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Fortoser's crab factory in Stanley was closed and the employees laid off at Christmas as the company began a race against time to secure a future for its Falkland Island operations.

It has been given just over a month in which to find commercial backing following the news that the FIDC, which has financed its past two years of research, will not be providing any more funds after the end of January.

Fortoser was contracted in 1984 by the FIDC and FIG to survey the Falklands' inland waters with a view to finding a high value, low bulk commodity which could be marketed from the Islands. In March 1986, after research had indicated that a South Atlantic red crab was a potentially suitable species, Fortoser embarked on a six month commercial trial in processing and marketing the crab which was well received.

In December, with the contract due to finish, FIDC examined reports from both Fortoser and ERL, an environmental consultancy, before deciding that further financial backing for the company should come from commercial rather than public sources. ERL's report advised the FIDC that whilst there was good scope for the industry and a potentially good return, they were not sure whether the yield could be sustained and were concerned about the risk involved in relying on only one species.

Fortoser's Managing Director, John Williams, told the Penguin News that while he agreed with ERL's report to a degree, he still felt that the enterprise was worth pursuing. The risk involved from fishing only one species could be lessened, he believes, if other fishing companies in possession of a recently issued licence, could be persuaded to undertake a joint venture with Fortoser, dealing with other catches besides crab.

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CRAB CRISIS - continued

"It's not the FIDC's decision that is the problem so much," John Williams told the Penguin News, "but the time limit they have given us. A month and a half is simply not long enough to find commercial sponsorship. Realistically, we need support until the end of May and I have asked the FIG to support us until then. I am awaiting their decision now."

If Fortoser's funds are stopped in February, the factory will have to remain closed and the company's vessel, Coastel Pioneer will be sent back to the UK with its crew.

"I am confident that, given time, we could secure commercial backing," John Williams said, "but it is the time which is so important."

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS - 2 by Andy Ince

I find I am well behind with the outside painting this year due to the poor weather we've been having. So, I've contented myself with renewing loose putty and replacing a broken window along with other repairs in preparation for painting the house,

A builder friend of mine loaned me a tool that he regularly used for finishing the putty around a window, giving a smooth, even finish. He had made it himself from a short length (200mm) of 15mm copper tube. One end of the tube had been carefully hammered flat for 50mm and then bent up at an angle of about 30°. The burrs at the end had been filed away and the flat area on the outside angle polished with fine emery paper. "The smoother the finish to the copper, the better the results in use," he said. "You will find that the putty will not stick to this tool as it tends to do on a steel putty knife."

I found he was right and have followed his method ever since. Next time you renew putty, give it a try. It may work well for you also. It's cost is next to nothing and takes at the most 15 minutes to make.

Have you made a visit to Mary Hill Quarry yet? Many good materials to be bought cheaply from there. I wondered how I could use the long lengths of brown plastic lying in a heap at the entrance. (These are about 1 metre wide) A couple of rolls under the house would save me crawling about in the dust and mud patches when checking the plumbing or wiring. (Or chasing out the cats at night!)

In the garden these sheets laid side by side, weighted down with rocks would kill off large areas of weeds in those areas where I shall be digging a new garden. The price, again, next to nothing.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

My wife joins me in wishing all your readers a happy and peaceful New Year.

1987 will present many opportunities and challenges for those of us living and working in the Falkland Islands. The establishment of the fisheries conservation and management zone on 1 February and the opening later in the year of the splendid new joint hospital in Stanley are events which will have far reaching implications for each and everyone of us.

Above everything else, however, I hope that as the fifth anniversary of the Liberation approaches, we shall recall those who laid down their lives in 1982, their bereaved relatives and the wounded and dedicate ourselves to making the Falkland Islands a community worthy of such sacrifices. Let this be one resolution that we shall all make and keep.

G W Jewkes

STANLEY SPORTS MEETING

by Patrick Watts

More than 50 horses, 15 from Rincon Grande alone, were brought to Stanley from East Falkland farms, to compete in the 1986 Stanley Sports Association Race Meeting, and over 30 of those horses won a prize. Keith Whitney was Champion Jockey for the second year in succession. Not one drop of rain fell throughout the two days and 2,000 hot-dogs were consumed on the first day. Behind those stark facts existed a pre-meeting build-up which has probably never been equalled.

The Committee worked desperately hard to ensure that the course and surrounding facilities would be ready in time, and a month of cold, wet weather did not assist the preparations; but once again the Falklands proved that a two day race meeting could be organised by a group of people who receive no payment and sometimes very little thanks for their efforts. Terry Betts, the Secretary, made sure that this year everyone would know about the Sports, with his daily publicity bulletins, and once again vast crowds turned up to witness the 47 event programme. Probably not quite as many spectators as last year when 1,000 contractors from Mount Pleasant Airport basked in sunshine on Boxing Day. This year, the strong wind kept everyone cool but fortunately it was a 'warm' wind, blowing from the North West almost throughout.

The racing began with something of a shock when Sheba, a daughter of 5 times Troop Race winner Patience and sired by Sudan Grass, failed to start in the Maiden Plate and Neil Watson rode Laurie Butler's Melrose to Victory and in doing so recorded his ninth victory. Ron Binnie's disappointment at this set-back soon evaporated when on Day 2 Sheba romped home by eight lengths to win the Falklands Chase, which resulted in a pay-out of £1.00 on the Tote for a 10p ticket. Sheba went on to beat the more experienced Lucinda and Sandie in the Champion Race.

STANLEY RACE MEETING - continued

Arthur Turner's Taloola won the Bransfield Plate and could be one to watch next year. Gina's impressive victory in the Henry Smith Trophy, inspired many observers to feel that this mare would beat the Rincon Grande Polo ponies this year in The Governor's Cup, but to the amazement of all, particularly the jockey, Neil Watson, it was the 1984 Maiden Plate winner Sandie which established a huge lead and despite all Keith Whitney's efforts on Gina, maintained the lead until the winning post. Six years ago Neil Watson scored a similar surprise victory on Sally 1, although Sandie's winning margin was nothing as great as Sally's. A 90p Tote pay-out emphasised that the winner was not strongly favoured by the punters.

Sandie proved that her Governor's Cup victory was no fluke by winning the Berkeley Sound Plate and Port San Carlos Prize later in the day. Gina atoned for the Governor's Cup failure by easily winning the Rincon Grande Plate over 900 yards, while Stewart Morrison, returning to the course after several years absence confidently rode Nante to victory in the stamina-demanding One Mile Open.

Millreef, generally considered to be something of a sprinter and little else, surprisingly beat a good field in the A.G Barton Prize over 500 yards, having earlier finished second in the Chief Executives Plate. David Taylor's prize going to Keith Whitney on Long Island. Millreef having won the Troop Race sprint over 300 yards for the previous two years, was strongly expected to make it a hat-trick, but Keith Whitney's Quickstep passed Millreef in the final 10 yards to record a fine win.

A feature this year was the introduction of a video-recorded finish of each race, which apparently was of great assistance to the judges. Saddle cloth numbers corresponded to Tote numbers, while weighing in before a race was re-introduced in an effort to avoid giving the many young ladies now involved in the Senior events, too much advantage. (10 stones, 8 ounces minimum for all). One further improvement which the Committee might consider as being of advantage to the punters would be to insist that jockies wear their given Tote number on the backs of their shirts.

Eric Goss' experiment with a horse-box, to hasten the 100 mile journey from North Arm, now that a decent track is available from Swan Inlet to Stanley, met with disaster after an initial success. Two horses were safely transported to Stanley, but an excess of loose gravel resulted in the box careering off the road on the second journey, though fortunately without mishap to horses or humans. Eric's Lucinda responded by again being placed in all but one race; the first time the plucky mare has been out of the placings in 63 starts, of which she has won 33. Eric's son William looks as if he is ready to take over, as he rode both Lucinda and Cleopatra to victories in the Woolsales Plate and Chatre Plate respectively.

Andria and Arthur Turner both had their successes. Andria brought Torcaz home in the Coalite Challenge Cup and Rosette in the Ladies Gallop, while Arthur riding Helena was involved in the most exciting finish of the meeting, narrowly beating Keith Whitney on Gina by a head in the Salvador Prize (Champion Race).

STANLEY RACE MEETING - continued

Probably never before has a former Governors Cup winner taken part in the Consolation Race, but Diddle Malodian did just that this time, and Falklands pilot, Ian McPhee proved that he hasn't lost his touch by guiding the lazy Diddles to an unexpected victory. The Tote paid out its biggest dividend of £1.50 on a 10p ticket; at odds of 15 to 1, following Ian's win.

Rear Admiral Kit Layman, the Commander British Forces, presented his prize to Captain George Medlicott-Goodwin, who piloted Astor to an exciting win in the Armed Forces Cup. Agricultural Officer, Owen Summers in his unobtrusive manner rode Quentin to excellent victories in the Kempton Park Trophy and York Races Challenge Trophy, both well known English race courses, generously maintaining their interest in the local racing scene. Quentin rarely runs a bad race and is a very consistent performer.

The Watson family featured prominently throughout: father Neil finished as runner-up in the Champion Jockey table and daughter Lisa and son Paul also enjoyed considerable success. Father and daughter, Ron and Michelle Binnie, as always brought a sizeable troop from Fitzroy, and in three year old Sheba appear to have a Governors Cup winner in the future.

Interspersed with the racing, trotting and foot events were liberally scattered. Forty-four year old Archie McLeod won the Veterans Handicap with 'young' Stan Cletheroe aged 78 close behind.

Dr Paul McNeilly took the One Mile run in six minutes on a windy day, while SAC Marcellius of 266 Signals Squadron took the newly introduced 3 miles Fell Run in an excellent time of 17 minutes and 40 seconds. Allen Waitz won the two sprints and John McDonald of Stanley the 440 yards.

STEER RIDING by Patrick Watts

Twenty intrepid rodeo riders battled for top prize at the annual steer-riding competition and despite some valiant attempts, none could unseat last year's champion, Arthur Turner, who scraped home by just  $\frac{1}{2}$  a point and retained his crown. A large crowd as always gathered for the event and those resting in vehicles must have been thankful as the rain beat down relentlessly throughout the two hour spectacle.

Never before have so many riders managed to ride through to the 10 second whistle and many attributed this to the fact that the Fitzroy steers, once again provided by Ron Binnie, had all been ridden in last year's competition and are now somewhat 'tamed'.

J McCloughlin of the Bomb Disposal Unit came second after an excellent performance only minutely inferior to Arthur Turners, while William Goss would have won, instead of being third, had he landed on his feet at the end of the ten seconds and gained the extra five points. Gavin Browning finished fourth.

Robert McAskill and Terence McPhee also won the admiration of the crowd for their skill, while the loudest cheer of the afternoon was reserved for Military Police Woman, Linsey Pickering who was the only female to brave the bucking steers and the rain bucketing down. She had earlier won the Ladies 400 yards foot race and finished a close last in the Armed Forces Horse Race.



STEER RIDING - continued

Obviously rougher steers are called for next year, although finding these close enough to Stanley may be difficult. Marvin Clarke once again organised the event with his splendid team of assistants.

The 1986 Stanley Sports meeting will be remembered for its windy weather, an unprecedented amount of shock winners on the race course and above all, splendid organisation.

Full Race Results are on pages 7, 8 & 9

RAFT RACE

The new year day Raft Race in Stanley harbour saw an enthusiastic display of humour and ingenuity with the large turn out of both participants and spectators proving that this relatively new event is becoming a popular feature in the summer calendar.

Summer was not in much evidence, however, on the sullen, overcast afternoon but unperturbed a large crowd of the curious gathered near Government Jetty to assess the foolhardy with their crafts whilst the newly arrived band of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders played on Victory Green.

On the shoreline, the teams, 20 military and 3 civilian, made last minute alterations to their rafts whilst the organisers checked the seaworthiness of each of them. Only the hastily assembled, last minute entry by the Agricultural Research team was deemed unfit for official participation, although it did set off with a reduced crew; only to sink three minutes later.

Rear Admiral Layman, Commander of British Forces, gave the starting signal at 2.30 and the water began to churn as the crafts jostled and rammed one another in the frantic rush for a good position: those closest to Main Jetty undoubtedly benefitting from the clear course before them. Nearly all the 24 craft completed the course with only one requiring assistance from one of the safety boats provided by HMS Ambuscade and HMS Herald.

First prize went to the Falkland Islands Field Squadron Workshops, suggesting that their 'drop tank' design, used by some other entrants as well, was probably the most effective. The prize for best design went to the Maltese Pig manned by 16 Field Squadron Royal Engineers. Best Dress was awarded to 6 Platoon 518 Pioneer Company for HMS Overtime and a special prize was awarded to the Hornets for being the youngest team.

