee Of 24

Report by delegation member, Councillor Norma Edwards

A FEW words of explanation about the results of the meeting of the Committee of 24 at the U.N. this year, and the meeting preceding the meeting of the Committee of 24.

In June Sukey, Bill Luxton and I paid calls on embassies in London, of countries who are Committee of 24. Letters were delivered to each embassy explaining our objections to the wording of the resolution to be tabled by Argentina which omitted the right of self determination. We asked that the embassies inform their representatives at the U.N. of their concern.

We were well received by all we met in London and most were understanding of our concerns. Some assured us of their countries support.

Towards the end of June we were informed that a seminar had been arranged by the Committee of 24 in Trinidad, to discuss the progress of the Committee over the years and to discuss its workings. We were invited to send two people. The U.N. offered to fund one person and the Falkland Island Government the other.

Bill Luxton and I flew to Trinidad on the 2nd July. We found it a very useful meeting. We were able to talk informally with Committee members and although we thought we were only invited as observers, in fact we were asked to speak and were invited to make comments on the business discussed by the Committee.

We were assured that the information papers from the Committee would in future be forwarded to the Falkland Island Government.

The aim of the Special Committee of 24 is the independence of all dependent territories by the year 2000. I was amazed to find that Pitcairn Island, with a population of approximately 60 people, on this list. A little bit ridiculous I thought. As far as I know Pitcairn has shown no desire for independence.

In the past the Committee of 24 have been able to help a number of countries gain their independence, however most of the dependent territories still on the list are small countries with small populations, and who, in my opinion, would have great difficulties if they chose independence rather than the protection and support of their mother countries.

I left the seminar the evening before the final morning session to enable me to attend Emma's graduation at Queens University. Bel-

fast, but Bill stayed until the end.

The only thing of interest to happen on the final day was that a new Chairman was appointed. His Excellency Mr Alimamy Pallo Bangura, Ambassador of Sierra Leone is now Chairman, and Ambassador His Excellency Utuala Utuoc Samona of Papua New Guinea is Chairman of the Drafting Committee.

Both of these appointments are good news for the Falklands, because Sierra Leone and Papua New Guinea have always been supportive on the Falklands Island front.

Eric Goss and I flew to New York on July 10, arriving in the evening. We spent the 11th and 12th meeting Committee members and the Secretary of the Committee. We had lunch at the U.N. very kindly arranged in our honour and hosted by Mr Derek Plumbly of the British Mission in New York. At this we met and talked with several Committee of 24 members, namely representatives of Sierra Leone, Papua New Guinea, Trinidad and Tobago, India, China, Russia and Bulgaria, as well as Mr Paul Arkwright, First Secretary, UK Mission. Some of you will remember him from when he visited the Falklands during his time at the Falklands desk at the Foreign Office.

Mr Arkwright was particularly helpful to us and has worked very hard on the behalf of the Falklands in New York. We were very grateful to him and of course to other people at the British Mission for all the help we received from them. We also met with the British Ambassador to the U.N., Sir David Hanney who is about to retire, and I expressed our thanks to him on behalf of the Falklands, for the help he and his department have given us over the years.

The Special Committee of 24 met on the 13th July for the first time and the resolution did not go to the vote because Ambassador Samana of Papua New Guinea gave notice to the committee that Papua New Guinea would wish to see an amendment to the resolution to take into account the right of self determination. This was supported by Sierra Leone, but some of the other members said that they would require more time to consider the proposed amendment. Ambassador Samana then informed the Committee that they would have twelve months in which to consider Papua New Guinea's suggestion, and that he hoped to put forward the amendment at next years Committee of

24's meeting.

This is a small step forward from previous years. Hopefully next year the resolution will be amended, and even more hopefully the resolution will eventually be dropped completely.

Chile and Venezuela were the co-sponsors of the Argentine

resolution this year, and I personally found it difficult to come to terms with the fact that whilst we were busy trying to win points for the Falklands at the U.N. my Government at home were agreeing to monetary support for a Chilean company - Politics is a funny old business.

The Small Island Games 1995

Report by
Nina Aldridge

THE OPENING ceremony of the sixth Island Games took place on Saturday July 15, in the shadow of the Rock of Gibraltar. Following the arrival of HE the Governor, Sir John Chapple, Gibraltar's national Anthem was sung whilst their flag was raised. The National Anthem was then played heralding the procession of the teams, led by the Isle of Wight, hosts of the last Island Games.

The Falklands team received a very warm welcome with both the Chief Minister and the Governor rising to their feet. The Island Games will be hosted in 1997 by Jersey.

The Falklands sent a team of three: Saul Pitaluga, to compete in the Clay Pigeon Trap Shooting and Annie Bendyshe and myself in the Half Marathon.

The Games started with the Opening Ceremony during which all competing teams proceeded into the stadium with their flags. This was followed by a display by the RAF Falcon Display Team and dances by local school children. All teams had brought quantities of water from their islands, which were poured into a fountain to represent the unity of the competing islands.

None of the Falkland Team competed in the first half of the week, so it was spent visiting some of Gibraltar's attractions, trying to acclimatise and meeting the other competitors (officials and locals). We found the locals very friendly towards us. They explained how they felt a kinship with us as a result of they too having problematic neighbours. We found many other competitors with Falkland Island connections, in particular the Orkney Team. Not only did they know both Bob Abernathy and the Alsop family, but the Team Manager had attended Peter Symonds (the college Falkland Island students attend to complete their A-Levels.)

For Saul this was a return visit, as he shot his first ever clay in

Gibraltar while on holiday in 1986. He finished his first days shooting in 7th position out of 20. Unfortunately on the second day this position fell to 10th, although this was still a very credible score.

There was a great deal of confusion regarding the Half Marathon. The timing for it was changed four times in all. Finally it was run at 10am on the final morning, despite protests from competing islands and doctors.

We were lucky on the day as the lavanta was over the rock. (The lavanta is a cloud which forms above the rock covering the whole of Gibraltar and means the temperate is lower, although it is still very humid.) This was a great bonus for all the runners.

After we had begun to run, it turned into a treasure hunt trying to find where we were supposed to be going as the route was not very well marked. After the second lap we were sent into the stadium by mistake, and when we pointed this out we were then sent into a deserted car park!

Eventually we both finished together, in a time of 2 hours 9 minutes, which although not as fast as we would of liked, in the circumstances we were pleased with.

FIDF defending Stanley with a 'Silver Bullet'



Private D Crowie



Corporal J McPhee, Lance Corporal D Peck and Private K Harris



Private C Paice

'SILVER BULLET', a Falkland Islands Defence Force Exercise designed to test the procedures for the Transition to War, Mobilisation and Deployment of the FIDF, was held over the weekend.

Despite the snowy conditions the exercise went ahead as planned on Saturday morning with the Force deploying and taking up defensive positions around Stanley Airport. Shortly after the exercise started a call was received from one of the patrols who had found a foal, 'Chance' owned by Julie Fiddes, trapped in an old trench left over from the 1982 conflict. The Vet and several horse owners were called and the animal was soon rescued none the worse for

its experiences. The afternoon was spent practising defence routines and radio procedure.

In the early evening an attempted landing on Rookery Bay was foiled after a very spectacular live firing night shoot. There were, however, several survivors who attempted to infiltrate the Airport defences but were beaten off. These survivors were eventually captured after an engagement on Sunday morning by the *Lady Elizabeth*.

This was the first of several FIDF exercises leading up to the major Defence Exercise "Kelpers Desire" which will be held in November.

Report by Major Brian Summers



Private K Harris and Private P Watson



Major B Summers



Private Z Hirtle



FSM A Brownlee and Corporal W Goss



Colour Sergeant P Riddell



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FSM A Brownlee and Corporal J McPhee

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Perplex yourself with puzzles, laugh at our jokes and cartoons.

I hope you will enjoy the read and please read with us again.

We apologise for the delay in the production of PENGUIN EGGstra.

Lets hope its worth the wait.

Rob B

THE ROYAL GLOUCESTERSHIRE HUSSARS GO DOWN WELL WITH THE PUPILS

On the 15th of July the Infant and Junior school and years 7, 8 and 9 from F.I.C.S were invited to a concert by the 'Royal Gloucestershire Hussars' at the Town Hall. Here is an account from a year nine pupil.

The band started with a brief burst of music designed to catch our attention. There was an introduction then the band threw itself into a magnificent version of 'Thunderbirds'. After the conductor encouraged us we all started to clap (Except for a few dignified teachers) creating a tremendous din that throbbed in time to the great rolls of sound that emitted from the brassy instruments. 'Thunderbirds' was followed by a few other pieces just as impressive and with the same awesome volume that flooded the comparatively tiny Town Hall. Soon after we tried to count the pieces of music which the band had 'bundled' together. Many of the pieces were obvious but others were confusing and I think that everyone lost count. Later the instruments were introduced to us, one by one, each with a little information and a few notes of music. Volunteers paraded round the room playing a variety of instruments while the band, aided by the rest of us clapping, drowned them out. The concert was over much too soon. We left the Hall taking a last look at the immaculate uniforms and the reflective, brassy instruments which had been so skilfully brought to life.

By Andrea Poole



Production Team

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Welcome to the first issue of the Penguin EGGstra!

The idea of a section in the Penguin News for children was brought up from a survey in the Penguin News. A meeting was held by Mr Fowler, and six pupils from year eight decided to try and produce a leaflet to go in the Penguin News especially for children. More meetings were held and a dead line was set, the twenty sixth of July, by which time we had to produce a four paged leaflet of news, stories and pictures.

By using the Senior Schools computers we got to work typing things up after school and once at the weekend.

As we neared the deadline we realized that we needed more time, we needed an extra page.

A week later we showed Mr Fowler who agreed to print it as part of the Penguin News. it had been hard work but great fun.

We would just like to thank Mr and Mrs Purvis for use of the computers, Mrs Crowe for use of the school, Mrs Fowler for any help we needed and Mr Correa for help on the student exchange report. But most of all we would like to thank Mr Fowler for getting us started.

We hope you enjoy reading this just as much as we have enjoyed producing it and we hope you will read it again in the future.



CHILEAN STUDENTS AT F.I.C.S.



On Friday 7th July another group of 5 Chilean students arrived on the islands on a month exchange. Sasha Hobman, Matthew McMullen and Leiv Poncet were also on the plane after a month in Punta Arenas where they attended the British school and stayed with Chilean families.

The five Chilean students, Macarena Leiva, Fernando Mimica, Swen Gysling, Nicolas Neracher and Matias Yacksic, who was here before in February, are going to stay in Stanley for four weeks attending F.I.C.S. The four boys are staying with local families and Macarena in Stanley House. The five students are pleased with the facilities they have found in their new school and with the opportunity to improve their English. They are all Mr Correa's former students.

Next issue, don't miss our article on the Chilean exchange students and their impressions of their stay on the islands. Also Sasha, Matthew and Leiv give their views of their stay in Punta Arenas.

ANDROCLES AND THE LION



Androcles and the Lion is this years community school production. It will hopefully take place at the beginning of next term. The play was written by George Bernard Shaw but has had a few changes to the script and stage directions.

It is being produced and directed by Mrs Blackburn and Mrs Fowler, with the main cast comprising of :-

Androcles - Robbie Burnett
Lion - Lynn Roberts

Mageara - Phillippa Lang
Ferrovius - Mark Gilbert
Lavinia - Ingrid Newman
Centurion - Karl Tapper

The play is set when the Roman Empire was at its peak and controlled most of Europe. Christianity is a very new religion and greatly persecuted. It is about a group of Christians who are either to fight gladiators or be thrown to the lions. Although rehearsals are still in early stages it promises to be a roaring success.

CHANT FOR KILLING A TEACHER

Blerbal - verbal - blerbal!
Blerbal - verbal - blerbal!
Blerbal - verbal - blerbal!

The teachers eyes are made of evil
The teacher drags on and wraps around the blackboard.
Big red pen marking on books,

Blerbal - verbal - blerbal!
Big red pen crossing out on books
Blerbal - verbal - blerbal!
Blerbal - verbal - blerbal!

Shoot it with a gun,
It will make a mess,
Don't slap it with your hand,
It will punish you,
Smack it with a baseball bat,
And it dies.

Blerbal - verbal - blerbal!
Blerbal - verbal - blerbal!
Blerbal - verbal - blerbal!

The teacher cannot mark,
The teacher cannot speak evil,
The teacher cannot see evil,
The teacher is toally dead.

By Ian Jordan

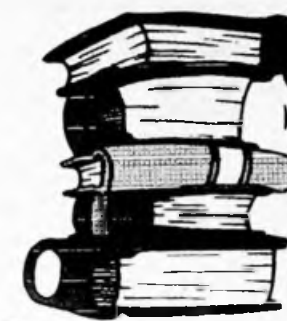
Farewell But Not Goodbye



Two people will be leaving the senior school this term. One pupil, Peter Diggle, and one teacher, Mr Cant.

Peter left on the 26th of July and will be spending one week sunning himself in Ascension Island. After that he and his family will travel to the U.K. to complete their holiday. On the 14 September he will arrive at Bryanston boarding school in Dorset where he will stay until 19 December when he will be returning to the Falklands to spend Christmas with his family.

Also leaving this term is one of the Design Technology teachers, Mr Cant. Mr Cant, his wife and three children, Daniel, Christopher and Philip are leaving the Falklands at the end of term on the 19th August. They will be travelling to Nottingham where they will be spending four years. During this time Mr Cant will be on a teacher training course while Mrs Cant will be on a three year speech therapist course. When they return to the Falklands Mr Cant will resume his post as Design Technology teacher at the senior school. In Mr Cants absence Mr Tim Stenning will take over his post.



School Book Review

Book = Welcome Home Jellybean
Author = Marlene Fanta Shyer

Blurb

When My sister turned thirteen the school where she lived got her toilet trained and my Mother decided she ought to come home to live, once and for all.

My Father and I weren't so sure, but he agreed that we would all give it a try, and he and I got the suitcase out of the storage room and loaded up the trunk of the car and drove to the gas station to have the fuel tank filled while

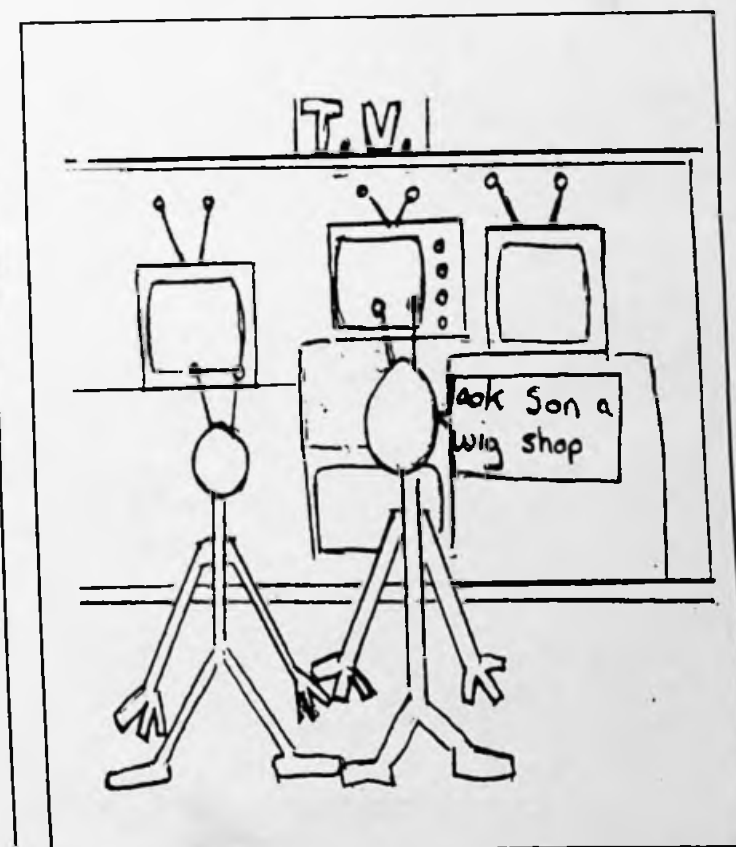
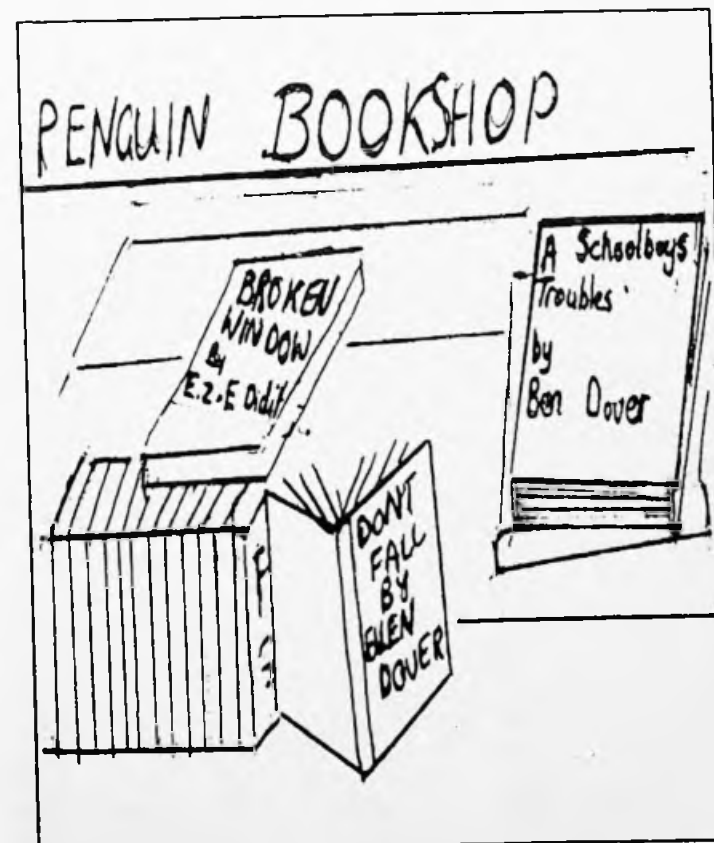
my mother was still up in the apartment writing with the whipped cream squiter WELCOME HOME. Which of course my sister cannot read.

Opinion

A good read for all ages. Quite amusing, though a serious issue.

By Bonnie Curtis

Rating = 7/10



JOKES, PUZZLES AND CARTOONS



ONE-WAY STREET

Policeman: Excuse me, sir, are you aware that this is a **one-way street**?

Man: But officer - I was only going one way!

VIOLIN

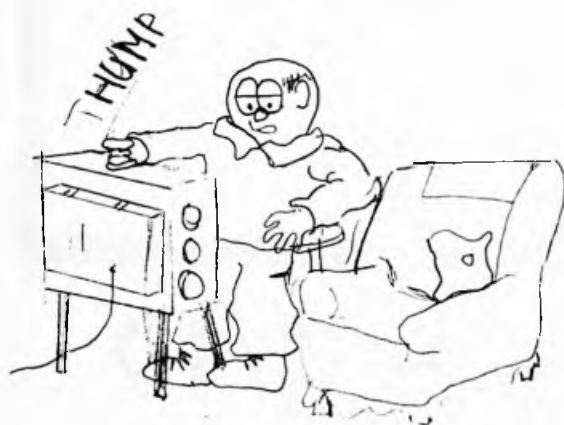
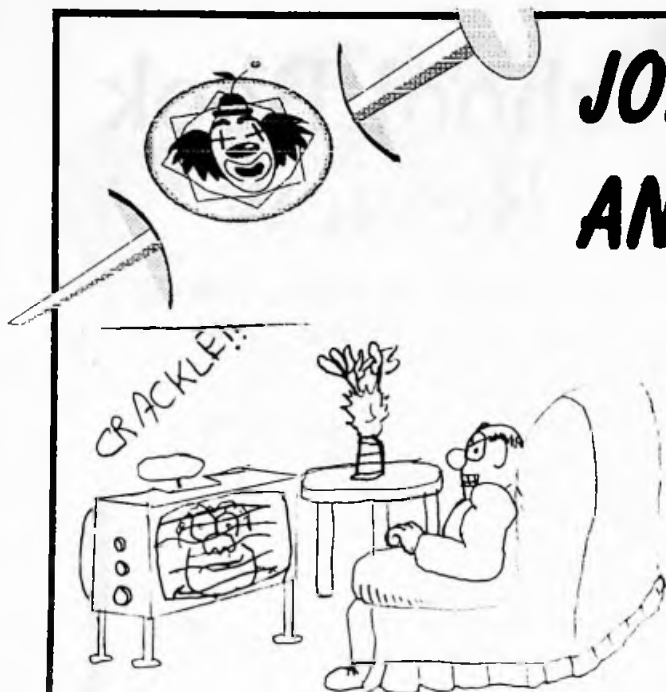
Did you hear about the girl who was so unmusical that it took her a year to get a sound out of a **violin**? For the first eleven months she blew it..

EARWIGS

Fascinating fact: When **earwigs** go to a football match they all chant 'Earwigo-earwigo-earwigo!'

DRUM

There's a man at the door with a **drum**
Tell him to beat it!



Word List: Musical Instruments

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| Bassoon | Flute |
| Guitar | Horn |
| Lute | Organ |
| Piano | Pipe |
| Recorder | Saxophone |
| Triangle | Trombone |
| Trumpet | Violin |

V B C G K E J D Y E B C
 U S D I U T I W L A Q O
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 R O F P N O O S S A B E
 C D Q E R W O H N I Q K
 F L U T E Y N F J E V R

Farming Phobia: An irregular column

NOT A lot to talk about this week, but before I do go on let's sort out the possible conflict in meanings resulting from the *Penguin News* staff altering paragraph endings and starting a new paragraph with a sentence that should have been the last sentence in the previous paragraph. What I am referring to is the bit in the last edition of this column that mentions Bodie Creek bridge, no way am I contemplating that we should keep the bridge as a working reminder of our past, that, as far as I am concerned can fall into the creek and disappear. What I meant of course was that the Philomel Store should stay as part of our history. I take a lot of trouble to edit this column as best as I am able to do and you would think that they could at least pick up the phone and check before altering things, after all we don't get paid for it. There, it's not only the Agricultural Department that get criticised.

Why the hell we can't leave the constitution as it is, I don't know. I seem to remember a few years back we were told that civilised countries don't keep changing their constitutions, it must have been only about 11 years ago that ours was changed unless I'm wrong. Anyway, if we must change, and I hope someone will tell us why this is necessary, surely too much of it needn't be altered. If Stanley councillors are bothered by the camp having the same amount as them, perhaps, to keep them happy we should alter this part of it only.

It wouldn't bother me if we

(In view of the writers first paragraph we have resisted the urge to tamper with the 80 word sentence in the third para. - Ed.)

had one or two members less than Stanley, after all, in the past we have been well looked after by the Stanley members, sometimes out voting some of the more ignorant camp members, also, if I recall correctly there have been many times that EXCO have consisted of all Stanley members and they certainly haven't done us down. So why not go for 3 Stanley, 3 Camp and 3 all Falkland councillors, this way we would have the 'odd' member to avoid a hung council. I would then suggest that we had two ballot papers, one for the relevant constituency and one to elect the 3 for the whole islands, with either one vote on each paper and the 3 winners being the first 3 past the post or, if their concern that most people would vote for the same person, resulting in the other two getting in with only a handful of votes we could have three votes on each paper, similar to now. Personally I would prefer the former option. Obviously candidates would have to decide beforehand whether they were going to stand for the constituency they live in or for the whole islands. This method would also open up opportunities for ex-campers living in Stanley and perhaps not too well known in there, to have more of a chance, and vice versa, we could possibly also see the re-election of one of our better former councillors - Kevin Kilmarin.

Well done to whoever decided to cancel Farmer's Week, this (at the time of writing) has succeeded in putting an end to the snow at

last, hopefully there will be no more.

Higher wool prices will only slightly compensate for the sheep losses which will soon become apparent, which brings us to the accolade for this week, this time and long overdue, the medal goes

to Murray Christie, the shearing instructor for holding probably the most successful training programme ever seen out here, and resulting in our local shearers becoming some of the best in the world.

Late Letter

It makes a kelper wonder.....

I REFER to the *Penguin News* edition of July 26 and the section headed Public Notice, undated, and the application supposedly made by FIG, for 'reclamation of *another 10 metres* between the Public and East Jetties.

I wrote to the Manager of the FIDC as the 'big mother' of Tourism, on July 31, suggesting that, it might be more appropriate for FIG to seek advice before making such a decision, as it seemed obvious that to take this 'back-fill' out any further would so reduce the manoeuvring space for the launches from the larger cruise ships, that sooner than risk damaging their boats, they would be deterred from using the area. It would then look like a direct shot in the back from one FIG Department to another. I suggested in my letter that there were local people about with the necessary expert experience, such as: Messrs.: Nutt Goodwin, Bill Goss, George Betts, Stephen Clifton, Eddie Anderson and Chris Bundes, to name a few.

The Manager of the FIDC telephoned me, acknowledging receipt of my letter and stating that "he fully agreed with my opinion", and saying "he would look into it". However, on Saturday I was amazed to learn from a councillor that in fact the planners granted permission for the work to go ahead. And that in fact the application was submitted by FIDC Tourism which is just another tentacle of FIG.

It makes a pure-bred kelper wonder just what flag we are living under... Perhaps we should all go to Pebble for a LONG WEEKEND **TO SLEEP IT OFF**

It was made known at this meeting, that the extra land was needed for a car park... another??? dream. A giant car park, only fit to ERECT SOMEONE'S NAME HEADSTONE on.

B Peck
Stanley

Around the FIC this week



GALLERY

Arriving this week on the 'Arktis Vision'

For all you line dancing and country & western fans
cowboy hats, shirt, waistcoats & neckties
also

New selection of warm jackets to keep out
the cold and snow

There will be new stock arriving for all other departments
Check them regularly so you don't miss out!

Mori poll - Falklands Image

Last week in *Penguin News* we reported on the general findings of the recent Mori poll conducted in The United Kingdom. As requested by FIG this week we have produced in full the questions and breakdown of responses.

Fieldwork took place during 9-12 June 1995. An asterisk (*) denotes figures below 0.5% but not actually zero. Trend data from 1990 have been included where applicable in brackets.

Q1. I am going to read out a list of countries, and for each one please tell me how favourable or unfavourable you are towards it?

| | Very favourable | Mainly favourable | Neither/nor | Mainly unfavourable | Very unfavourable | No opinion |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| USA | 16 | 50 | 19 | 9 | 3 | 3 |
| Germany | 7 | 42 | 27 | 15 | 5 | 4 |
| Chile | 1 | 10 | 47 | 18 | 6 | 19 |
| Argentina | 1 | 12 | 42 | 24 | 9 | 13 |
| Brazil | 2 | 22 | 43 | 15 | 4 | 15 |
| Uruguay | * | 10 | 51 | 13 | 4 | 21 |
| Falkland Islands | 9 | 36 | 34 | 8 | 3 | 10 |

Q2. Please look at this map and show me where the Falkland Islands are. If you're unsure, please show me roughly where they are?

51% were able to identify the correct site on the map.