The judges were Rear Admiral Layman, Mr Louis Clifton, Major Lang, Mr Les Halliday, Lieutenant Commander Shipman and prizes were given by Mrs Layman,

RACING RESULTS IN FULL1. MAIDEN PLATE FIB

1st	MELROSE	Neil Watson
2nd	POSSIE	Terence Summers
3rd	SMOKEY	Paul Watson

2. 200 YARDS BOAT

1st	Allen Waice
2nd	John Taggart
3rd	James Tronh

3. BRANSFIELD CHALLENGE PLATE

1st	TALOOLA	Arthur Turner
2nd	VULCAN	Neil Watson
3rd	HARVEST	Paul Watson

4. KEMPTON PARK TROPHY

1st	QUENTIN	Owen Summers
2nd	SANDY	Liza Watson
3rd	QUICKSTEP	Keith Whitney

5. POTATOE RACE (LADIES)

1st	Margaret Goss
2nd	Sybella Summers
3rd	Sheena Ross

6. HENRY SMITH TROPHY

1st	GINA	Keith Whitney
2nd	SUDAN	Ron Binnie
3rd	REINBEAU	Neil Watson
4th	SHEKINAH	William Goss

7. JUNIOR RINCON GRANDE PLATE

1st	SMETANKA	Tyrone Whitney
2nd	ROSETTE	Debbie Gilding
3rd	SILVER FLAKES	Keith Alazia

8. ONE MILE (FOOT)

1st	Paul McNealy (6 minutes)
2nd	
3rd	Neil Goodwin

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S PLATE

1st	LONG ISLAND	Keith Whitney
2nd	MILLREEF	Ron Binnie
3rd	BONITA	Stuart Morrison
4th	CLEOPATRA	Eric Goss

10. WHEELBARROW RACE

1st	J McDonald - Rossie Short
2nd	Arron Stewart - Andrew Newman
3rd	Mr & Mrs Terence Summers

11. GOVERNORS CUP

1st	SANDY	Neil Watson
2nd	GINA	Keith Whitney
3rd	TORCAZ	Arthur Turner
4th	QUENTIN	Owen Summers

12. PINZA GALLOP

1st	LONG ISLAND	Tyrone Whitney
2nd	ROSETTE	Gillian Phillips
3rd	JANICE	Debbie Gilding

13. SACK RACE (MEN)

1st	Paul Bonner
2nd	Terence Summers
3rd	John McDonald

14. RINCON GRANDE PLATE

1st	GINA	Keith Whitney
2nd	CLEOPATRA	William Goss
3rd	REINBEAU	Neil Watson
4th	SABRE	Michelle Binnie

15. TWIGWORTH TROT

1st	Eric Goss
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16. BACKWARDS RACE

1st	John McDonald
2nd	Mr Clark
3rd	John Price

17. THE A.G BARTON PRIZE

1st	MILLREEF	Ron Binnie
2nd	SMETANKA	Keith Whitney
3rd	SHEKINAH	Eric Goss
4th	BONITA	Stuart Morrison

18. THREE LEGGED RACE

1st	E Coxon
2nd	Terence McPhee
3rd	George Medilcott-Goodwin



## RESULTS CONTINUED.....

19. BERKELEY SOUND PLATE

1st	SANDY	Neil Watson
2nd	LUCINDA	William Goss
3rd	QUENTIN	Owen Summers
4th	HELENA	Arthur Turner

20. 100 YARDS FOOT (MENS)

1st	Alan Waice
2nd	Rocky
3rd	Dougley

21. THE MILE OPEN

1st	NANTE	Stuart Morrison
2nd	QUICKSTEP	Keith Whitney
3rd	SABRE	Michelle Binnie

22. PORT SAN CARLOS PRIZE

1st	SANDY	Paul Watson
2nd	TEARS	Leann Eynon
3rd	CATRIONA	Michelle Binnie

23. LADIES TROTTERING RACE

1st	ASCOT	Haley Bowles
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24. LADIES TUG OF WAR

The Married Ladies (Sybilla Summers Team)

25. ANDREW BRUCE TROPHY

1st	SANDY	Neil Watson
2nd	QUENTIN	Owen Summers
3rd	LUCINDA	William Goss
4th	BEN WEE	Sharon Halford

26. 440 YARDS FOOT (MEN)

1st	John McDonald
2nd	Tony McLaren
3rd	Jason Whitney

27. CHARTES PLATE

1st	Cleopatra	William Goss
2nd	DON	Owen Summers
3rd	ROSETTE	Andrea Turner
4th	SUDAN	Ron Binnie

28. VETERAND HANDICAP RACE

1st	Archie McLeod
2nd	Stan Cleteroe
3rd	Bill Cleteroe

29. TROOP RACE

1st	QUICKSTEP	Keith Whitney
2nd	MILLREEF	Ron Binnie
3rd	SHEKINAH	Eric Goss
4th	TEARS	Leann Eynon

30. FALKLAND CHASE

1st	SHEBA	Ron Binnie
2nd	CATRIONA	Michelle Binnie
3rd	CLEOPATRA	Eric Goss
4th	LONG ISLAND	Keith Whitney

31. LADIES SACK RACE

1st	Jackie Jaffray
2nd	Donna Williams
3rd	Emma McAdam

32. YORK RACES CHALLENGE TROPHY

1st	QUENTIN	Owen Summers
2nd	BONITA	Stuart Morrison
3rd	BEN WEE	Sharon Halford

33. STEPPING 100 YARDS

1st	Douglas Hansen
2nd	Sara McPhee
3rd	Wendy Fitzgerald

34. COALITE CHALLENGE CUP

1st	TORCZ	Andrea Turner
2nd	GINA	Keith Whitney
3rd	HELENA	Arthur Turner

35. LADIES 80 YARDS FOOT

1st	Ruth Colbert
2nd	Linda Cheek
3rd	Emily Hendersen

36. FALKLAND (WOOLSALES) PLATE

1st	LUCINDA	Eric Goss
2nd	QUICKSTEP	Keith Whitney
3rd	SANDY	Neil Watson
4th	BONITA	Stuart Morrison

## RESULTS CONTINUED.....

37. JUNIOR GALLOP

1st	LONG ISLAND	Tyrone Whitney
2nd	TEARS	Debbie Gilding
3rd	EASTER HERO	Gillian Phillips

38. SPEEDWELL STORE PRIZE

1st	GINA	Keith Whitney
2nd	SANDY	Liza Watson
3rd	SUDAN	Ron Binnie

39. 440 YARDS (LADIES)

1st	Linsey Pickering
2nd	Linda Cheek
3rd	A Greeland

40. LADIES GALLOP

1st	ROSETTE	Andrea Turner
2nd	QUICKSTEP	Jenny Anderson
3rd	TEARS	Lyann Eynon

41. CONSOLATION RACE

1st	DIDDLE-MELODIAN	Ian McPhee
2nd	MARTINI	Stuart Morrison
3rd	ASTOE	Paul Watson
4th	CARLITA	Andrea Turner

42. BOBBY SHORT GALLOP

1st	SMETANKA	Tyrone Whitney
2nd	SILVER FLAKES	G Anderson
3rd	DINAH	Kevin McLaren

43. RELAY RACE

1st	T Summers - G Watson
2nd	J McDonal - R Short
3rd	J Whitney - C Middleton

44. SALVADOR PRIZE

1st	HELENA	Arthur Turner
2nd	GINA	Keith Whitney
3rd	REINBEAU	Liza Wayson

45. WOOLBROKERS PLATE

1st	SHEBA	Ron Binnie
2nd	LUCINSA	William Goss
3rd	SANDY	Liza Watson

46. ARMED FORCES CHALLENGE CUP

1st	ASCOT	G Medilcott- Goodwin
2nd	SILVER FLAKES	Simon Lang
3rd	TEARS	A Campbell

47. ASSOCIATION RACE

1st	TEARS	George Butler
2nd	REINBEAU	James Stephenson
3rd	STILTS	P Gilding

48. TUG-O-WAR (MENS)

1st	Culleys Heroes
2nd	F.I.D.F

Champion Jockey: Keith Whitney (28 points) Steer Riding: Arthur Turner

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Executive Council met on 22/23 December for an unusually lengthy meeting which dealt with an accumulation of business that had built up as a result of the Council's recent preoccupation with fisheries. The following matters were discussed:-

- CAMP SPORTS

Camp sports will take place 2-8 March. There is to be a break in the school term to allow children to return to their homes in Camp to participate in the festival.

Executive Council's Meeting - continued

- POLICY FOR SHELTER HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

The eleven units of Shelter Housing are expected to be complete by March.

Those who will be eligible to apply for a unit are "adults of any age who are physically frail or too handicapped to look after themselves adequately in their present homes but who need neither the total care offered by a residential home, nor the in-patient nursing and medical services of a hospital."

There is to be a management committee responsible for vetting applications for the accommodation and successful applicants will then rent the units in the same way they would normal government housing. However, provision is to be made for those in need and unable to afford the full rent.

- MOBILE HOMES

An alteration to the law regarding mobile homes being banned from sites for permanent housing. If an owner can demonstrate to the Building Committee's satisfaction that their mobile home is to become a permanent residence, i.e. by having a pitch roof or extra cladding put on the outside, then a mobile home will be permitted to be erected in an area otherwise designated for permanent housing.

- FIDC FUTURE

A further £4.5 million was allocated to the FIDC from the £31 million aid funds to take the Corporation to the middle of 1989.

- FUTURE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

The Committee approved the draft for the Falkland Island Development Policies and Objectives: the Falkland Island Government's view of how they envisage the Islands' future character and how they are to be developed. The document is to be published soon.

- SWIMMING POOL

Land below the power station has been allocated to the Swimming Pool Committee.

- MANAGEMENT OF LAND TRANSFER POLICY

The Land Transfer Policy is to be operated by the FIDC on behalf of the FIG.

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PENGUIN NEWS APOLOGISTS.....

The Christmas/New Year holiday caused the Penguin News a number of production problems which is why this issue could not be released on time. The next issue will be out on Friday 16th January.

Apologies also for having to omit the Cecil Bertrand Memorial Garden piece, mentioned on P.1. It will be in the next issue.

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## MINISTER REASSURES ISLANDERS

The week has been dominated by the visit of the Secretary of State for Defence, George Younger, who arrived last Sunday to commence his first tour of the Falklands since taking office a year ago.

Some speculation preceded the visit, and the fact that a surprisingly large press corps was to accompany the minister led to suggestions that Mr Younger may make use of his high-profile South Atlantic tour to issue some announcement of national interest about significant reductions in force levels or the imminent introduction of the fisheries control plan. Remembering the now infamous "leaseback" visit by Nicholas Ridley in 1981, some Islanders even wondered if Mr Younger was carrying an important message about the rumoured (but apparently fictional) Argentine - British talks in the USA. It quickly emerged, however, that the visit was to be completely routine; a good old fashioned familiarisation tour. Perhaps to the relief of the Falklanders, there were no messages of such importance that only a minister of the Crown could carry them. Instead, lots of morale boosting visits to servicemen, talks with local councillors and their constituents and a few outings which even the most skilled MoD public relations man could not describe as anything but "jollies".

While most of the Minister's public speaking was limited to brief and platitude-ridden statements about the undeniable quality of all military installations (Mount Pleasant came in for repeated praise), he was, on a few occasions, forced to expound on more serious matters. He may have been surprised to be questioned about the

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### GOVERNOR FACES THE MUSIC

A late Christmas present for His Excellency the Governor arrived in the form of the Regimental Band of the 1st Battalion the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who found His Excellency as at ease conducting music from a podium as he is conducting local government from Government House.

In a surprise move at a rehearsal by the Argyll's band on Coastel III, His Excellency was invited to take over by Bandmaster WO1 Kevin Lamb who having witnessed the Governor's control of the Band delivered his professional opinion: "His Excellency's style is very good."

Although he has received no formal training in conducting, His Excellency comes from a musical background and is known to be extremely interested in music.

The 'present' was arranged by Mrs Jewkes in secret with the Argylls and seemed to be much appreciated.

Capt. James Troop

Mr Younger's whistlestop tour took him over the length and breadth of the Islands and to locations of both military and civilian importance. The cabinet minister will be able to report back to Mrs Thatcher on most aspects of the work going on here and, after lengthy briefings and discussions with civil and military administrators, will be able to reflect the moods and aspirations of the people in the Falklands.

Naturally, most emphasis was given to military visits, but considerable time was spent on Monday and Tuesday meeting civilian officials and visiting development projects. The joint civil-military hospital, presently under construction, was high on the VIP's programme and this was followed on Monday by calls at the hydroponic market garden and the new Stanley Dairy. On Tuesday, the minister and his party of aides and guides went to Fox Bay Village, where they inspected the woolen mill and the salmon farming pilot plant.

### MINISTER REASSURES ISLANDERS - Graham Bound (continued from page 1)

ability of the forces to adequately defend the Islands after serious force reductions and to learn of the local concern that these questions reflected. The knowledge that the cost saving and politically desirable moves have reduced the vital air defence to just a handful of Phantom fighters and the naval presence to just two surface ships and (perhaps) a submarine has meant that there are real worries among civilians. It is, after all, difficult to see such a force as a deterrent and it is ominously reminiscent of the pre-1982 "trip-wire".

The Minister's off-the-cuff response to such concerns may, therefore, have restored flagging faith in Falklands security. Mr Younger readily admitted that the government is keen to reduce force levels as much as possible, but he refuted the idea that personnel on the ground could decline to just 1,000. (a figure of around 2,000 is thought to be nearer the mark). "The Forces said Mr Younger, "are being reduced carefully and gradually." He added: "We watch the situation all the time. We keep the position under review and believe the forces are fully adequate. That is the reassurance we can give the Islanders."

It was stressed repeatedly that serious adjustments in force levels are only possible because of Mt Pleasant's strategic role. Should tension rise at any time, reinforcements can be flown rapidly to the Islands. Even fighter aircraft could reach the zone in short order and although naval defences would take rather longer to reinforce, Fortress Falklands could double or treble the men at its ramparts in record time. In short, the Minister exuded a feeling of confidence in his most-far flung responsibility.

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### MINISTER REASSURES ISLANDERS by Graham Bound (continued...)

The programme of military visits commenced in earnest on Wednesday and the press party who had arrived the previous day, donned walking shoes and cameras to follow along. There was the obligatory visit to a wildlife centre (this time Saunders Island) and the photocall with Gentoo penguins presenting themselves in commendable military fashion. The Chinook and Sea King helicopter detachments at Mt Pleasant were inspected; a combat damage repair team repaired a remarkably realistic bomb crater and a Phantom fighter armed with sidewinder missiles was scrambled.

By Thursday some of the press had dropped out but the Minister went on to visit men of his old regiment, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He saw them in action on the Onion ranges and met troops on a routine foot patrol at Rincon Grande and platoon training at the Murrell.

Friday morning was largely reserved for farewells and ceremonials. The Minister was joined at the 1982 War Memorial by the Financial Secretary, Harold Rowlands, and both men laid wreaths to the servicemen who died during the campaign. Mr Younger left Mt Pleasant that afternoon, carrying with him, no doubt, lasting memories of a colony where the resources of his ministry are valued more highly than in Britain itself.

In the final analysis the visit had been just a little more than what it had professed to be. Certainly it was a familiarisation tour and certainly it was a bit of a jolly. But the reassuring effect of a senior minister's presence cannot be ignored and the message left here and transmitted to South American neighbours was clear: Britain stands by its commitment to Falkland self determination and the defence of the Islands will not be compromised.

Graham Bound

### REMEMBER THE EARTHQUAKES...?

Islanders have been asked to jog their memories and recall a more substantial upheaval to their lives by a research group interested in local accounts of the Falklands past two earthquakes.

The first quake which occurred on 1 December 1985 at 05.06 GMT, measuring 4.9 on the Richter Scale was located by an American Geological Survey to have had an epicentre south of East Falkland but in a recent letter to The Falkland Island Association, David Redmayne of the British Geological Survey expressed some doubt as to the reliability of this assessment:

"There is some uncertainty in this location due to the considerable distance of the nearest seismometers, especially as the earthquake was felt on the Islands... It is interesting to note that the nearest seismometer station which recorded this earthquake was 11.76 degrees (817 miles) distant from the epicentre and was station AIA, the Argentine Islands station. All of the 41 stations which contributed to this location of this earthquake were at considerable distance from the epicentre which markedly reduces the confidence of the location."

The letter to Eric Ogden of the FIA, explained that as yet there was no information on the more recent earthquake of September 1986 but that it was expected soon.

"I would be interested to receive any accounts of the two earthquakes," writes David Redmayne, "describing their felt effects in the Falklands... Any reports of the earthquakes would be passed on to the International Seismological Centre in Newbury Berkshire, who produce the most complete earthquake catalogue and who would also be interested in accounts of the earthquake. The Americans were obviously not aware that the earthquakes were felt."