Q3. Do you know anyone who lives in the Falkland Islands, or who has a family connection there?

| | % |
|------------|----|
| Yes | 3 |
| No | 96 |
| Don't Know | 1 |

Q4. What do you think the climate is like in the Falklands, compared with Britain?

| | % |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Rainfall | |
| Generally wetter than Britain | 47 |
| Generally drier than Britain | 12 |
| Similar rainfall to Britain | 29 |
| Sunshine | |
| Generally sunnier than Britain | 21 |
| Generally less sunshine than Britain | 35 |
| Similar amount of sunshine as Britain | 32 |
| Temperature | |
| Generally colder than Britain | 58 |
| Generally warmer than Britain | 14 |
| Similar temperature to Britain | 17 |
| Don't know | 9 |

Q5. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Britain deals with the Falklands?

| | % |
|--------------|----|
| Satisfied | 46 |
| Dissatisfied | 16 |
| Don't know | 39 |

Q6. As far as you know, how long have the Falklands been British?

| | % |
|---|----|
| Since they were discovered over 400 years ago | 9 |
| Since 1832 | 28 |
| Since 1900 | 13 |
| Since World War I | 9 |
| Since World War II | 8 |
| Since the Falklands War (1982) | 5 |
| Don't know | 28 |

Q7. Here is a list of different things that people have said about the Falkland Islands. Please tell me which of them in your view, apply to the Falklands?

| | % |
|---|----|
| They have valuable oil and gas reserves | 22 |
| They are British | 58 |
| They are one of the last unspoilt areas on earth | 23 |
| They are a safe environment for many rare birds, seals and other wildlife | 50 |
| They are not worth keeping | 12 |
| They do not belong to Britain | 6 |
| Very few people live there | 48 |
| They are important to Britain | 26 |
| They belong to Argentina | 8 |
| Britain spends a lot of money to maintain them | 36 |
| Don't know | 9 |

Q8. Which do you think are the major industries in the Falklands?

| | Q8 | Q9 |
|--------------------|----|----|
| Financial services | 2 | 1 |
| Fishing | 64 | 34 |
| Wool production | 57 | 34 |
| Oil Industry | 18 | 12 |
| Tourism | 7 | 2 |
| Other | 1 | * |
| Don't know | 14 | 18 |

Q10. Do you think the end of the military regime and the holding of democratic elections every 2 years since 1983 in Argentina has made a lot of difference, some difference or no difference to the prospects for a settlement between Britain and Argentina?

| | 1995 | 1990 |
|---------------------|------|------|
| | % | % |
| A lot of difference | 7 | (13) |
| Some difference | 31 | (37) |
| No difference | 38 | (27) |
| Don't know | 24 | (23) |

Q11. Do you think that the election of a Labour government in Britain would make prospects for a settlement between Britain and Argentina more likely or less likely or make no difference?

| | 1995 | 1990 |
|---------------|------|------|
| | % | % |
| More likely | 20 | (37) |
| Less likely | 4 | (11) |
| No difference | 55 | (29) |
| Don't know | 21 | (23) |

Q12. What do you think would be the best long term future for the Falklands - to remain permanently British, to be handed over to the Argentines, to be independent, or some other arrangement?

| | 1995 | 1990 |
|------------------------|------|------|
| | % | % |
| Permanently British | 36 | (33) |
| Handed to Argentina | 10 | (9) |
| Be independent | 29 | (22) |
| Some other arrangement | 13 | (25) |
| Don't know | 13 | (11) |

Q13. What do you think that Britain should do now about the Falkland Islands?

| | % | % |
|--|----|------|
| Nothing, except maintain the base | 28 | (24) |
| Talk with Argentina on all subjects except sovereignty | 20 | (24) |
| Have talks allowing Argentina to state their case on sovereignty | 20 | (20) |
| Negotiate with Argentina about sovereignty | 18 | (20) |
| Don't know | 14 | (12) |

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100 year old granny is just blooming

Article taken from The Daily Echo

EVERYTHING still comes up roses for green-fingered granny Louisa Carey. The sprightly Southampton pensioner, who celebrates her 100th birthday today, still lives on her own and believes her love of gardening could well be the secret of her long life.

"My garden definitely keeps me going" said Louisa, who still lives in the same Shirley home she has owned for over 30 years.

"I have worked hard all my life. I come from the Falkland Islands and over there you have to work hard"

Louisa's colourful garden, jam-packed with roses, pansies, marigolds and other blooms, is the envy of all her neighbours in Shirley.

The pensioner reckons she inherited her gardening skills from her parents, who ran a farm near Port Howard in the Falkland Islands.

"My father was a keen gardener," she recalled. "He had a beautiful garden and my mother was just the same - she loved flowers."

Louisa, who has already outlived all but one of her seven brothers and sisters, loved the farm life and was responsible for everything from milking the cows to rounding up the sheep on horseback.

In 1919, she married shepherd

Raymond Carey and went on to have three sons and a daughter.

Louisa moved to Southampton in 1952 following the death of her husband and now leads a quiet existence pottering around her garden.

Photo: Robert Rowlands

den and greenhouse.

Relatives from across the world will be travelling to Southampton for her 100th celebrations, but she insisted: "I don't feel any different. It's just another birthday."

Louisa on her 99th birthday



Another bouquet for Queen Mum

THE ACTING Governor, the Hon Andrew Gurr, has sent the following telegram to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs in respect of the birthday on 4 August of the Queen Mother:

"On the occasion of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, I should be most grateful if you would convey to Her Majesty the most loyal and affectionate greeting of all the people of the Falkland Islands and of the military garrison at Mount Pleasant.

With humble duty I ask Her Majesty to accept our most respectful good wishes."

Couterfeit coins

Several counterfeit £1 coins have been discovered within the Mount Pleasant complex and more recently, two coins were removed from circulation in Stanley. They are marginally lighter in weight and slightly thinner than genuine ones.

All persons both civilian and military who deal with money are requested to scrutinise all £1 coins and report any findings to the police on Tel: 27222 or military police on 76332.

As I See It by Gail Steen

The boys in blue and the little men in white coats

I AM definitely a summer person. Every morning I psych myself up to get out of bed. I hate pulling back the curtains to see more snow and ice settling with a determined wriggle into the landscape. The cupboards have to be down to not much more than a suspicious looking lump of cheese before I can be persuaded to go shopping for life's essentials; and walking is becoming a fond memory, replaced with a crab like slip and slither.

In a way I envy those winter people. They positively glow at this time of year, their little pink cheeks and sparkling eyes peeping out at you from an assortment of scarves and hats as they stride along obviously enjoying the joys of winter.

Me - well I'm sort of scrunched up under many layers of clothing, scurrying with surprising agility from one warm place to another. Any venture into the great outdoors during the winter leaves me a shivering wreck.

Adventurous are the councilors with their planned away day to Pebble Island. A session with the Nurse Counsellor may even feature if they get hassled about it from now until October. Maybe it is a good idea. Perhaps, in the pleasant atmosphere of Pebble Hotel, tummies pleasantly full, having sampled Jennifer's excellent cuisine, they will naturally gravitate toward serious discussion of those important issues.

When they return I look forward to reading a detailed report on their agenda, some positive decisions and no politically correct phrases such as 'a very satisfactory exercise' or 'useful dialogue' which when translated mean nothing really happened.

If they are just going on a jolly the proof will be in the results and I will reserve my judgement on the validity of the venue on those results. Then, if that proves to be the case, we can justifiably go on about waste of public money.

Similar remarks are being said about the need for a Psychiatric Nurse (given the more socially acceptable title Nurse Counsellor) in the Falkland Islands. I guess 'time will tell' as they say, but I was more concerned about the reply given when such a question was put to one of our eminent citizens. Apparently the number of people on some form or other of tranquilliser was seen as a factor and ample justification for the appointment. If a significant number of people are being prescribed tranquillisers, should it even be a known statistic? As arguable as

the ethics of revealing the number of people in a small community who have a sexually transmitted disease. If there is a trend toward a society whose problems are solved with the use of tranquillisers, what does this say about our society; or about our medical services?

In days gone by there was a standing joke about one of our doctors of the day, his stock prescription was, 'Go home and take two aspirin.' What is it these days, 'Go home and take two valium'?

In light of the above I wondered if David Harding-Price's acronym CAMPER, in his article on stress management, was purely coincidental and suggest he could have shown more finesse in his choice of word. But - the question is - is it value for money?

Look at it this way, a shoulder to cry on plus a most enjoyable hour of 'The Blues' (apt title) on FIBS - two for the price of one if you ask me. So perhaps we had better not knock the system?

However it does seem to be the annual 'Knock the Bobby' week again. Having swelled those illustrious ranks for a considerable time myself, I have to admit to a smattering of affection for our Boys and Girls in Blue.

It is not always an easy job and open to considerable comment. Discretion is a practise applied in many cases and because of individuality it can also produce what can sometimes be seen as inconsistent results, when a factor in dealing with what appears to be similar incidents. They are similar but also different, and if we do not want to end up with a by the book, black and white, mandatory system as described by Ken Greenland in his letter last week, a fact of life we need to accept.

Having been there I know that in the majority of cases Police Officers act in the best interests of the public. If anyone knows otherwise and can produce facts or the lead to those facts - not rumour or gossip - I am confident any complaint would be investigated.

If this is not the case, then I guess things have changed since my days in the force, and if things are now done differently, then it is a sad day for us all.

Having said all that, I do not think the Police or any other public service should be above question with regard to their practises or motives.

One question I ask is; what is the justification for the riot gear already in the police inventory and

justification for the further acquisition of shotguns?

The Police are to have the present handguns replaced (the old ones have worn out?) and be equipped with shotguns, and I have heard, with tear gas and plastic bullet capability. A move, I believe it true to say, not widely supported by councillors.

I agree a small arsenal is probably appropriate, but full riot gear? This could be forward planning for the days when us locals go on the rampage or perhaps to control the hoards of rough tough oil men who may rape and pillage with good old fashioned enthusiasm. Or does somebody know something we will not know about until after the event? However I will keep an open mind and await enlightenment.

When was the last riot? How many times has the riot gear, presently held been used?

Is this really necessary or is it a case of 'I wanna be - Rambo, Mad

Max.'?

It follows that if you have the gear, one day you will use it. I have yet to be convinced that day is upon us. I like living in the Falklands, I also like the fact that it is relatively crime free, and no matter how hard I try to imagine a scenario which would warrant such equipment, I cannot. I am not sure I even want to when I recall a case of a few months ago when one police officer accidentally shot his companion, another police officer, in the foot with a shotgun, while off duty on a harmless little hunt to get a goose for the oven!

Could this also be a case of Shooting oneself in the foot.....or perhaps.....Cooking one's goose? Certainly food for thought.

Well, if you see a bundle of clothes slipping around town done up in mufflers, hat and dark glasses its probably me incognito. Dodging the Boys and Girls in Blue and the little men in White Coats!

Mori poll-continued from page 9

Q14. What do you think about the islanders?

| | % | % |
|--|----|------|
| They have the right to decide about the future of the islands | 70 | (63) |
| Their interests should be taken into account but they shouldn't be the ones to decide. | 20 | (26) |
| They are a secondary factor and they must adapt to whatever is agreed for them by Britain and Argentina. | 3 | (4) |
| Other answer | 1 | (1) |
| Don't know | 7 | (6) |

Q15. How much confidence do you have in the Argentineans keeping their promises to Britain about the islands if their is some kind of compromise over sovereignty?

| | % |
|---------------|----|
| A great deal | 2 |
| A fair amount | 27 |
| Not very much | 38 |
| None at all | 18 |
| Don't know | 15 |

Q16. What proportion of the total amount Britain spends on defence each year do you think goes towards defending the Falkland Islands?

| | % |
|--------------|----|
| Less than 1% | 3 |
| 1% | 3 |
| 2-5% | 18 |
| 6-10% | 10 |
| 11-15% | 4 |
| 16%+ | 10 |
| Don't know | 52 |

Q17. In fact, the cost of defending the Falkland Islands is around a quarter of 1% (0.29%) of the total UK defence budget. On balance, do you think that Britain should continue spending this amount on defending the Falklands, or not?

| | % |
|-------------------|----|
| Yes, continue | 60 |
| No, spend more | 8 |
| No, spend less | 12 |
| No, spend nothing | 11 |
| Don't know | 10 |



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NOTICE

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
The satellite link will be interrupted on Thursday morning between 7 and 8 to repair damage to the satellite dish caused during the recent cold weather. All international telephone and telex lines will be effected. This interruption will be kept as short as possible. Any inconvenience caused is regretted.

FALKLAND ISLAND CRAFT FAIR

FRIDAY 11 AUGUST - Take your enteries to the F.I.D.F. Drill Hall between 1pm and 6pm

SATURDAY 12 AUGUST - Craft Fair open between 2pm and 5pm. Prize Giving at 5pm
SUNDAY 13 AUGUST - Craft Fair open between 2pm and 4.30pm. Raffle drawn at 4pm. Entries can be taken away at 4.30pm

REMEMBER

- 1: You can enter as many items as you want. There is no charge for entering.
- 2: Camp entrants: please note FIGAS will carry exhibits free of charge; just make sure they are clearly marked 'Falkland Craft Fair'.

PERSONAL

Thank you to the rescuers of 'Chance', Chris, Colin, Gerard, Denise, Brian, Ian, Sharon, John, Rene, Billy and everyone else who helped out. Also to Eric Goss for the loan of his horse box. From Graham and Julie

Happy 100th Birthday to Mrs. Carey in Southampton from all your friends in Port Stanley

To Tanya, Congratulations on reaching the grand old age of 18 and for passing your exams. Also hello to Mum, Mark, Denise, Amanda and Brent. Lotsa love Trish and Richard XXXXXX

FOR SALE

Established Shoe Repair business for sale, in Dean St, Stanley. Price is inclusive of a freehold building, machiner, specialist tools and stock to last 12 months. Full training given. Ring Gavin Clifton 21170

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police armoury to be restocked

Mr Andrew Gurr, the Chief Executive, commented this week that the twelve shotguns and ten 9mm pistols purchased by the RFIP, with the consent of the Governor, are simply replacing the outdated armoury that they presently have; which is chiefly made up of old Argentine weapons. "It is", said Mr Gurr, "the Governor's prerogative to make a decision such as this and is not a move towards armed police." The councillors are not against the idea but had been cautious in giving their support to the project.

TV appearance for actress wife of Falklands actor

Actress Kerry Fox appearing in 'A Village Affair' on SSVC TV this weekend is the wife of Jamie Robertson. Jamie recently featured in the *Penguin News* as part of Anna King's photographic record of Falkland Islanders living abroad. New Zealander Kerry has been based in Britain semi-permanently for the last three years and her relationship with Jamie is said to be high on phone bills. Jamie is the son of Jimmy and Robin Robertson and brother of Kim and Gina.

Landholdings back in profit

In a letter to the Landholdings Board and employees, Mr Andrew Gurr has congratulated them "on a small, but very welcome profit. Although this is a figure taken before any allowance is made for the funding, it nevertheless represents a much improved performance which is a credit to the dedication and hard work of all employees."

Charity parcels finally arrive

Clothing left over from the Cathedral Bazaar was sent to Punta Arenas charities free of freight charges by Byron Marine. A letter of thanks has been received from Mr John Rees, British Consul at Punta Arenas. The 44 cartons had apparently been delayed considerably by a 'bureaucratic barrage' and are most welcome in such freezing weather conditions.

NOTICE

Camp Buildings: The Historic Buildings Committee would like to invite suggestions from people with a view to preserving some of the older buildings in Camp of historical interest.

The aim of the Committee is to distribute available funding as widely as possible throughout the Islands, therefore only limited finance will be available for any one project.

In most cases, as funding is limited, it is the intention of the Committee for the time being to confine assistance to external and decorative, rather than internal or structural work. This could include replacement or refurbishment of cladding, windows, doors, chimneys and paintwork. Factors taken into account would include the age, importance and prominence of the building and the current state of repair, including the number of original features retained. The exact sums allocated would depend on the nature of the work undertaken and amounts available. If you have any suggestions or inquiries, please contact a member of the Historic Buildings Committee:

Norma Edwards, Richard Hills
Shirley Hirtle, Rex Browning
Jane Cameron, Jenny Luxton

Postscript from the Baha'is

In the Baha'i teachings, love is emphasised again and again, but not even love has the status of justice. In the writings of Baha'u'llah, Who Baha'is believe to have revealed the Word and the Will of God, we find:

"O SON OF SPIRIT!"

The best beloved of all things in My sight is Justice; turn not away therefrom if thou desirest Me, and neglect it not that I may confide in thee. By its aid thou shalt see with thine own eyes and not through the eyes of others, and shalt know of thine own knowledge and not through the knowledge of thy neighbour. Ponder this in thy heart; how it behooveth thee to be. Verily justice is My gift to thee and the sign of My loving-kindness. Set it then before thine eyes."

In another place He says:

"...the light of men is justice. Quench it not with the contrary winds of oppression and tyranny. The purpose of justice is the appearance of unity among men."

And again:

"...there is no force on earth that can equal in its conquering power the force of justice and wisdom..."

Further, the Baha'i teachings tell us:

"Justice is not limited, it is a universal quality. Its operation must be carried out in all classes, from the highest to the lowest. Justice must be sacred, and the rights of all the people must be considered. Desire for others only that which you desire for yourselves..."

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If political cost too high forget oil says John Cheek

MEMBERS OF the public from Camp and Stanley had a lively exchange of views with councillors, at a meeting in the Junior School on the evening of Tuesday 15.

About one hundred people attended the meeting, possibly due to the high profile of a subject currently under discussion, oil exploration.

The following is simply an outline of the main points discussed at the meeting.

The meeting began with Tim Blake asking why a number of camp settlements were being charged full off-licence fees of £150. Councillors pointed out that if alcohol was being sold to farm workers only, then the fee should be considerably less. Mr Blake was assured that the matter would be looked into.

Mrs June Clarke began what became a long exchange of views by the public, on the Constitution. She asked if there were to be more meetings to discuss the review of the Constitution. She was told that there had not been enough interest and there would be no more meetings. Mrs Clarke asked if councillors would be electing ExCo members in the same way as before. John Cheek said that there had been no final decisions, but council would most likely be accepting the majority of the recommendations by Mr Wallace.

Eric Goss made it clear to the meeting that he did not support the move to change the Constitution.

Although there had not been a great deal of interest in the review previously, John Cheek said that a number of people had written and witnessed points which they felt need changing.

Ann Robertson felt that a change of Constitution as a result of a shift in population was wrong due to the possibility that the population could change frequently. Robin Lee added that camp needed as many councillors as Stanley, due to camp constituents being unable to meet frequently to discuss issues.

Those present at the meeting went on to discuss the visit of Mr

Wallace, and dissatisfaction was expressed regarding the lack of people who met him.

The discussion of the Constitution continued, generally, those who commented were against change. Mr Eddie Anderson however, was in favour of representation on numbers. Mr Tim Blake suggested that Camp and Stanley should have an equal number of representatives, while the others could represent the Falklands as a whole (or have one constituency).

Following a complaint from Mr Sutherland on the lack of salt on icy roads a discussion of oil and related issues commenced. John Cheek explained that the leak to the Argentine press regarding the date of the oil rounds was a result of a broken promise on the part of others and not Falkland councillors. Mr Cheek refused to reveal what amount councillors would be prepared to accept for the Falklands from the successful bidders for oil exploration licences, saying 'no business would reveal its bottom line before a decision'.

In answer to a question from Neil Watson regarding maritime boundaries around the Falklands, John Cheek said that because the boundaries were in dispute we (the Falklands) cannot be said to be

giving up any of our rights to oil in those areas.

Eddie Anderson asked that councillors keep islanders informed on all developments regarding oil, or pressure from other governments saying 'we are dealing from a position of ignorance'. John Cheek said he wished to make it clear that 'if the political cost is too high then we don't want the oil'. He added that so far there had been no pressure from Britain to make compromises with Argentina. Tony Heathman felt 'because the Falklands is now in the headlines, Governments are less able to pressure us'.

The Stanley/Port Stanley issue was discussed briefly. John Birmingham explained that the decision was not final to change the postmark to Stanley.

Cheryl Black asked why a postal service to Chile did not exist. The difficulties it was explained came from Chile.

On the subject of free access to land, Neil Watson refuted the concept that access to land was less free since subdivision, he said that travellers had always had to ask permission to travel. John Cheek explained that he simply intended that future generations have free access to Landholdings land whoever owned it.



Upland Geese tapestry cushion by May Dempster.
More 1995 Craft Fair photographs on centre pages

NEWS IN BRIEF

A summer theme for a winter wedding

CAROL Adams and Gonzalo Hobman were married on Sunday 13, at the house of Marj and John Adams, parents of the bride.

Carol wore a summer style dress with a cream silk shirt and a straw hat decorated with flowers. She carried a bouquet of cream roses and lavender.

Gonzalo wore a black suit and the mother of the bride wore a navy and fawn dress decorated with an Aztec design.

Barbara Steen and James Peck witnessed the wedding, conducted by Registrar Bonita Greenland. The couple then hosted a reception for thirty guests.

Penguin News hopes to have a photograph next week.

Chapel to be Falklands memorial

A DISUSED listed chapel is to be moved from a site in Salisbury (scheduled for demolition) to become a new memorial for the dead of the Falklands war.

A trust, headed by Adml "Sandy" Woodward plans to rebuild the chapel at Pangbourne College, the Berkshire public school which has traditional ties with the Royal Merchant Navies.

Names of Falklands war dead, will be recorded in the Memorial Garden, where they can be visited by all.

The project will cost around £1.5 million.

Sorry

PENGUIN NEWS mistakenly reported in last weeks issue that the Royal Falkland Islands Police were to receive 12 shotguns. This was a typographical error and should have read 2 twelve bore shotguns.

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ON TUESDAY evening of last week I attended for the first time a public meeting in Stanley. I say the first time without great pangs of guilt, not least because I was probably one of the youngest in attendance. This I hasten to add is not a criticism of the non-attendance of young people, on the contrary, it is comforting to know that the younger generation are not laden with problems as a result of local laws and policies.

A group of people however who may well be greatly effected by a particular policy in the future (if it is adopted into our Constitution) were well and truly present at the meeting, those being of course, the farmers (and with such audible participation from the farmers who needs teenagers?) The proposed policy is one recommended by Walter Wallace in his review of the Constitution and the farmers unhappiness with the policy was brought to the attention of councillors at the meeting.

In all honesty the review in general (which I have also only just approached for the first time) made perfect sense to me. Amongst other things, the idea of an expanded council seemed reasonable. With councillors having to travel thousands of miles to meetings, it is possible that more representatives may prevent neglect in certain areas whilst they are absent. Quite recently we were informed that decisions by councillors were postponed due to expected absences over the next few months.

One particular area however appeared problematic, this being the view that in a council of eleven only four should represent the Camp. Stanley councillors it may be true to say (and I pray for the curse of Camp councillors not to fall upon me) possibly have a heavier council workload, due to their base in Stanley as the administrative centre. However the other reason given for the change of representation is that Stanley has a majority population. On paper this may appear rational, more people need more representation, and Stanley councillors have more work, but a number of factors seem to have been excluded.

1. The camp may have a smaller populace, but it is a valid constituency. Does it not seem fair and rational that all constituencies should have equal representation. Less representation means less power of decision making, thus indicating less importance as a constituency.

2. If the camp constituency has less power in decision making, it is possible that rural development may suffer. It can of course be argued that in the event of decisions regarding expenditure, all councillors will see in the long term that rural development is important, thus will, for example, fairly allocate grants to farmers in the event of further low wool prices. However the amount of expenditure which appears fair to those representing Stanley may be vastly different to those representing Camp. It is Stanley representatives who will have the majority vote on any such decisions.

3. Mr Wallace recommends to remove from the Constitution the present reference to the number of members to be returned by each constituency, so that further adjustments can be made without the need to amend the Constitution. In the future then, it would be possible to reduce further, camp representation, in the event that the Stanley population continues to grow at a greater rate than the Camp population.

At present Mr Wallace suggests 7 Stanley councillors and 4 Camp councillors, but it is possible that there may come a time when the same argument which arrived at this ratio of representation could be used to argue for 9 Stanley councillors and only 2 Camp.

Mr Wallace says that camp should be adequately but not over-represented. The camp is not over-represented it is equally represented and everyone has a right to equality.

Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government invites applications for the newly created post of Speech and Language Therapist, who will be responsible for the care of all patients. Candidates must be able to work alone, be motivated and looking for a challenge.

There is a mixed caseload of predominately pre-school and school age children but some adult work is also required. A wide and current experience in paediatric and adult communication disorders is therefore essential. The successful applicant will be based at the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital in Stanley, and will form part of a multi-disciplinary health care team.

Appointment would commence in January 1996 and would be on established conditions. Salary will range from £15,684 to £18,684 per annum in Grade G5.

Interested persons should contact the Medical Department for further details. Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Chairman, Appointments Board, Secretariat by 4.00pm on Friday 18 August 1995

YOUR LETTERS

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

Measures must be taken to combat possible environmental disasters

Today I received a fax from Nigel Brothers, the Australian ornithologist who was working for me earlier this year. Nigel arrived back in Tasmania in mid June to resume his work with the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service but shortly after his arrival he was rushed off to sort out a problem with a marine oil spill in the north of the state. This was a considerable environmental disaster which had a big effect on a number of seabird species, including Fairy Penguins. In Nigel's fax he told me the following:

Today I have finally extracted myself from the oil mess in the Bass Strait after 3-4 weeks of seabird oil work - penguins copped a hammering. The prospect of a similar event in the Falklands doesn't bear thinking about - a logistics nightmare. (Finding) effective measures to contain and clean up (would be) an impossible task. Ours was a mere 500 tonnes of bunker fuel - this type and amount can come from any number of vessels that visit Berkeley Sound, let alone actual tankers or drilling platforms. What's needed to combat such disasters? Everything the Falklands hasn't got: a huge, sustained workforce, relevant equipment and above all, the latest, accurate practical advice on how to deal with the problem - clean up, containment methods and materials, treatment of affected wildlife etc

Having read Nigel's comments, I am convinced that we in the Falklands are lacking in the expertise and manpower he alludes to but how do we reverse the situation? Perhaps Falklands Conservation can offer their views through your newspaper.

With regard to the problem of seabird interactions with longliners, Nigel's work on the oil spill has prevented him from carrying out the line shrink rate trials which are necessary for the completion of his report and recommendations to Consolidated Fisheries Ltd. Nigel is now committed to completing his work by the end of August so we will be able to follow his recommendations in the near future.

Fortunately C.F.L. ships are not catching more than one bird a week at present but I am keen to receive Nigel's report so I can have the advised prevention methods in place before the summer. I will also have the report translated into Spanish for distribution to fishing companies and Fisheries Departments in neighbouring countries.

Martin Cox, General Manager, Consolidated Fisheries Ltd.

A question of history in need of some answers

I HAVE recently been sorting out family papers to send to my sister Ursula in Australia, and your serialisation of "The Good King's Shilling" prompts me to write and enquire if any of John Short's descendants are aware if the old "Family Bible" has survived. My Aunt, the late May Osborne, remembered seeing this as a child, but did not know what happened to it. It would be interesting to know if it survived and where it is at the present moment.

I also have another query of a more general nature. Some time ago an article in the Falkland Islands Newsletter asked for information regarding a badge. This was in the

shape of a flag, on a blue background, with a crest in gold in the centre and '18 Dec. 1914' written underneath. I did write at the time to the lady in Stanley who was asking about it, but I had no reply, and unfortunately I can't remember now who she was. I would however be interested to know more about the badge - I have asked various people, but no-one else seems to have one, or remember anything else about it.

Thank you for your help.
Mrs. Ada Woods, 116
Hamilton Rd, DEAL, Kent,
CT14 9BP

YOUR LETTERS

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

Wishy-washy stamps and change for changes sake

WHAT A 'wishy-washy' set of stamps the post issue is, above all why no Queen's head? Just a crown and ER is not good enough for me, I want to see our beloved Queen's portrait as well.

Regarding the name of this little town - why drop the 'Port'? (all right, Moody said, etc, etc.) I don't

give a Tinker's arse WHAT Moody said; it has been Port Stanley as long as I can remember. Just some bright spark changing it for the sake of change? If I have trodden on some VIP's toes, I hope they have corns on them!!!

Mrs Kitty Bertrand
Stanley

A happy coincidence for Larry and Maxine

(Larry and Maxine Bailey kindly sent us three copies of a photo taken at the Island Games opening ceremony, if families of the athletes would like a copy, please let us know at Penguin News. The interview with Saul Pitulaga is also courtesy of Larry and Maxine.)

FRIENDS there (in the Falklands) will remember that we lived in Stanley aboard our sailboat *Shingebiss II* at FIPASS last year. We left just after Christmas and enjoyed a delightful visit to South Georgia Island before a rather rough trip north via Tristan da Cunha, St. Helena, the Cape Verde Islands, Azores and now Gibraltar.