If any readers can help they should write to David Redmayne, Global Seismology Research Group, British Geological Survey, Murchison House, West Mains Road, Edinburgh, EH9 3LA, Scotland.

TICKELL IN TOWN

Sir Crispin Tickell, Permanent Secretary of the Overseas Development Administration arrived in the Falklands on January 4 for a six day tour of the Islands to see how ODA funds are being spent.

Having visited most of the current development projects, Sir Crispin held a small press conference in Government House in which he said that the ODA's interpretation of 'development' was to "lay emphasis on building up the infrastructure of the Islands, to enable the Islanders themselves, with injections of outside capital, to build up their economy."

"However," he continued, "the improvement of the Falkland Island economy is less dependent upon the flow of outside cash than it is upon the availability of labour within the Islands themselves. The question is, how much can be carried through with the cash and I am very content to see the results of the expenditure made since the conflict."

When tackled by some of the local press present on various local issues such as the recent problems in recruitment of teachers and the cost of the upkeep of the MPA road, the Permanent Secretary often referred the questions to either David Taylor, the Chief Executive or His Excellency the Governor who were also in attendance, and he expressed a desire to define the ODA's role in these affairs:

"These matters are primarily the responsibility of the Falklands Government and the ODA is anxious to keep it that way because the FIG is the body elected to carry out these duties... The ODA provides background support as necessary and we don't get involved in problems until the FIG wishes to raise them with us. If the ODA is a hidden hand, it is a beneficial one but the brain which controls the hand is the FIG itself."

In June, Sir Crispin is to become British Ambassador to the United Nations in New York.

UPSET AT SHOP CEREMONY

The two new shop units in Dean Street were formally opened last week, to the surprise and annoyance of their prospective occupiers, Gerry Johnson and Jenny Reeves who were not at the ceremony.

Visiting dignitary, Sir Crispin Tickell, Permanent Secretary of the ODA, cut the ribbon at the shops' entrance in an event organised by Shane Wolsely of the FIDC. The ceremony was witnessed by His Excellency the Governor and a small crowd of interested parties whilst the new owners were away at Sealion Island for the night, unaware that the opening was taking place.

"The first we knew of it was when we had arrived back in Stanley the next day and began receiving dozens of phone calls from people asking us why we hadn't been there." Miss Reeves told the Penguin News. "We were horrified and disgusted that this had gone ahead without a word to us."

It is believed that the shop ceremony was a last minute addition to the Permanent Secretary's programme and at a reception at the Upland Goose Hotel the following evening, the two owners met Sir Crispin who explained that the opening was unable to be delayed for their return.

The two units which were built in 98 days by local firm, A.L Lee & Son, are to be bought from the FIDC by Mr Johnson and Miss Reeves. Their shop, Reflections, which is to open to public some time in February will consist of two sections: one to be stocked with 2,500 videos and gifts and the second, a boutique, to sell fashion clothing for men and women, jewellery and cosmetics. Reflections will have professional shop fittings, dressing and lighting.

"We won't be stepping on anybody's toes," Gerry Johnson said, referring to other Port Stanley stores, "We will be selling different lines."

Above the shops is a separate flat available for independent rental.

PORT STANLEY TO THE POLLS

Tuesday 20th January will be polling day as Stanley finds a new member for Legislative Council to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Norma Edwards.

The three candidates in the by-election are Rene Rowlands, Terry Betts and Harold Bennett; two of whom agreed to give the Penguin News a brief outline of the stance they would like to take if elected.

RENE ROWLANDS:

"My policy is with an interest in living in these Islands. I think a lot should be done to encourage our young islanders to stay here, while not forgetting our elderly folk, many of whom are true Campers but for reasons not of their own, were forced to take up retirement in Stanley. Not all of them want Sheltered accommodation. They like their homes and their treasures. It is my opinion that those elected to Legislative Council should try and improve things now while we still have these people with us."

TERRY BETTS:

"I believe there is a need for the Islanders to do more themselves: far more needs to be done for ourselves by ourselves because by having more unity we could achieve more. At the moment we are a bit of a disjointed society, split into too many sections, mistrusting one another and tending to protect our own individual interests. If I were elected I would try to represent all the people of the islands and to encourage our islands' identity."

Polling will take place in the Town Hall on Tuesday between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm and the result is expected to be announced later that evening.

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A GESTURE OF MONUMENTAL ATTENTION...

The Liberation Monument received a small face lift by a visiting craftsman who was sent 8,000 miles from the U.K to add 17 letters to it.

"One RAF squadron name had been left off," said Keith Ashton, a professional monumental letter cutter for 22 years, "so the MoD have sent me down to add it on. I thought as I was here I would do some repair work and re-gilding."

Mr Ashton who made similar additions to the Monument in May 1985 said that although the elements had taken their toll on the gold leaf used, the lettering had generally weathered well.

"Ideally, I would like to see the Monument's lettering done in black or yellow enamel because that wouldn't require the same specialised craft skills which gold leaf does. A local lad could be taught how to repair the enamel and there would be none of the cost involved in sending a specialist down from the UK for future repair work."

When Mr Ashton first arrived, his work was severely hampered by the bad weather. "The work I'm doing does require dry conditions, which is why I was sent down in the so called height of the Falklands summer!" he told the Penguin News as heavy rain showers lashed Port Stanley. However the improvement of the weather a couple of days later enabled Mr Ashton to complete his work before he flew back to his home in Doncaster.



THE CECIL BERTRAND MEMORIAL GARDEN - THE BEGINNING

By Kitty Bertrand

When I bought no.9 Ross Road East from my brother, Cecil and I intended to grow trees, flowering shrubs and fruit bushes; also to use the existing 'shrubby' for hens. Thanks to Bob McGill and Nill Bernitsen, the hen run and house were there whilst Cecil could still walk over there. Sadly, Cecil soon got too stiff to walk over and this was a disappointment to him. When he died on 9th December 1985 nothing else had been done to the property and I was wondering what to do about it when I thought at last of making it into a Memorial Garden to which the 'over-sixties' could come on fine days. Cecil had always urged the need for a park: that was more than I could do, but perhaps a garden.....

In February, Cora and Aiden Toase who were visiting the Falklands came to my aid and moved mountains of rubbish and couch grass. Aiden sawed up tree trunks and branches into nice, Rayburn sized logs and we burnt masses of rubbish down on the sea wall. I later sold the top part of the property which included, besides the burnt-out house, a garage and shed which had once been a wash house. Willie May put up a new boundary fence for me and later heaped up some pallets as a temporary barricade to keep ducks in the top part on the opposite side from the hens.

The garden gets the full force of the north and north westerly winds but there is now a high netting fence along the north end and I am trying to get shelter bushes to grow there. Meanwhile there are lots of bulbs given to me by many friends all over the Falklands. The latest gift is an evergreen Southern Beech brought to me by my step-grandson, Julio Preller-Bertrand, from Chile: his brother Robe told him to get one that grow near Cape Horn to be sure that nothing the Falklands could do would dismay it!

I bought three of the pews from the Tabernacle for seats and I like to think Forrest McWhan would be pleased if he knew, as he once lived at No.9. I have a small vegetable plot on one part of the west side, mainly to clear up the ground but perhaps the gentlemen 'over-sixties' would like me to keep part for vegetables; even if only to point out better ways to do things .... I admit I am more interested in flowers, trees and shrubs but I do not believe in buying vegetables in any form when it is possible to grow all I want myself.

There is already, in various parts of the garden, red currants, gooseberries and raspberries. Of trees and shrubs there is a row of tall Cupressis Macrocarpa, groups of Flowering Currant, purple and native 'Box', Poplars, Honeysuckle, Lena-Dura and a beautiful orange-flowered Berberis, both from Southern Chile I believe but they have been there as long as I have known the property. The garden also has New Zealand Cabbage Trees and New Zealand Flax from Carcass Island where they were first taken by Cecil himself.

I would like to conclude with grateful thanks to all the people who have helped me and sent me bulbs and plants. Perhaps in the next part of this story, many of these plants will have grown high enough to be seen by passers-by at least!

PEN PAL FLEA

Mr Noel Willis of Portadown, Northern Ireland, would like to correspond with someone on the Falkland Islands. Mr Willis has his own light engineering business in Portadown and has lived in Canada for some years. He has visited South America and the Falklands with the Navy some years ago and has just returned from a trade mission to Japan. He is a keen collector of stamps and postal history of the Falklands and South Georgia.

Any one interested in corresponding with Noel please write to: Mr Noel Willis, 72 Brownstown Road, Portadown, co Armagh, Northern Ireland, BT22 3PY.

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NO COVER FOR THE MPA ROAD

Contrary to some rumours circulating in Stanley, there are no plans afoot to surface the road to Mount Pleasant airport.

It had been believed that growing local concern over the number of accidents on the road had encouraged reconsideration of the decision to leave the road with a loose surface but as Director of Public Works, Bill Hills, told the Penguin News, this is not the case:

"Public concern unfortunately does not produce £5 million, which is the estimated cost of asphaltting the MPA road. These sort of funds were not available when the road was built and are not available now. Even if they were, I believe the road would only be more dangerous with an asphalt covering as speeds would certainly double."

There are plans however, to surface the road to Stanley airfield and restore it to its pre-1982 condition. The work is to be done by the PSA.

AMBULANCE DONATION FROM MPA

Patients of Stanley's Cottage Hospital will be able to enjoy a more comfortable and efficient ambulance service in future, following the donation of a modern vehicle from Wimpey Taylor Woodrow.

The ambulance which was accepted by Mrs Jewkes from the MPA contractors is only 1½ years old and with its oxygen supply, sink unit and robust engine offers an improved service compared with the old one which is to be kept as a back-up service.

"Absolutely brilliant," was the verdict of hospital driver, Pete Collins. "Beneath its gleaming white exterior there is a strong 2½ litre engine which gives us so much more scope for getting around than the old one. The stretchers are also much lighter than the old ones and makes moving patients much easier for us and a lot more comfortable for them."

NEW SHOP OPENS IN WEST STANLEY

The recent opening of the new Racecourse Shop marks the arrival of a much needed service to an area of Stanley previously at some distance from shopping facilities.

The new store was opened by Shiralee and Pete Collins on Tuesday 13th January to serve the seventy or so households in the race course area; selling groceries, alcohol and cigarettes.

"It's such a trek into the centre of Stanley if you suddenly run out of something," said Shiralee "and we decided last October that there had to be a market for a shop at this end of town. Everyone we spoke to has been very constructive and we are very grateful for all the help and advice we have had from the Race course committee, the bank and environmental health advisors."

The Racecourse Shop is situated in the middle Tote shed and will be opened Monday - Saturday, 9.30-11.30 am and 3.00 - 8.00 p.m



PENGUIN POST BOX

PO Box 178, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

11a Brandon Road  
Port Stanley

15th January 1987

Dear Madam,

It seems likely that a replacement vet will arrive a considerable time after Mr Lampard leaves the Islands early in February. Therefore, why was neither Mr Lampard or Mr Pullan officially asked whether they would be willing to remain for the interim period or at least for part of the time if the new vet does not arrive for some months?

I understand from Mrs Ashford of the Secretariat that the ARC are replacing their vet with a zoologist/parasitologist instead of the veterinary/parasitologist they have at present. I feel that this is a backward step, taken without consideration of the needs of the Islands. It will mean that the government vet will be on call 24 hours each day with no vet when he is on leave or he is ill.

I feel that these things should be brought to the notice of the community.

Yours faithfully,

M. Coutts.

Mr Laurel Canyon

P.S.A

Maintenance Section

Mount Pleasant Airport

Falkland Islands

28th December 1986

Dear Madam,

I am writing to express my opinion on the way the Property Services Agency spends its money on the Falklands. To my utter disgust, I have found that each time an official of P.S.A comes down for a visit to the Islands various food and highbrow functions are held, costing so much money. Does P.S.A, otherwise known as the Department of Environment, know that in various run down areas in Britain's major cities, many old people cannot even afford a loaf of bread?

I detest P.S.A's constant mis-use of British tax payers' money on trivial food parties; its grossly unfair.

I would very much like to hear from any members of P.S.A who have a comment on this subject.

Yours faithfully,

Laurel Canyon

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TRADE CONSULTANT OFFERS ADVICE by Phil Middleton

At a meeting held in the Malvina Hotel on 7th January 1987, Mr Ron Peacock, a retail trade consultant outlined his areas of interest and suggested avenues to be explored during his three week stay in the Islands,

Mr Peacock who has many years experience in the food trade is in the Falklands as an independent consultant. He has been asked to write a report on all aspects of the retail trade as presently found in Stanley and the Camp and to offer suggestions as to future alterations; if indeed any are needed.

Although the FIDC are the pay-masters, the report will be completely independent with no bias towards either the consumer or the retailer and to this end, Mr Peacock is keen to meet as many people as possible, either in organised groups or as individuals. He has asked that any businessman in whatever trade, who wishes to see if his experience and expertise could help in the successful running of their venture, get in contact with him at the Upland Goose or failing that, to contact Mr Bill Kidd, Chairman of the FITA.

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MINISTER'S PARTING SHOTS by Graham Bound

At a Press Conference shortly before his departure, Mr Younger said that he had been "impressed with the efficiency and grip that all the military have on their jobs." The men and women he had met exemplified "the adaptability and flexibility of our professional forces," he said.

The Minister insisted that the defence commitment to the Falklands could continue indefinitely, in spite of political opposition, and refuted suggestions that the new strategic air base at Mount Pleasant has any role other than rapid reinforcement in the event of renewed Argentine aggression. Suggestions that the still large military presence is part of a covert plan to establish a controlling influence in the South Atlantic and Antarctic regions were dismissed with a smile, as were suggestions that the Americans may enjoy a future presence at Mount Pleasant. On the latter point, the Minister said; "I have had no approaches from my opposite number, Caspar Weinberger, on that. I think the answer is no." Mr Younger made it clear that the 400 million pound air base and the military presence are simply to protect the Islanders' right of self-determination. "There are no strategic reasons for being here. Obviously we are a long way out of the NATO area."

Mr Younger said that major force reductions are going ahead, but refused to put a figure on the eventual number of personnel on the ground. He suggested that the figure would not be constant and would fluctuate in response to the level of threat from Argentina. "We have not taken a final decision," he said. "We will keep under review the level of forces needed on the ground."

The Minister has repeatedly stressed the crucial importance of the Mt Pleasant air base as a reinforcement facility in time of increased tension. He announced at the press conference that large scale reinforcing exercises will take place at least once a year and the first of these could take place soon. Sources apart from the Minister say that the exercises will involve flying large number of troops into the Islands at short notice on Boeing 747 air liners chartered from the major air lines. Such exercises would also probably involve flying in of extra fighter and ground attack aircraft to supplement the small number of Phantom, already here.