Imagine our delight to find a group from the Falklands arrive while we were here! Although we do not know the young people involved, we were just as proud as

though we did. We hoped to be able to communicate with them and with any support personnel here with them. Although the program stated that they would participate in Athletics and Shooting, it didn't say in which events. We attended some of the Athletics events, but did not get out to Europa Point to leave a message or to see any of the events there.

The local papers are pretty parochial, so we didn't learn how they fared, but we do know that everyone we spoke to was delighted that they'd come all this way to participate. The hot weather must have been most uncomfortable for them. We're having trouble enough adapting, as slowly as we travelled north. For the next games, perhaps there will be a swimming team, now that you have that nice new pool.

Larry and Maxine Bailey
Washington, USA

A ray of sunshine from the Fisheries Department

IN PENGUIN News of August 9, Robin Goodwin (on his soapbox) asks what happens to a fishing boat's catch when it is confiscated by the Court. In the case referred to it was sold back to the boat owner and never left the ship. This is relatively common practice and happens elsewhere in the world.

The catch in the most recent case, consisted almost entirely of ray or skate, which has a limited market. Had it been Toothfish or *Loligo* squid, it would have been easier to find a local buyer although as it transpired, a local bid may have been forthcoming for the skate.

Several years ago a quantity of

Illex squid was confiscated and stored in reefer containers. Despite the consignment being advertised for public tender, we were not inundated with bids.

A table showing the fines imposed since 1987 is included with this letter. Catches and fishing gear are only confiscated in some cases by the Court, depending on the circumstances of the case. As to where the money goes; it ends up in the same FIG account as all other operating revenue. Consequently, this week's confiscated skate could be next week's farm link track!

John Barton
Director of Fisheries

Julie and Jonathan have a snow white wedding



Julie and Jonathan Ford

SATURDAY August 12 may have been cold, white and wintry, but the wedding of Julie Summers and Jonathan Ford brought some warmth and colour to many Stanley residents.

Julie and Jonathan were married in Christ Church Cathedral at 3pm while a storm raged outside.

Julie wore a white silk dress, embroidered with lace and decorated with sequins.

From a bow at the back swept a train also decorated with sequins. Julie carried a bouquet of rosy pink and yellow flowers.

The Groom and best man (Jimmy Curtis) wore grey/blue suits and wore pink rose button-

holes.

The five bridesmaids, Angie Bonner, Nicky Summers, Jackie Jaffray, Marie Summers and Kimberly Goss all wore jade dresses, decorated with a bow at the back. They carried posies of yellow and white flowers, tied with a blue ribbon.

Julie had two page boys, Michael Goss and Daniel Ford.

Mother of the bride Sybella Summers wore blue with white trimmings.

The wedding party enjoyed a supper at the Upland Goose hotel before going on to a reception and dance at the Town Hall, where many more were to join them.

Total Fines For Illegal Activity in FOCZ & FICZ

| Year | | Year | |
|------|----------|------|----------|
| 1988 | £44,750 | 1992 | £210,350 |
| 1989 | £201,000 | 1993 | £5,000 |
| 1990 | £112,050 | 1994 | £3,000 |
| 1991 | £108,100 | 1995 | £71,600 |

Saul Pitaluga interviewed at Gibraltar Games

IN 1830, Andres Pitaluga left Gibraltar to emigrate to the Falkland Islands. His great, great grandson, Saul Pitaluga, recently returned to Gibraltar as part of the team taking part in the Sixth 'Sunshine' Island Games.

Saul and his two other team members, Antoinette Bendyshe and Nina Aldridge - both competitors in the gruelling half marathon event - had travelled the furthest distance of any competitors to take part in the Island Games. Saul was interviewed by Robert Frenkel of the *Gibraltar Chronicle* whilst there and this is an extract from his interview.

This is the second time you've taken part in the games I believe?

That's right I took part in the Games in the Isle of Wight. That was the first time the Falklands entered a team in the Games.

You call it the Falklands, the Argentinians call it Las Malvinas. Why is this?

The Argentinians can call it what they like. The Falklands are the Falklands and that is that.

Do you have any views on the visit of Joe Bossano to your Islands about a year ago?

I wasn't in the Islands at the time but I did know of his visit. I'm sure one of the reasons for his visit was that people do draw parallels

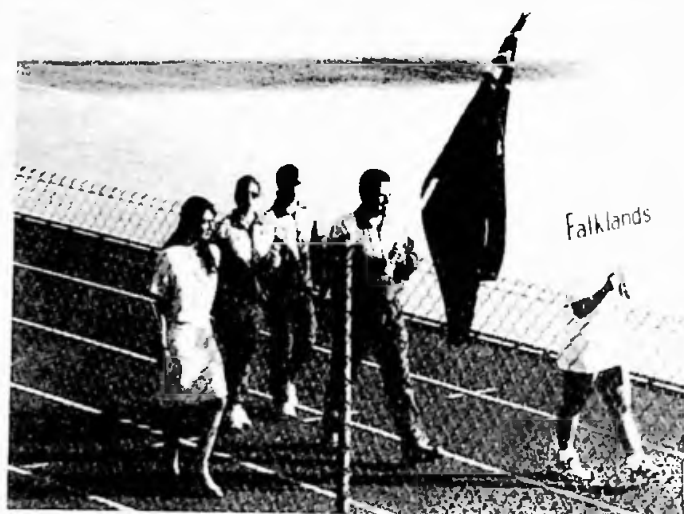
between our communities. The Falklands are under threat from Argentina and Gibraltar is under threat from Spain. Both pose sovereignty threats to our communities. As far as the Falklands are concerned, the Argentinians can forget that and I'm sure you feel the same about Spain. You don't want to cede sovereignty to Spain because you're happy with your life as it is and we feel exactly the same. I'm sure Joe Bossano was seeking a degree of solidarity for putting Gibraltar's viewpoint at the

Photo: Maxine Bailey

United Nations or the Foreign Office or whatever. If you can unite on common issues it makes you stronger. I don't know what was discussed but I do know that his visit was seen as a great success. *What do you see as the solution in the future for small communities? Independent, or perhaps a condominium with another country with the same culture?*

Right. You must understand these are my personal views I'm expressing. My view is that small communities such as the Falklands

Opening ceremony



which are completely self sufficient in generating their own revenues, apart from defence which is the only support we get from Great Britain, should be allowed to determine their own future. I can't stress that enough. I believe it is a sad day when larger countries are allowed to impose their will merely to satisfy their own ends for whatever reason that may be. Economic, political or whatever.

The future of any country, large or small must always be based upon the wishes of the people who live there. If anything changes from that we are starting to lose the values of that institution we always look up to - the United Nations.

Are you going to host the Island Games in the future?

That would be ambitious, a hard act to pull off after Gibraltar. But who knows what the future will bring? In the Isle of Wight we had thirty five competitors, but it is very expensive for competitors to travel to or from the Falkland Islands. But we're here and that's important. We'll be in Jersey in two years time and of course, we'll be in the next Commonwealth Games. So as you can see, even if we don't host the Island Games, the Falkland Islanders will be around for quite a long time in the sporting field.

Margaret Thatcher For Sale

A Large black and white framed photograph of Margaret Thatcher (the Ex Prime Minister) which is personally signed by her, together with a letter of authentication from 10 Downing St, London.

Dated February 1988.
Offers over £25,000 are invited for this item of Falklands history.

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Life at Peter Symonds College

Report by Fiona Wallace

WHEN I was asked to write this article, I sat down and started jotting down any ideas that came into my head. This is what became of them. Although this article is aimed at any future students of Peter Symonds, it could also be interesting for the parents of these students.

You've just completed an eight-hour flight over 8,000 miles of sea, and the last thing you feel like doing is getting into a bus for another couple of hours. You lethargically climb into the bus and set off. The first thing you notice tends to be the speed at which everyone travels along the motorway and depending on who you've got as a driver, you too will be travelling at 60-80mph (or not).

Before you know it, you're in a town/city (depending on how big you think Winchester is). You turn a corner, on which stands The Jolly Farmer but more about that later, and you've arrived at Peter Symonds College. Time to start a hard working, but enjoyable two years of your life.

Depending on which boarding house you're in, you'll either meet Andy Thompson and Leslie James (School House) or Anne Parry (Wyke Lodge). On entering the house you are told which room you're in and with any luck you'll only be sharing with one other person, (you can share with up to three other people and believe me it's awful).

Due to jet-lag you tend not to be as bright and enthusiastic as usual but hey! who cares, as long as you've got a bed, desk, wardrobe etc you're happy. It is quite horrendous when the others turn up as you don't know anyone but eventually it gets better.

The first week (when its only Lower Sixth) is to help everyone to find classes and tutor groups because two thousand people in a small area is a rather daunting experience, when you come from a small community. Classes are held and you take part in 'get to know everyone' exercises which can be fun if you're prepared to break the silence in the classroom, caused by twenty other students who are in the same position as you. After the first week the Upper Sixth arrive (and you thought there was enough people there already!) and classes begin for real.

Being a boarder has its advantages, ie you don't have far to walk for classes and therefore you don't have to get up until 8.00am. In general, depending on if you want breakfast, (7.45-8.15am), your day starts later than the day-bugs (day pupils), which is great as you can use it to your advantage; for example, second lesson (9.50-10.50am)

everyone in your class, who have been up since 7.00am, develop a look that says 'I need more sleep', it is at this point you turn around and say 'I only got up an hour and a half ago'. The expressions on their faces says it all.

Morning break lasts for twenty minutes, 10.50-11.10am, in which time you can battle your way through the supposedly starving hordes, into the canteen, clutching your lunch ticket (which is a different colour every week to prevent people saving them and using them to get two lunches in one day - not that it works, does it?), or stand in the smoking area. You could also be sensible and go into the house.

Third lesson (11.10-12.40pm) is the longest lesson in the morning and has a tendency to drag, especially if you didn't manage to get your lunch during break, but eventually its time for tutor (12.40-1.00pm). At the start of term you are all told what tutor group you're in. The aim of these twenty minutes is so that a register can be taken, notices read, green slips (if you've skived a lesson) and red slips (if you haven't been to that lesson all week) are also handed out to the appropriate people.

Lunch is from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. As I said before, boarders get lunch tickets, which are presented to the check-out lady when you collect your lunch. The menu is pretty good; basically you have a choice of vegetarian or non-vegetarian.

Fourth and last lesson begins at 2.00pm and ends at 3.30pm. However, if you happen to be one of the poor unfortunate souls, it doesn't end until 4pm. For some strange reason this lesson doesn't seem to be too bad and therefore doesn't drag.

At last, a college day has ended and now onto the interesting part of college life; the social life. After college you are very much free to do what you want, but if it happens to be a week day and you're in the boarding house, there is quiet time from 6.30pm to 8.30pm so that people can do their homework and believe me there is a lot of it! After 8.30pm the night is yours. During the week no-one goes out much but they may go into town to do some shopping or pop into the local for a drink. You have to be in by 10.00pm and quiet by 10.30 on week days. The real social life is reserved for the weekend.

Friday night finally arrives and the chaos begins! There is no quiet time so if you want to study be prepared for quite a bit of noise. Usually an extension is required to have a proper night out and usually it is until 11.30pm (depending

on what sort of mood the houseparent is in). The regular haunts of the boarding posse (or at least School Housers) are: a 'night-club' in the centre called Louisiana's (affectionately known as Louis') and the afore mentioned The Jolly Farmer, known as The Jolly, which is conveniently situated a few yards from the main gate. There are probably a few places which I haven't mentioned but ask some of the present students if you're dying to find out more. Everything usually goes well, with everyone in on time or ten minutes late. As long as you get back within half an hour after the original curfew you're usually safe.

Saturdays are probably the qui-

etest day of the week (wonder why?) and no-one rises before 10am. The rest of the day is spent doing that homework you were supposed to get out of the way last night, or lazing in front of the telly. Saturday nights aren't really interesting, some people go out or just wonder down to the garage, buy some snacks and veg out in front of the telly.

Sundays are very lazy days which is why there is no more to say about them.

I'd better warn the future students that one of the first questions I was asked by a fellow pupil was: 'Do you really have penguin races?' Someone please think up an original answer and help dispel this myth.

A wedding with an international flavour

By Eric Goss

A BEAUTIFUL English bride married a Chilean groom in St. Mary's Parish Church in Prestbury, Gloucestershire. Guests came from all corners of the world to witness the wedding of Miss Sharon Petchey to Mr Patricio Gallardo, both residents of North Arm, East Falkland.

The wedding service took place on Saturday July 8, in St. Mary's Parish Church, Prestbury, Cheltenham, where the many guests were joined by the local congregation and conducted to their seats by ushers, Tim Petchey, Uncle of the bride and Neil Finlayson, friend of the groom; filling the quaint Cotswold Church to near capacity on a warm to hot sunny day.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr John Petchey. She wore a slim-line, ankle-length dress in ivory lace by Gina Baccani, with a wide brimmed hat, trimmed with her mother's wedding veil. She carried a bouquet of scented ivory and pink roses, lilies and freesias. Sharon was attended by her sister, Andrea, who wore an ivory and pink floral dress. The ring bearer was ten years old Thomas Blanded, smartly dressed in co-ordinating waistcoat and bow-tie. The rings were carried on a beautiful hand stitched cushion made by the brides mother, Mrs Diana

Petchey, who also made the delicious two tier wedding cake.

Patricio was supported by myself, Eric Goss (I stopped off on my way to meetings in New York to be best man). After the wedding service and photographs at the Parish Church, the wedding group assembled in The National Hunt & Festival Suite at Cheltenham Racecourse to welcome over 50 guests to a reception and high class wedding breakfast, followed by dancing to a big volume band. The guests came from, the Falkland Islands, New Zealand, Scotland, Ireland, Saudi Arabia, France and Venezuela and were welcomed in by the bridal party. The best man took advantage of the occasion to greet all the females with a welcoming kiss (claiming this to be a Kelper tradition). A splendid meal was enjoyed by all, followed by good hearted speeches and toasts. The brides father began discreetly, paying tribute to Pato for winning the heart of his daughter, leading to this happy day.

The best man read out message of congratulations from the Falkland Islands and noted that 13 of the folk present had visited or worked at North Arm, bringing a family warmth to the wedding celebrations.

After honeymooning in Spain the couple will return to North Arm in September.

Alison's got it all sewn up

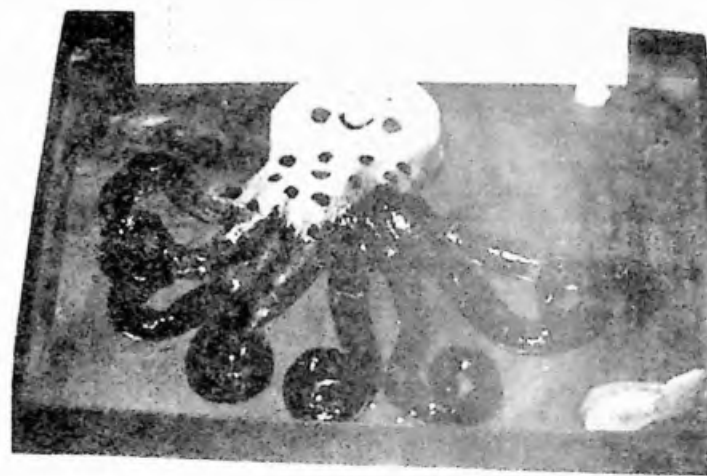
THE CHALLENGE CUP at this years Falkland Craft fair was won for the third time by Alison Howe. Alison won prizes in a variety of sections with pieces which included painted plates, jewellery and dough modelling. Sheepskins prepared by Tim Blake were converted into a soft leather waistcoat by Tim and a calfskin hat was awarded the FITB prize for the entry with most potential for tourist market mass production.

Last year's winner, Heather Petterson, was runner up at a Craft Fair that was as well attended as ever. Despite the appalling weather conditions the FIDF hall was packed and organiser Natalie Smith said that the number of entries was high.

Details of all prize winners will appear in next week's Penguin News.



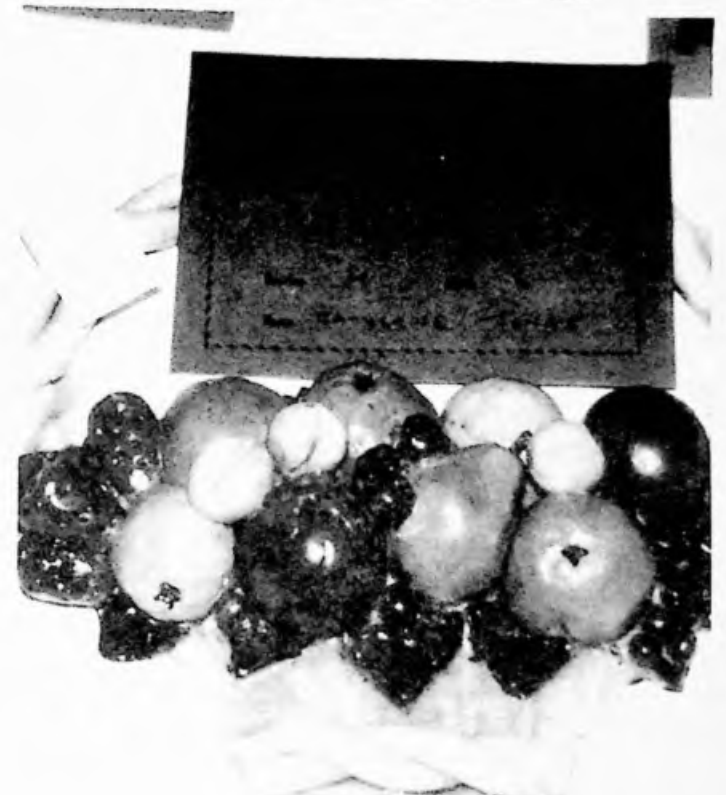
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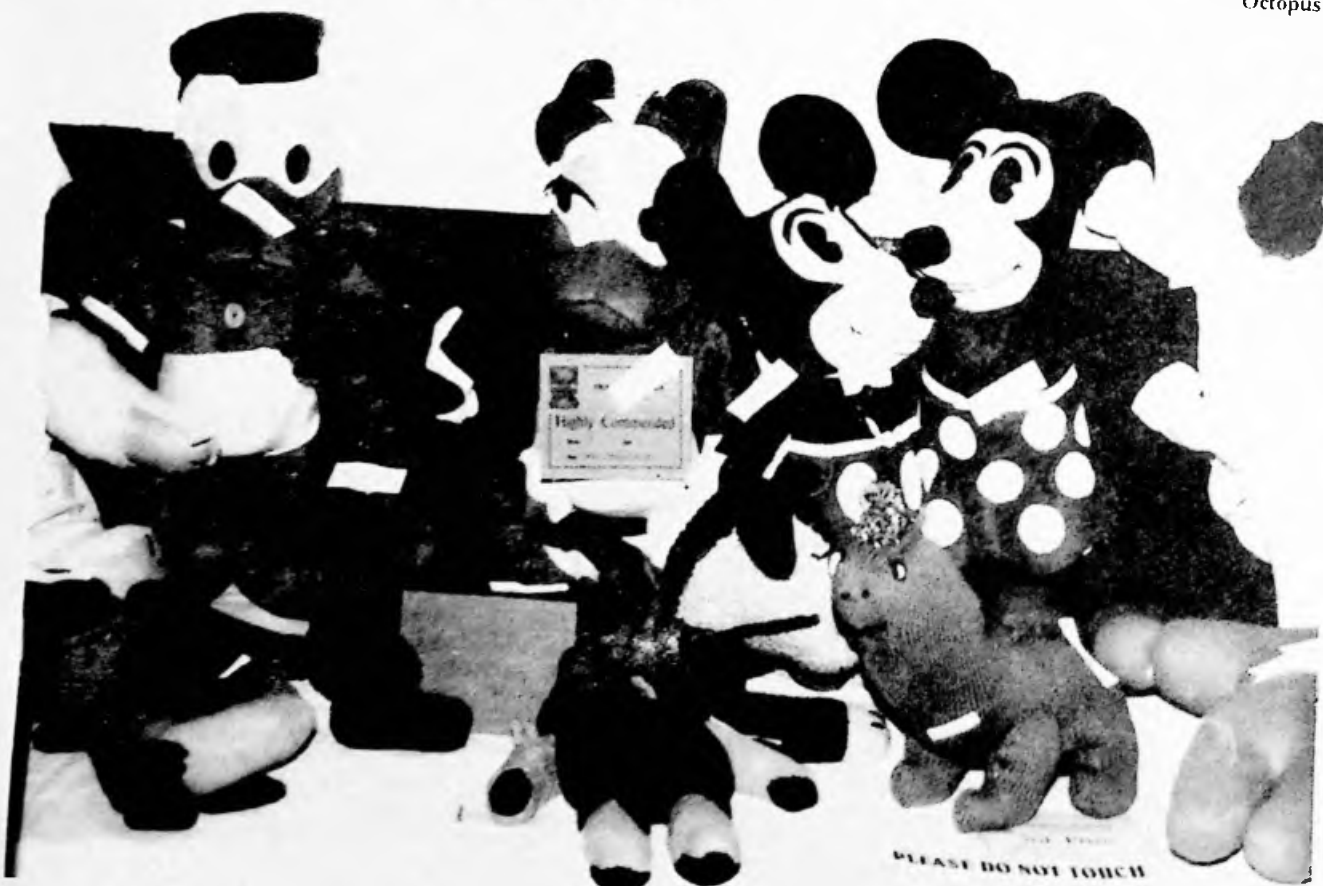
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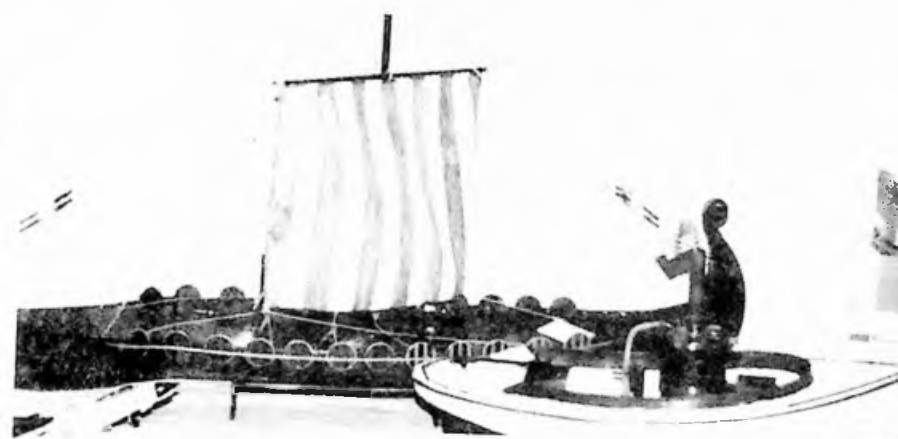
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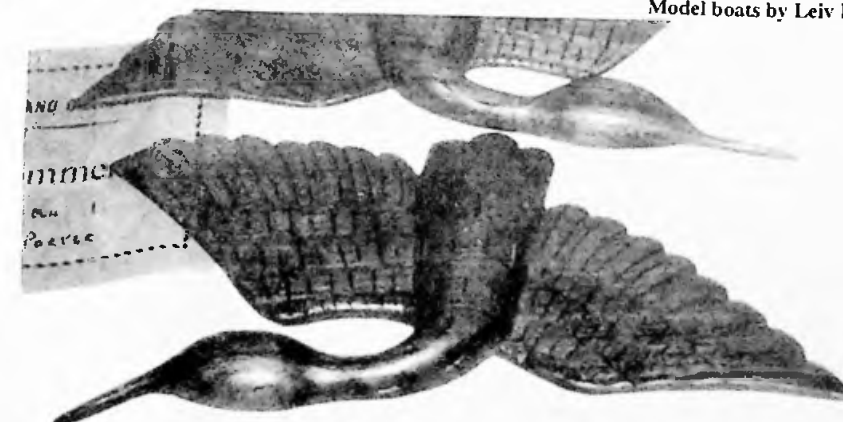
Dough modelling by Catherine Jones



Selection of Walt Disney Characters by Dot Keenleyside



Model boats by Leiv Poncet



Carved birds by George Porter



Embroidered Parrots by S Summers



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*"In a hostel, near a creek live
fourty-four evacuees
All they live for is their breakfast,
Luncheon, supper, afternoon
teas"*

(Walker Creek evacuees song, tune "Clementine," words by Alma Draycott)

**The evacuation
of children from
Stanley to Camp
in January 1942**

photo: courtesy of Eric Morrison, Goose Green

In a hostel near a creek live forty-four evacuees

THE superintendent of education, T. D. Evans, was instructed to proceed to Camp and make arrangements for accommodating approximately 250 children. Accompanied by the Assistant Mistress, Miss P. H. Ryder and the Infant Mistress, Miss H. Brown who had spent two years on evacuation work in England, departed from Stanley at 6p.m. on Sunday 28th December, 1941, on SS *Fitzroy* for Darwin.

The Managers at Darwin and Fox Bay were interviewed and telephonic communications were established with North Arm, Port Howard and San Carlos. These settlements promised accommodation for almost 200 children. Another 50 were to be quartered in the Cookhouse at Walker Creek (placed at the Government's disposal by the Falkland Islands Company). The accommodation offered at Roy Cove was declined due to transport difficulties. In all, there was accommodation available for about 400 children. The Salvador and Berkley Sound ports were left for people who desired to make their own arrangements.

To evacuate over 200 children from Stanley would have required careful planning. Five large Camp school centres were prepared for their reception. This arrangement enabled the Education Department to organise schools and place a qualified teacher in charge of each centre. It was felt that the plan would ensure supervision of the children's activities, both in and out of school hours and minimise the possibility of interference with work on the farms. The main priorities were:

- Keep families together
- To billet the children with relatives and friends
- Place a senior girl or woman in houses with more than four children to relieve the housewife of domestic and supervisory duties.
- To look at bedroom availability of each house to locate boys and girls accordingly.

The Government School office was open daily from 10am to 10pm for enquiries. They issued printed lists of instructions and a travel ticket for each child, together with suggested minimum requirements of clothing, bedding and toilet requisites. Travel tickets for each destination were of a distinctive colour bearing name of port, householder receiving the child and date and time of sailing. The evacuees sailed on SS *Fitzroy*.

I cannot trace the actual date of sailing, so from the following information I will make a guess. The Superintendent left Stanley on 28th December on *Fitzroy* and returned on the 30th, presumably on the vessel and seeing that the school office was open for 12 hours daily there was some degree of urgency. It is so documented that some children spent

two nights on board so it was an unscheduled "quick trip" and would have arrived back in Stanley with the evacuees on the 6th January 1942.

The weather was favourable for the journey. *Fitzroy* was very small to accommodate so many people, and the adults and small children would have occupied the limited cabin accommodation. The children were accommodated in the hold, boys on the left side and girls on the other. We had taken our own blanket and at night rolled ourselves up in it and slept as best we could. The same procedure took place on the homeward journey and I can remember the Cook coming down into the hold with the largest pot of stew I had ever seen and ladled it out. Seasickness was common but all had recovered and were happy on landing. Three families numbering 12 children remained in Stanley and there was only one case of a parent refusing to allow his children to go to Camp.

A schoolroom was arranged in each of the large centres, the teachers drawing adequate supplies of text books, stationery, handwork and sports equipment for shipment to each destination. The curriculum of each school varied but the broad groups of subjects were, health and physical training, games, music, art and crafts, mathematics, history, geography and English. Each centre reported weekly to the Superintendent of Education on the children's health and general progress. A weekly Camp bulletin was broadcast over the Stanley radio.

The Walker Creek cookhouse consisting of 16 bedrooms, 2 kitchens and a large common room and outhouse, was adapted to accommodate 44 children and 6 adults. The centre was entirely run by the Education Department and to all intents and purposes was the first "boarding school" in the Falklands.