FALKLAND FAREWELL FOR RUSSIAN MARINER

A Soviet seaman, who had been recovering in Port Stanley following a dramatic 600-mile rescue operation by British Forces, left the Falkland Islands on 16th January, bearing two South Atlantic penguins and a photograph of the helicopter which helped save his life.

First Engineer Konstantine Losev, 28, suffered a collapsed lung and stomach abscess while on board the Russian stern research trawler Gzhiga which was south-east of the Falkland Islands on New Year's Eve.

An RAF Sea King search and rescue helicopter from No 78 Sqn based at the new Mount Pleasant complex made a 600 mile round trip to save the critically ill mariner. He was landed at the British Military Hospital at Port Stanley and was operated on within minutes to relieve his breathing.

Squadron Leader Paul Collins-Howgill gave the sailor emergency medical aid on board the helicopter, while in hospital Major Joseph Kabuubi RMC took two and a half litres of blood from the collapsed lung. Consequently, the Russian needed a massive amount of blood - provided by hospital staff and members of the 1st Bn Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. In fact Konstantine joked that he had received so much Scottish blood he was now half British and other hospital patients referred to him as "Jock".

To mark Konstantine's departure, the crew which helped him signed a photograph of the Sea King helicopter which was presented along with the Squadron's badge by their commander, Squadron Leader Nigel Furness, prior to him boarding the RAF Tristair for the journey to BAF Brize Norton. Another gift came from Falkland Islander, Miss Juanita Brock who heard of the Russian's plight over the radio. Miss Brock, one of the founding members of a group hoping to set up a Mission to Seamen on the Islands, bought two toy penguins for the sailor's five year old son and nine month old daughter. The penguins came complete with red hats bearing the messages "Love" and "Peace" in Russian.

First Engineer Losev was due to arrive at Brize Norton on 17th January from where he will travel on to the Soviet Union for further treatment before returning to his home town of Kaliningrad on the Baltic coast.

( HQ BFFI - press release)

TONGUE IN BEAK

A busy week in the Falklands what with the Secretary of State hurtling around the Islands with the cheerful, occasionally bemused, press corps clattering after him for the first day at least, after which they realised that the Minister was more interested in taking penguin snaps than delivering major pronouncements so most of them angled off to find other entertainments.

Only the BBC TV crew, complete with Eric the furry microphone (remember the name you may be meeting it!) remained loyal to the trail but then they had plenty of time in which to find other areas of Falkland interest. The trio have been told to stay here until the February Fishing comes into fashion which leaves them a fortnight or so in which to find distractions for cuddly Eric, so if ever you've had the ambition to be a BBC feature, now's your chance....! Our old friend Harold Brikey is also still around - perhaps not as furry as Eric but I'm sure just as cuddly so have a chat with him!

Friday's Tristair flight must have been a merry gathering with the Governor, the Minister and aides, a Soviet mariner and stonemason from Yorkshire joining the regular despatch, not to mention the amicable press pack (though did their amiability survive the 18 hour 'dry' flight I wonder?!) Just the subject for a BBC feature I would have thought but the TV team were still in Stanley, walking Eric up and down Ross Road to catch the sunset.

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## FALKLANDS DESIRE & MOLLY MAWK ARRIVE

With the fisheries regime about to get underway, last week saw the arrival of the patrol vessel, Falklands Desire and Molly Mawk, the Dornier aircraft responsible for aerial surveillance.

The Dornier arrived on January 22, aboard a 'Guppy' airbus which delivered the German plane into the hands of the engineers who had arrived from Germany a few days earlier. They have now finished rebuilding Molly Mawk, so named after the local term for the Black Browed Albatross which follows ships for miles, and it is expected that the aircraft will have cleared its flight tests before the regime comes into effect on February 1st.

There will be three Bristow pilots for the Molly Mawk on site at MPA and the first, Alan Rollings arrived last weekend on secondment from his previous Bristow contract in Lagos.

Falklands Desire, one of the two patrol ships to be used, sailed into Stanley harbour on Sunday evening. She went for a trial patrol of Berkeley Sound the following Tuesday, checking on ships in the area and making a routine boarding of a reefer ship, Frio Antarctic.

The Falklands Desire's future duties will also include issuing licences and assessing scientific data with all of its findings and reports being regularly sent back to London. In addition to its regular crew of 18, led by Master, David Noble, the ship will have one or two fisheries inspectors on board during patrols as commanding officers.

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All three patrol crafts will have direct radio links to the Fisheries Headquarters in Stanley and the pilots' office and Military at Mount Pleasant.

It is expected that there will be a quiet start to the season as most of the fleets are approximately 300 miles north of the Falklands, following the fish down. They are anticipated to be within the conservation zone by late February/early March with the peak of the season being in April and May.

When asked what steps would be taken if any of the vessels' authority was challenged, Peter Derham, Chief Inspector of Fisheries for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and here to oversee the start of the regime, replied that there were contingency plans which would be used "as the circumstances of the case direct."

The Secretariat have released details of the distribution of the fishing licenses which are as follows:

Taiwan -	30 vessels	Japan -	71 vessels
Korea -	25 vessels	Spain -	36 vessels
Chile -	2 vessels	Italy -	6 vessels
Poland -	40 vessels	Greece -	1 vessel
France -	1 vessel	U.K -	3 vessels

Total: 215 (Total access to North: 156 Total access to South: 87)

#### NEW SET OF POSTAGE STAMPS

The Falkland Islands Post Office is to mark the Royal Engineers BiCentenary of Royal Warrant by releasing a set of four postage stamps and a first day cover on 9th February 1987.

The four stamp artworks were specifically designed to show the continuing presence of the Royal Engineers in the Falkland Islands and their contribution to the daily routine of Islanders. The stamps show the work of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal with Redfire One, Survey work in the area of Stanley, Field Engineering in the Canache Complex with emphasis on the construction of Boxer Bridge and the Postal and Courier Services handling mail at Mount Pleasant Airport.

The first day cover details the uniforms of the then and now situation, against a profile of a map of the Falkland Islands.

The Falkland Islands have enjoyed a long and close association with the Royal Engineers since 1842 when Lt Richard McCoy RE became Lieutenant Governor of the Falkland Islands. Governor Moody was responsible for the settlement transfer from Port Louis to Port Stanley.

Details of the stamps, including bromides, can be viewed at the Philatelic Counter, where forms are available.

(Philatelic Bureau Press Release)

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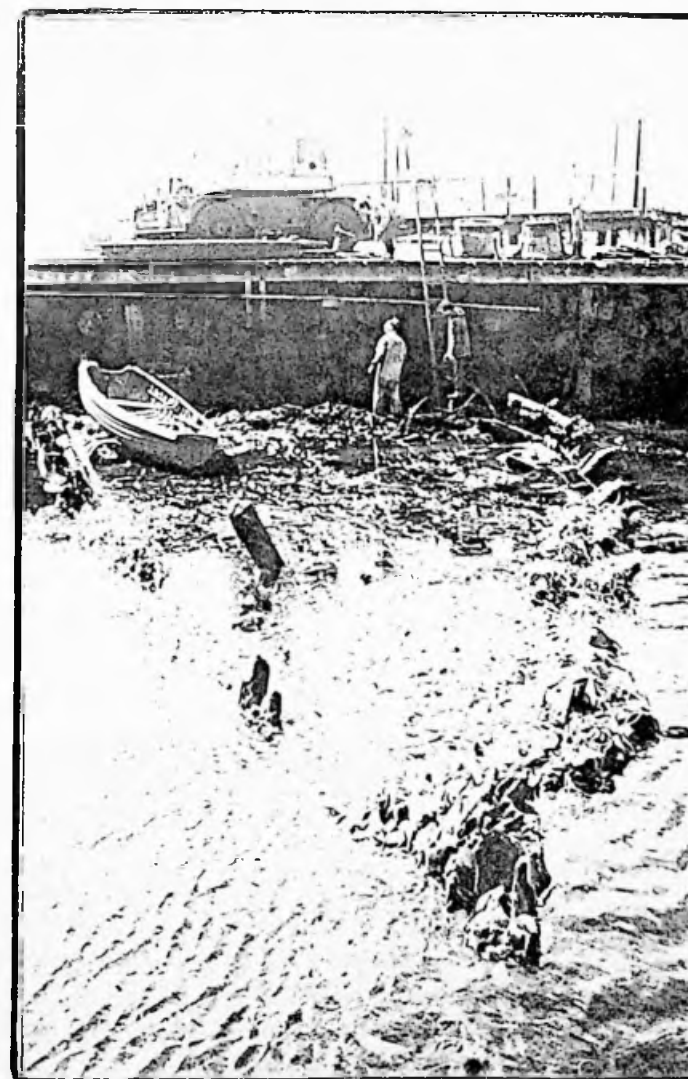
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## RAISING OF THE SNOW SQUALL



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THE SNOW SQUALL BOW BY  
THE F.I.C JETTY

The Snow Squall project will see the realisation of its Falkland operations next week when the clipper's bow section is raised from the floor of Stanley harbour after 123 years of neglect, in preparation for its journey to an American museum.

The Snow Squall volunteers have spent the past weeks cutting the bow away from the main wreck and if all goes well, hope to raise it next Monday using giant air bags.

The bow section, 32 feet long and nearly 30 feet across at its widest point, will be suspended in a nylon cord net and placed in a special steel frame cradle before being hoisted aboard the Asifi and sailed back to Portland, Maine where the clipper was originally built in 1851.

The raising of the bow will mark an important achievement for the team of dedicated volunteers who have been attending to the wreck for two months every year since 1982 but as the group's photographer, Nick Dean told the Penguin News, their labour of love is not over:

"Even when she is back in Maine, the preservation process will be a long, slow haul. As she has been under water for so long the water has got into the cells of the wood and is effectively holding the bow together. If she were allowed to dry out she would crumble to sawdust. We will have to replace

# RAISING OF THE SNOW SQUALL - continued

the sea water with fresh water first and then slowly add sugar to the solution to preserve the wood. It will certainly take a couple of years, maybe even three or four."

Once the bow section has been fully treated it will go on display at the Springpoint Museum in South Portland just a couple of miles from where she was first built, as the only surviving example of an American clipper ship.

The Snow Squall arrived in Port Stanley in 1894 having been badly damaged attempting an inside passage of the Horn through the Straits of Magellan. Despite attempts to repair her, the Snow Squall was eventually abandoned and the wreck delivered to the Falkland Islands Company in lieu of the amount owed to the company for repair costs and provisions.

## FOR KNITTERS:

### A CHURCHMAN KNITS

When not tending his flock, Richard Butt, the Bishop of Leicester is busy clicking away with his knitting needles, for the Bishop is a leading authority on the subject.

Bishop Richard is currently compiling a history of knitting to be published next year. He also lectures on the subject: most recently at the Edinburgh Festival on the 'Social Status of Knitting' and is well known in knitting circles as the designer of some fine examples of the craft. One of his designs, known as 'The Bishop's Jacket', is now available as a Ries knitting kit.

This comfortable, casual jacket can, with its stylised flower motif, be worn by either sex. He originally designed it in 1983 for his sister-in-law before making one for himself.

The kit, consisting of Rowan pure wool chunky yarn and cotton chenille in soft tweedy blues, pinks and heather tones, instructions for 2 sizes (medium and large), buttons and a designer label to sew in, is obtainable by mail order from Ries of Holborn, 242-243 High Holborn, London WC1V 7DZ. The kit is just £39.95\* including postage and packing.

For every kit sold, Ries are donating £1 to the Bishop's favourite charity, LOROS, the Leicestershire Hospice, which was recently opened by The Prince and Princess of Wales.

(\* - Ries did not say whether overseas postage was covered by this price so it may be wise to check with them before ordering a kit - Editor)



# POLICE REPORT WARNS OF AN INADEQUATE SERVICE

The Falkland Islands could face a decline in the standards of policing unless steps are taken to reinforce the present establishment: so warns the Falkland Islands Police Report for 1986 which was published last week.

The report said that the Force's objectives for 1986 had been fulfilled but, looking to the future, attributed increasing morale and manning problems to the Dale report of last July which had reviewed the structure and salaries of all the Islands' public services, the police included:

"The loss of status and the loss of financial incentive which the report inflicted upon the Police Service have led to a situation in which constables can no longer be expected to work an extra 40 hours every month without reward. The result is that on three flight days every week, there is no patrol cover in Stanley and although the establishment of a Criminal Investigation Department has eased the burden of enquiries so far as serious crime is concerned, minor cases no longer receive the attention they deserve. Overstretch has now become the most serious problem facing the Falkland Islands Police with implications for both efficiency and for the level of policing within the Colony."

The problem of 'overstretch' has been a familiar one in the Colony says the review but its effects in the past have been lessened by "well motivated officers" doing unpaid overtime which in 1985 amounted to 6,000 man hours; the equivalent of three additional posts. Officers can no longer be expected to do this says the report.

A first reading of the report's crime statistics is encouraging, suggesting that despite their problems, the police have been able to cut the crime rate. Public order offences were down from 20 in 1985 to 16 last year; criminal damage dropped from 54 to 39 in the same period and sexual offences from 8 to 2. However, the report claims that these figures do "not indicate a reduction in the number of crimes committed, but rather a decline in the ability of the police to discover crime by patrol activity or by routine observation. This is why the police perceive a need for a larger establishment than exists at present."

The only offences which showed an increase between 1985 and 1986 were traffic related ones; leaping from 45 in 1985 to 88 the following year.

"This was partly the result of the police being able to tackle moving vehicles offenders, thanks to new patrol vehicles," said the report, "and partly the result of an increase in reckless driving along the new Darwin (MFA) road."

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FOR PEATS SAKE

Dear Kelper land - where no one freezes  
Where no meat's tough - all houses neat  
Where golden gorse scents gentle breezes  
And all those banks of darling peat

Here frisks the lamb - he's had his mark  
With tups' work done the ewes retreat  
Here rovers old and young embark  
Eager to cut the useful peat.

Once advent season soon begins  
All brave the rain, the gales, the sleet  
The Hailstones big as treacle tins  
To rickle everlasting peat.

Noel, noel, or some such time  
Each New Year brings our New Year's treat  
Loads axle deep in black bog slime  
While carting home the bleeding peat.

Sing diddle dee or diddle dead  
No bloody rest for weary feet  
Just hammer up the flaming shed  
Somehow to stack the goddammed peat

Now bank the fire, now smoke the home  
Now fill the oil drums in the street  
With blowing, smoking ashes from  
The devil sod - the blasted peat.

But, dry or wet, dear peat don't fret  
All said and done, none will forget  
These islands float on honest sweat  
While you still last, long will they yet.

Anon

RAINFALL RECORD

A new rainfall record was set when Stanley was soaked by 29 hours of continuous showers on 20th January, resulting in flood damage in some places.