For the first fortnight it was "hard-going", children and staff slept on the floor, cooking arrangements were unsatisfactory and toilet facilities were primitive. The Master-in-charge was H.L. Baker who improved conditions and Mrs Baker remained at the centre for the whole of the period, rendering voluntary dental and other services.

Children in other centres were accommodated in the settlement houses and the teachers boarded with the Managers. School in each settlement commenced on the 19th January, hours the same as Stanley being 4½ hours a day. Camp children also attended school at each centre.

I was evacuated to Fox Bay East at just over 10 years of age along with three others, George Stewart, Eileen Aldridge and Rita Smith. We lived with the Manager, Wick Clement and his wife Babs as did our teacher, Miss Hilda Brown. We were "kitchen boarders", the maid

THE MAJORITY of text in this feature is taken from 'I Was There' by Ken Mills, written for Falkland Islands Heritage Year in 1992. We have also included two short accounts from the memories of Mrs Betty Biggs and Mrs Perry of Stanley.

In 1942 the Government decided that the children of Stanley should be evacuated on a voluntary basis to the camp. Teachers would accompany the group as could mothers of the younger children. The numbers quoted by the Education Department were: 209 children, 14 teachers, 34 mothers. The official reason given was the fear of an invasion of Stanley by the Japanese following Pearl Harbour and the direction of the Japanese Naval attack could not be foreseen. The possibilities of a breakout via Cape Horn and the capture of the Falklands with the aid of Axis sympathisers in South America had to be considered. The Falkland Islands Defence Force, with small arms and two old 6" guns, plus the cover from a few warships protecting the South Atlantic, would have faced annihilation.

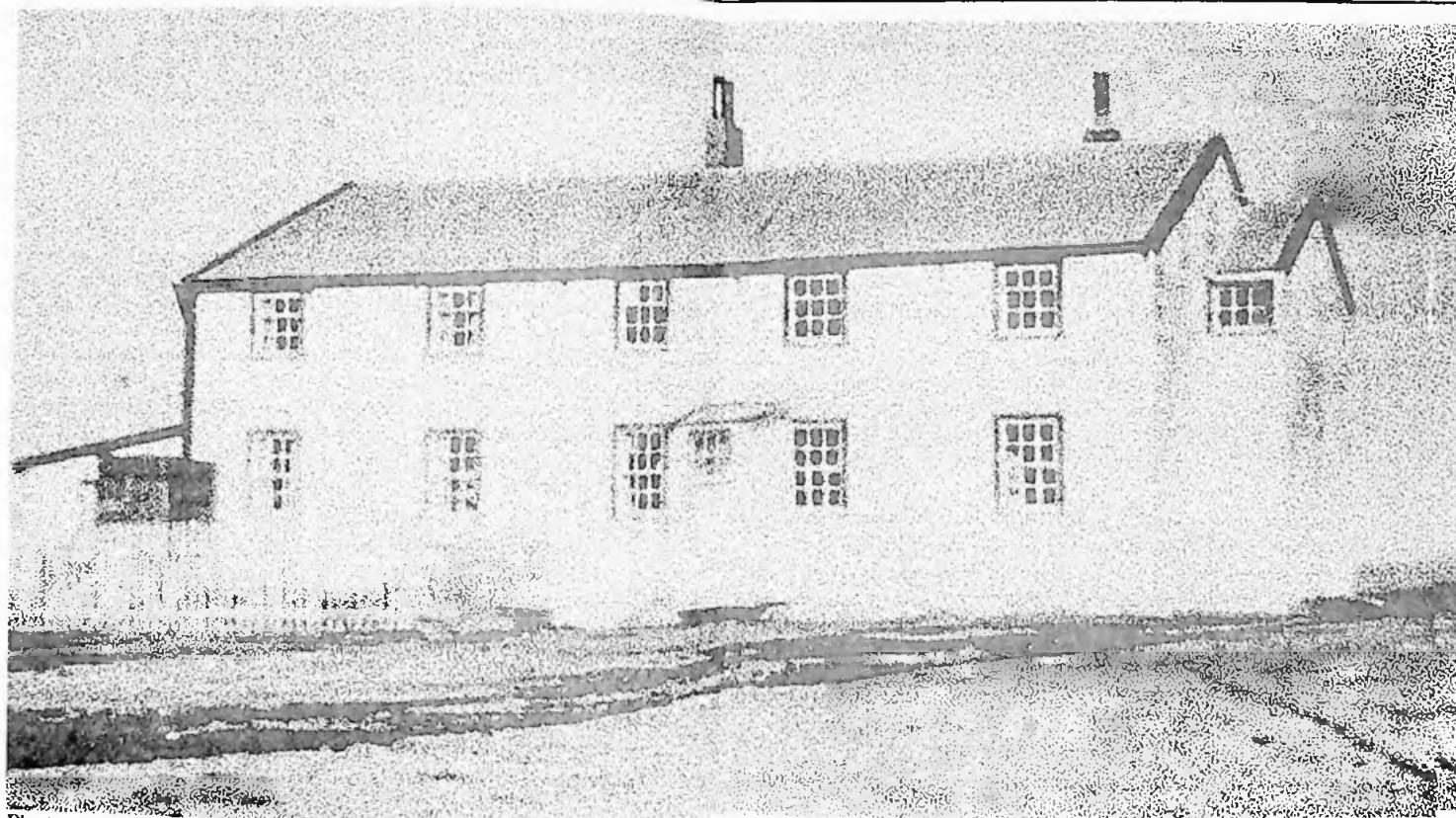


Photo: courtesy of Eric Morrison, Goose Green

MRS BETTY BIGGS recalled for Nina Aldridge some memories of her evacuation to Darwin.

Betty sailed to Darwin on the SS *Fitzroy* which she describes as a "hell ship". She remembers the hold of the SS *Fitzroy* being opened and covered in sheepskins so the boat could carry more children. During the journey she walked around the deck of the ship to get away from the stench in the hold due to many of the children being sea sick. Mrs. Biggs, along with eight other children and a mother of one of the younger children, went to stay with her Aunt and Uncle, Jim and Agnes Rowlands.

Mr and Mrs Rowlands had previously lived alone. Altogether in Goose Green and Darwin, Mrs. Biggs estimates there were about 45 to 50 evacuees.

For the duration of her stay at Darwin, she did not get to see her parents.

Accompanying the children were two teachers from Stanley: Phyllis Rider and Iris Campbell. During the 10 months of their stay the children attended school, the older children at Goose Green taught by Karl Lleiman, who was Goose Green's own teacher, and Mrs. Rider. The younger children were taught by Iris Campbell.

Each day Mrs. Biggs and her fellow evacuees walked from Darwin to Goose Green, to attend school, then in the evenings walked back again. From the eyes of a 12 year old Mrs. Biggs said that most of the children saw the time as a holiday and they were not at all frightened. She said if it had not been for her being evacuated to Darwin she might not have got to the Camp. She particularly enjoyed her time there, as she had more freedom than she might have otherwise and was able to walk for miles upon miles.

Her strongest memory on arriving back in Stanley was being amazed by the amount of soldiers in Stanley as well as the amount of Nissan huts that had been erected. She recalls the playing field being covered in them as well as Whale Bone Arch along with other sites. These Nissan huts gradually left with the Army in 1945.

MRS PERRY lived with her husband and three children at Fish Creek (near Fox Bay). At the time of the war she was pregnant but when asked to look after evacuee, Pat Peck, then a boy of only 10, she agreed.

Mrs Perry was paid a small amount for his keep and remembers him being sent parcels of fruit and Ideal milk by the Red Cross. Although she said that at Fish Creek you never thought about the war being on, she remembers that the young evacuee was not happy because he missed his parents. Pat left Fish Creek when Mrs. Perry came to Stanley to have her baby. She remembers the hospital having many military personnel in it, although they were not the war injured.

was Rosie Lee, whilst Miss Brown dined with the Clements. Mr. and Mrs. Clement and Rosie were very good to us, it was my first time away from home and at the beginning I became very homesick but I soon settled down.

Mr Clement gave up his study which became the centre school and accommodated all the evacuated children of different ages in one room. I cannot remember much about my education there, I didn't progress very well and was kept back for a second year in Standard 4 upon my return to Stanley. I can recall us not having a blackboard and Mr Gillard, the fann carpenter made one which we used throughout the period but it was a most unusual "blackboard" being painted green! The white chalk didn't stand out too well on the green background.

We were expected to help with a few household chores as well as mending our own clothes, like darning our socks and replacing missing buttons; all very new to me. George and I chummed up with the house boy, Billy Poole and we went fishing at Doctor's Creek as well as "helping" around the woolshed.

I have a photograph of Eileen, George and I eating tea berries on the Clement's lawn. All evacuees were encouraged to render a song at the cookhouse dances under the tuition of Milly Myles, wife of Billy Myles the Wireless Operator and deputy Postmaster.

Towards the end of the evacuation period Eileen and I, with our parents permission, were transferred with the teacher to Hill Cove. We travelled on horseback, my first horse ride, to Chartres accompanied by a guide who knew the track, which would have taken about 5 hours. After a stop-over at Chartres there was another 3 hour ride to Hill Cove. We were billeted with Beat and Hugh Harding the Manager (Beat is Babs Clement's sister). Florrie McPhee and Mary McKay were resident maids. Although the teacher lived with the Hardings we had no lessons and Florrie has confirmed this.

**Written by Alma Draycott
(sung to the tune of Clementine)**

In a hostel, near a creek live 44 evacuees
All they live for is their breakfast,
Luncheon, supper, afternoon teas

Chorus
Pass the bread, pass the bread,
Pass the bread, you'll hear then roar
Fingers beckoning, voices calling,
Pass the bread, we want some more

When the bell rings every morning,
To the dining hall we go
All the fat ones, all the thin ones,
All the fast ones, all the slow

Plates of porridge, jugs of coffee
Are carried to the Dining Hall,

Florrie's husband to be, Ronnie Barnes, lived at "The Point" a short distance from "The Top" where she lived and they travelled by horseback. Florrie told me that Eileen and I used to get on behind to ride with them but I had forgotten.

Again, we did limited chores and among my jobs was to keep the water fountain on the kitchen range topped up. Walking and riding on the horse and cart helped to while away the time and walks in the "forest" were a novelty. The Hardings and the maids were very kind and we spent about a month at Hill Cove before making the return journey by horseback to Fox Bay. We returned to Stanley on *Fitzroy* on the 1st October 1942.

I haven't been able to extract many reminiscences from the evacuees. Avril Evans had just started school and after about a month she got so homesick and missed her father so much her mother had to take her back into Stanley. In Walker Creek hostel the children sang their own words to the tune of "Clementine". Jimmy Whitney first told me about this and he could remember one line, "In a hostel live thirty six evacuees" and Robbie Skilling remembers, "Pass the bread we want some more". Jimmy also remembers being taught how to swim by teacher Harold Baker in Calf Creek. Few comments have come in from children whose home was in the Camp. One told me that, at the time, he didn't know there was a war on! Ruth Summers remembers that North Arm took on a new lease of life with the sudden influx of children and it was really exciting. Evacuees stayed with their family, went to school with them and became "part of it" so to speak. I wonder what the Camp children thought of the longer school hours and regular tuition to which they were unaccustomed?

This part of my life is important to me. It was my first taste of "country life" which I enjoyed and I am pleased that "I was there".

Through the hustle, and the bustle
You can hear their voices call

Seize the bread and seize the butter
Cut and spread with might and main
As we labour, still the voices
Carry on the old refrain

Tins of coffee, tapioca
Stand in heaps upon the floor
rice and syrup, figs and custard
Voices loudly call for more.

So the day wears on to evening
Once again the bell doth ring,
Ears and faces, washed and shining,
Time for bed, but still they sing:

Order of Events

Thursday August 17 ***11.30am at the Cathedral***

The Falkland Islands Community School Annual Thanksgiving Service. His Excellency the Governor will give a reading. The Service is a celebration of the anniversary of the Community School, however The Acting Governor, Mr Gurr, will be making references to VJ Day.

Saturday August 19 ***3pm at the Falkland Islands Community School***

A street party will be held in the School Street for children of the Infant, Junior and MPA Schools.

Saturday August 19 ***3pm at the FIDF Drill Hall***

A buffet and disco will be held for students of the FI Community School. BFBS will be giving a road show.

Sunday August 20 ***10am at Christ Church Cathedral***

A Service of Remembrance and Commitment to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The Commander of British Forces will read a lesson. Acting Governor, Mr Andrew Gurr will lead in the Act of Thanksgiving. Canon Nicholas Turner (resident priest on Ascension Island) will preach. The Service will be the same as that given in Britain and will occur at the same time.

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Farmers Week 1995

Report by Nigel Knight, Chairman Farmers Association

DUE TO the appalling weather in Camp over the last two months the start of the traditional 'Farmers Week' could only be described as hesitant!

The magnet of business and pleasure attracted up to sixty Farming partners and managers into Stanley to attend the Farmers Association Meetings and Stanley companies social functions. From further afield came Peter Marriott from Bradford and Fred Wood from Surrey.

The highlights of the meetings were:

Mr Bob Hancox, PWD Road Engineer, Bob competently sketched out the progress made up to date on camp roads on both East and West. Next seasons plans were also discussed. Of particular interest to Farmers were the efficiency or otherwise of cattle grids used on camp roads, someone remarked that the most reliable cattle grid was one that had been stood upright and hung on hinges. Other emotive issues included 'Public Rights of Way' the 'Flying squads' used in the Camp Roads Link Scheme and maintenance of the already constructed roads.

Owen Summers, the Director of Agriculture, and Iain Saunders with Greg Scott gave an update on the Departments work over the past year. This involved considerable implementation of Governments Agricultural Statutes and effecting approved policies. An agricultural extension service to farmers, agricultural and veterinary research to support extension. Veterinary clinical, diagnostic and advisory services. Training and Education for all post-

school age groups in Agriculture. Training and education in rural studies in co-operation with others. Certain laboratory services and the management of the national stud flock.

It was the feeling of farmers present that in order to carry out realistic research another scientist should be recruited as soon as possible. This qualified person should be recruited to carry out specific research and should be employed for the length it was envisaged the project would take to complete. Writing up the research to an approved standard was also thought essential.

Andrew Gurr, the Chief Executive, gave a convincing and accomplished talk on Falklands Landholdings. His outline of future developments in Grassland Improvement, sale of surplus stock, beef and trees was on the whole well received and regarded as sensible proposals.

Mike Summers, General Manager of FIDC, gave a talk on diverse subjects such as rural development, link roads and jetties, the abattoir and renewable resources, paid for from Stabex funds. The abattoir as expected provoked the most discussion, there being a few farmers who did not agree with its construction. Mike Summers however cleverly drew a parallel with a similar number of dissenters who did not want camp roads a few years ago. Today no-one can get roads quick enough!

Andrew Gurr then answered questions on camp depopulation, the appalling VHF camp phone system, camp schools, SSVC reception and the Media Trust. En-

grossing as the two speakers were, the Chairman reluctantly called a halt to questions. This was probably because the F.I.C drinks party and lunch were next on the programme and he was mindful of the old African saying. This is to the effect that 'It is a foolish man that gets between a hippopotamus and the water'.

Of most interest of the subjects discussed with the Falkland Islands Company were wool handling and wool freight rates for the forthcoming season. It was generally agreed that the standard of the bales delivered to the Bradford warehouses continues to improve, this was generally thought to stem from better quality packing materials, neater pressing and branding of bales and better handling at F.I.P.A.S.S. It was felt that further improvements could be made in some farms pressing and branding and by the use of 'bale clamps' instead of 'forks' at F.I.P.A.S.S.

Perhaps the most contentious issues were during the second meeting with the Agricultural Department. Owen Summers and Iain Saunders discussed the Draft Dogs Ordinance with particular reference to Hydatid disease, they were assisted in this complex subject by the Attorney General. It was appreciated that most farmers and dog owners comply with the present legislation and were anxious to eradicate Hydatid disease as soon as possible. The problem was that there were a very small minority who were complacent about the disease and the Government felt that they could only be brought into line by the introduction of new improved legislation.

The discussion mostly centred on the practical applications of the Dogs Ordinance. The other subjects that provoked much discussion was the proposed Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Sheep, Horses and Dogs. Again most discussion centred, not on the necessity for such a code as farmers themselves drew up such draft proposals three years ago, but on the practical application of the code. The subject of the timing and methods of lambmarking probably caused most discussion. As there were mostly sheep farmers present, the welfare of the sheep was considered paramount, how best to achieve this was the problem. It was thought earlier lambmarking was less stressful on the lambs but cause considerable mis-mothering. Later lambmarking was more stressful on lambs but losses through mis-mothering were minimal.

One other important subject discussed during Farmers week were the proposed changes to our constitution. Most farmers thought that the subject had been given little debate considering its importance. Most felt that it should not be changed and that it was a case of change for changes sake, the proposal for the election of seven Stanley Councillors was thought to be over the top and ridiculous. It was felt that if the majority of electors required a change to their representation than the Falklands should become one constituency.

This concludes a synopsis of the main subjects that were discussed during the shortened 'Farmers Week 1995'.

Summary of a Report on a review of the Constitution of the Falkland Islands

EARLIER this year Mr Walter Wallace was invited to the Falkland Islands to prepare a review of the 1985 Falkland Islands Constitution Order.

Legislative Council are to accept the majority of the recommendations made by Mr Wallace in his review.

A number of points were raised at the recent public meeting regarding the Constitution, and in response to a suggestion by Acting Governor Mr Gurr, *Penguin News* have provided below, a summary of the recommendations for change made by Mr Wallace.

A General View

What seems to be required in the Falklands, is that the public should be better informed of the deliberations of the Legislative Council

Some General Considerations and Recommendations

Public debate of financial decisions

Of concern to Mr Wallace was the practice whereby the Standing Finance Committee of the LegCo (meeting the day after ExCo) has been known to indicate, for example, that it could not agree to the provision of additional funds required to implement some ExCo decision or another. Mr Wallace considers this unconstitutional. (The decision of the Governor-in-Council particularly in policy matters is not open to question.) LegCo may debate in public any legislation or request for funds necessary to implement a decision of the Governor-in-council and if necessary refuse to approve any such measure. But it may only be exercised in public, by the full Council, not behind closed doors by the Standing Finance Committee.

Provision for specific responsibilities for members

A practice at present is that individual members of the LegCo are given specific responsibilities (housing etc) Mr Wallace recommends that this practice should be given constitutional certainty, ie a provision should be made in the actual constitution for this practice. This would enable the Governor to assign individual responsibilities (after consultation with LegCo) to the Chief Executive, the Financial Secretary and elected members.

The Executive Council

ExCo members elected for life of current LegCo

Mr Wallace recommends that ExCo members should be elected for the life of the current LegCo. He feels that the conduct of lengthy and complex negotiations over oil exploration licences or the need to

plan and implement long-term policies, would benefit from continuity. (An ExCo member can of course be removed at any time by a resolution of the LegCo, and he recommends no change to this policy.)

An Expanded ExCo

To expand the elected members of ExCo to five, would end the present practice of important decisions being made by possibly only 2 members of ExCo. (The non-elected members cannot vote thus a majority vote is 2).

An expanded ExCo would result in an end to the need to elect temporary replacement ExCo members. Mr Wallace recommends that if ExCo has five members then the present convention (that non-elected members cannot vote) be abandoned, as there would be even less justification for such a policy.

Legislative Council

LegCo consists of eight elected members (and two official members). Four elected members represent the constituency of the camp and four represent Stanley.

Mr Wallace notes that there has been a drift of Camp population to Stanley, thus statistically, he says, the present distribution of seats can no longer be justified. (However he notes that camp population is widely scattered thus communications are difficult, but improving.)

The report recommends that a provision should be made so that in the future adjustments can be made without the need to amend the Constitution ie. by removing the present reference to the number of constituencies and number of members to be returned.

A total number of elected members should be laid down however. Mr Wallace recommends 11 councillors as opposed to 8 as evidence shows activity has increased considerably in government since 1985. Also, if there are 5 members of ExCo, LegCo would still be a majority.

Camp/ Stanley representation
On the matter of representation of the present two constituencies, he suggests that there should be four Camp seats and 7 Stanley seats in order to ensure that camp is adequately but not over-represented and that Stanley, with a majority of seats and enough councillors to play their part in the day-to-day work of Government. He also suggests dividing the camp constituency into East and West.

Candidate stipulation

Mr Wallace finds the stipulation unusual that a candidate for LegCo must be registered as a voter in the constituency, in which he is seek-

ing election. He recommends it is abolished.

Presiding in the Legislative Council

At present the Governor presides at each sitting of the Legislative Council. Mr Wallace recommends that as with all other dependent territories the Falklands should follow suit, and elect their own Speaker. He suggests that until a member of council (who is not a member of ExCo) is elected as a Speaker the Governor should continue to preside. The Speaker should be elected for the life of the Council and be removable by a vote of two-thirds of the elected members. The same provision should be made for the Deputy Speaker, although he should be an elected member of council.

The Franchise 'Belongership'

Persons who have resided in the Falklands for 5 years and are Commonwealth citizens, may vote in the Falklands. To avoid the votes of Falkland Islanders being swamped by the influx of workers from other Commonwealth countries, Mr Wallace suggests that future qualifications for voting should include a discretionary grant of "belongership".

By "belongership" he means a grant of Falkland Island voter status (to non Falkland Island born persons) at the discretion of the Governor-in-council (i.e. for those people intending to make the Falklands their home.) One drawback is that this solution can give rise to allegations of favouritism or corruption. For this reason, he recommends that there should be a Board of Immigration charged with responsibility for making recommendations to the Governor-in-Council, as to whether status should be granted to an applicant who fulfils the specified requirements. The Board should have an annual quota (for applications granted), varied as necessary, and to observe a points system for applicants.

The Public Service Powers of delegation

The report suggests a specific provision in the Constitution, to allow the Governor to delegate, for example, to Heads of Departments, some of his powers particularly in relation to junior staff. (This would include a right of appeal to the Governor in cases of discipline). If the power to transfer officers between departments is delegated, it should be delegated to the Chief Executive.

Public Officers as candidates

As a separate matter the report says that a public officer who wishes to stand as a candidate must

temporarily relinquish his public duties (for example by taking vacation leave or leave without pay) during the period of his candidature, and, of course, resign if elected.

Minor Amendments

Mr Wallace states that, in the definition of belonging to the Falkland Islands, the wife or widow of a person belonging to the islands is also regarded as belonging to the islands, but not the husband or widower. This he says, is clearly discrimination and requires amendment.

It should be compulsory for members of Legislative Council to declare such of their interests as may be required by law.

In the Constitution there should be a provision disqualifying a person from being elected to LegCo if he/she is "a party to, or a partner in a firm or a director or a manager of a company which is a party to, any contract with the Government of the Islands and has not, within the period of one month immediately preceding the date of election, published in the Gazette a notice setting out the nature of such contract and his interest, or the interest of such firm or company therein."

In several sections of the Constitution there are references to disqualification of members or electors as a result of the person being bankrupt, or having been imprisoned for more than 12 months "in any part of the Commonwealth". Mr Wallace suggests the word "Commonwealth" should be deleted, as persons from outside the Commonwealth are excluded.

He also suggests that the constitution should include a provision disqualifying for five years from membership of LegCo, persons sentenced to at least 12 months imprisonment, the period of disqualification to commence as from the date of the completion of the sentence.

Timing

Mr Wallace suggests the following timetable may be appropriate. May 1995 Publication of this report for public information and comment.

September/October 1995 In the light of public comment on the report, councillors decide what amendments to the Constitution to recommend to the Secretary of State.

Early 1996 Final decisions reached on amendments. Drafting of amending Order-in-Council put in hand.

Late 1996 Amending Order-in-Council made and laid before Parliament.

Early 1997 Legislative Council passes necessary consequential local legislation

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Champions in the making

TWENTY-TWO budding darts stars of the future took part in the Sullivan Shield Tournament, played on Sunday August 13 in the Victory Bar before a large and enthusiastic audience. There were a few surprises in the early rounds, with potential winners Martin Clarke, Wayne Clement, Ally Bonner and twice champion Andrew Pollard progressing through the rounds.

Flying the flag for the female players were Lucille McMullen and Marie Summers, who both had the potential to pick up the winners trophy, unfortunately for Lucille she had to meet a bang-in form Martin Clarke in the quarter finals and went out 2 legs to nil.

The semi-final stage saw interesting draws, Ally Bonner versus Martin Clarke and Andrew Pollard playing the only surviving girl, Marie Summers. Martin progressed to his first final with another 2-0 victory, with Andrew narrowly scraping through 2-1 against Marie.

Martin continued to entertain the crowd with some excellent darts in the final, beating Andrew 2-0 to take the title without dropping a single leg throughout. His final two darts scoring double 20 twice were also good enough to lift the trophy for the highest checkout.

Traditionally the winners of junior tournaments have then taken on one of the senior champions, on this occasion it was Martin's big chance to throw against Gary Hewitt, the recent 1995 Governors Cup champion.

With the crowd behind him, Martin stormed into a one leg lead, scoring 180 on the way before the consistency of Gary's play saw him take control and the game 2-1.

The sponsors would like to thank everyone who came along to play, support or score, in particular thanks to Cathy and Ally allowing the tournament to be played in the Victory Bar and to Gary for sportingly taking on the winner.

Report by John Pollard

Sullivan Shield Darts

Champion Martin Clarke

Runner-up Andrew Pollard

3rd Alan Bonner

4th Marie Summers

Highest Checkout Martin Clarke

Furthest Girl Marie Summers



Jane Larsen and Lucille McMullen



Andrew Pollard, Runner up



Mark Jones

HMS Protector

A guarantee of security and freedom

Continued next week

AMONG the ships names which are remembered in stone on the Camber, the *Protector* stands out proudly as one who did her part in the protection of the Falkland Islands.

In a booklet foreworded by Vice-Admiral Sir Nicholas Copeman K.B.E., C.B., D.S.C. a brief history of the vessel is given, plus a lengthier description of the objectives of the ship and it's crew between 1960-1961. The majority of the below text and all photographs are taken from *HMS Protector, Antarctica, 1960-1961*, printed by Medhurst and Son Ltd. The booklet was originally purchased by Mr Jack Riddell, Grandfather to Paul Riddell of Stanley.

An extract from the foreword reads, *Sometimes you may wonder what HMS Protector does actually achieve. As commander-in-Chief, I am in a good position to appreciate her full worth. She has two main duties - the principal is to support the Falkland Islands and the Bases in the Dependencies. This support is partly practical help and we have all read the various signals from H.E. The Governor and the different Bases expressing in the most glowing terms their appreciation; the other form of support is simply that a warship's presence in this disputed area guarantees security and freedom from interference.*

In 1955 *HMS Protector* was refitted in Devonport dockyard for service in the Falkland Islands Dependencies. A helicopter hangar aft, an enclosed bridge and lookout position were added. She was also additionally strengthened



HMS Protector

against ice and has served since 1955 as a Frigate Guardship and Antarctic Survey Ship.

Originally *HMS Protector* was designed as a netlayer and for use as a target-towing vessel. She was ordered under the 1934 Navy Estimates and laid-down in August, 1935, at Glasgow in the Yard of Messrs. Yarrow & Co Ltd. She was launched on 20th August, 1936, by Mrs Geoffrey Layton and completed on 30th December, 1936.

During the 1939-1945 war she saw service in Norway and the Eastern Mediterranean, being torpedoed by an aircraft in 1941 without sinking.

(*HMS Protector's 1960/61 commission began with her usual Summer refit. She set sail on September 30 for Gibraltar, from their she passed through Trinidad and the Port of Spain, through the Panama Canal and down the West*

Coast of South America then through the Patagonian Channel and the Straits of Magellan.)

After two months passage from England, the Ship arrived in Port Stanley in the Falklands on December 1st, 1960. Everyone has his own impression of Stanley. They may be of "outward bounding", hare-shoots, trout-fishing, humping huge rocks at dead of night in "Operation Name-plate", the weekly dance at the Town Hall or tracking back from the "Mons Star" and the other pubs closing time.

The first trip South from Stanley was to South Georgia with H.E. the Governor and Lady Arrowsmith embarked. Most people were impressed by their first view of the icy South, but it was a disappointment to many when they went ashore to the whaling stations that no whales were being processed. Nobody missed the "fragrance" of the whale factories when we sailed though.

Below 'Operation Nameplate' and a cartoon depicting Britain and Argentina solving the Falklands dispute by tossing a coin



Governor Arrowsmith and Commander-in-Chief South Atlantic and South America

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The wage offered will be set out in the Stanley Wages Agreement. Point of entry will be dependant on the age and level of experience of the successful applicant.
Interested persons should contact the Chief Engineer John Coutts for further information. Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the General Manager FIGAS by Friday August 18 1995.

SPORT

DARTS

The results of the Governor's Cup on August 4/5 were as follows.

The Open Tournament:

1st Gary Hewitt
2nd Colin Smith
3rd Dale McCormick
4th Kenny McLeod

Ladies Tournament

1st Jane Clements
2nd Wendy Teggart
3rd Julie Clarke
4th Patsy McNally

The final between Gary and Colin was the best of seven legs which was won 4-2 by Gary.

AUCTION BRIDGE

A small gathering enjoyed another evening of auction bridge last Wednesday August 9.

Prize winners were:

1st Mrs E Vidal & Mrs D Clarke
2nd Miss L Vidal & D Roberts
Booby Mrs E Finlayson & M Murphy.

It is hoped that more players will join in the fun on the next scheduled evening, Wednesday August 23, 7.30 in the Day Centre. Support is needed in order to continue.

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Late letter....

WE NOTE Burned Peck's letter in your last issue on further land reclamation by the public jetty. He did indeed voice his concern to us that pushing the sea wall out further might restrict the manoeuvring capability of launches from cruise vessels, and we therefore took what would appear to be the most logical step. We talked to those companies who derive their business from operating launches. The clear and unequivocal views of both companies is that pushing the sea wall out a further 10 metres would have no adverse effect on manoeuvring space; indeed it presents an addition opportunity for another embarkation/disembarkation point if the front of the extension were to be made smooth and some steps

built in. This is however astride from the main point.

We did consult those who are directly affected - the fact that the outcome does not accord with Burned's opinion shows how useful it was for him to have raised the matter - otherwise a perfectly good scheme may have been prevented unnecessarily.

Finally we would like to clarify that the proposals were not submitted by FITB or any other associate of FIDC, they were submitted by PWD. The Councillor who informed Burned otherwise on this occasion was misinformed, or perhaps merely misunderstood.

M.V. Summers
General Manager
F.I.D.C

PERSONAL

To Nicki Buckett in Gwent. Happy Birthday for the 17th. Love to you and Jesse from all the family in Stanley.

Julie and Jonathan wish to say a very special thankyou to the following people: mum & dad, mum Ford, Nicky, Marie,

Kimmy, Jackie, Angie, Daniel, Michael & Jimmy.
Lisa J, Sheila Jones, Craig, Cara & Pauline, Sheila McPhee, Glynis King & Michelle Jones. Ali & Cathy Jake & all the bar staff & Jenny McCaskill.
Also thank you to everyone else who sent us presents and cards, you all made our day so very special. Shame about the weather though!!!!

Sullivan Shield

14th August 1995

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Postscript from the Tabernacle Congregation

Back to Basics

MUCH effort was put into John Major's 'Back' to Basics' campaign for Britain a couple of years ago. This policy was aimed at bringing back good old fashioned principles, such as decent family values etc.

Whilst this launch was going through its implementary stage one or two prominent ministers and parliamentarians had the misfortune of being caught up in events that contradicted 'Back to Basics'. This of course left a loophole for members of the opposition to make political capital out of the new document.

We as Christians also need to take a serious look at getting back to the basics of Christianity and observe the true fundamentals of the words in the Scriptures, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If we follow these simple and basic steps, we can better equip ourselves to stand guard against the ever increasing evils of this world. Two very basic verses to keep us ever steadfast and faithful in our Christian walk are those of the greatest commandments.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these. (Mark 12 v 30-31)

Thank you God our Father and Jesus our Saviour for these inspiring words from the Scriptures.

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Community opinion divided on Wallace's review of the constitution

OVER THE past two weeks the issue of the proposed review of the constitution has received a heightening profile in the community. As a result of this *Penguin News* have contacted a section of the community to ask for their opinions of the review.

Mr Tim Blake of The Peaks Farm is an ex councillor and made a number of comments on the document, in particular, stating that there has been inadequate consultation of the public by the councillors regarding their opinions of the review. Although the public were invited to approach councillors with their opinions, Tim felt that it was the duty of the councillors to approach the public.

On the subject of increased numbers of councillors, Tim felt that 11 would be too many, when a solution to the problem of availability of councillors would be, more efficient organisation. For example dates of meetings should be sent far in advance to councillors, so that appropriate arrangements could be made. Tim added that regarding the ratio of camp to Stanley councillors, he accepted that Stanley may feel under represented, however in his experience, members tended to act as a council and not as Stanley versus camp.

Councillor Sharon Halford

felt particularly strongly that whatever a person's place of residence (Stanley or camp) they should be able to stand for election as a representative of the constituency of their choice. She added that she was averse to the idea of one constituency, predicting a majority of councillors from Stanley, which would endanger the identity of Camp.

Petula Clarke who has been a resident of both Camp and Stanley felt that an imbalance of councillors would be unfair. She made the point that due to the community being small, a clash of personalities between constituent and representative can sometimes occur, thus the constituent will often feel obliged to approach someone else. If Camp were to eventually have less representation than now, then the constituent would feel limited in who to approach.

Debbie Gilding of Stanley and **Sheena Newman** of Cape Dolphin were both of the opinion that representation should be equal, and both felt that four councillors for each constituency was sufficient. However, neither expressed any objections to the other suggested changes to the constitution.

Dik Sawle agreed with the concept of proportional

representation, and was of the opinion that increased representation for Stanley would reduce the divide between Camp and Stanley. Dik felt that regarding Mr Wallace's suggestion of the implementation of a mechanism to award "belongship", the term was highly divisive. He considered that all those people who chose to live in the Falklands and would be an asset should be able to apply for naturalisation and become 'Falkland Islanders' rather than simply 'belongers'. However on the subject of immigration, he felt it was extremely important that the Falklands arrive at clear and selective policies as soon as possible, as to develop, we need immigration, but immigrants with the appropriate skills.

Stewart Wallace was amongst those who wrote expressing his views on the review of the constitution, when the public was invited to do so. Stewart saw the advantages of having 11 representatives but preferred the present amount. He agreed with proportional representation, feeling that although the Camp would not have the same influence as Stanley he saw this as inescapable, as this he felt was how a democracy worked to accommodate changes in society.

Stewart disagreed with dividing the camp into more than one constituency, arguing that their concerns were not so different that it would warrant it. Regarding 'belongship', he felt that the Falklands should aim for controlled immigration, a period during which the immigrant could be assessed and a mechanism for (if we wish) granting the immigrant all the rights of Falkland Islanders. On the whole he thought the Wallace report was well done, and agreed that there should be more public information.

Tony Burnett was not convinced of the wisdom of proportional representation.

He felt, that, already the Camp were considered the 'poor relation' and such a scheme would only worsen the situation. He felt that

NEWS IN BRIEF

Peter Symonds College A Level Results 1995

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Grade C - Biology 1, Design Technology 1, Geography 2, Physics 1, Spanish 1, Sports Studies 1, Business Studies 1.
Grade E - Biology 2, Chemistry 1, English Literature 1.
Grade N - Chemistry 1, Mathematics 1.

Ken dispels the myths

Ken Lukoviak the ex para and Falklands war veteran who visited the islands recently, dispels many myths about the islands in his colour supplement article about his return visit.

In a very positive but emotional feature he describes his visit to the war memorial at Goose Green. He also laughingly admits that he has felt colder on exercise in Wales, than he did in 1982 in the Falklands, though not as weak nor as scared.

Stanley people were already blinkered enough regarding the problems that farmers face.

On the subject of belongship he, like Dik Sawle believed the term indicated a difference between Falkland Islanders and immigrants.

Tony pointed out that at some time or other everyone in the Falklands was an immigrant whether it be through Great Grandparent, or parent and all should be able to become 'Islanders' if their application to reside permanently in the Falklands was accepted. However he agreed that a careful and selective immigration policy was a must.

Ian Hansen of Main Point did not have strong feelings regarding the majority of the Wallace review, however he agreed that an increased amount of councillors may be beneficial, but constituency representation should be equal.

'Penguin News' this week a paper packed with children



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ON PAGE 3 you will notice an apology to Mrs Bertrand for our misunderstanding of her handwriting. I feel obliged to add, that due to a juvenile sense of humour reigning in this office, we were so delighted with our interpretation of the said phrase, it did not even for a moment occur to us that perhaps it was not something Kitty would have said. I sincerely hope we did not cause too much embarrassment, but if it is any consolation, the phrase 'tinkers arse' will live on in this office for many years.

On the subject of misunderstandings, the announcement of the Governor's return to the Islands recently, gave subject to discomforting assumptions that the failure to reach an agreement with Argentina (regarding the forthcoming launch conference) meant a possible postponement of the round; this was not helped by rumours of the possibility of future sanctions by Argentina against oil companies who may bid for oil exploration licences in Falkland zones. However on the Governor's return, we were reassured that the launch would take place as planned, as would a mutually beneficial dialogue with Argentina.

Perhaps I am simply being pessimistic, but the above misunderstanding appears to illustrate the beginning of a greater presence of mistrust and fear which will almost certainly develop (in particular dividing the public and its councillors) as the oil exploration negotiations proceed. The majority of the public make no claim to expertise on the subject of the oil exploration and I would assume that most will willingly allow those with the knowledge to make the decisions. Oil exploration however, metaphorically speaking, brings forever closer the profile of Argentina and on this subject we all have views and views which throughout the negotiations must be clearly understood by our representatives if we are to avoid future division.

Due to the necessary secrecy of international negotiations the councillors are in a position of trust and over the past week we have been asked to accept that. Whether everyone does or does not trust our representatives is not an issue, having resigned ourselves to oil exploration which is irremovably combined with business secrecy we have little choice in the matter. However, what councillors should prepare for in the future is the possibility of a barrage of criticism and questioning (primarily of decisions which may effect us politically) as a result of which they must be able to respond with clear explanation, their reasoning being solidly based on their hopefully clear perception of the majority's political views.

It has been reiterated that the public will be kept informed, but informed or not there will no doubt be some dissatisfaction and although it may be tempting on the part of councillors to later simply defend their decisions from a position of self belief, they should in fact be certain in advance that their bottom line in political terms matches that of their constituents.

Councillor Cheek has told us that if the political cost is too high then we do not want oil, this suggests there will be little possibility of criticism of decisions in the political area, however 'too high' is a subjective phrase, and what is not necessarily 'too high' to one may be 'too high' to everybody else.

Eddie Anderson in his usual pithy style, writes to us giving an 'Orwellian' interpretation of the farmers call for equality in the constitution, an opinion he voiced at the public meeting recently.

However, if representation is equal, then camp councillors may unavoidably have the power to vote on policies affecting Stanley (and vice versa), but if we are to take his comparison literally it is surely impossible (if constituent representation is equal) for the camp constituency to have greater powers.

Quite apart from that, can we gleefully assume that Eddie is suggesting a comparison of Camp councillors with Orwell's megalomaniac swine?

Your Letters

Some are more equal than others?

FOLLOWING a week in which the farming community demonstrated their fear of being emasculated by any tendency towards more proportional representation in a new constitution, many "Ani-

mal Fann" perceptions of equality were voiced. The prize in this category however, must go to the closing paragraph of last week's Editorial (Vol.7 No. 26).

Eddie Anderson, Stanley

YOUR LETTERS

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

A rare seal's first visit

THOSE who saw the seal on the beach of the Canache area (South Eastern end of Stanley Harbour) on Sunday 20 August may be interested to know that this was a Ross Seal.

This seal is the rarest of the Antarctic seals. It normally lives deep in the Antarctic pack ice, and because of this only about 200 were seen up until 1970. With the introduction of heavy icebreakers which are capable of entering pack ice, more have been seen in the last 25 years. The total population is estimated between 50 and 150 thou-

sand.

The Ross Seal which has an average length of between 1.8 and 2.3 metres and weighs up to 200 kilo lives mainly on squid. This specimen measured 1.85 metre long, appeared in good health but presumably had lost its way.

As far as I am aware this is the first time a Ross Seal has been seen in the Falkland Islands

John Cheek
Stanley

Oil spill contingency plans needed now

The following is a reply to last week's letter from Martin Cox.

THANK you for your letter concerning potential oil spills in the Falklands, requesting that I reply through Penguin News. I do indeed share your concern that the Falklands is presently poorly equipped to deal with oil spills which might occur.

There is no doubt that the current level of shipping activity presents a very real risk of an oil spill occurring at some point in the future. People tend to think of oil spills coming from oil tankers and tenninals, but the major oil spill which occurred off South Africa last year was caused by fuel-oil from the "Apollo Sea", a bulk carrier shipping ore. Thousands of penguins were affected by this spill, but due to the preparations already in existence for such a disaster, over 7,000 penguins were caught and rehabilitated, with about 4600 being successfully released.

Following this disaster I contacted The South African National Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds (SANCCOB) who conducted the rescue programme, asking for advice on what facilities need to be in place to cope with such a disaster, and Brian Bacon, Chairman of SANCCOB, visited Falklands Conservation last summer to discuss the matter further. The result is a lengthy oil-spill crisis management plan, which details everything from personnel and equipment requirements, to methodology for treating oiled birds. You or anyone else are welcome to look at, or copy this report, which is held at our Stanley office.

Any contingency plan requires financial resources to ensure that sufficient emergency equipment is on hand IMMEDIATELY to both contain/disperse/control the spill before it contaminates the wildlife sites, and to deal with wildlife once it has become contaminated. The second requirement is sufficient labour to assist in such efforts: locally

this could possibly come from a combination of Government and NGO's, the military, and civilian volunteers, who would register their desire to help, and be partially trained in advance of a disaster.

Nigel Brothers identified Berkeley Sound as a likely spot for such a spill, and it is true that in addition to having a high level of shipping activity, the enclosed nature of the Sound means that even a small spill could be devastating. Partly with this in mind, I undertook a complete coastline survey of the 117 kilometres of Berkeley Sound during 1994/95, recording ever singular breeding bird and seal, and mapping all the terrestrial and littoral vegetation types. This survey showed that Berkeley Sound is home to over 16,000 breeding penguins, 5,000 breeding shags, thousands of waders, and hundreds of other breeding shore birds, all of which are likely to be effected by oil contamination. These figures enable us to determine the size of the task with which we would be confronted if a spill were to occur. (The report on this survey will be completed in September, and will be available from both the public library and Falkland Conservation office)

I would urge that consideration is given to looking at the provision of oil spill contingency plans without waiting for oil development to arrive. The limiting factor will always be finances, and the many demands made on the islands limited resources, but think of the consequences of pictures of oiled penguins being viewed around the world, before oil exploration had ever begun in the Falklands.

Mike Bingham
Falklands Conservation

Court News

Case adjourned before sentencing

MR KEVIN Ormond pleaded guilty in the Magistrates Court, in Stanley, on Wednesday August 16 to the theft of MOD equipment to the value of £472.43.

Mr Ormond first came to MPA as a Sergeant in January 1993, and worked as a chef in 38 Facility kitchen until November 1994. After Mr Ormond had left the services the inventory check at 38 facility revealed a number of deficiencies and Mr Ormond was subsequently detained on a caution. A search of his home was conducted and 105 items of MOD property were found, 76 of which were identical to those deficient on the inventory at 38 Facility. Mr Ormond admitted that the items came from both barrack stores and 38 Facility.

Before passing sentence on Mr Ormond, the Chief Magistrate, Mr Andrew Jones, has asked for a social enquiry report to be prepared and the case has been adjourned until September 6.

Mr Alan Barker, representing Mr Ormond, requested that he be released on bail. This was granted on three conditions: that Mr Ormond should surrender his passport, he should report daily to the police station and that he should continue to reside at Stanley House.

John Teggart receives fine

ON THURSDAY August 17, John Teggart was fined in the Magistrate's Court. The case had been adjourned by the Senior Magistrate after the defendant had pleaded guilty to common assault but not guilty to a more serious assault charge.

However, the parents of the minor had made the decision not to have their son subjected to cross examination and the prosecution explained that as it was no longer the intention to call witnesses they would therefore accept the defendants version of events.

On 14th July a 15 year old boy had agreed to baby-sit at the home of Mr & Mrs Teggart. On their return from an evening of socialising there was a bad tempered exchange which had risen from a misunderstanding over payment. Mr Teggart acknowledged that he could have handled the situation better and regrets his actions i.e. grabbing the lad in the ensuing scuffle.

Mr Jones summed up by saying that he accepted Mr Teggart's version of events, that Mr Teggart had gone too far and should have demonstrated a more mature response to events. He had read the social enquiry report and deduced that Mr Teggart should try to control both his temper and his drinking. He also accepts that there was provocation by the other party.

Taking everything into account, leniency would be shown on this occasion. Mr Teggart was fined £150 for common assault and ordered to pay £35 costs. There would be no compensation awarded in view of the allegations of provocation.

Carol Adams and Gonzalo Hobman on their wedding day with witnesses Barbara Steen and Jamie Peck



Cutting the cake in Cheltenham, Sharon Petchy and Patricio Gallardo at their Cotswold wedding

FIBS logo competition

THE FIBS Logo Competition was judged on Tuesday 15th of August and the three judges, FICS Art Teacher Tim Simpson, Father Monaghan and May Dempster had a tough time deciding just which design could represent the local radio station the best.

Eventually Martin Plato, who works for NAAFI based at Mount Pleasant, was the overall winner. Martin had submitted three entries in total and the first of these proved most popular with the addition of the frequencies and the words 'Voice of the Falklands'.

Extremely close runners up were 12 year old Chris Herron, Leiv Poncet and Eddie King of Bristow Helicopters, who had obviously taken a lot of time and effort with his computer-graphic design.

Several Falkland youngsters also entered:- 14 year old Marie Summers, 10 year old Michael Goss, Katrina Lowe and Mark

Apologies to Mrs Kitty Bertrand for misreading her handwriting and interpreting 'tinker's curse' as 'tinker's arse' in last week's letters.

Jones. Cathy Halliday of North Ann submitted a cute pencil drawing of a seal enjoying the music on FIBS. Sgt Humphries of MTW Tool Store submitted an interesting design along with Sgt Jamie Alleyne and Lance Corporal Richie Richardson who put their ideas together. Finally a special mention should go to Robin Hawkes of Walker Creek who certainly worked overtime submitting no less than 12 designs, all extremely clever and some quite witty.

Acting Broadcasting Officer Helen Andrews and all the staff at FIBS would like to say a very big thank-you to all the entrants for all the time and effort that went into each design and also thanks to the judges who, as always, had a difficult task finding just one winner out of 27 entries.

Martin's winning design will now be reproduced and used as prizes for competitions held during Steph's morning show on FIBS.

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Spinning Around Record low at Little Chartres

A FAX from Tony Blake tells us that he and Lyn believe that, two years ago Little Chartres recorded the lowest temperature at sea level for the Falklands, minus 21.5.

This winter their recording thermometer has recorded a further low of minus 25.3.

As they were not there during the worst of the weather they are not sure of the date. Their normal mercury maximum minimum thermometer backed up this recording.

Despite all time low temperatures, Vi Felton awoke a few days ago to discover an orange blossom had struggled through to flower on her orange plant. Who needs hydroponics when you have a little window in a Nissen hut?



Below: a new look for Leif's

Vi and her Orange blossom

**July weather**

THE COLDEST, snowiest and wettest July recorded at MPA. Surprisingly also the sunniest. The mean maximum temperature of 1.9 C was the lowest recorded and 2.3 degrees lower than average. The mean minimum of -2.4 C was also the lowest and the same value below average; this gives an average temperature for the month of -0.3 C, the first time a complete month has averaged below freezing.

The rainfall total for the month was 85.8mm, over 40mm above average and 14mm above the previous highest recorded in 1986.

Most of the rainfall during the month fell as snow. Snow or sleet fell on 24 days in the month and lying snow was recorded at 9am on 26 days. A record number of days of snow falling, previous highest 21 days last year. The number of days of lying snow was the same as last year. The total for June and July of 51 days is now higher than any previous year for June, July and August.

Perhaps the most surprising statistic this month was the sunshine total, 82.5 hours. That beats

the previous highest of 78.9 hours in 1990, and was 18.5 hours higher than average. This is probably because of the high incidence of southerly winds and showery air-streams, with good sunny spells in between the snow showers.

Wind speeds over the month were very close to average, with just one gale recorded, two less than normal. There was a higher than normal degree of gustiness in the winds, another outcome of the showery type.

Highest daily maximum temperature 6.2. Lowest daily minimum -8.8. Mean daily maximum temperature 1.9. Mean daily minimum temperature -2.4. Total monthly rainfall 85.8. Total monthly sunshine 82.5. Number of days with rain 28. Number of days with snow 24. Number of days with air frost 29. Number of days with hail 10. Number of days with thunderstorms 0. Number of days with gales 1. Number of days with gusts 34kts or more 16. Highest gust 50.

Temperature is in degrees Celsius, winds are in knots, rainfall in millimetres and sunshine in hours.

A TRIBUTE**MR LES BILLET**

MR LES BILLET passed away on August 4, 1995, leaving behind a brother in Australia and his Father, aged 99 who resides in a nursing home.

Born on 1st May 1926 into a large family of seven in Hampshire, Les fought in World War II and alongside Montgomery at Alamein. He came to the Falklands in 1958 to work at Goose Green, where on 1st of May (his birthday) 1982 he was locked up by the Argentines. He was later released on May 29.

Les's wonderful sense of humour led to him making many friends in the Islands, anybody feeling down could always go to Les and be laughing in seconds.

He decided to retire here rather than return to Britain and in May 1991 he retired in Stanley, leaving Goose Green where he had lived for thirty two years.

MRS ELLEN MCCALLUM

MRS ELLEN MCCALLUM passed away on July 26, 1995. She was born at Port Sussex on 19th September 1900 and was baptised in the Cathedral on 27th December 1900 by Reverend Dean Brandon.

Ellen married John McCallum in 1926 and had five children, including a set of twins. She leaves behind three generations of family: 10 Grandchildren, 17 Great Grandchildren, and 6 Great Great Grandchildren.

Mrs McCallum always remembered as a child, at Sussex during World War I, hearing the battle but thinking it was thunder. Several years later Ellen was locked up for a month (1st May to 29th May) at Goose Green during the Argentine occupation in 1982. She was 82 at the time.

Commendation for Flight Sergeant Paul Trethewey



LAST WEEK Flight Sergeant Paul Trethewey was presented with a commendation by the Commander British Forces, Air Commodore Peter Johnson.

Flight Sergeant Trethewey

was commended for his bravery in helping to rescue a seriously ill sailor from the fishing vessel "Argos" early on the 7th of July this year

Junior School Variety Show



LAST Thursday and Friday evening, the Junior school presented it's annual performance, this year in the form of a variety show. There were plays, dances, singing and instrumental items. The show was well received by an enthusiastic audience. I particularly enjoyed the country dancing from year 4.

Left: Year four recorder players
Below left and below right: Greg Hall and Katherine Jones, from year 5, choral speaking.
Right: Year 4 & 5 singers treating their audience to a selection of songs including 'Daisy, Daisy' and 'Superthingylisticwhatsitocious'
Below: Michael Poole saying good-bye on behalf of the school.

Photos: Helen Lane





The Falkland Island Company Limited FLEETWING

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UK Newsletter from Sir Rex Hunt

Falkland Islanders singled out by the commentator at the VJ Parade

WHILE you have been suffering the worst blizzards for many years, we have been enjoying - if that's the right word - the driest summer since records began in 1727.

Here in the South East England, we have not yet had a hose-pipe ban, but we are more fortunate than most and, if the dry spell continues, we too shall have to put aside our sprinklers and watch helplessly as our lawns go brown and flowers and shrubs wither and die.

Our problem, however, is as nothing compared with those livelihood depends upon the land. The arable farmer, for example, is having problems finding transport to take his crops to the miller. Everything has ripened at the same time and there are not enough lorries to cope. The dairy farmer is using up valuable winter feed because his pasture-land is parched. In the absence of grass, hungry cattle have died from eating ragwort. Poultry farmers are losing money because their hens are

laying smaller eggs. Sheep farmers are worried because the heat has affected the ram's natural desire. As a result, lambing will be late and low this year.

With temperatures soaring into the nineties, the main benefactors have been the soft drinks and ice cream merchants. The Fourteenth Army veterans who took part in the VJ-Day 50th anniversary parades this week must of imagined themselves back in the tropics, though fortunately with out the monsoon rains.

Once again the official organisers and the BBC did a magnificent job. It was a perfect blend of what The Times called 'solemn commemoration, ceremonial and celebration'.

I looked in vain for familiar faces from the Falkland Islands in the parade down the Mall, but was delighted to hear them singled out by the commentator for special mention. To quote again from The Times, 'This weekend drew the last great line under the great-

est war and gave due honour to worthy pride and inconsolable grief'.

Meanwhile, normal life goes on. I must confess that I groaned when the Governor asked me earlier this year to organise fund-raising for the Shackleton Scholarship Fund in the United Kingdom - I had hoped my fund raising days were over - but it was a request one could not refuse and I derived great pleasure from the kind letters and generations that flowed in, none more so than from Baroness Thatcher (£1000) and Joanna Lumley (£2500). Fuller details will be published by Penguin News in due course but I should like to say here that the response to date has been excellent. It is a great tribute to Lord Shackleton and shows the high esteem in which he was held by a tremendous variety of people.

I wish I could say the same about Sir Alan Walters, whose recent article in The Times was the subject of editorial comment in the

Penguin News of 9th August. Writing in another article, in The Times recently, economic analyst Anthony Harris made the general comment that economists refused to learn from everyday life because they find it hard to conceive a world in which their basic laws do not apply. In this article, Sir Alan admitted that his idea for settling the Falklands sovereignty issue was quintessentially an economist's solution.

I recall a think-piece in 'The Economist' in, I believe, 1975, forecasting which countries will be the front-runners in the last 25 years of this century. After rehearsing all the economic arguments, the writer came to the logic conclusion that Brazil, Mexico and Argentina would overtake the Pacific Rim countries, before the year 2000. Why has this not happened? The writer was an economist. He ignored one thing - the human factor.

VJ commemorations include a street party for the children

VJ COMMEMORATIONS in the Falklands included on Saturday a street party for the infant and junior children and a disco and buffet for seniors. Around 120 children attended each party, the younger group including children from Mount Pleasant. Master Chef Sergeant Almond from Hillside Camp amazingly provided all catering for both occasions and Canon Stephen Palmer has asked Penguin News pass on a special thank you from the children for his hard

work. Thanks should also go to Dave Simon for providing a disco for the older students.

On Sunday a special VJ day service took place at Christ Church Cathedral which was well attended by civil and military personnel. The service also included a farewell to CBFFI Air Commodore Peter Johnson and his wife Jill.

At the VJ Day commemorations in London the Falkland Islands was well represented. Major Brian Summers and his wife Judy

attended, Brian in his role as Falkland Islands Chief of Defence Staff. Miss Sukey Cameron attended as the Head of Mission for the Islands. The party of serving members comprised Captain Marvin Clarke and

Corporal Martyn Smith of the FIDF, with Sergeant Colin Blyth of the RAF.

The three veterans taking part were Mr Frank Howatt, Mr Pat McPhee and Mrs Elizabeth Monti.