From 11.00 pm on 19th January to 11.00 the following night, a record 33.9 mm of rain fell, exceeding the previous record of 32.9 mm for a 24hour January rainfall count. By the time the showers had stopped by 4.00 am on 21st January, a total of 34.7 mm of rain had fallen altogether.

The large ditches alongside the MPA road proved their value by diverting the torrents of water rushing down from high ground and keeping the road clear. Ross Road in Stanley however soon became awash as the water racing along the football field ditch pricked up building materials for the new hospital which blocked the drainage pipe to the harbour.

Near the Race course the spate of water lifted 150 lb concrete man hole covers whilst out in Camp a large number of sheep were lost.

(Rainfall statistics courtesy of RAF Meteorology Office, Mount Pleasant Airfield)

PENGUIN POST BOX

PO Box 178, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

Lois Cottage  
21 John Street  
Stanley

26th January 1987

Dear Madam,

I was very perturbed to hear the announcement that Hogg Robinson's ship would be off-loading at FIPAS for the last time. Apparently Her Majesty's Government was asking too much for the FIPAS complex and that, along with the long delay and uncertainty over Fuel and Shipping contracts has meant that Hogg Robinson is not interested in taking it over.

HMG promised the Islands another sea link in 1971 along with a deep water jetty thus ensuring competition in freight rates among other benefits. Why, I wonder could not the Ministry of Defence hand over FIPAS to the Islands? FIG could then offer the use of FIPAS to Hogg Robinson in exchange for maintenance while other shipping paid wharfage due.

If all cargo, mail and fuels are to be landed at East Cove the cost of living will go up and besides paying what are considered the highest inter-island freight rates in the world, our farmers will have haulage and storing charges to add to their burden.

We are repeatedly told we cannot have even the pot holes in our roads repaired, let alone afford to surface the MPA road, which I feel should not have been accepted as it was anyhow. Surely it would only cost the labour and wear on vehicles to fill in the ditches either side of the Mount Pleasant road so that when and where the surface was dangerous, rover type vehicles could pull out onto the Camp. During many winter days with dark evenings the road is dangerous so that any retailer planning a branch shop out at MPA must include living accommodation at the Airfield as well. Is there not a danger that consequently, people will gradually move out of Stanley to a 'Newtown' on the East Cove road leaving a ghost town of the Hospital, pensioners and government?

What we need is perceptive action by Her Majesty's Government and the Falkland Islands Government, NOW. We are frequently told what our Councillors are talking about but how often do we hear of actions being taken?

Yours truly,

Betty Miller

11 Ross Road East  
Stanley

21st January 1987

Dear Madam,

It seems that the usual procedure is for a Council Member to have actually left the Colony for United Nation meetings before the general public know who has been chosen.

In view of the present situation, do any of your readers agree that it would be better if the choice was by a postal vote of all constituents?

Yours faithfully

Kitty Beattand



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COME IN AND HAVE A LOOK AROUND AT WHAT IS NEW

AMERICANS STRANDED IN STANLEY

323 elderly American cruise passengers were stranded in Port Stanley for a night last week when sudden strong winds prevented them from being able to return to their ship, the Rotterdam.

The group was part of a contingent of 800 tourists who had been brought by tenders from their cruise liner anchored in Port William to have a sight seeing stroll around the town on 29th January.

Sudden gale force winds and heaving seas prevented the tenders from returning all the tourists to the Rotterdam which finally sailed to find shelter in Berkeley Sound after she had begun to drag her anchors. Those stranded on land took temporary refuge in the Town Hall and Cathedral until they were taken by a fleet of local vehicles to the canteen on FIPAS whilst attempts were made to find them accommodation for the night.

Finally, in the reverse of usual billeting, the tourists became the guests of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders in Coastal III. The Battalion's Commanding Officer, Colonel Anthony Neilson welcomed them after they had been piped aboard by a Scottish piper.

The following morning after an early breakfast, the Americans were able to return to the Rotterdam; all indications being that they had enjoyed their stay in Stanley and the Scottish hospitality.

An unconfirmed report said that one stray American was found within a minefield fence, making friends with the penguins on Penguin Walk. When told he was in a minefield, the American was rumoured to have replied, "Oh really?" before carrying on with his appreciation of the wildlife until an Islander is said to have retrieved him.

One of the passengers who had returned to the Rotterdam had to be later air-lifted from the ship back to Stanley with suspected appendicitis.

The strong winds were nearing hurricane force and the light failing as the Sea King search and rescue helicopter from no. 78 Squadron collected the 72 year old woman who is now said to be comfortable at the British Military Hospital.

STANLEY SAYS BYE BYE TO BFFI

The last contingent of the now famous 'MPA Move', HQ BFFI, packed its bags on 17th January and left Stanley for its new home at the Mount Pleasant Complex, leaving behind only a residual military presence and effectively ending Stanley's era as a garrison town.

Only the E.O.D and a couple of military policemen are still based in Stanley whilst the Canache will remain the home for the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and the 25th Royal Engineers for the rest of their tour here. The BMH staff will also remain in the area until Stanley's new hospital is ready.

Whilst the military personnel have privately greeted the move with sadness and regret, the public face being presented is a positive and stoical one and local worries that the move may result in a polarisation of the military and civilian communities were allayed by Commander British Forces, Rear Admiral Layman:

"There are huge reserves of good will between the military and the people of Stanley," the Admiral said, "and I'm sure it will be able to outlive the upheaval. I am going to make it my concern that the two communities remain in close contact. It will obviously be necessary to evolve a different way of handling relations but I am confident that with effort from both sides, we will still be able to enjoy the excellent relations with the people of Stanley we have always had."

With HQ BFFI newly based at Mount Pleasant's Joint Operations Centre, a question mark now hangs over its former site behind the Cable and Wireless offices and the Commander's previous home, Britannia House. The Chief Executive and present Acting-Governor, David Taylor, told the Penguin News that nothing had yet been decided about either place.

"The BFFI site which was leased to the military was, as most people know, originally built as a hostel for Camp children but it is believed that the building has substantial structural faults and it will be necessary to have it carefully surveyed before any decision about its future can be taken. There is a possibility of using it to offer temporary housing of some sort but no proposal can be seriously considered until the building had been thoroughly looked at.

Of Britannia House, David Taylor said "It isn't really suitable to be anybody's house because its design is such that it is quite expensive to maintain and very expensive to heat. The one possibility that has been put forward is that it be used as a Museum, as a focus for interest in the Islands' history."

Of the two military camps, Hillside and Lookout, one will be removed and the other, probably Hillside, will be converted to a R & R (rest and recuperation) centre for personnel who wish to visit Stanley.

EDITORIAL: FINGERS CROSSED TO RULE THE FISHERIES

The stage for the fisheries regime has been truly set with two of the leading actors, Falklands Desire and Molly Mawk having arrived, the third on its way and a strong, dedicated support team ready in the wings. But with the curtain about to go up on this innovative project it is perhaps as good a time as any to remind ourselves that this is not going to be an easy performance at first for any one involved.

Having joined the Falklands Desire for its initial patrol in Berkeley Sound and witnessed a boarding of a reefer ship, the Penguin News has no doubts whatsoever about the professionalism and ability of the men involved and if the success of the operation was wholly reliant upon these people then we could all curl up and go to sleep, safe in the knowledge that local resources are being safe guarded.

However, the success of the fisheries regime relies more heavily on the reactions and attitudes of the participating, or, more importantly, non-participating countries and until those have been proven, then everyone involved in upholding the operation is facing an unknown and potentially dangerous quality.

Consulate mumblings of consent are one thing; the acquiescence of an individual ship to be subjected to a new regime is another. What clout can a totally unarmed patrol vessel offer in circumstances where its authority is challenged?

Officials talk evasively of "contingency plans" and there can be no doubt that they exist in some detail and that somewhere along their lines, the military would be involved. Yet whilst we trust to the fact that the Government would take whatever steps necessary to vindicate the fisheries regime, the need to do so would obviously present Downing Street with an awkward dilemma. The conservation zone must be protected and yet it is equally imperative that the whole regime is clearly seen to be the peaceable, civilian concern it is. Any resort to force, even if provoked, would damage the fisheries project irrevocably and no doubt set off another wave of international recriminations. Bearing this in mind, surely there must be some unease on the part of those here at the sharp end of its enforcement, as to how much of an infringement of the regime would have to occur before action is taken.

Admittedly the likelihood of any trouble is slim but whilst it is there to whatever degree, then we must keep our fingers crossed that the welcome characters, Falklands Desire, Falklands Right and Molly Mawk are allowed to carry out their task without recourse to any action which would mar this valuable and implicitly pacific enterprise.

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PERSONAL COLUMN

LOST: One pink scarf of considerable sentimental value. If found, please contact Bee Caminada on Stanley 410.

JAPANESE student would like to have a female pen friend in the Falklands. His name is Kenji Maeda, he is 20 years old and lives at 178 Morimoto Lchome, Itami City, Hyogo, 664 Japan.

JANE Pestel, aged 14, from Jersey in the Channel Islands would like to exchange Falkland Islands stamps for Jersey, Isle of Man and English used stamps. Her address: Flat G8, Quennevais Park, St Brelade, Jersey, Channel Islands.

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS (3) - Andy Ince

One of the most simple solutions I have seen to the problem of stowing away the necessary gear for over-camp driving has been around in the Islands for a number of years. I am surprised that more people have not adopted it, as an alternative to attaching the jack etc to the back of the rover.

The idea is to put into the rear of the land rover a false floor between the wheel arches made of multi-ply plywood, having it raised 5 or 6 inches above the real flooring, nailed to bearers running lengthways along the floor. One bearer positioned at each side, against the wheel arches and one in the middle if required. These could be 5" x 2" or 6" x 2", depending on the space needed.

The debogging gear, i.e. the bumper jack, boards and spade can all be stowed below the false flooring and are readily available when required. The rest of the luggage, bedding, food etc., can be left as they were stowed, without pulling everything out. After use it saves the luggage from getting covered in blue clay or wet peat when the jack etc is put back into the Rover. Finally the new floor and bearers can be lifted out and put in the garage when not required.

For the newer residents among us that are embarking upon cleaning a solid fuel cooker for the first time, a well tried method of cleaning the hotplate is to allow the cooker to cool and then rub the hotplate with a piece of pumice stone and a little water. Finish by wiping with a damp cloth. When this is carried out regularly, the plate will maintain its 'new' look indefinitely.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Terry Betts was elected to the Legislative Council in the by-election on 20th January. The results were: Terry Betts 201 votes, Harold Bennett 146 and Rene Rowland 48. 60% of the electorate turned out to vote.

A temporary vet will be arriving on February 10th to fill in between the departure of the present one, Mr Lampard and the arrival of a new one, yet to be recruited by ODA who are said to having trouble finding a replacement.

The yacht, Hany 4, which spent three weeks in Stanley harbour before setting sail around the Islands, went aground in Port Louis in strong winds last week. Owner and skipper, Mark Wilson was reported to have been swept into the sea whilst attempting to refloat her and a request was made for helicopter assistance although it is believed that both Mark and Amanda Wilson managed to set sail unaided in the end.

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS - 3 (continued)

A type of pumice is washed up on many beaches around the Islands and has been put to good use here for many years. By asking locally no doubt you will find someone who will supply you with a piece. If not, write to Penguin News and I'll send you a block.

In conclusion, I have heard a rumour that there are some among us who can "cut glass with a pair of scissors"!! Could anyone furnish us with mor information on this amazing feat?!

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 1st January 1987 to Jackie and Kenneth Morrison, a daughter, Roxane  
 1st January 1987 to Margaret and Gary George, a daughter, Tara Marie

MARRIAGES

17th December Iris Summers to Patrick McPhee at 14 Davis Street  
 20th December Diane Lord to Len Stanford at Christ Church Cathedral  
 23rd December, Carol Ross and John Teggart at Malvina House  
 24th December, Lynn Simcote and Andrew Brownlee at Malvina House

DEATHS

It is regret that we announce the death of John White on 14th January 1987, aged 74.

CAMP EDUCATION SUMMER SCHOOL

Whether the black clouds hung right overhead or continually threatened on the horizon, their presence was totally ignored. Although the weather was unfavourable, the children who attended the Camp Education Summer School in early January simply would not have their enthusiasm dampened. Both they and the members of the Camp Education staff who were in Stanley for the week had a very enjoyable time.

The children not yet attending school in Stanley had the opportunity to meet each other, introduce themselves to Stanley Hostel during one of its quieter spells and visit many places of interest in Stanley and outside town.

The programme for the summer school was a full one and commenced with a visit to Government House where the Governor gave the opportunity to the young visitors to take the hot seat and sit in his chair. The next six days were full of visits around Stanley and one very popular trip to M.P.A where the children climbed in a Phantom, a Hercules, a Sea King helicopter, over a number of fire trucks and up into the control tower. Everyone was ready for dinner that evening. The long days didn't finish after dinner. The children went on practising their pool, playing poison ball and running off calories before they set about recording the day's events in their diaries. Finally, Willie Wonka sent them all to bed.

For such a very interesting and happy week in Stanley there a number of people both the Camp Education staff and the children would like to thank. Firstly, Mrs Jewkes who showed us around Government House, Father Monaghan at St Marys, John Williams for showing us around Fortoser and for the crab he gave which entered into one of the packed lunches. To Mr and Mrs Kidd of Kiddcraft, all the staff at Cable and Wireless, Peter and Mary Henderson at the Hydroponics site, Malcolm Ashworth at the dairy, Glynis Ashworth at Stanley Cub Pack, Ian Dixon and staff at A.R.C, Captain Judy Fanphoon at MP.A and the unknown soldiers on Mount Tumbledown who invited the children to test their skills in abseiling. One important person we do wish to thank is Mrs Cheryl Reeve who kept us alive every day with breakfast, dinner and tea. Our thanks to all.

Camp Education Department

PENGUIN NEWS RADIO REVIEW by Alan Wells

Welcome to the first of the radio reviews that I shall be writing for the Penguin News. In my spare time I like to write and I'm always listening to programmes on BFBS/FIBS, so I've decided to combine the two subjects. If you have any queries on Falkland Island radio programmes drop me a line at Penguin News.

My first review concerns 'BFBS UK' which is broadcast every week day at lunch time and is presented by Tommy Vance. The format of the programme, which is approaching its tenth anniversary, is very similiar to that of a radio programme you would expect to hear on BBC National Radio Two in Britain. Tommy Vance's style of presentation keeps the show moving along at a fast pace and unlike many disc jockeys, Tommy comes across as being a genuine person.

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RADIO REVIEW by Alan Wells (continued)

The programme tackles anything from entertainment to health and Anne Armstrong does an excellent job of tackling problems concerning the Forces. In my opinion 'BFBS UK' is probably the most popular programme on the BFBS network.