Carin and Kayleigh enjoy the streetparty



Street party for infants and juniors at the FI Community School

Public Notice

THE Falkland Islands Government has for sale by tender the following vehicles surplus to requirements.
1 x Long Wheel Base Land Rover, 2 x 90 Land Rovers, 1 x Sherpa Van

Tender documents are available for collection from the Secretariat during normal office hours and tenders endorsed "Sale of Surplus Falkland Islands Government Vehicles" should be returned to the Chairman Tender Board to reach him on or before Monday 4 September 1995. The Falkland Islands Government reserves the right to reject any tender received.

The vehicles can be viewed by contacting the Supplies Officer, Central Store during normal office hours

Falkland Islands Craft Fair 1995 Results

SECTION A - HOMESPUN WOOL

1. Local homespun wool (fine)
1st Dor Goss
2nd Margo Smallwood
3rd Dot Goss
2. Local homespun wool (thick)
1st Margo Smallwood
2nd Dot Goss
3rd Marj McPhee
HC Sister Bndie
4. Any article knitted from local homespun wool
1st Marj McPhee
2nd Marj McPhee
5. Any article crocheted from local homespun wool
1st Margo Smallwood
2nd Margo Smallwood

SECTION B - KNITTING

1. Any handknitted Fair Isle/patterned article
1st Fiona Ogg
2nd Nicola Crowie
3rd Nicola Crowie
HC Rose Short (2)
2. Any handknitted Aran article
1st Marjorie Hayward
2nd Marjorie Hayward
3rd Jacqueline Johnson
HC Joan Porter (2), Nicola Crowie, Barbara Keenleyside
3. Any handknitted baby's article
1st Dwendla Newman
2nd Nicola Crowie
3rd Dwendla Newman
HC Ellen Davis, Marj McPhee
4. Any other handknitted article
1st Barbara Keenleyside, Heather Peterson
2nd Dwendla Newman, Heather Peterson
3rd Nicola Crowie, Heather Peterson
HC Isobel Short, Barbara Keenleyside
5. Machine knitted garment
1st Sheila Jones
2nd Marlane Marsh
3rd Marlane Marsh
HC Sheila Jones
7. Any item (children)
1st Nyree Heathman
2nd Tara Heathman
3rd Joanne Goodwin
HC Kimberley Finlayson

SECTION C - WEAVING AND BASKETWORK

1. Woven rug
1st Cora Toase
2. Any other woven article
1st Cora Toase
2nd Cora Toase
3rd Cora Toase
HC Cora Toase
3. Any item of basketwork
1st Barbara Keenleyside
2nd Barbara Keenleyside
3rd Barbara Keenleyside

SECTION D - SEWING AND CROCHET

1. Any handsewn article
HC Jane Cotter
2. Any machine sewn article
1st Helen Andrews
2nd Bernadette Paver
3rd Fiona Didlick
HC Alison Howe, Margo Smallwood
3. Any item of quilting, patchwork or applique
1st Pamela King
2nd Elizabeth Villalon
3rd Velma Malcolm
HC Alison Barton, Pamela King
4. Any cotton crochet article
1st Vilma Short
2nd Dot Goss, Bessie Murphy
3rd Dot Goss
HC Vilma Short, Bessie Murphy
5. Any other crochet item
1st Bessie Murphy
2nd Liz Burnett
6. Any item (children)
1st Rachael Freeman
2nd Rosalind Elsbey
3rd Jilly Cotter
HC Kenneth McKay

SECTION E - EMBROIDERY, TAPES-TRY AND CROSS-STITCH

1. Any embroidered item using bought kit
1st Marj McPhee
2nd Carol Cant
3rd Carol Cant
HC Elizabeth Villalon
2. Any other embroidered item

- 1st May Dempster
2nd Sandy Halford
3rd May Dempster
HC Elizabeth Villalon
3. Any tapestry item using bought kit
1st Bernadette Paver
2nd Donna Summers
3rd Alison Barton
HC Caroline Aldridge, Alison Howe, Ellen Davis
4. Any other tapestry item
1st Heather Petersson
5. Any cross-stitch item using bought kit
1st Heather Petersson
2nd Irene Winter
3rd Jane Cotter
HC Lucy Betts, Tine Ormond, S Summers, Julie Courtney

6. Any other cross-stitch item
1st May Dempster
2nd Nicola Crowie
3rd Nicola Crowie
HC Marj McPhee, Toni Stevens, Irene Winter
7. Any item (children)
1st Samantha Chapman, Nyree Heathman
2nd Terriane Ormond, Tanva Marsh
3rd Mandy McKay, Megan Middleton
HC Mandy McKay (2), Terriane Ormond, Tanva Marsh (3), Bruce Humphreys, Christine Ormond

SECTION F - SOFT TOY MAKING

1. Any homemade soft toy
1st Isobel Short
2nd Alison Howe, Emily Goodwin
3rd Emily Goodwin
HC Dot Keenleyside (4), Emily Goodwin (3), Evelyn Poole
2. Any homemade soft toy (children)
1st Isobel Short, Barbara Keenleyside
3. Any bought soft toy kit
1st Alison Howe
2nd Alison Howe
3rd Alison Howe
4. Any bought soft toy kit (children)
1st Claire Kilmartin
2nd Thomas Howe
3rd Adam Howe
HC Alex Howe, Samantha Chapman

SECTION G - RUGMAKING AND MAC-RAME

1. Wool Rug
1st Willie May
2nd Hazel Minnell
3rd Elizabeth Villalon
HC Willie May
3. Any item of macrame
1st Liz Burnett
2nd Liz Burnett
3rd Margaret Humphreys
4. Any item (children)
1st Rachael Freeman
2nd Rachael Freeman
3rd Rachael Freeman

SECTION H - HORNWORK, GEARMARKING, LEATHERWORK AND SKINS

1. Any item of hornwork
1st Robert Maddocks
2nd George Porter
3rd George Porter
2. Any item of horsegear
1st Mike Smith
2nd Mike Smith
3rd Mike Smith
HC Mike Smith (2)
3. Any item of leatherwork
1st Colin Davis
2nd Dennis Middleton
3rd Dennis Middleton
HC Tim Blake (2)
5. Any item made from home-cured skin
1st Colin Davis
2nd Alison Howe
3rd Alison Howe
HC Alison Howe
6. Any item (children)
1st Christine Hewitt
2nd Christine Hewitt

SECTION I - WOODWORK, METALWORK AND GLASSWORK

1. Any item of woodwork

- 1st Michael McRae, Aidan Toase
2nd Michael McRae
3rd Michael McRae
HC Roger Edwards, George Porter, Michael McRae
2. Any item of metal work
1st Fred Clark
4. Any item (children)
1st Kevin Marsh
2nd Philip Cant
3rd Rachael Freeman

SECTION J - POTTERY, JEWELLERY AND SCULPTURE

- Any item of pottery
1st Marian Purvis
2nd Marian Purvis
HC Marian Purvis
2. Any item of jewellery
1st Alan Purvis
2nd Alison Howes
3rd Alison Howes
HC Alison Howes, May Dempster
3. Any item of sculpture
1st Alison Howes
HC Alison Howes
1st Alex, Adam and Thomas Howe
2nd Zoran Zuvic-Bulic
3rd Saul Zuvic-Bulic
HC Simon Reid (3), Beverley (5)

SECTION K - MODELMAKING

2. Model (brought kit) (children up to 10 years)
1st Adam, Alex and Thomas Howe
2nd Christine Hewitt
3. Model (brought kit) (children 9 to 15 years)
1st Liev Poncet
2nd Liev Poncet
3rd Kevin Marsh
HC Marti Barnes, Matthew Harding-Price

SECTION L - ART (IN ANY MEDIUM)

1. Portrait
HC Ann Reid
2. Landscape or seascape
1st Tim Stenning
2nd Bob Gilbert
3rd Bob Gilbert
HC Gary Clement, Bob Gilbert (2)
3. Wildlife, animals or birds
1st Tim Stenning
2nd Liz Burnett
3rd Tim Stenning
4. Abstract
1st Alison Howes
2nd Tim Simpson
3rd Alison Howe
5. Still life
1st Alison Blackburn
2nd Maggie Claxton
3rd Liz Burnett
6. Any items (children up to 4 years)
1st Saul Zuvic-Bulic
2nd April Petersson
3rd Saul Zuvic-Bulic
HC Saul Zuvic-Bulic (2), Kimberley Steen
7. Any items (children 5 to 11 years)
1st Beverley and Simon Reid and Terriane Ormond
2nd Zoran Zuvic-Bulic
3rd Paulina Latorre
HC Paulina Latorre, Michael Betts, Farrah Peck
8. Any items (children 12 to 15 years)
1st Andrea Poole
2nd Michelle Marsh
3rd Michelle Marsh
HC Michelle Marsh (2), Marie Summers

SECTION M - PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Portrait - colour photograph
1st Barry Elsbey
2nd Marlane Marsh
HC Barry Elsbey
2. Landscape or seascape - colour photograph
1st Montana Short
2nd Dave Eynon
HC Paul Clarke, Dave Eynon
3. Wildlife - colour photograph
1st Montana Short
2nd Dave Eynon
3rd Dave Eynon
HC Robert Maddocks, Montana Short (2)
4. Any other colour photograph
1st Montana Short
2nd Montana Short
3rd Dave Eynon
HC Dave Eynon, Montana Short
5. Any black or white photographs
1st Richard Morton
2nd Karl Tuplin
6. Photographs taken and processed by exhibitors
1st Richard Morton
HC Olaf Keene
7. Any photographs (childrens)
1st Georgina Strange
2nd Georgina Strange
3rd Leiv Poncet
HC Louise Pole-Evans, Megan Middleton, Michelle Marsh

SECTION N - ANY OTHER HANDICRAFT ITEMS

2. Any items made from a kit (children)
1st Beverley Reid
3. Any homemade items
1st May Dempster
2nd Hope Palmer
3rd Bernette Lang
HC Ann Reid, Liz Saunders
4. Any homemade item (children)
1st Karl Nightingale
2nd Megan Middleton
3rd Kelly Moffatt
HC Christine Hewitt, Adam, Alex and Thomas Howe

SECTION WINNERS

- Section A - Homespun Wool - Margo Smallwood
- Section B - Knitting - Nicola Crowie
- Section C - Weaving and Basketwork - Cora Toase
- Section D - Sewing and Crochet - Bessie Murphy
- Section E - Embroidery, Tapestry and Cross-stitch - May Dempster
- Section F - Soft Toy Making - Alison Howe
- Section G - Rugmaking and Macrame - Rachel Freeman
- Section H - Hornwork, Gearmaking, Leatherwork and Skins - Mike Smith
- Section I - Woodwork, Metalwork and Glasswork - Michael McRae
- Section J - Pottery, Jewellery and Sculpture - Alison Howe
- Section K - Modelmaking - Thomas Howe
- Section L - Art - Kenneth McKay
- Section M - Photography - Montana Short
- Section N - Any other Handicraft Item - May Dempster, Karl Nightingale and Beverley Reid.

CUP WINNERS

- Cable and Wireless PLC Challenge Cup and miniature for adult with the most overall points - Alison Howe
- Falkland Islands Development Corporation Challenge Cup and miniature for adult runner up - Heather Petersson
- Falkland Islands Company Ltd Challenge Cup and medalion for child with most overall points - Rachael Freeman
- Falkland Islands Company Ltd Challenge Cup and medalion for children's runner up - Beverley Reid
- Standard Chartered Bank Rose Bowl and miniature for person with most points in Sections A, B, and C - Cora Toase
- Falkland Islands Tourist Board prize for item with most potential for economic production - Alison Howe
- Falklands Conservation prize for best wildlife photography in the Photography section - Montana Short

Farming Phobia, an irregular column

WELL that's Farmer's Week out of the way at last. I often wonder whether it's worthwhile going over the same old thing year after year. At least it's good to meet up with the farmers that you don't see very often, or some of them anyway. Of course the real work is done consuming the free drinks afterwards, kindly supplied by various departments or businesses. Nigel's summary says it all, but I do dispute that farmers 'drew up' an animal welfare code themselves, it would have been 'suggested' to them and 'drawn up' by committees. Perhaps we should hold the week on Pebble Island next year. The main thing I learnt from farmer's week is to watch what you say, even though you may be only joking, otherwise you might get reported by a 'friend', (as happened to a colleague) resulting in a worrying time and a possible waste of public money. Mind you if we all had exemplary characters of such as bank managers and politicians, perhaps these problems wouldn't arise.

Talking of banks, I must admit that the service at the new premises has improved dramatically, not only at the counter but through the mail and over the phone as well. The only further improve-

ment can be established of a second bank and then without a monopoly, things would really take off. The same can be said for Cable & Wireless, but I will refrain from saying anymore on them at the moment or else I may be had up for libel.

I hear that part of the road on the West is in an appalling state. I suppose the weather has contributed greatly to this but the materials used must come into question as well as the seeming lack of pre-testing of such materials. It is obvious that a long stretch will have to be recapped, who will pay for this I wonder? It also shows the inadequacy if the so called 'Beautiful Falklands' award system in insisting on awarding those categories with only one or two entries, in fact, this instance makes them a laughing stock.

At first glance the recently issued farming statistics seem to be just about error free for a change, but after further perusal the usual mistakes emerge, giving farmers different figures from what they actually put on the form. It makes you wonder whether the A. G. Dept. in their wisdom, decide that certain entries don't fit in with the Colony average, so therefore can't be right, or perhaps it's just the

usual publishing gaffes that seem to afflict us in most of our publications. The August edition of the WOOLPRESS was brightened up by the inclusion in the envelope of the farming statistics, but as well as that we had the added bonus of a copy of 'Knitter Natter', what rubbish is this, were the first thoughts that came to mind, but no, I was pleasantly surprised. Although I'm not a knitter myself I found this publication to be in-

formative, amusing and very professionally produced. This weeks accolade goes to Rosemary with much appreciation for brightening up an otherwise dreadful winter, it was also good to see Baldrick in print again.

Time to go, next time I may well have to talk about the future of Falkland Landholdings or perhaps it's about time that Colin Smith had a mention.

Public Notice

A vacancy will occur in February 1996 for a qualified and experienced teacher of Physics at the Falkland Islands Community School in Stanley.

The Community School is a modern, well equipped building with excellent facilities. It was opened in 1992 and included the community library, a swimming pool and sports centre. It has a pupil teacher ratio of 7:1 and is attended by 150 full time students between the ages of 11 and 16.

The Community School offers Physics, Biology and Chemistry to GCSE level as well as a Combined Science course. The successful candidate will be required to teach Physics throughout the school and an ability to teach Biology or Chemistry to GCSE would be a considerable advantage.

Salary will range from £13,320 to £18,684 per annum in Grade G-4/5, entry point being dependent on qualifications and experience.

Full details of the post can be obtained from the Head Teacher during normal school hours. Application forms are available from the Secretariat. Completed forms should be returned to the Chairman, Senior Appointments Board, Secretariat by 4.00pm on Monday 28 August, 1995.

HMS Protector, a guarantee of security and freedom Baby Boarders

WE CONTINUE last weeks feature on HMS Protectors 1960-1961 commission with a description from the booklet of a children's party given by Protector in the Falklands on December 30. We have included some photographs from the book of children at a party on board the ship, however it is unclear whether the children are from the Falklands or not. The photographs may have been taken at a later party in Montevideo. If you recognise any of the children then please let us know.

The first children's party was given at Port Stanley on December 30 for tiny tots between the ages of 7-12. Three weeks before the piratical day, departments started building their equipment. The Seamen measured wires for aerial rides and started secretly hoarding equipment to build finally a very authentic "Kave" on the boat-deck and a fish net tea-room in the rec. space. The chippy chaps constructed slides and built the bulbous, all landing non-skid, Billy Bunter aeroplane. The "L's" made the usual non-shock fascinating electrical gadgets, the bombing run being easily the most popular.

Many ancient arsenal pieces and climbing drills from the crane were dreamed up by the Royals and the Pussers stood by to lay on a sumptuous tea. The aimmen and divers

worked out schemes for chasing and netting wayward and splashing divers and, so the day eventually dawned.

Bunting fluttered, the "Jolly

Roger" flew, pirates were everywhere, spacemen invaded the bridge and the first of our 89 guests disembarked from the flag adorned boats. On reaching the top of manned ladders, they were met by a reception committee (with nutty), skull-and-crossbone tattooed, and were then soon threading their way around the upper deck, swinging, riding, sliding, watching agog and then standing by for more sticky buns, cinema, Aunt Sallys and thrills galore.

After some 2½ hours, the strain on the pirates began to show (capturing bullion and fair maids at sea had nothing on this) but not so on the children who were full of beans (or at least nutty) when they went over the side (No! No! Not the plank!) clutching their certificates rating them "Acting Tempy. Junior Pirates 2nd class" together with a picture of their "ship" for the day.

The fine effort put in by all those who took part was well rewarded by the very favourable comments and letters that immediately flowed back from ashore. In their estimation, it was Pirate Pinnacle Protector's best ever-so-lovely party.



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NOTICES

For all interested anglers

Opening for the first time, excellent trout fishing on the New House side of the San Carlos river at a cost of £5 per person per day. For further information please ring Chris or Lindsey on tel/fax 31110
Chris and Lindsey would like to inform the general public that the New House side of the San Carlos river (within the New House farm boundaries) is private property and if any persons wish to fish there will be a £5 charge per person per day. For further information please ring us on tel/fax 31110 in the evenings.

SPORT

Kendall Cup

| Team | P | W | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Tornados | 12 | 12 | 0 | 127 | 53 | 30 |
| Sustainers | 12 | 10 | 2 | 134 | 46 | 29 |
| FIDF | 12 | 9 | 3 | 106 | 74 | 22 |
| Buccaneers | 12 | 7 | 5 | 108 | 72 | 20 |
| Misfits | 12 | 8 | 4 | 102 | 78 | 20 |
| GBA | 12 | 4 | 8 | 67 | 113 | 9 |
| Pandas | 12 | 3 | 9 | 59 | 121 | 7 |
| Stanley Arms | 12 | 3 | 9 | 65 | 115 | 6 |
| Red Necks | 12 | 2 | 10 | 70 | 110 | 5 |
| Shipwreckers | 12 | 2 | 10 | 62 | 118 | 5 |

NOTICES

PHOTO ID CARDS

The Philomel Store are pleased to announce the commencement of our new service being offered, that of **Photo ID cards**. To keep the cost of these to a minimum, we will be producing them in batches of 4, therefore necessitating making a booking in advance giving the following information:
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PERSONAL

Message of Thanks from Kenneth Stewart

I personally wish to thank everyone who helped in any way after my accident on Saturday 12th August. Special thank you to the doctors and staff at the hospital, Wayne McKay, and Alistar Summers whose prompt action to rush me to hospital saved my life. Thank you Alistar and also to all those people who rang and made enquiries and called to see me. Thank you.

Carey - Louisa wishes to thank all those who sent cards and flowers on her 100th birthday and for making her day so pleasant.

To all who sailed on the boat to spread Ken's ashes. Many thanks from Dolly & family in Oban and Joan & family in Southampton.

Happy 1st Birthday

To our beautiful Imojen Joy on the 27th August 1995
Lots of Love Mummy and Daddy. xxxxxxxx



To Imojen Joy. Happy 1st birthday for the 27th August. With lots of love from Auntie Cindi xxx

Postscript from St Mary's

Be Gentle to Yourself

It is important to be gentle to ourselves. And we often swing in the opposite direction, getting angry with ourselves. Often we flagellate ourselves, mentally speaking. We dwell upon our sins and see ourselves as horrible people. Or we harass ourselves with the 'wrong decisions' we have made. We become exhausted.

We forget that the mercy of God is part of his gentleness. We forget that if we but turn to Him when we have sinned and say 'I'm sorry' the sin is erased completely. God does not remember because he does not want to. His mercy overshadows all.

Christ told us to love our neighbour as ourselves; and our first neighbour is ourselves. If you can't love yourself you can't love anybody else. So be gentle with yourself! We can inflict so many wounds upon ourselves.

Where do you learn how to be gentle? St John used to recline on the breast of Jesus. We may well become gentle towards ourselves, and towards others, if we go and do likewise. Then we will hear the heartbeats of God, and we will be able to let others hear them. Then we will be gentle to ourselves and to everybody else.

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Tireless support in the the South Atlantic

T-Class fleet submarine *HMS Tireless* alongside *MV Stena Constructor* in Mare Harbour. Turn to centre pages of *Penguin News* this week and find out how Nina Aldridge (Peter Symonds student and temporary journalist) had a look at life on board a nuclear powered submarine in the 1990's



Forty seamen rescued from burning ship near South Georgia during closed fishing season

A CHILEAN newspaper "El Mercurio" recently reported that all the crew members of factory ship *Mar Del Sur III*, (owned by Pescera Mar del Sur Austral) were rescued unharmed after the vessel caught fire west of South Georgia. The crew on board consisted of 17 Chileans and 23 Argentines.

The rescue of the crew was performed by the Chilean vessel *Isla Sofia*, owned by Pesca Suri Berica. This vessel rescued 27 members of the crew. Argentine factory ship *Estela* rescued the other 13 seamen.

The Chilean maritime authorities were informed that the fire commenced during the morning of Monday 21 when *Mar Del Sur III* was 45 miles off the South Georgia Islands.

During the first Mayday call emitted, the Captain of *Mar Del Sur III*, Carlos Enrique Barrios, an Argentine National, said that the fire had started in one of the cabins designated to the seamen.

The S.O.S. was picked up immediately by the Chilean

factory ship *Isla Sofia*. This vessel was the first to arrive on the scene.

The Maritime authorities were informed on the afternoon of August 23 that the damaged vessel was still drifting to the west.

The weather conditions in the area were North-westerly wind force 8, rough sea and rain.

The fishing season in South Georgia is closed, thus casting

suspicion on the reason for the presence of these longliners.

Mr Craig Shelton, the South Georgia Director of Fisheries commented that due to the limited resources of the South Georgia Government, patrolling is a problem. At present the *Cordella*, depending on availability, provides about one week of patrolling in the waters, per year.

Vessel grounded at Tussoc Point

ON August 23, the Spanish vessel "Playa de Galicia" grounded at Tussoc Point, just to the north of Stanley Harbour Narrows.

She had called into Port William with the intention of disembarking medical cases and effecting radar repairs prior to transhipping when the incident occurred.

She was refloated on the afternoon of August 24, by the combined efforts of the MV "Typhoon" and the Sullivan

Shipping Services launch

Slight traces of gas oil were seen escaping from under the ship and a subsequent diving survey by Dave Eynon in Berkeley Sound, revealed that the vessel had suffered minimal damage, but had a very small fracture in the plating adjacent to one of her fuel tanks. At the time of the stranding, the vessel had about 115 tons of fuel onboard.

The fractured fuel tank has been pumped and any leakage stopped.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Harrier wing found

A HARRIER wing was trawled up on the night of August 28 by the locally licensed vessel *Kalatxori*. It was found 315 metres down at Latitude 51 29 and Longitude 51 03, forty miles East South East of Stanley. The wing measured 5.2 x 2.2 metres and weighed 1½ tons. It was unloaded at FIPASS and FIC have waived charges for the unloading.

Devon and Cornwall police to put on the screws

THE MARINE Alan Addis case was recently given a great deal of space in the *Independent*..

Most of the text simply repeated the story so far but also included the following: *The favoured theory is that Alan Addis got into a row with locals and was "cold bloodedly" murdered, his body burned and the remains buried. Substantiating that will fall to Detective Chief Inspector Bob Pennington and his team of three detectives who are flying to the Falklands.*

The officers, apart from sifting the physical evidence, will conduct a "couple of crucial interviews" with people thought to know more than they admit. "We are going down to put the screws on some unknown locals we believe are responsible," said a police source. "We need a confession".

Quick knits

'FALKLANDER' square knitters have (at the last official count) completed 1891 squares of knitting. The aim is around 9000

Mrs Rose Ellen Binnie

THE funeral of Mrs Binnie took place at midday on Tuesday 29 August, at Fox Bay East. Mrs Binnie was buried at Doctors Creek and a large gathering attended the service.

Inside: the second edition of Penguin Eggstra

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FALKLAND ISLANDS



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IN THE past two weeks we have had letters published in *Penguin News* regarding the need for oil spill contingency plans. I possibly, like some others in the community have taken inadequate time in the past to examine my feelings regarding the consequences of fuel or oil spills and their effect on the environment, or even conservation in general. This may or may not be due to the fact that in some situations, conservation policies can appear to be the antithesis of development; for example, the conflicts between conservation organisations and both urban or rural developers.

This comfortable attitude however, is in our case becoming less and less acceptable. I should add at this point, that I am not about to embark on anti-oil exploration rhetoric. Painful although it is, in reality, I am aware that the political cost of refusing exploration around the Falklands may be disastrous. It would probably be naive to assume that the British Government would happily sit back and continue to 'observe our wishes' (with regard to our sovereignty) with the same benevolence if we were to attempt to prevent exploration. The reaction of the majority of the British public could also, be somewhat negative if we declined an opportunity to be of economic value to Great Britain. It is true of course, that we would be applauded by some for not 'prostituting ourselves' for the sake of a richer economy and greater political safety; but I for one can only hope that with an awareness of the environmental risks on our part and an enormous effort on the part of our Government we can reach some sort of middle ground, in terms of environmental protection and of course in the event of the inevitable pollution, environmental clean up.

During the last oil exploration phone-in, John Barton explained that any deals made with oil companies would include strict requirements with regard to environmental safety and possible disasters. This is of course reassuring, and I do not doubt that FIG will adopt a responsible attitude to environmental protection in the event of exploration (I make this assumption knowing it is internationally acknowledged that the Falklands has shown great responsibility with regard to fisheries conservation).

However as the bidding grows closer, the profile of conservation is raised and what has become clear is the lack of facilities available to us at present. Local environmentalists are only too aware of the vulnerability of wildlife of areas such as Berkeley Sound from bunkering vessels. Small slicks have already been reported in this area and a relatively small amount of oiled birds have been in evidence. The Fisheries Department have a limited ability to disperse minor slicks but even in such a case, equipment and expert advice would need to be flown in to the islands. As a result of limited funds, Falklands Conservation have no clean-up facilities whatsoever and no training in this area. FIG may be able to plead poverty if demands for expensive equipment were made, but a possible starting point is the provision of training, which could then be passed on, the result being an emergency team with basic facilities available in the event of smaller incidents of coastal pollution.

On the subject of prevention, it has been suggested, by such people as commercial diver Dave Eynon, that there could be stricter regulations regarding the physical state of vessels, who are granted permission to approach the shelter of coastal areas for bunkering and transshipping.

In the final paragraph of Mike Bingham's letter to *Penguin News* he says "think of the consequences of pictures of oiled penguins being viewed around the world, before oil exploration had ever begun in the Falklands." It is possible that if more facilities are not made available for our present state of affairs, then organisations such as Greenpeace will have fuel for making a claim of lack of responsibility on the part of the Falkland Islands Government and the people. Mr Gurr claimed recently that a Greenpeace official did not attend the two meetings he set up and then at a later date the official subtly suggested that his attempts to make contact with FIG on the subject of oil had been to no avail. We should be only too aware that a campaign by Greenpeace against oil exploration in the Falklands is inevitable, and such behaviour indicates that a campaign would be far more effective if the organisation were able to suggest that FIG were not taking effective action to minimise environmental damage in our present situation.

I am aware that FIG is not a bottomless pit of money, however when the Falklands Conservation report on Berkeley Sound is available in September, I hope it is safe to assume that as a result there will be an allocation of funds to acquire the equipment and training to deal with a possible spill.

Write to *Penguin News* with your letters, suggestions for features or snippets of news

YOUR LETTERS

write to *Penguin News*, Ross Road, Stanley

FENTAG not a part of baseline survey tender board

DURING last week's oil phone-in, in reply to a question from Eddie Anderson concerning the assessment of the environmental baseline survey tenders, it was stated that two (of the eight) Falkland Islands Environmental Task Group (FENTAG) members were working with the Tender Board on this matter.

As a member of FENTAG, I would like to comment on this statement. As far as I know, FENTAG has not been invited to take part in the assessment of these tenders. Nor was I aware that the two who are working alongside the Tender Board are doing so in their capacity as FENTAG members, as was implied in the phone-in reply.

Although FENTAG was responsible for the drafting of the tender document, and despite the fact that

members were prepared to contribute to the tender assessment, a decision was made that effectively precludes FENTAG participation. In response to member's queries, there have been various reasons given as to why our participation is not possible. While accepting the argument that FENTAG members who might possibly benefit financially from any baseline survey work could not be involved in the assessment process, I personally am disappointed that the assessment has gone ahead without provision being made to consult with even a reduced FENTAG.

Sally Poncet
Beaver Island

Royal Green Jackets say thanks to farmers

ON behalf of the Officers, SNCOs and Riflemen of the Reinforced Infantry Company, First Battalion The Royal Green Jackets, we would like to thank the settlements for the support and encouragement they have provided for our patrols recently. Despite the continuing bad weather and their personal hardship by their effort they have had an immense effect on the morale and conduct of the patrols. It would be impossible

to personally thank everyone, and hope that you will accept this short message as a token of our gratitude and the very high regard in which the settlements are held. We hope that as the weather improves our visits will place less of a burden on the settlements that we seek to serve.

Major NJR Haddock,
OC RIC

Don't forget Tom Biggs

(Mary writes to add to the list of those islanders who served in World War II)

THE following information was received from Mr Tom Biggs who joined the Royal Navy in Stanley during March 1943, aged 15½ years.

He served throughout the War, and was on the Flagship of the British Pacific Fleet, H.M.S. Duke of York, which finally led the British Fleet into Tokyo Bay to receive the

surrender of all Japanese Forces.

Mr. Biggs returned to the Islands for a period and also served on H.M.S. Sparrow.

Later he transferred to R.R.S. John Biscoe which did survey work in Antarctic. On Chart 3577 Adelaide Island there is to be found a small island named after him.

Mary Hirtle
Stanley

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders for the construction of expansion to the Junior School, Stanley comprising new classrooms, hall and toilets.

Tender documents are available from the Secretariat on receipt of a £50 deposit, refundable on receipt of a bona fide tender. Tenders endorsed 'Junior School Expansion' should be returned to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat to reach him on or before Friday 6th October 1995.

The Falkland Islands Government reserves the right to reject any tender received.

Tagged Toothfish returns

ON AUGUST 7 1995, the Fortuna Ltd, joint venture vessel *Pescavigo Dos* recaptured a toothfish which had been tagged by the Fisheries Department on January 10 1995.

Toothfish (Dissostichus eleginoides) are a small but valuable resource for the Falklands. The total catch in 1994 amounted to 2958 tonnes. The only directed fishery is that undertaken by longliners chartered by the local consortium, Consolidated Fisheries Limited.

Toothfish are also the target of valuable fisheries in Chile, Argentina and South Georgia. Additionally, they are caught around Kerguelen in the Indian Ocean and there are signs that New Zealand and Australia are developing fisheries for toothfish.

Relatively little is known about the life cycle of toothfish in Falklands' waters, or the relationship between toothfish found here and those in other areas of the South Atlantic, or further afield in Pacific and Indian Oceans.

The Fisheries Department is undertaking tagging studies,

primarily to learn more about migration, although information on other parameters such as growth rates may also be forthcoming.

Toothfish 00424 was tagged on board FPV *Cordella* on 10th January 1995, a few miles south-east of Beauchene Island. The length of the toothfish was 52.6 cm. It was recaptured on August 7 1995 by the Falklands' flagged *Pescavigo Dos* close to the area it was tagged and released. The distance between release and capture positions is 4-15 miles, depending on whether it is assumed the fish entered the trawl at the start or end of the tow.

The recapture of one toothfish provides only a limited amount of information. However, there are two reassuring points. Firstly, the toothfish survived the trauma of being tagged for approximately 7 months, secondly, the tag was spotted and the information passed on by the fishing company.

The Fisheries Department is at an early stage in toothfish tagging trials. Further work is likely to be undertaken in conjunction with Consolidated Fisheries Ltd

Sanctions imposed on oil companies

THE ARGENTINE *Clarín* reports that in a new, tough, stance, Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella said on Sunday August 20, that Argentina 'will not budge' from demanding that Great Britain pay 'sums of money in proportion to' the oil found in Falklands seas.

The Argentine Government is waiting for an answer to its new proposals designed to unblock negotiations. The basis of the initiative is the creation of a bi-national commission to discuss all 'pending points of business', including oil and fishing rights. At a press conference in the Australian capital, Di Tella said that "Argentina wants to collect sums of money proportional to the quantities involved in exploration and exploitation, whether inside or outside the waters in dispute. We will not budge from that position".

The opinion voiced by the Foreign Minister does not wholly agree with the proposals presented prior to the initiative of a bi-na-

tional commission. In the course of the nine-month-old negotiations, Argentina proposed among other measures to charge a symbolic fee from companies that explore for oil in the sea to the East of the Falklands.

Britain replied with a flat no. But there is a preliminary agreement to create two areas of cooperation to the West of the Falklands, adjoining undisputed Argentine waters and share the profits equally.

This is not the first time Argentina has taken a tough stance. Two weeks ago, President Carlos Menem warned that if the Kelpers carry out their promise of calling unilaterally for an international bidding round on Oct. 3, Argentina will make a similar call. Last week, the Argentine Senate passed a law imposing sanctions on oil companies that buy Kelper licences.

According to the *Buenos Aires Herald*, British and Argentine government officials will be meeting before the end of the month to continue talks on the joint development of oil reserves



MPA has new Air Commander

Group Captain Ray Dixon hands over as Air Commander to Group Captain Phil Owen with a Tornado aircraft of 1435 Flight at MPA providing the backdrop. He is joined on this tour by his wife Hilda

Public Notice

Applications are invited to fill a vacancy for a Clerk/Typist in the Attorney General's Chambers.

The successful candidate must be a competent typist with several years' clerical experience and the ability to use the WordStar programme. He or she will be required to become familiar with Microsoft Word in the near future, therefore some knowledge of this programme would be useful. A degree of legislative typing will be required for which training will be provided. GCSE/CSE English would also be an advantage as the successful candidate will be required to do a large amount of audio typing.

Salary attached to the post is in Grade G2 which ranges from £9,228 to £10,572 per annum.

Full details of the post can be obtained from the Attorney General's Chambers. Application forms are available from the Establishment Secretary, Secretariat. Completed forms should be returned to the Chairman Appointments Board, Secretariat by 4.00 pm Wednesday September 6 1995.

Exposed! Ross seal gets snapped by dozens of admirers. Referring to last week's letter from Mr John Cheek. Basking in the relative warmth on the shore of the Canache this rare Antarctic Ross seal posed for photographers attracted by such a unique opportunity.



Photo: Helen Lane

CSE Show visits Falkland Islands

The stars of the recent CSE Carey Max and 'Zoose' braved 20 foot snow drifts to take the show to Stanley, MPA, Mount Kent, Mount Alice and Byron Heights.



Above: 'Zoose' producing a high quality musical set.

Below: The CSE Show cast arrival at Byron Heights to be met by the Byron formation dancing team.



VACANCY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

The Foreign and Commonwealth office wish to employ an administrative assistant in the Governor's Office at Government House.

Applicants should be educated ideally to 'A' level standard, and be computer literate. Accounts and spreadsheet experience would be an advantage.

The position includes managing three properties and Government House, and administering Government House FIG staff; dealing with and maintaining records of applications to visit South Georgia; maintaining the Government House and South Georgia Whaling Museum accounts.

This is an interesting post with varied responsibilities, comparable to a G3 post in the Falkland Islands Government. An initial two year contract will be offered with a starting salary depending on experience and qualifications.

Application forms are available from Beverley Simpson, Government House, Stanley and should reach her by 20 September.



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DARWIN SHIPPING LTD is pleased to announce that due to growing demand and for the convenience and flexibility of their many customers, there will now be three sailings from the UK in the remainder of 1995. Details are as follows:

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Obituary

The Life of Rose Ellen Binnie (nee) Lee
As told by Mr H Binnie to Robin and Pat Marsh of Fox Bay

THE LATE Rose Ellen of Fox Bay was born on January 10, 1914 at Leicester Creek, Fox Bay West. Rose's parents were Mr Eddie Lee and Mrs Maggie Lee. Mr Eddie Lee was a volunteer during the First World War. Sadly Rose's father passed away a few years after World War I ended, whilst Rose was very young. Rose's mother remarried a few years later, her second husband was known locally as Pin eye McCallum.

At the age of twelve, Rose was left with her mother, which was not uncommon when the men were away working with sheep. During that time Rose's mother was taken ill, Rose, though very young, nursed her mother until she died. Rose said, when she was talking about her mother, that during this time she knew she was dying. She had to wait for her father to come home, even though she was alone with her dead mother. All through Rose's life she never got over her mother's death.

To add to her grief she was not allowed to take her much loved pony to the Saddle House where her uncle was to take her. This was probably because her pony was her own and not a farm troop pony.

Rose lived at the Saddle outside house with her Grandfather for many years and in about 1936, went to live with her aunt & uncle Gordon & Marion Stewart in Chartres Settlement. In 1937 there was a flu epidemic in which Rose's

husband to be, Su Binnie's mother died, followed shortly by her aunt, Mrs Gordon Stewart. During this time neither Rose or Mr Keith Luxton caught this flu virus, and Su mentioned in talking about Rose's life that she never suffered with a cold or flu all her life.

In 1938 she moved into Stanley with a young lad called George Stewart. Rose was like a mother to the late Mr George Stewart until he died in 1985.

In 1940 Rose moved to Fox Bay as a maid for the manager and his wife. During the latter years at the Saddle House, Su and Rose were to meet and thereafter (occasionally) they saw each other. When Su heard Rose was at Fox Bay he would ride by horse from Chartres to Fox Bay every fortnight or so (for when there was a holiday).

Su and Rose were married on the 10th October 1942 in the old Post Office at Fox Bay by Mr Billy Myles.

The day following their wedding, Mr and Mrs H Binnie moved to the old Blue Mountain House where there were no modern facilities.

Su was a shepherd and had to leave Rose on her own for days at a time. Whilst Su was away Rose's uncle would bring stores and mutton to her. On one such occasion, just as Mr Stewart closed the gate, he collapsed with a stroke. Rose, pulled her uncle into the house, tied him to the bed so that he



Rose Ellen Binnie (nee) Lee

wouldn't fall off and found a horse and rode into Fox Bay to fetch the doctor. On arriving at Fox Bay she was told that the doctor was in Stanley. He was eventually to make a good recovery.

In 1961 on 7th August, Su and Rose moved to the New Coast Ridge House, where they lived until the 1st April 1990, they then moved into Fox Bay Village. Su mentioned that Rose said that the cows were always in good condition at the Coast Ridge and she also said she never wanted to see the Coast Ridge house and area again. The house at Coast Ridge is no longer there as Mr and Mrs Nigel Knight of Coast Ridge Farm

bought the land and took the house down to be used as a dwelling in Stanley. The old Blue Mountain house is no longer standing either.

When talking to Rose it was obvious she loved camp life and animals in particular, especially cats, horses and cows. On one occasion Rose came across a foal whose mother was in poor condition and had no milk; Rose walked the foal home and brought it up by hand. Rose called the foal Star, which apparently died at Fitzroy.

Rose will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. I know I shall never forget treasured memories of the talks Rose and I had.

MRS Merle Christie, the Secretary of The Falkland Islands Association is presently ill in hospital in France. If anyone wants to send good wishes they can obtain the address from Ailsa Heathman at the Estancia Farm.

Congratulations

MS Kristin Wohlers and Mr Michael Reichel are now the proud parents of a baby son (13lbs!). Michael worked as a vet in the Falklands.

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill an immediate vacancy for a Resident Houseparent at Stanley House. The Houseparent will be expected to take responsibility for the younger boys, aged 9 to 14. The successful candidate would need to occupy the two bedroomed flat in Sir Rex Hunt House. Applications from both male and female candidates will be welcome.

Applicants will also be expected to become fully involved in the activities of the Hostel and to supervise and encourage a variety of extra-curricular activities.

A keen interest in working with children is essential as is the ability and willingness to drive Department vehicles and take the children camping, etc. Candidates should therefore hold a current driving licence. Previous experience with children is most important and any qualifications in child development and outdoor pursuits would be an advantage.

Further details of this post may be obtained from the Head of Hostel, Mrs Lorraine McGill on telephone number 21374. Salary ranges from £10,908 to £12,900 per annum in Grade G3. Conditions of employment will be on unestablished terms up to the end of the 1996 academic year whereupon the position will be reviewed.

Application forms and job descriptions for this position can be obtained from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Establishments Secretary, Secretariat, Stanley

Provisional 1995-96 Cruise Vessel Itineraries

MV Royal Viking Sun - max 768 pax
26.11.95 0800-1800 Stanley

MV Alla Tarasova - max 100 pax
29.11.95 am Stanley (pax exchange)

26.11.95 pm Volunteer Point
30.11.95 am Carcass Island

30.11.95 pm West Point Island
26.01.96 am Sea Lion Island

26.01.96 pm Bleaker Island
27.01.96 all day Stanley (pax exchange)

28.01.96 am Carcass Island
28.01.96 pm New Island

MV Kapitan Khlebniov - max 110 pax
29.11.95 all day Stanley (pax exchange)

MV Polaris - max 80 pax
30.11.95 0600-1800 Stanley

01.12.95 1600-1800 Carcass Island
01.12.95 1830 -

02.12.95 1700 West Point Island
02.12.95 2100 -

03.12.95 1300 New Island
MV Kromov - max 38 pax

03.12.95 1600-2200 Stanley
MV Molchanov - max 38 pax

03.12.95 1700-2200 Stanley
MV Marco Polo - max 400 pax

18.12.95 0800-1800 Stanley
19.12.95 0700-1600 West Point Island

MV Maxim Gorky - max 800 pax
01.04.95 all day Stanley

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PLANNING ORDINANCE 1991 NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Notice is hereby given that the following applications for planning permission have been received.

| Reference No | Applicant | Development |
|--------------|-------------------|--|
| 52/95/BP | F.I.D.C | Siting of Portakabin for use as a retail outlet at Plot 8 Lookout Industrial Estate, Stanley. |
| 53/95/BP | F.I.D.C | Siting of Portakabin for use as a retail outlet at Plot 3 Lookout Industrial Estate, Stanley. |
| 130/92/R95 | Mr & Mrs Villalon | Renewal of temporary planning permission for siting of Portakabin for use as temporary living accommodation at 7 McKay Close, Stanley. |
| 31/94/R95A | Mr & Mrs Villalon | Renewal of temporary planning permission to site the mobile home at 5 Kent Road, Stanley until Government's Mobile Home Park is available for use. |
| 54/95/BP | F.I.G | Two-storey extension comprising hall, classroom and toilets, also alterations to existing building, at the Infant Junior School, John Street, Stanley. |
| 55/95/BP | Mr & Mrs Burnett | Erection of dwelling with vehicular access to site at 6 Capricorn Road, Stanley. |
| 56/95/P | Mr & Mrs Summers | Outline application for the erection of a knitting workshop with provision of an off-street parking area at 32 Fitzroy Road, Stanley. |

These applications may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of the Secretary to the Planning and Building Committee, Secretariat, Stanley. Comments on the applications should be made in writing and should be sent to the Building Adviser/Planning Officer, Building Control Office, Ross Road, Stanley, within 10 days of the date of this notice.

A Tireless team patrol the depths

H.M.S. Tireless entered service in 1985, the third of the latest class of nuclear powered fleet of submarines. She is capable of continuous high speed underwater patrols, independent of base supports. Her homing torpedoes are effective against other submarines and surface vessels, although the Sub-Harpoon long range anti ship missile is now her primary anti-surface vessel weapon. Part time Penguin News journalist Nina Aldridge enthusiastically embarked on a journey to and around submarine HMS Tireless on Tuesday 22.

"Submariners are the elite", I was told when I arrived on board H.M.S. Tireless.

By the time my visit was over I realised that it did take a special kind of person to spend months at sea in a submarine. H.M.S. Tireless has a length of just 85.4 metres, a beam of 9.8 metres and a standard displacement of 4,300 tonnes. HMS Tireless is 10 years old and going out of her first commission at the end of the year. She can stay submerged indefinitely providing there are sufficient rations. She also makes her own water and oxygen.

When the Submariners join their first submarine they start 'part three' which means they spend time as a trainee before gaining their 'Dolphins'. This period is spent learning the boat from bow to stern. Gaining their Dolphins means they are then qualified submariners and can proudly wear their cap tallies.

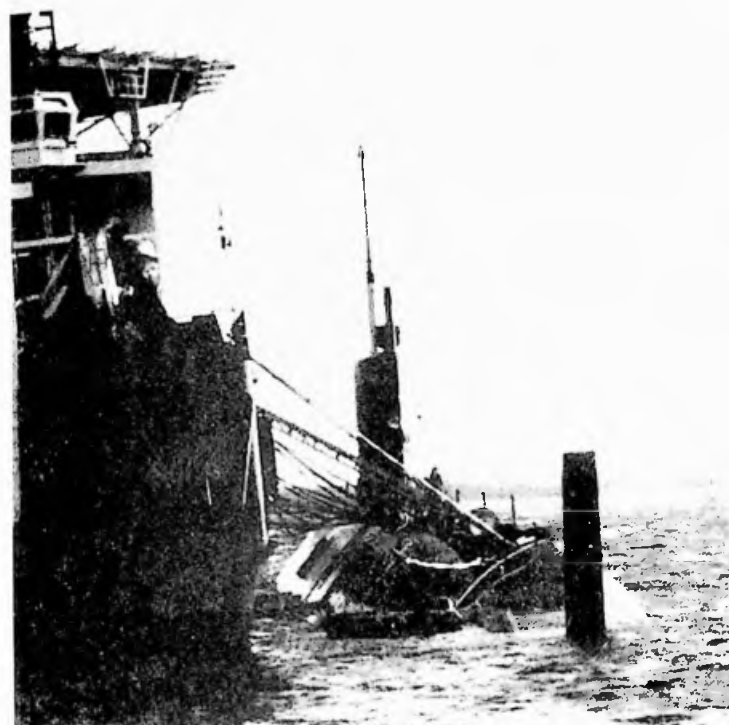
The first thing that strikes you

about the submarine is how so much can be fitted into so little space; a bunk space is just 6.5' x 2.5' x 2.5'. The 97 bunks are shared between the boat's complement of 130 men. As space is an optimum, Fraser Pearson has a problem; at 6'4 he is the tallest on board and regularly finds himself ducking around the ship.

A familiar face on board is Lt Ian Bartlett, whose father, Dave Bartlett, was a travelling teacher in the Falklands in the 1950's.

This tour for H.M.S. Tireless saw it leave its home port of Plymouth on July 7th and after leaving the Falklands on the 24th August it will return in early November to Plymouth via Curacao (north of Venezuela) and New London.

Finally, to dispel those myths that Submariners find so irritating, submarines don't bleep as they submerge, nor do they have portholes!



HMS Tireless next to MV Stena Constructor



Junior Ranks Mess. MEM (M) Varley gets a haircut. Hair must be vacuumed up immediately so that it doesn't get into the air system. MEM Bentley in charge of suction



MEM (L) 'Smudge' Smith and MEM (L) 'Chocky' Topping



Report and photographs by Nina Aldridge



Nina and Rhiannon entertained by a 'Tireless' crew



All boys together! some male bonding over a few bevvy's in the Junior Ranks Mess

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Welcome to the second issue of *Penguin EGGstra*. I hope you enjoyed the first issue of our school newspaper and although it did have a few minor bugs, I think everybody who contributed in any way should give themselves a big pat on the back. I would also like to thank everyone for the compliments, support and interest that the rest of the production team and I have received since the first issue was published.

For those of you connected with either schools in any way, you will know that the 23rd of August marked the end of term two for the education department. When I reflect on the term it seems to have been a very long one (although doesn't it always ?) yet it seems like only yesterday I was returning to school from a two week holiday.

The thought of going back to school after a nice long relaxing holiday of lie - ins and late nights is always a daunting one but when I do return, apart from the homework and boring written work it doesn't seem so bad and there are some good points although I can't think of any right now.....

by Rob Burnett

School's Out !

V.J. Day

Yes! the end of another term and the start of three weeks of lie-ins, relaxation and over indulging. Not to mention the late night parties and the excessive money spending at the Leisure Centre.

There have only been two holidays this term, Falklands Day on the 14th of August and Liberation Day on the 14th of June. For the more artistic people among us the Susan Whitley Competition was held at the start of July and the Craft Fair was on the 12th and 13th of August. The 17th of August was the third anniversary of the school's opening and also on the same day the Junior School held a Variety Show with

each class putting on a stunning performance. Well done! With Year Eleven's Mock exams also taking place this term its not been that busy.

And now here we are, it hasn't been that bad, a bit boring at times but we managed to make it, and with three weeks to recharge our batteries we shall be back on the 14th of September ready and keen to start the last term of the year.

By Mark Gilbert



14th of August 1995 marked the 50th anniversary of Victory in Japan, although the official surrender did not occur until September 2nd. This year in Stanley it was celebrated by a street party in the Falkland Island Community School for the Infant and Junior pupils on Saturday the 19th of August from 3pm to 4pm.

For the senior school pupils a disco was held in the F.I.D.F. hall at the same time. The disco was run by Dave Simon of B.F.B.S. who succeeded in embarrassing various people while Chris Plumb was the DJ.

On Sunday the 20th of August 1995 a church service of remembrance was held in Christ Church Cathedral. The service was based on the service that took place outside Buckingham Palace on the same date.

By Rob Burnett



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JUNIOR SCHOOL CONCERT



On Thursday the 17th and Friday the 18th of August the Junior School performed their Variety Show at 7pm on both nights. The show was held in the Junior school hall and showed a wide range of talents from all the Junior pupils.

The show started off with a welcome from Marti Barnes after which he introduced the Year 6 play - "The Black Bean Blower" which Year 6 performed earlier in the month as their assembly production. After the play, Year 4 presented two dances - "Frere Jacques" and "The Stamping Dance" both of which are obviously well known to the class. When the dancing had finished, singers from Years 4 and 5 performed "Catch a Falling Star" followed by "Walking in the Air" from Raymond Briggs' "The Snowman". Year 5 then did some choral speaking including poems such as "Please Mrs Butler" by Alan Ahlberg. This was followed by Year 4 recorder players with "An Indian Tune". Next was another play by Year 3 - "Who Killed Cock Robin?" this was performed verse. After this a Year 6 ensemble performed two items followed by Alistair Ceballos and Matthew Burnett on the piano. More musical talent next with Year 3 recorder players who played 3 items. After this Years 4 and 5 sang again with items including - "Daisy, Daisy" and "Any Old Iron". Michael Poole then gave a goodbye and the cast left the hall singing "Daisy, Daisy".

The whole show was performed with the greatest enthusiasm and we look forward to next year's Junior Production.

By Rob Burnett



My Perfect School

My perfect school would not (surprisingly) have no teachers or lessons. I might regret it in later life - though not at the moment!

My school would have a D.J station and people could bring in all the music they wanted played (no restrictions). It would have a graffiti wall in each room so we could express ourselves instead of sitting there, bored and pretending to work. It would have a proper area to eat at recess and two tuck shops so there would not be such queues.

The lessons would be different as well. From year eight onwards you would have at least one double lesson of each subject a week, but apart from that you would have choices. For example, Geography and History, Maths and English, etc. There would be a double lesson of P.S.E and Drama lessons each week - to make room for those classes C.D.T and Spanish would have less periods.

Teachers would be quite different as well, I think that the students should chose their own teachers by voting, and also

they should dispose of teachers if they really feel that they are doing a bad job, because any Head Teacher who is meant to do all the 'hiring and firing' doesn't have to be taught by them so I don't think he or she is really qualified to say who is suitable for the job.

Another thing that would be different is lessons like English, Maths and Geography. I think it really depends on what mood you are in as to what sort of work you feel like doing and what sort of results you will produce, so, I think we should have different options - for example, in English we could have a choice between essays, spelling or handwriting practice. The teacher could explain them all at the beginning of the lesson and then leave the students to make their own choice.

I think that all of those ideas would make a great school, and I don't think that they are too unrealistic either - it's a pity it will never happen.

By Bonnie Curtis

Liev's Views On Chile

We set off at around 2 o'clock Friday the 9th in the afternoon on the DAP. There were little packed lunches on each of our seats. They were not exactly delicious, but the olive was not bad. It took about an hour to get to the end of the Falklands and then it was just flat, boring ocean. Four hours later and it was pitch black inside and out. I started to see lights. My hopes were up, soon I'd be out of this hot, stuffy uncomfortable flying disaster. It was not to be. The lights must have been beacons. One hour more of flying over land before we started to descend. The airport was near the sea and covered in snow. The family I was staying with were there to pick me up after 15 minutes in customs. They were friendly enough, but, unfortunately, I never really got to go anywhere very often. The school children in Chile were extremely friendly. I felt confident on my second day there!

I managed to go out and about sometimes, I went to a shop that made local chocolates. Better than a Mars Bar any day! I also saw the most famous statue in Punta Arenas. I don't know the name of it but if you kiss the foot you are supposed to return to Punta Arenas one day. I did. I hope I didn't catch anything! The Zona Franca, a huge shopping mall contained all sorts of shops, electronics, computer arcades and arms shops. I returned to the Falklands on Friday 7th. The trip back was more interesting as I had Matthew McMullen's game boy to play on. I think the trip would have been better in the summer because the "Torres del Paine" national park is open then.

The trip has made my Spanish a lot better and I these and more exchange visits will help the two countries to understand each other more.

By liev Poncet



Q. Why did the chicken cross the road?
A. Because chickens think that that sort of thing is funny.

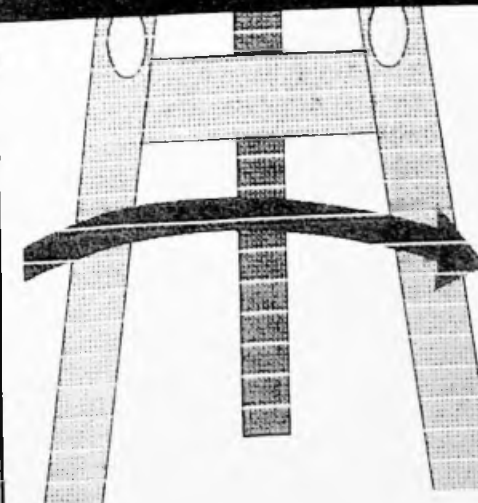
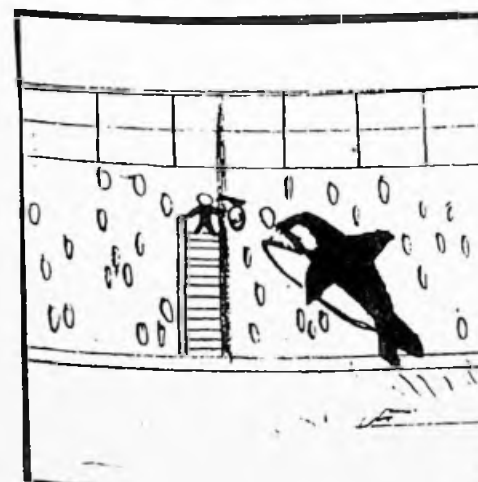
JOKES, PUZZLES AND CARTOONS

There was an Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman. These three men robbed a bank together and afterwards they were sitting in a pub having a drink. Suddenly the Police burst in and in all the commotion the three men ran out the back door. Outside in the alleyway there were three sacks. They all jumped in one each and sat there very still. The Police soon came out and saw the three sacks. They went up to the one with the Englishman in it and prodded it, the Englishman shouted "Ruff, Ruff!" and the Police moved on to the next sack thinking it was a dog. They prodded the sack with the Scotsman in it. The Scotsman then made a sound like a cat and thinking it was a cat the Policemen moved on to the third sack. They prodded it and the Irishman shouted "Potatoes!"