Another radio programme heard on FIBS/BFBS is the 'Goon Show'. It's twenty-six years since the last new series of the Goon Show was produced but it's innovative humour remains timeless. The Goons' anarchic humour sprang from a series in 1951 called 'Crazy People' in which Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe and Spike Milligan were joined by Michael Bentine, the Ray Ellington Quartet, Max Geldray and the Stargazers.

The Goon Show generated a new look in humour all those years ago and when the programmes are listened to after twenty-six years, they are still fresh and alive. There's a total of thirty-two Goon Show societies around the world today which must say something for the recognition of the programme and I know that whenever they are broadcasted on FIBS they are always appreciated.

In the next issue of Penguin News, I shall be reviewing another ageless radio programme, that British institution called 'The Archers'.

Alan Wells

S P O R T S    N E W S    By Patrick Watts

GOLF:

The 'Stanley Open', the Falklands major golfing prize attracted 21 participants this year and most managed to complete the course despite a heavy hail storm disrupting play for a short period. Joe Marsh, Manager of Standard Chartered Bank won the Cup and a crystal decanter with his nett of 66. Runners-up Don Campbell and Dennis Lampard, last year's winner, each received a gold bag. Golf holdalls went to Graham Maitchell and Bill Hills for producing the best front 9 and the best back 9 respectively. The award for Sportsman of the Day went to Bill Carey for his gross of 150. The presentation took place during a buffet lunch held at Emmas Guest House.

SOCCER:

Dynamos regained top spot in the local League by defeating their nearest challengers Celtic by 4-2 in a very competitive fixture, played on a wet and windy evening. Celtic went ahead through youngster Allan Steen, but John Teggart equalised for Dynamos with a fiercely struck left foot shot. However Steen showed remarkable coolness for one so young by cleverly lifting the ball over the advancing goal-keeper to put Celtic back in front.

With the wind behind them in the second half, Dynamos attacked non-stop and captain Paul Williams headed in from a corner to put the sides level. John Teggart added a third and inevitably James Peck got his name on the score sheet with the fourth. Dynamos have 15 points to Celtic's 12. Redsox still languish at the bottom pointless.

Details of the Stanley Knockout Cup will be in next issue's sports news



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## FOREIGN OFFICE 'SURPRISE'

A surprised Falklands Islands Government moved quickly last week to restore the confidence of councillors following the unexpected public announcement that Argentina and Britain are exchanging "ideas" on fisheries.

The councillors had been told of the new initiative by Acting-Governor, David Taylor, on 2 February but had been bound to confidentiality until the Foreign Office decided an official announcement could be made. FIG anticipated being given prior warning by the Foreign Office so that Islanders could be forewarned through a FIBS news broadcast.

Without warning however, the BBC World Service broadcast on February 5th broke the news to the Falklands; the first the FIG and councillors knew of the leak.

The Acting-Governor immediately contacted all Stanley councillors to reassure them that he had had no foreknowledge of the move and the following morning, First Secretary, Paul Whiteway visited Camp councillors to explain the situation to them.

When asked how the councillors felt about the way the news was publicly broken one said; "Annoyed but not that surprised I suppose - the Foreign Office have played this trick before."

"The Foreign Office have done it again," agreed Councillor Terry Betts, "Its no wonder that people distrust the Foreign Office when it behaves in this inconsiderate manner. With people's suspicions raised now, it is taking some time for us to explain to constituents that it is only ideas which are being exchanged and nothing else."

Regarding the new moves by Argentina, which now appear to have been the result of an American initiative, David Taylor said; "Argentina seems to have picked up a suggestion which the Foreign Minister made at the time

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of the declaration of the FICZ that there might be some sort of co-operation between Britain and Argentina to support conservation of the fisheries on a regional basis. Britain has always preferred the multilateral approach but was forced by previous Argentine intransigence in the issue to set up our own interim operation."

The vital question of sovereignty does not seem to have been officially raised between the two countries. At a press conference, David Taylor emphasised that the "exchange of ideas entirely concerns fishing and has absolutely nothing to do with anything else."

A Calling the Falklands broadcast last week however quoted the Argentinian Vice President as saying on February 9th that "neither indirect or direct contacts will be made without the sovereignty issue being considered."

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

ARGENTINA ARREST JAPANESE JIGGER

An Argentine gun boat arrested a Japanese squid trawler early on the morning of February 13th.

The exact location of the trawler Shoichimaru 87 has not yet been revealed by the parent company KSJ Corporations but it is believed that it was not in either the British conservation zone or in the 10 mile buffer zone.

The last contact made with the trawler from Port Stanley was at 6.45am when the boat reported it was trying to out run an Argentine gun boat. The jigger was then requested to stop by the gunboat which it did. Mr Kaenka, the representative in charge of KSJ's Stanley office said that he believed the Shoichimaru was being escorted to an Argentine port.

TOURISM REVIEW by Graham Bound

It has not been a bad tourist season. It's true that there has not been a rush on tour operators offering Falklands packages, but then no reasonable person expected that and the gradual build up of traffic has been good on-the-job training for those concerned in this fledgling industry.

So far, just four small groups have made the 8,000 mile haul across the Atlantic and another group of sixteen keen amateur historians and battlefield buffs are expected in about three weeks time. Counting the occasional individual who has made his or her own arrangements, this means that around 50 souls have trod the tourist trail. (I have not included the cruise ships, which this season have brought around 1,400 to Stanley and points on the West).

Of course this number is miniscule but it is still encouraging simply because between 1982 and 1985 we hosted no tourist groups at all. It is significant also because there is good reason to hope that the groups will increase gradually in number over the next four years. Tour operators now know that they have a saleable product and that their promotion of the Falklands is worth while. After this tentative season, they can now go ahead and search for clients. It is equally important that the visitors have been happy with their Falkland holidays. From their reactions it is obvious that the Falkland experience is a well rounded one which offers an element of adventure, viewing of the extraordinary wildlife and an insight into a unique way of life. These new ambassadors for the Islands will do their own free promotional work when they show their holiday snaps and diaries to friends back home.

It should be understood that this type of tourism is not entirely new to the Falklands. Many people will remember that prior to 1982 there was a brisk movement of South American groups, mainly Argentine, between Comodoro Rivadavia and Stanley. They differed from the tourist now enjoying the Falklands in that

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BOUND ABOUT TOWN

- an irreverent look at local affairs -

ROYAL VISIT???

Remember the rumours of six or seven weeks ago about an imminent Royal Visit? Well it seems that they may not be dead but just sleeping. I'm not saying that the Royal Flight will be touching down tomorrow morning, or even that Britannia will be sailing through the Narrows next week but speculation about such a visit does seem to be gathering momentum again. Late March, following the return of Governor Gordon Jewkes is the date most of the pundits have opted for.

And why is such dodgy speculation being indulged in? Well, we are approaching the 5th anniversary of the Argentine invasion; a date which deserves marking in a fairly grand way (as was recently suggested in the House of Commons). Furthermore, (and this is probably a more important clue) a surprisingly large number of TV crews, radio men and print journalists have scheduled visits in March. If you doubt me, try booking a room in the Stanley hotels for that period.

The Penguin News asked a London source to check the rumour out with Buckingham Palace's Press Office. Whilst they didn't confirm it they apparently would not deny it either?

So if the rumours have any substance why is Government House remaining mum about it all? Partly force of habit (after all, we didn't know that Mrs Thatcher had left London before she was on John Street) and partly perhaps because of a feared Argentine reaction. Neither reason is very good. The Foreign Office's obsessive secrecy is insulting to us normal mortals and fears of an Argentine reaction can have little foundation: after all attacking Tristairs wouldn't be the best way to win friends and influence people.

Fact or just another Falklands rumour? Watch this space and find out....

WRECKS - TO HAVE AND TO HAVE NOT?

Amid all the justifiable congratulation and near carnival spirit which prevailed in the environs of

the FIC jetty during the raising of the clipper ship Snowsquall, no one appears to have stood up and asked whether the enterprise and others like it are morally right.

Surely someone with influence should have said; "It's fine to recover the remains of this fine example of marine design, but should it be taken away from the Islands where it has lain for over one hundred years?"

This columnist does not want to categorically state an opinion either way - after all both sides of the argument have merit and there is no denying that it is wonderful to see at least part of a once graceful vessel returned to least a degree of her former beauty.

But consider both sides of the argument:

The American maritime archaeologists state correctly that the ship is the last remaining example of a type of great importance to the American ship building tradition and deserves to be returned to its place of birth.

Falklanders could say that the colony only exists today because of its situation on an historical ocean route and that the maritime history of the Islands, as tangibly represented in the hulks that make the Falklands the greatest graveyard of ships in the world, is an important part of our heritage.

A neutral observer could weigh up both arguments and arrive at the conclusion that any conservation work could be carried out much more cheaply on site, in the Falklands, rather than thousands of miles away in the northern hemisphere.

It is a complicated argument and one which could have no clear winner. But we have already lost a lot of important beautiful ships from our shores and sometimes (as in the case of the Fennis which was scrapped in Uruguay after being towed from the Falklands) we later regretted our generosity. The Snowsquall has now gone from the Falklands and we should wish her restorers the best of luck. But next time we are invited to part with one of our valuable ships, should we not consider the request very carefully.

BOUND ABOUT TOWN - continuedTHE TAB'S NEW COLOURS

It is wonderful to see the Tabernacle looking so bright and pretty again after years of gradual decay and delapidation. The little church on Barrack Street, which is affectionately known to everyone as the Tab, is receiving a complete face lift with fallen gutters and barge boards being re-erect and a new green and white colour scheme replacing the peeling blue and white.

The building has has a bright and friendly aspect to match the warm, amiable and unpretentious atmosphere within. The small corrugated iron building has never been grand and perhaps we have all been so fond of it just for that reason.

There has been only one change for the worse at the Tab in recent years. When I attended the Sunday School conducted by Minister Paul Charman, the church boasted a small bell tower (if a structure about six feet high can be called a tower). Some years ago this was removed, possibly because it was structurally unsound. But because now that the workmen are all over the building, might it be possible to give the Tab the finishing touch and restore the belfrey?

illustrate the changing face of the Falkland Islands. By contrasting articles on events past and present, we have aimed at presenting a harmonious theme."

So we can see that Tommy Thompson's ideas and hopes for the success of the Falkland Islands Journal have been well carried out. However, the production had a relapse after the 1973 edition and the then Chief Secretary, Mr Arthur Monk, in 1975 asked the present writer whether he would be willing to take on the editing because, in the Chief Secretary's view, it was important to the Falklands that the Journal should continue in a similar form.

The present editor quite willingly took this job on and has been carrying out the task for 13 successive Journals since the 1973 issue. However, we now have to face the future. Your current editor will shortly be entering his 83rd year and realises that though he has been carrying out the task in a perfectly satisfactory manner, even though the job is now a one-man band, obviously it will be prudent either for him to receive efficient help or to hand over to a replacement editor.

Throughout the twenty years of its existence the editorial function has been entirely unpaid. If, because of these present days of rising incomes, a new editor will want to be paid, one of two things must happen: either the Journal will die soon or the selling price will have to be increased annually to supply an income for the fresh editor.

It must however be pointed out that to plan and produce a Journal annually containing at most about seven articles, does not amount to a vast amount of work. Contents need to be kept to a high standard and the knowledge and know-how for obtaining good articles from the several informative sources is of great importance. The present editor would be only too pleased to help any newcomer on whom to contact and how to handle the normal accounting drill.

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FUTURE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS JOURNAL?

The Falkland Islands Journal, an independent, non-Government publication, sells pretty well in these Islands every year so its editor can presume that quite a lot of people are interested in obtaining their copy.

But the journal, and any other periodical for that matter, needs at least an editor with preferably a small select committee of one or two interested people to maintain the selection and production of interesting articles and to sustain the Journal's appeal, both to the Islands' public and the many overseas subscribers in Britain and also to a large extent, in North America in particular.

The then Chief Secretary, W.H Thompson, first produced the initial copy in 1967, just over twenty years ago and we have seen this production maintained very successfully over that period. In his foreward to that first edition, Tommy Thompson wrote; "I hope this issue will be the first of many. The idea behind the Journal is to promote interest in the Falkland Islands and their history."

W.H Thompson was responsible for four issues of the Journal before production was taken over by his successor, J.A Jones and his wife. In their foreward to the 1971 issue, Mr & Mrs Jones wrote; "We have endeavoured to fulfill our promise of last year, namely to

FUTURE OF THE FALKLANDS JOURNAL - by Sydney Miller (continued)

The recent task of binding into two volumes the first ten Journals, covering the years 1967 to 1976, has satisfied the many people who had never been able to obtain any early issues and this task could be continued where cash in the Bank permits.

If, however, no new help or editing becomes available within the next year or two, the Falkland Islands Journal would die, which would be a tragedy. I would be happy to discuss possibilities with anyone who believes they could successfully taken the job on.

Sydney Miller  
Editor - Falklands Islands Journal

TOURISM REVIEW (Continued from page 2) - Graham Bound

they were generally unable to leave Stanley and were more interested in exchanging dollars for British goods than in seeing penguins. But they were tourists and very profitable ones at that. At that time, the Falklands also hosted groups of more adventurous North Americans and Europeans and to an extent they enjoyed similar experiences to those now being offered to clients in our tourism renaissance. So there has been a pool of expertise in the Islands for sometime and when the first post-war group arrived in February 1986 there were guides and hoteliers who knew how to look after them.

There is no doubt, however, that tourism would be no more than a fond memory for Stanley businessmen if it were not for the vigorous efforts of the Development Corporation in promoting the Islands overseas and assisting private enterprise in the development of hotels around the Camp (which are rather modestly known as lodges). Indeed, FIDC is largely to thank for the rebirth of the industry in a form known in jargonese as "multi centre holidays". The Corporation established Falklands Tourism to coordinate bookings at the lodges and assist with promotion and put considerable time and money into hosting groups of tour operators and travel journalists on free promotional tours. It now seems that the efforts are paying off.

Unfortunately the Development Corporation has sometimes been the victim of its own enthusiasm and has suggested that the tourist industry will grow quickly and achieve a maximum volume which now seems quite unrealistic. Target figures of around 2,000 per year were mentioned early on in the programme and some officials have been too quick to assume that tentative group bookings will materialise. Consequently, their efforts to promote the industry locally have met with some cynicism. It is good, however, to see that officials are now exercising more caution with their projection.. The English Tourist Board, which assists with promotion, is now suggesting that a growth in traffic of around 50 people per season is probably the target for the next few years. Next season could see ten groups and eventually, perhaps, the period November to March will see the movement of five groups a month. That would be a modest success and is probably something we can look forward to.