Football Quiz

1. Who brought the first football to Brazil?
2. Who was the first player to have scored 1,000 goals in his career?
3. In what year was F.I.F.A set up?
4. Why are the Italian clubs Genoa and Milan so named?
5. Why are Juventus known as the Zebras?
6. Who was famous for his "falling leaf" free kicks?
7. Who was the 'Man of Paper'?
8. What is Europe's biggest Stadium?
9. Which club did Pele make famous?
10. Who won the 1994 World Cup?
11. Who staged the 1990 World Cup?
12. Which country is staging the European Cup next year?

Answers Published in next issue.



Anniversary

On the 17th of August 1992, 3 years ago, the Falkland Island Community School was opened.

Being one of the biggest Civil Engineering projects ever undertaken by the Falkland Island's Government, it cost 14 million pounds and was built by Gordon Forbes Construction Limited taking just under two years to complete.

Before building could commence a desirable site had to be chosen.

Original plans had the Falkland Island Community school much larger with more classrooms and an even larger C.D.T. department, with the existing one being a school assembly hall. The larger building would have cost too much so plans were changed to fit the budget.

Once they had decided where the school was going to be built another problem arose. The present site was full of underground cables which would have to be moved if the school was going to be built there. Although it would be costly for the cables to be moved this was the most favourable site and the plans for the construction of the school went ahead.

Arrangements for the opening of the Falkland Islands Community School also took a lot of organizing and Lord Shackleton agreed to come down to the Islands to perform the opening ceremony.

As the day grew nearer Lord Shackleton fell ill and it was realized that he would not be fit enough to make the long Journey to the Falkland Islands. However Lord Shackleton's daughter, the Hon. Alexandra Bergel, who was visiting the Islands, agreed to perform the ceremony on behalf of her father.

A live satellite link from the Falkland Islands to Southampton in England was arranged by Cable and Wireless PLC free of charge, and with Lord Shackleton able to travel to Southampton he was therefore able to take part in the ceremony after all.

The big day arrived. A very precise program was arranged to make sure everything went smoothly and efficiently.

By Mark Gilbert



School Book Review

Book = The Great Elephant Chase
Author = Gillian Cross

Blurb

Penniless and parentless, Tad and Cissie are on the run from the tyrannical Mr Jackson. Despite the challenge of rivers, prairies and their assorted inhabitants, Tad is spurred on by Cissie's faith in a proper home waiting for them across America. But hiding an enormous elephant is no easy task, and Tad realizes that he must find courage

and determination if they are ever to reach their destination.

Opinion

The book was quite interesting and exciting but was a bit boring in some places

By Kirsty Christie

Rating 7/10

Programme Of Events

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| 11.10 am | Invited guests and the general public to be in the school. |
| 11.13 am | H.E. the Governor, Mrs Tatham and the Honouable Alexandra Bergel arrive. Met by the Honourable Kevin Kilmartin. |
| 11.15 am | Honourable Kevin Kilmartin makes opening remarks H.E Governor makes his speech. |
| 11.25 am | Lord Shackelton live by satellite link. School prayer - Father Gerry Dunne School blessing - Cannon Stephen Palmer. Honourable Alexandra Bergel Plaque unveiled Invited guests move off in groupsto view the school. (Route - upstairs by west staircase, along first floor and down by east stair. Exit either via swimming pool or front entrance). General public invited to view the school up untill 1pm. |
| 12.25 am | Heritage guests depart for lunch. |

Personal Collections This week photographs courtesy of Mrs Betty Biggs, Stanley

Stanley, the war years

MRS BETTY Biggs of Stanley recently contributed to the *Penguin News* VJ supplement by telling us of her memories of the evacuation to Camp; this, added to our spelling mistake (Nissan hut, a Japanese shed?) prompted Betty to bring us some photographs from her collection relating to World War II.

The photographs which illustrate the presence of British forces in the Falkland Islands during the War, include my personal favourite; Arch Green covered in Nissen huts. A booklet produced by the Museum on World War II includes a picture of the Arch Green huts being built.

V7 No. 11 of *Penguin News* (May 6 1995) included an article by the Editor entitled *Hunch-backed and homely, the Nissen hut stayed on in Stanley when the troops left*. The feature depicted a number of Nissen huts today and their present usage. Betty's pictures show the arrival of the huts and their original state.

Some of our older citizens have on various occasion mentioned to us at *Penguin News*, that they have in their possession, both old photographs taken around Stanley or the camp, and local documents of interest.

For those people who have no wish to display such items at the museum, we would be happy to use them in our monthly magazine section at *Penguin News* or even in the standard issue when space is available. All items would be cared for and need only be available for 2-3 days.

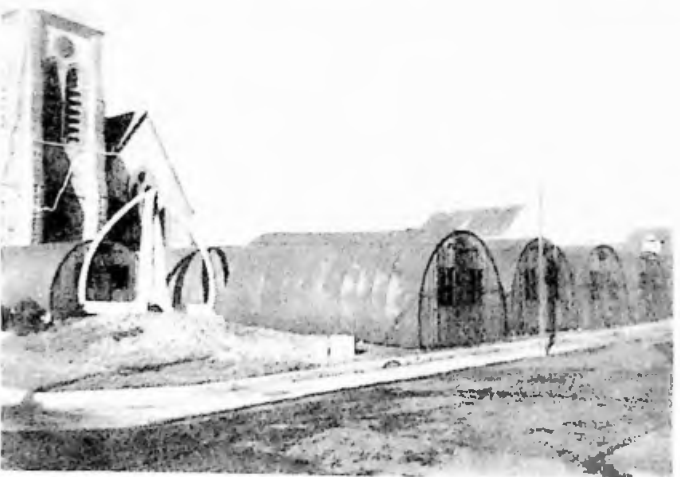


Above: An area to the East of Stanley, ploughed up for the planting of vegetables, to feed the enlarged Stanley population

Below: The British forces and local population come together for a school sports day. Note the group of soldiers to the right of the table.



Above: The Nissen huts are unloaded at Stanley.
Below: Christ Church Cathedral and Arch Green. As in Britain public areas were put to practical use.



The Queen's Speech Sunday 20 August 1995
VJ Day Commemorations

"In every part of the United Kingdom this weekend we have been commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. This has been the culmination of six years of wartime anniversaries, each one with its own distinctive theme and flavour.

In 1990, the Battle of Britain commemorations reminded us of the tense days of summer in 1940, and the heroism of the Royal Air Force throughout the war. The El Alamein commemorations in 1992 recalled for us not only a turning point in the war, but also the gallantry of our armies through all those long years of 1939 to 1945. Then in Liverpool, two years ago, in appropriately stormy weather, we paid tribute to the Royal Navy, who guarded our sea lanes and kept them open, and whose vital contribution to victory can never be forgotten.

In May of this year, we celebrated the end of the war in Europe, and our purpose was clear, we met our former enemies in a spirit of reconciliation: we reaffirmed our ties with our wartime allies; and we looked forward with the young to the future. Our purpose over these last two days of VJ commemorations has been equally clear to thank those who fought for their country, and to remember those who died.

The Second World War was the most destructive war in history. We fought it against an evil which threatened our freedom and our way of life. Many and deep were the scars it left, physical and mental. Our dogged endurance left our resources much depleted. Yet, in the end, we came through triumphant. It is right therefore, that those who enabled us to achieve the victory should take pride of place in these final commemorations. Tonight, we salute them, just as we did on VJ Day fifty years ago.

Like so many others, I have vivid memories of VJ Day, and of joining, with the nation and our allies around the world, in celebrating the long-awaited coming of peace. Meanwhile, Prince Philip was serving in the Far East on board a destroyer in Japanese waters. On that day in 1945, he was not part of a forgotten fleet; indeed there were no 'forgotten armies'. There was just a vast number of men and women who had fought for, and saved, the future of the free world.

I'm speaking not only of the troops for the commonwealth, but also of the nurses, firemen, miners, factory workers, merchant seamen; all of who, in that time honoured phrase 'did their bit'. We pay tribute to those who survived and remember with sorrow, but with gratitude, those who did not. Together, they gave us the chance to build a world anew. It may be far from perfect world but let us not tonight, dwell on imperfections. Rather let us call to mind the qualities which brought us through those terrible years; the courage, the comradeship and, above all, the sense of common purpose. They are still with us, and we must cherish them, for they have served us well down the centuries.

Victory, and the peace it brought fifty years ago, were worth the great sacrifice. It is for us, through God's mercy and our own continuing vigilance, to prove that the sacrifice was not made in vain.

As I See It by Gail Steen

Theres trouble brewing, lets form a committee

ASIDE from snow, hail and anything else the weather gods can throw at us, there is a hint of spring in the air. The daffodils are bravely poking up out of the soggy soil, often encrusted with circles of ice, and the spring winds are trying to bluster through the subzero temperatures. Which means, that soon things will look a lot better and we can shake off the winter doldrums, wash the curtains, beat the mats and generally indulge ourselves in an orgy of clearing out the clutter.

I don't know - I may be alone on this one - but at this time of year I get an irrational urge to dig out cupboards, sort things and climb the loft ladder into the myriad collection of 'things that might come in handy one day'. It's only when confronted with the sheer amount of stuff, that my resolve starts to crumble.

It is safe to say that if you haven't used it in the last 2 years you are not likely to. But in mid-chuck you always get that niggly little thrifty thought, 'Well...perhaps...'. I blame it on our ancestors who, needs must, had to make use of every single thing, nothing was wasted. Thriftiness is as inbred in us as our accent.

As deeply ingrained as FIG's propensity to form committees. I often wonder how they all come about? Because apparently there are 40 plus of these contagious bodies in the Administration alone. Perhaps it goes something like this...

1st person, 'I hear the populace/councillors are a bit upset about.....' (insert your favourite grievance)

2nd person, Hmmm.....trouble brewing - you think?

1st person, 'Well - maybe - you can never gauge the volatile nature of the peasant/politician.'

2nd person, Hmmm.....we could tack it on to someone's agenda.

1st person, 'I know (bright smile) lets form a committee.'

And so on.....

No doubt more will be born in the coming age of diversification.

Beef production - 'The Bullock Committee'?

Forrestry - 'Can't see the Wood for the Trees Committee'?

Camp Depopulation - 'As ye Sow so shall ye Reap Committee'?

Animal Welfare - 'George Orwell Committee'?

Perhaps this calls for a competition on apt titles. The copyrights could then be sold to FIG.

I don't know about farmers but I get an attack of the 'Rumplestiltskins', (you know the story/ask your kids) when I read of

people talking about future grassland improvements etc etc. (Farmers Week Report by Nigel Knight). It is not the fact that concerned bodies are talking about these subjects, but the fact that 'they', in one suit or another, have been talking about such things for years and years!

Talk, talk....., talk about frustration - it's enough to make a person stamp and rage like old Rumble and disappear in a cloud of smoke (you wish). Just how many years have we had teams and persons of varying degrees of excellence carrying out studies and research?

How many hours have people expended writing reports of scope and depth? By now we must have a report that covers everything from growing your own dung heap to erecting a shrine to diversification and rural development. Do they too get stuffed into cupboards and the official equivalent of lofts?

If a committee could concentrate its thoughts long enough to resist that old resolve crumbling 'leave it for another year in case it comes in handy' trait. Then perhaps something will be achieved in rural development, immigration etc etc.

What will be done if, due to this severe winter, animal fatalities are as high as feared? What can be done? Just written off as an 'Act of God' I suppose. What if it happens again next winter, it's not beyond possibility?

The nature of farming in the Falklands makes it impossible to bring in large flocks of sheep and shelter them all. Most farmers will have put their animals on their best winter ground, but after that....?

Buying in oats in large quantities is an expense not all can afford, so I wonder how much winter feed is grown in these days of - throw away and import? Maybe our Irregular Phobic Farmer could impart some info. Old photographs show farmers thigh deep in fields of oats and haystacks as big as small houses. Hill Cove, Pt Howard, Pt San Carlos and Roy Cove all appear to have had extensive operations geared to producing winter feed. Reading Sydney Miller's book 'A Life of our Choice' endorses the view that then the Falklands were at the beginning of a time when grassland management and improvement was well established.

What happened? Why did it not lead on to a time where the islands were self sufficient in dairy products, beef, pork? It seems now we have to start from scratch.

Is this a field FLH could look into, or is it just a field of dreams?

I wonder what Grassland Improvement bible farmers subscribed to in those days? They probably never had a 'Moral Code of Practice for the Welfare of Sheep, Horses and Dogs' either. Of course with the slave trade recent world history, animals were probably very low on the conscience meter. By the way why leave cows, pigs, goats, farm cats, mice and snoopers out of the code? How about some equality?

It was interesting to read that farmers drew up draft proposals for such a document 3 years ago. What happened? I sometimes think it is not so much the welfare of the sheep that is paramount, but its ability to stay upright until the shearer can remove the potential income from its back.

Over the years I have spent quite some time in the camp and have seen some very unsavoury sights when it comes to the treatment of animals. If you spoke out, at best you would get an indulgent chuckle at your perceived 'softness'. At worst a derisive scorching.

That was then - this is now - have things changed? Lately my forays into the camp are less frequent. I have certainly never seen any cruel treatment myself, other-

wise my pen would be scorching across these pages. However you still hear some nasty stories, but nobody seems to act on them. So are they just stories?

I have two cats, four offspring of the human (most of the time) variety, and one liberated (most of the time) human male, and I, hand on heart, can say they are all so properly spoilt that I am thinking of proposing to my councillor that they introduce legislation to save women from themselves!

But can you, all you animal keepers, hand on heart say, 'I do the very best I can, my dogs are fed, watered, exercised every day. My shepherding is second to none I provide and care for all my animals and when the pot and circumstances dictate I kill an animal, I do so in the most humane way I can.'

If you can not or know of someone who does not treat animals properly, is it not about time you did something about it? Okay, these may be in the minority - but is there an acceptable figure?

Get this legislation in place, also the Dogs Ordinance, enforce it, make it work. Gone are the days of Gaucho mentality. It is no good decrying in private anything we see or know about that offends, if we do we are acquiescing to the ill-treatment of animals by default.



Saturday 2nd September

| 10am - End | Squash Tournament (£1 entry fee per person) | Squash Courts |
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| 11am - 12 Noon | Children's Hour | Gym |
| 12 Noon - 1pm | Family Swim | Pool |
| 11am - 1pm | Live Radio Show | Gym |
| 12 Noon - 1pm | Live Band | Gym |
| 1.30pm - End | Inter Section It's A Knockout (£10 entry fee per team of 10) | Gym |

Tombola Stall All Afternoon in the Gym

All Exercise Machines available All Afternoon (New Gym)
1pm - End Inter-section Board Games Competition Oasis and Church
(£10 entry fee per person)

All Afternoon Swimming Pool Open Pool

The OASIS (Give us yer dosh!) on the
Swimming Pool Balcony all afternoon!

Give Us Yer Dosh!

Falkland Island Guide camp in Ben-y Glow

ON WEDNESDAY July 19, Tracy Freeman and Clare Crowie left the Falklands to represent the Falkland Island Girl Guide Movement at a Guide Camp in Ben-y-Glow in Perthshire.

After leaving the Islands the girls were met by Trish Halmshaw's parents who transported them to Heathrow Airport where they caught a flight to Edinburgh. At Edinburgh the girls were collected by Janice Black who took them to the campsite.

The Opening Ceremony consisted of a campfire and the raising of each of the represented countries' flags. The camp was an international occasion with girls from countries such as Japan, Gibraltar, Bermuda and Angola. The camp offered a wide range of activities: abseiling, rifle shooting, canoeing, pioneering, mountain biking and pony trekking.

The Closing Ceremony took

place next to a large campfire and the flags were lowered.

After the week's camp the girls separated and went to stay with two families; Clare with the MacKenzies and Tracy with the Hutchesons, for the week.

On the August 7 the girls were on the move together again, this time to the daughter and son-in-law of Guide Commissioner Jean Smith, Alison and Leslie Robertson. After a weekend with the Robertsons the girls travelled back to Heathrow where they met and spent the day with Mr and Mrs Halmshaw before travelling back to the Falkland Islands.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and wish to thank everyone who made their trip possible.

Report by Clare Crowie and Tracy Freeman



View from the camp with Blair Atholl castle in the background



The famous Blair Atholl Castle



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DIARY OF A FARMER'S CAT by Baldrick Wilkinson

SHEESH... Two weeks in town on medical, and I'm worn out... I had this poorly leg, you see, and as the Missus was going in on medical it seemed logical for me to go too. At least, that's her story. I didn't have any choice, but I'd have settled for staying at home with a couple of aspirin...

Last time I went in on medical I stayed in a luxurious pad with everything a cat could wish for and an attentive hostess answering my every call. This time I was emptied out of that blasted cardboard box thing and dumped in a freezing cold front porch, somewhere in town where Middle Son lives, and told to lump it. Ice inside the windows, there was, and me with my delicate chest...

Gadzooks - it was enough to drive me to drink. And as if that wasn't hardship enough for one moggie, the Missus collected another cat from somewhere and dumped her in with me. Evil it was, too. Hissed and swore at me, she did, and no provocation either. Language that would make a sailor blush, and no manners at meal times. I'd have preferred solitary confinement, I can tell you. Could've roughed out that book I've been meaning to write...

So all in all it wasn't a happy time for me in town, and I'm glad to be safely back home. (I think the Missus is too.) I had a rotten trip back in the same flamin' box, of course, and was forced to do a whoopsy in it 'cos the silly moo (the Missus that is) gave me supper the night before. Even she should know by now that what goes down can often come up...

And what a fuss she and the Boss made about the pong, too. It's really not fair. I've seen all those sick bags, mate, through the holes in my prison. I know what they're for, believe me, and it's not pretty. If they're gonna make such a fuss they should provide in flight facilities...

The Boss had joined us in town for a couple of days to see the dentist, which meant he needed - or demanded - plenty of sympathy. Not that he got much from me, the way I was feeling.

The only problem with coming home again - and you can keep town, with all the traffic noise and street lights keeping me from my beauty sleep - is Her. Bimbo, that is - and well named if you ask me. Why the Missus should take it into her empty head to take another moggie into our menagerie is beyond me, but that's what she's done.

yond me, but that's what she's done.

The brainless article - Bimbo, not the Missus, for once - thinks of nothing but food, sleep and more food. She's quite nice to look at, if you like that sort of thing, but personally I prefer females that have something between the ears other than thoughts of where their next meal is coming from. Does she care about the state of the nation, or how many sheep the Boss has lost in the snow? Does she know what proportional representation means, and can she spell it even? Yikes...

Ah, well. Back to the old routine, I suppose. I must get myself over to the shearing shed and stir up the mice a little. Don't suppose the rest of the gang have done much while I've been away. Then I'll mosey on down to the hen run and tell those foul fowl what I think of 'em getting all the leftovers...

Spring might just be around the

corner, judging by the plants pushing gingerly up through the flower beds. The snow's almost gone, and it wasn't quite so cold last night as it has been lately. The Boss is terminally gloomy about the sheep, of course. He doesn't know how many he's lost yet. Personally I think it's dreadful too. Just think of all those wasted dinners lying around...

I've still got a poorly leg, so I can't go and investigate the situation for myself. The vet says I've got to take things easy - no Circassian Circles for me mate - so I'll play on that for all I'm worth until they suss me out and treat me normally. What was the vet's diagnosis? I hear you ask. Couldn't you have guessed?

Writer's cramp, mate...

Cheers, chaps - Love,

Baldrick

Honeymoon in Menorca for Sarah and Michael



ON JULY 15, 1995, Mr Michael Allan and Miss Sarah Dixon were married at Holy Trinity Church, Horsley near Rochester, Northumbria. The lovely old church was decorated with fresh flowers.

The bride and her father arrived in style, in Sarah's Skoda, polished and adorned with horseshoes, honeysuckle and white roses by Lewis Clifton and helpers.

Sarah, only daughter of Hilda Dixon of Stocksfield and John Dixon of Rochester came to the Falklands in 1988 as a Camp teacher where she met Michael. She then became the first P.E. teacher at Stanley Senior School, leaving at the end of her contract to work in England. She recently returned to the Falklands to take up her present job as Senior Leisure Attendant at Stanley Leisure Centre.

Mike, the youngest son of Joyce and John Allan of Stanley, is a contract shearer who works in the Falklands and England.

Sarah wore a beige jacket,

cream hat and skirt. Her bouquet of white roses and honeysuckle from the garden was arranged by Mike's aunt and uncle, Terry and Margaret McCarthy from Australia.

Hilda Dixon and Terry Allan were the witnesses. The ushers were William Dixon, Daniel Allan and Scott Cowans.

A reception for 50 people was held at the Redesdale Arms Hotel where the wedding feast, champagne toasts and speeches were enjoyed by all. Mike's brother David read a number of faxes from family and friends all over the world. After this the whole village enjoyed a dance with an accordion band at Rochester Village Hall until the small hours.

The three tier wedding cake was made by the bride and beautifully decorated by a friend. Sarah and Mike enjoyed a honeymoon in Menorca and England before returning to the Falklands.

Report by Mrs Joyce Allan

Will anyone swop an egg for an opal?

PENGUIN NEWS were passed a letter from Mr Charles Llewellyn in Western Australia asking for help to fulfill his desire in acquiring a complete collection of Penguin eggs Mr Llewellyn writes "there are of course many types and I am currently seeking one egg from the following species: Emperor, Gentoo, King, Chinstrap, Adelie, Macaroni and Rockhopper. I am willing to pay for the postage and handling and would return this cost to whoever is concerned or perhaps send an Australian opal (precious stone) for a keep sake or for making into a

piece of jewellery etc. for each egg received.

Only blown eggs would be required and only if they have been found abandoned, rather than taken from the parent bird as I have no desire to reduce Penguin numbers because of my collection.

The name of the type of egg sent would be a great help.

If anyone can help then please write to the following address

Charles Llewellyn
22 West ward Street
Willetton 6155
Western Australia

Stanley Badminton Club

An enjoyable match was played on Monday evening in the Stanley Gymnasium when a team of SBC players met with a team from the MPA club. Excellent badminton was played by both teams resulting in four games each, some of which were long and close as can be seen in the following scores.

| S.B.C. | | M.P.A. |
|----------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Douglas Clark | v | Simon Hall |
| Chris Gilbert | 15.15. | 8.10. John Gomes |
| Neil Rowlands | v | Dave Kilbride |
| Chris Eynon | 13.15.7. | 15.8.15. Andy Rutherford |
| Tony Burnett | v | Benji Benjamin |
| Harold Neilson | 15.8.18. | 8.15.14. Ramkaji Rai |
| Ben Watson | v | Tony Dalton |
| Claudio Ross | 7.8. | 15.15. Tony Kitching |
| Douglas Clark | v | Dave Kilbride |
| Chris Gilbert | 15.15. | 8.3. Andy Rutherford |
| Neil Rowlands | v | Simon Hall |
| Chris Eynon | 15.12.18. | 10.15.17. John Gomes |
| Tony Burnett | v | Tony Dalton |
| Harold Neilson | 17.8.7. | 14.15.15. Tony Kitching |
| Ben Watson | v | Ramkaji Rai |
| Claudio Ross | 13.10. | 18.15. Benji Benjamin |

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2 x single beds in very good condition, white wrought-iron style H/Bd. Quantity of wool blanket, also very good condition. Philips hostess electric food warmer - 4 selection, as new. Spinning wheel.
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Rayburn Supreme. Very good condition. Pressure jet or peat fired, can be seen working. Phone 21144 evenings to view. Price £900

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Royal blue Ford Corsair 1961. Quantity of spares. £450 ono. Tel: Helen Lane on 72377 evenings 22684 daytime.

Established Shoe Repair business for sale, in Dean St, Stanley. Price is inclusive of a freehold building, machiner, specialist tools and stock to last 12 months. Full training given. Machinery and buildings can be sold separately. Ring Gavin Clifton on 21170

NOTICES

From the Philomel Store, 'Blooms of Guernsey'

We are pleased to be able to offer a priority service which will guarantee delivery of flowers by 12.30pm on the day following the order being placed. To allow for the time difference etc, orders must be made by 10am on the previous day. Unfortunately, this service cannot include the Scottish Highlands and Islands. A small extra charge is made for this service.

An additional link in our 'flower chain' is our new service between New Zealand and Australia, known as the **Carnation Service**. Deliveries are made Tuesdays to Fridays. There is a maximum of 10 words per message. Because of the time difference, at least 8 days notice is required. For peak occasion periods such as Christmas etc, 3 weeks notice is required.

Let us assist you, and send that special message with flowers

KTV viewers

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Chilenos Residentes

Se cita a reunion a todas las personas que deseen participar en la organizacion de las festividades del 18 de Septiembre
Fecha: 3 de Septiembre
Hora: 6.30pm
Lugar: 6 Campbell Drive (Jaime)
Confirmar asistencia con Isabel al 21647 o Jaime al 21962

NOTICES

For all interested ANGLERS

Opening for the first time, excellent trout fishing on the New House side of the San Carlos river at a cost of £5 per person per day. For further information please ring Chris or Lindsey on tel/fax 31110. Chris and Lindsey would like to inform the general public that the New House side of the San Carlos river (within the New House farm boundaries) is private property and if any persons wish to fish there will be a £5 charge per person per day. For further information please ring us on tel/fax 31110 in the evenings.

SPORT

Auction Bridge results for the 23rd August.

1st. Mrs I. Finlayson & B. Peck
2nd. Mrs E. Vidal & Mrs D. Clarke

Booby. M. Murphy and his invisible partner

The next evening is scheduled for Wednesday 6th September. If more players are not forthcoming, these evenings could be phased out.

Indoor Winter League - Round One.

Friday 1st September
Grp1 (Redsox or Traps Gang) v Young Guns.
Grp2 Victory v Red 9ers
Grp3 (Redsox or Traps Gang) v Power Failure.

SOUTH ATLANTIC MARINE SERVICES

S. A. M. S. now have in stock the following **Timber and Building materials at very competitive prices: Prices are per metre.**

Quality pine 2x4 @£1.50, 2x6 @£2.80, 1x6 @£1.50, 2x3 @£1.30
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Self adhesive tape, Door lining sets 4" & 5"

5% off above timber prices for cash/cheque sales.

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- Dry suits/cylinders to order
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- Equipment for hire
- Air available to 3000p.s.i
- Diving boat 6m RIB available for hire.
- Recompression facilities available Nov 1995

For more information contact Dave Eynon at the Boat House or Tel 21145/21144 or Fax 22674

Postscript FROM THE CATHEDRAL

THE OTHER day I watched the Tristar take off, from MPA, into a deep blue sky with mixed feelings; onboard was my wife Christine who was flying north for a well earned holiday - the thought that she would be enjoying some sunshine and relaxation gave me great pleasure. But at the same time I was also aware that I was in danger of feeling sorry for myself - wishing I was also on the Tristar, instead of facing three weeks of being head cook and bottle washer!

I was also aware how much, after nearly thirty years of being together, I had grown to depend on Christine's love and practical support. The prospect of our short period of separation has reminded me of the truth that it is very easy to take those closest to us (and the most precious things in life) for granted. Their very familiarity can dull our sense of wonder and gratitude.

God, intends his children to live in community; the family is God's blueprint for the health and growth of humanity. But our shortcomings, forgetfulness and sins spoil even this most precious gift.

We are often guilty of taking each other for granted - and we can forget all too easily just how much we depend on each other. We can also take our relationship with God our Creator and Redeemer for granted as well. Any relationship doesn't just happen without effort - it has to be worked at. Part of this 'working at' has to be a determined effort not to allow the familiar and ordinary things of life to lose their value and sense of wonder for us.

"Not to know at large of things remote
From use, obscure and subtle, but to know
That which before us lies in daily life
Is the prime wisdom."

(John Milton - from Paradise Lost)