This season has highlighted a few problems. The clients have, it is true, all enjoyed their holiday fully and invariably stressed that they found much more in the Islands than they had expected. But companies in the UK and hosts within the Falklands have experienced some difficulties. The most serious on these involves the Government Air Service, which offers the only method of transport for groups. While FIGAS are always wonderfully accommodating within their limits, they are not able to fly on weekends. Unfortunately tourism cannot stop for weekends and private charters of Islander aircraft for the short hops between Sea Lion, Howard and Pebble are unrealistic. It is therefore, sometimes necessary to alter itineraries and extend or reduce the duration of a stay at some lodges. It is difficult to explain the need for this to tour operators who are not used to travel ceasing on Fridays and commencing again on Mondays. If next season is to be an improvement on this one, then FIGAS' reasonable demands for improved working areas and overtime must be met and regular weekend flying

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introduced. It seems that FIGAS are willing to extend the service as long as certain conditions are met and it would be extremely mean of Executive Council not to grant these.

The second, less serious, problem involves the promotion of the Islands to overseas operators. This truly essential programme of all-expenses-paid visits by men and women who can funnel clients towards the Falklands is seriously flawed. The operators have been shown beautiful destinations within the Islands which are completely inaccessible for the average group. Last year a promotional group were flown by helicopter (courtesy of the military who cannot be expected to be in the tourist business) to New Island and Volunteer Point and these jewels in the Falklands' crown have not been forgotten when putting together itineraries. They reluctantly accept alternatives but tell their clients that efforts will be made to reach these points which have no landing strips for the FIGAS aircraft.

The Potential for disappointment among clients is obvious. During a recent promotional trip, operators were taken to the truly impressive albatross and penguin rookeries of Steple Jason - again by helicopter, but tourists cannot reach this island it is very unlikely that they will be able to do for some years. We should not offer those places which we cannot reach easily and regularly. After all, these destinations already on the tourist tours are successful and provide great enjoyment for visitors.

For those involved in the reborn tourist industry, the modest success story is gratifying. It is becoming profitable and enjoyable as the guides and hosts who live in these islands because they love them, cannot but be flattered and delighted to introduce willing visitors to the charms of the islands. The sheer enjoyment and fascination in every tourist is almost sufficient payment in itself.

Graham Bound

#### HMS STEPTOE AHoy!

Wrecks from over seven seas  
Sand abandoned J.C.Bs  
Mog and dumper cemeteries  
Empty tins of lager  
Barbed wire coils from world war one  
Half an Argie ack ack gun  
Beer cans glittering in the sun  
Skeltons of rovers.

Half filled tins of dried up paint  
Broken fence from sandy point  
Portacabins out of joint  
Cedar from the Bertha.

Ditch discarded army tyre  
Cats' craddles of signal wire  
Broken pallets oiled up higher  
Garden orphaned aga.

Some wrecks have always been  
Part of the Falklands scene  
and many more must mean  
Mere ostentation  
But now as Flogger starts  
To titivate these parts  
Lets hope someone departs  
With souvenirs.

Anon

#### PENGUIN POST BOX

PO Box 178, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

11 Ross Road East  
Port Stanley

11th February 1987

Dear Madam,

A few 'snippets' all in one letter:-

First, I do agree with Mally Coutts that there should always be a vet available and that Neil Pullen's replacement should be a qualified vet besides whatever 'ologies' he may be qualified to practise!

Next, regarding the sad fact that we are apparently to lose FIPASS which I realise would be very expensive to maintain. Mrs Miller's suggestion in your last issue seems a good one but what about the problem of locking the sections? I feel we need not be a ghost town... why not do our best to make Stanley beautiful, provide better means for people to have a meal or even tea and coffee and a sandwich and above all a regular bus service like Bob Stewart's to and from MPA so that people can get in and back when they like? I think Bob should have a fleet of buses, the present one being so popular!

How about a nibble from the Fisheries millions to make a Park along under the rocks on the South side of the Race course? Above all keep Stanley tidy and beautiful: it can be done if we all pull together. How about FWD having some grass trimmers for hire? Lots of us already mow the grass verge outside our properties; it would be better still if no vehicles ever drove over grass verges!

Finally, I think most of the profits from the Fisheries - if there will be profits - should be put into the piggy-bank for a rainy day.

Yours faithfully,

Kitty Bertrand

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Penguin Post Box is the page for you to air your views on any subject which you feel should concern others. The Penguin News reserves the right to edit letters and we would like to point out that the opinions expressed on this page are not necessarily shared by the editorial staff. We do not insist that letters are signed. We need contributions from you, so get scribbling!

#### SNOWSQUALL 'SETS SAIL'

The complicated and delicate task of lifting the Snowsquall's bow aboard the Asifi was successfully completed last weekend and on Monday 9th February the remnant of the clipper started its journey back to Portland, Maine, where it was originally built 123 years ago.

The weekend's manoeuvres, the culmination of five years' work by the team of Snowsquall volunteers, were not without their problems, as the group's photographer, Nick Dean, explained:

"Lifting and towing 35 tons of wet wood, over a hundred years old, was bound to be difficult but there were a few unexpected snags. The whole operation was being directed by a diver in the water who couldn't see much, then the crane partially buckled and finally when we had lifted the bow, we found it didn't fit in the special support net exactly as we had planned."

Despite the unexpected hurdles the team had some factors in their favour which assured the operation's success:

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SNOWSQUALL 'SETS SAIL' - continued

"The very calm weather was as close to perfect as we could have hoped." said Nick Dean. "We also had some excellent back up; notably John Blackley, master of the Lively which towed the bow from East Jetty to FIPASS, who did an superb job. Then there were the three members of 74 Port Sqdrn at FIPASS - Chris Freely, Tony Allen and Al Galbraith, who gave up a lot of their time and were marvellous."

Whilst the rest of the volunteers have flown home, Nick Dean is aboard the Asifi with the bow to operate the spray system which will prevent the wood from drying out and crumbling.

Having made regular and sometimes lengthy visits to the Falklands, he was asked whether he hoped to return to the Islands:

"Damn right I will," he replied, "In eight years of coming here I have yet to wet a line for trout fishing and yet to climb Mount Usbourne!"

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TOURIST HELPS BUILD HMS SHEFFIELD MEMORIAL by Graham Bound

Not many tourists would volunteer to spend hard-earned holiday time humping rocks and bags of cement along a windswept Falkland cliff top in the teeth of a southerly wind. But Ninian Evans, an insurance broker from the north of England, who recently spent two weeks in the Falklands with a Twickers World group, was only too happy to do just that and he later described the experience as one of the high points of his Falklands tour.

Mr Evans and his fellow travellers were staying at the Sea Lion Island Lodge when he overheard the island's owner, Terry Clifton and his brother, Ronnie, making plans for the erection of a stone memorial to the men of HMS Sheffield which sunk some miles off the east coast of Sea Lion Island in 1982.

Explaining that he lived in Sheffield and vividly remembered the shocking moment when he heard of the ship's loss in an exocet attack, Mr Evans asked if he could help with the work. Leaving his travelling companions to spend a day with penguins and seals, he set off with the two brothers for a morning of heavy work. Thanks partly to his assistance, the point of dry land nearest the Sheffield's last resting place is now marked with a humble but handsome cairn.

For Ninian Evans the two week package was something of a pilgrimage to memorials and battlefields of the 1982 conflict and following the few days spent on Sea Lion he was to visit a number of other settlements and mountains which achieved sudden and unwanted fame in 1982. It was while paying his respects to the dead of Blue Beach Cemetery that Mr Evans received a radio message from the Cliftons on Sea Lion Island thanking him for his work on the Sheffield memorial.

"It was good to leave something other than travellers cheques in the Falklands said the visitor."

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S LAST MEETING

Penguin News recently visited the Acting-Governor, David Taylor, to find out what had been covered by Executive Council's last meeting on 3rd February:

## - NO SPECIAL FUND FOR FISHERIES REVENUE

It had been originally planned that there would be a special fund for all the monies received from the trans-shipment and licensing fees but Executive Council have now decided that the funds will go into a "consolidated fund" along with the normal revenue.

"The reason for this," said David Taylor, "is that a special fund for the fisheries would have been controlled by a limited number of officials and councillors, whereas if the monies go into the normal revenue pool it will come under the control of all councillors. However the policies which we will be following as far as using the funds, will be the same: we are still being very cautious at this stage and thinking of using some of it for development and some of it for increasing our reserves."

## - CONCERN AT PORTACABIN BLIGHT

The Council expressed concern at the number of portacabins which people have apparently been buying from the military for use as offices and out buildings. Present legislation on portacabins only covers those being used as homes.

"The fear is that the whole town will become over run with portacabins which whether they are being used as a house, an office or a shed, are not attractive. If the portacabins proliferate in all directions it may well be that Executive Council will have to look yet again at their policy over the siting of them," said the Acting Governor

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## - NEGOTIATIONS PLANNED WITH COASTAL SHIPPING

The meeting agreed in principle that there should be talks with Coastal Shipping over the possibility of putting the Falkland Islands Government owned 'Forrest' under its management in a move to rationalise the running of both the Forrest and the 'Monsunen'. Public interest in this service would be protected by representation of either FIDC or FIG on the board of Coastal Shipping.

## - STANLEY'S MUTTON SUPPLIES SECURED

The ad hoc committee looking into the recent problems with mutton supplies to Stanley reported to the Council that arrangements have been made to secure a reasonable supply in the future. Longer term arrangements are being looked into by the committee to try and ensure that the recent problems do not recur.

## - FIRE STATION BUILDINGS AGREED

Having endeavoured to balance the requirements of the Fire Office against the question of cost, the Council have agreed to the type of buildings to house the new fire station of St Marys Walk. These are likely to consist of three 'packaway' buildings; one to house the offices and the other two for vehicles and equipment.

## - MUSEUM TRUSTEES APPOINTED

Executive Council appointed trustees to look at the site options for a museum. They are Joan Spruce, Shirley Hirtle, John Smith, Mike Rendell, Shane Wolsey and Councillor Louis Clifton.

## - LAST OF DALE REPORT'S RECOMMENDED INCREASES AGREED

Increases for some supervisory staff employed by FIG were agreed. Some additional rises for other staff to cover the particularly long hours they work were being agreed.

## - AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTRE MAKE A PRESENTATION

The ARC are due for re-financing at the start of 1988 and Ian Dickson made a presentation to the Council, outlining their future plans which suggest that the Centre may be moving to extend its scope from primarily research to advisory.

N.B Regarding the employment of their own vet, ARC have decided to employ paristologist who is not a vet because they fear that anyone qualified as a vet as well would be distracted from his main work by veterinary activities. With this in mind, Executive Council have informally recommended that the FIG vet's leave is covered by a temporary vet from the UK to ensure that the Islands are not without veterinary cover.

HMS HERALD HAS OPEN DAY AT STANLEY

The public is to be invited aboard the HMS Herald, the Ocean Survey Ship, when she arrives at Port Stanley on 15th February. Her Captain, Commander Peter Kellet and the 410 strong ships company will be delighted to welcome visitors from 1 pm to 4 pm.

HMS Herald is an ocean survey ship of the Hecla class, designed for hydro-graphic and oceanographic surveying tasks in any depth of water, world wide. She carries a Wasp helicopter for aerial photography and general load lifting and two smaller survey motor boats for harbour and inshore survey.

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## RADIO REVIEW - Alan Wells

This week I'm looking at that great British radio institution - the Archers. The Archers who live on Brookfield Farm in the fictitious village of Ambridge have shared their lives with millions of radio listeners for over thirty years.

The Archers began in 1950 starring Gwen Berryman and Barry Oakes as Doris and Dan. By the evening of September 22, 1955, Ambridge was already so much part of the fabric that the BBC chose the villagers as its task force to scupper the very first night of transmission by ITV: hoity-toity, lace knickered Grace Archer was incinerated at Grey Gables while trying to rescue her horse Midnight

On that evening back in 1955, a stunned nation could think of nothing else but to sit sobbing over cups of tea, sharing the heartbreak of Grace Archer's death. The drama in Ambridge certainly put a stop to any thoughts of watching the then ndw fangled ITV; although not for long. It was probably the best and last throw by the BBC at Independent Television.

Since then, the Archers have given us more fires, births, marriages and divorces, gossip and drama galore: you name it and its been on the Archers. Of course there have been a number of cast changes but the drama continues and I'm sure that the Ambridge folk will be drinking many more pints in the public bar of 'the Bull' for many years to come. Talking

Talking of pints, there's one waiting for me at 'The Globe'.....

I depart with my mind full of thoughts of the meadows surrounding Brookfield Farm, Vicarage suppers and Nelson, the landlord of the Bull, making sure that just for once the steak and kidney pies are not served cold; forever Ambridge.

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S P O R T S   N E W S by Patrick WattsSOCCER

The Stanley Knockout Cup, which attracted 17 military teams, the contractors Fairclough Miller and of course the Stanley team, has now reached semi-final stage.

Two of the Operation Flogger teams of 25 Royal Engineers, 16 Field Squadron and 12 Field Squadron, will meet in one semi-final, while Stanley will play 73 Port Sqdn FIPASS in the other. The local side have survived two matches of extra time to progress to the semi's; their best ever performance in this competition. Having beaten BMH 4-1, they faced RHQ & Workshops R.Rs in the quarter finals and with just ten minutes to go seemed to be coasting to an easy victory. Darren Clifton and James Peck has scored second half goals but two defensive blunders allowed equalisers from Bayliss. Each side scored again in extra time; Stanley through John Teggart and RHQ through Young, so the match went to a penalty shoot-out, the first of the tournament. James Peck, Aiden Kerr, Darren Livermore and Ramon Miranda each put away their spot kicks whilst the opposition missed two of their first four, allowing Stanley to scrape through.

73 Port Sqdn gained a narrow 3-2 victory over the Royal Pioneer Corps, who had earlier trounced General Engineering Flicht RAF by 8-1. Minter, Ross and James scored for the winners while Page and Keyes, who scored a hat-trick in the preceeding match, were the Pioneers' marksmen. Ross also missed a penalty.

16 Field Sqdn looked very powerful when defeating Field Workshops REME by 6-0. Smith the REME goal keeper was the hero of the game, making several fine saves while the Engineers' forwards also squandered numerous chances. Lind and Probert scored two each, with Betts and Brown also on the scoresheet. 16 Field Sqdn confirmed their position as Cup favourites.

12 Field Squadron looked very impressive in their 5-0 demolition of Fairclough Miller and their forthcoming semi-final with their counterparts from 16, should be a cracking match. Bray scored 2 while Buchanan, Bunn and Hare got their names on the scoresheet. Hare also missed a penalty. To their credit, Fairclough Miller fought hard until the final whistle but proved vulnerable to Hare's dashing right wing runs which often spreadeagled their defence.

The final of the Stanley Knockout Cup will be played on Sunday 22 Febraary at 3.00.

In the local league, the 5th and final leg has started with Dynamos and Celtic already sure of playing off for the title. Redsox, for so long without a point, have recently scored two wins over Celtic, but have mounted their challenge a little too late to make any impression on the leaders. Celtic and Dynamos will decide the destination of the League in a 3 match play-off series.

Recent results: Celtic 1 (Miranda); Dyhamos 1 (Teggart); Redsox 2 (Rozee, Jenning); Celtic 1 (Miranda, pen)

GOLF

The February Monthly medal played on the 1st resulted in a win for Pat Maguire with a nett of 63. Dennis Lampard came second with a score of 64 and John Sherwood edged into third place with 65.

The tournament was not well attended as previous competitions, mainly owing to the non-participation of military golfers many of whom now reside at Mount Pleasant.

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APOLOGIES for the printing quality of some copies of this issue of the Penguin News. The Islands' supplies of A4 duplicating paper appear to have run out and foolscap requires a different process of production. Please bear with us - the A4 is on its way and we hope to be back to normal in several weeks' time!



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## AMERICAN AIRCRAFT AT MOUNT PLEASANT

By GRAHAM BOUND

The Penguin News learned last week that at least one American aircraft is soon to fly to the Falklands via Rio de Janeiro. A spokesman at Mount Pleasant confirmed the accuracy of the story, but stressed that the plans, which until then had been a well kept secret, do not involve the US Air Force. He made it clear that Defence Minister George Younger's recent denial that the Americans have any military interest in the Islands, remains true.

The planned flight involves a Boeing 747 of the American company Tower Air Inc and is scheduled for the 12th March. The jumbo jet, which will be the first aircraft of any nationality other than British to use Mount Pleasant, is expected to carry around 160 replacement crew-men for the exploratory drilling ship SEDCO BP 471 which has been carrying out a research programme in the Weddell sea for some months. The 17,000 ton vessel, equipped with a huge drilling gantry, will anchor in East Cove to exchange crews and transfer geological samples to the Boeing 747 for shipment to the USA.

News of the flight, later confirmed by the BBC news, has upset the Argentinians and it was probably that

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## INDIGNANT ISLANDERS "DESIRE THE RIGHT" TO HOUSING PRIORITY

Local feelings were running high last week, following the announcement that immigrants will be given priority on the housing list at a time when the Falklands' housing shortage is very acute.

The widespread sense of outrage has prompted Vi Felton to organise a petition 'Desiring the Right' to proper homes and at a public meeting last Monday there were some bitter exchanges with councillors on the issue.

"We the people of the Falkland Islands desire the right to top priority on our housing list," reads the petition. "We desire the right to a home of our own. We are fed up with being the least priority. The housing situation is very grave and bringing in immigrants will only make the situation worse. House us first. Get your priorities right."

The petition has been sent around Stanley and the Camp and although the exact number of signatures are not known yet, the indications are that they will be in the hundreds. Proving that concern over the issue and support for Vi Felton's stand is not limited to Stanley, 23 signatures have come in from Port Stevens, 15 from Port San Carlos and as one letter from a camper affirmed, "we are with you 100% to try and get local residents accommodation before OSAS (Overseas Service Aid Scheme) people."

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inevitability which made the military and civilian authorities keen to avoid publicity for the exercise. The Public Information Officer at MPA, David Rose, played down the military cooperation: "Our involvement is pretty minimal," he said. "All we are doing is providing an airport for them to land at."

An informed source pointed out that the American flight will prove that Mount Pleasant has a use other than military and that it has an important role to play in the development of the Islands and the area around them. "People here should be happy about it," he said.

The government in Buenos Aires is angry that the Americans have decided against using a mainland port. The rendezvous at Mount Pleasant will give tangible proof to the theory that the Islands are strategically based for any potential exploitation of Antarctic resources and as such, have a value which is appreciated by nations other than Argentina. That such practical use is being made of the Islands' airport is a feather in the cap of the British Government.

Councillor Charles Keenleyside believes that the consortium operating the research programme have made a brave and sensible decision in avoiding South American ports. They are, he points out, rather further away from the Antarctic operations area and "the Americans probably see the Falklands as a more stable and convenient airfield. The Airport is the best of its kind in the area," he said. "I see it only as a good thing and agree with the enterprise entirely."

Councillor Keenleyside hopes that the 12th March 747 will be the first of many aircraft displaying the stars and stripes, to land in the Falklands. "Obviously it makes possible air links of a different type - even tourism," he said.

The operations of the Antarctic drilling ship and the Boeing supply aircraft are part of an international operation, which according to the official literature is designed to "explore the structure and history of the earth beneath the ocean basins." No specific mention is made of a search for oil bearing strata in the southern oceans and Antarctic regions but the presence of valuable (if currently inaccessible) deposits of petroleum in the area has long been a matter for speculation.

The Americans have a controlling influence in the consortium of nations involved in the project, whilst West Germany, France and Canada contribute personnel and expertise to a lesser degree. Japan and the United Kingdom have minor roles whilst Argentina has no involvement at all.

It is not known whether more crew transfer and supply flights are planned but the authorities have not denied this possibility and it seems likely that the Falklands' new and well-equipped facilities will be put to good use by the present and possibly future explorers of the southern regions' hidden resources.

Graham Bound

#### COUNCILLORS IN THE DARK AGAIN

Whilst the councillors approached by the Penguin News said they were pleased that Mount Pleasant was to be used by an American aircraft, a number were equally annoyed that once again there had been no consultation or warning given to them by the Foreign Office. The first most of them heard about the matter was on last Wednesday's news by the BBC.

"If it's just a civilian aircraft coming, why all the secrecy?" said one government employee, "Why weren't we told?"

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

On Saturday 7th March, there will be a civic reception held in the Town Hall from 6pm to 8 pm.

The purpose of this reception is to show our gratitude for the marvellous work done by the men of 25 Engineer Regiment involved in the Operation Flogger clean up campaign.

All residents of 18 years and over are welcome. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available and from 7pm until 8pm a cash bar will operate. Dress will be casual but smart.

Secretariat

#### INDIGNANT ISLANDERS "DESIRE THE RIGHT" TO HOUSING PRIORITY (continued from page 1)

At a public meeting in the Town Hall on Monday 23rd February the general indignation was much in evidence:

"There are a lot of Islanders here who haven't even got a proper place of their own. Islanders should come first," said one man. "Even short term OSAS or TCO (Technical Cooperation Officers) people don't have to live in portacabins or shanty towns," said another.

The issue was extended by some at the meeting to an attack on expatriates already here and the influx of immigrants was blamed for pushing property prices and rents to levels beyond the means of most Islanders.

Councillor Charles Keenleyside who took the brunt of the verbal assault, expressed sympathy for the residents' feelings and tried to explain the government's situation: "If the government didn't provide housing for these people then ODA (Overseas Development Agency) wouldn't fund it. If all OSAS and TCO people were withdrawn tomorrow then this place would collapse tomorrow and that is not a joke. Many of the services which we now take for granted would simply no longer run."

The show of resentment by some at the meeting, against immigrants already here subsequently caused ill-feelings among the expatriate community and in a written statement presented to the Penguin News, Vi Felton clarified the exact stance of her petition:

"I wish to make it clear that I personally, and I think most Falkland Islanders, are not against immigration. Nevertheless, I do feel that immigrants at the moment can only make the housing situation worse."

"At the present time," the statement continues, "there are many Islanders on the housing list and a great many more living in caravans, portacabins etc. Port Stanley is becoming a shanty town and its we, the Islanders, who are being pushed into the shanties."

"Caravans and portacabins are o.k as temporary, basic accommodation but we are permanent residents and we need permanent homes."

#### EDITORIAL : HELLO... ANYBODY THERE?

If the higher reaches of the Falklands Islands Government feel under siege this week from Islanders clamouring for a priority to decent housing and councillors offended because they were not consulted or informed at all in the matter of American access to Mount Pleasant Airfield, they have only themselves to blame.

Both issues are sensitive ones and both required delicate handling and yet, once again, we have seen another appalling display of blase arrogance by the Foreign Office and Falkland Islands Government in these matters: the door opens, a new policy is hastily flung on the street and the door slams again.

'Mother knows best' has always been an unpopular feature of a colonial style government but now it appears that we are slipping into a deteriorating situation where the Falkland Islanders may be seen (preferably at a distance) but certainly not heard. Questions will not even be acknowledged, let alone answered.

Doesn't the Falklands Government appreciate that in the absence of fact and reasoned argument, speculation and prejudice take root and by not having the decency to explain its actions and motives fully either to the people of the Falklands or their elected representatives, a disturbing lack of honour must be added to the current charges of clumsy, discrimination and crass insensitivity.

Councillors will have no alternative but to shuffle and mumble into line until the next time they learn of future Falkland policies courtesy of a BBC editor's whim but housing outcry will not fade away, whatever the Falkland Island Government may think or hope.

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EDITORIAL : continued

The Penguin News urges the Falklands Islands Government to make amends rapidly before all faith and support in it crumbles completely. A bit of good old fashioned, home baked diplomacy would be greatly appreciated: will it speak to the Islanders to fully explain its policies and motives. The Penguin News would be more than willing to give considerable space to anything the Falkland Islands Government would care to say on these matters....

Hello....anybody there?

FIVE YEARS ON - FRESH SORROWS

The tragic loss of seven lives in the Chinook helicopter crash last Friday is a painful reminder, if one is needed, that the defence of our Islands is not only being paid in pounds and pence but even now in peace time, in the loss of human lives.

Five years on from 1982, the Islands' defence has become an integral part of our daily lives but contrary to occasional scurrilous reports in the UK press, the people of the Falkland Islands do appreciate the sacrifices which have been made and the losses incurred. We grieve.

BATTLEFIELD TOURS - Graham Bound

The fifth anniversary of the Argentine invasion is just over a month away and in the Falklands the memories remain as vivid as the red of the poppy wreaths which decorate the memorials and graves all year round. But the horror and heroism of 1982 have been carefully and respectfully consigned to the history books and life resumed with new impetus and realism.

Thus it is not surprising that the fledgling and delicate tourist industry, upon which the Islands' Development Corporation pins many hopes, is pragmatically preparing to welcome the battlefield tourists. The first group of sixteen men and women, each of whom has paid around £2,000 for the nine day all-inclusive package, will arrive by RAF Tristair at the New Mount Pleasant Airport next Tuesday. They will be greeted by, among others, a stern-faced Royal Engineer bomb disposal expert, who will hold up examples of deadly mines and ordnance to impress on the holiday makers and other newcomers that one battle has not yet been won and not all reminders of 1982 are as benign as stone memorials and crashed Mirage fighters. The visitors will however, be assured that barbed wire fence and skull and crossbones signs guard them from injury or death.

The holidays are organised by Major and Mrs Holt's Battlefield Tours of Sandwich, Kent. Lt Col Mike Martin, one of the company's senior leaders, who will be with next week's group, stresses that the Falklands project is the most ambitious of his company's tours, most of which involve coach trips to the battlefields of Flanders, Normandy and the Mediterranean.

"This is a very different affair, logistically and emotionally," said the Colonel, "and is one which requires extreme care. With all our tours we show the greatest respect but in the case of the Falklands memories are still strong and emotions raw. Our clients are people who have a great academic interest and the greatest respect for the men of both sides who fought and died. There is nothing macabre about our visit. We intend to make it interesting, respectful and enjoyable. It will be as much as education as a holiday."

The visitors, many of whom booked their places six months or more ago, will stay at the Upland Goose Hotel which became a shelter for local civilians during the bombardments of Stanley and a watering hole for the squad of reporters and film crews who prepared their post-surrender stories in its small bedrooms.

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**ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE FENCE AT LAST...**

PHOTOGRAPH : STAFF SGT LANGAN

**ON BAIL FROM AN ARGENTINE JAIL, BRITISH JOURNALIST, IAN MATHER IN THE FALKLANDS**

A British journalist who spent the duration of the Falklands conflict in an Argentine cell as a result of his original attempt to reach the Islands, arrived here last week, still on bail.

The journalist, Ian Mather, the Defence Correspondent for The Observer was arrested in April 1982 with two others on charges of espionage. The Argentine authorities have yet to pass judgement on the case with the three involved required to renew their bail every three months, five years after an experience which Ian Mather recalls vividly:

"The week after the invasion of the Falklands, I joined up with Tony Prime, a photographer from the Observer and Simon Winchester, a Sunday Times journalist and we all decided to go to the south of Argentina in the hope of finding an amenable official who would allow us to go across to the Falklands.

"Finally, we arrived in the town of Ushuaia, right in the south. The military there started to follow us, take photographs and generally hassle us. Then, just before we were about to fly back to Buenos Aires, we were

arrested and charged with the ridiculous accusation that the three of us had conspired on behalf of British Intelligence to go on a spying mission."

"At first I thought it was going to be rather interesting and that I would get a good story out of this because the charges were so ludicrous and I was sure the judge would do what they usually do with journalists in these cases; confiscate our note books and cameras and kick us out. But having been interrogated separately for a week, we were told there was a case to answer and that we would have to stay. It was then that I realised that we were in a serious position."

For most of their internment, the three men were cooped up together in a cell 8 feet by 8 feet, only allowed to exercise occasionally in the corridor outside and never allowed out of doors apart from the few occasions they were summoned to see the judge about developments in the case. Although conditions were harsh, Ian Mather said that he was not badly treated:

"They were very correct in their treatment of us. The naval officer who arrested us was suspicious of the local police taking things from the prisoners and at one

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point he said to us "The honour of the Navy is at stake in your treatment."

This principled attitude reassured the prisoners in an incident following the sinking of the Belgrano when they became concerned for their safety on hearing a riot outside the jail: "We could hear a crowd in the streets outside, police shouting, fighting, whistles and screaming and we thought then that the crowd might come and lynch us. The Deputy Chief Detective made it clear that his own life would be at stake if we were harmed and he showed us the machine guns he would use against the crowd if they attempted to storm the prison."

The sinking of the Belgrano, like most of the Conflict's key incidents, filtered to the British prisoners through the distorted and biased medium of their guards and fellow prisoners, as Ian Mather explained:

"The Naval Intelligence officer who was in charge of us said that Hermes had been sunk and that Sandy Woodward had committed suicide. They said that San Carlos was like a second Dunkirk for us and they felt sorry for the British troops being stranded on the beaches. They weren't deliberately lying, I don't think, but merely kidding themselves, fantasising about the way the Conflict was going."

"We learnt about the Belgrano first from our fellow prisoners," he continued, "Most of them were Chileans who the Argentine guards picked on all the time and who were very much on Britain's side. We heard them in the other cells making bombing sound effects, then 'glug glug' before shouting 'Grande Britannia'. We didn't know the details but we guessed something had happened."

If the details of the incident were obscure, the repercussions for the three men were not:

"The military were furious. They stormed into our cell in the middle of the night and stripped our cell of everything we had accumulated; books, bits of coffee and sugar, everything and we were not allowed to see the prison authorities. After a while the Swiss, who were acting as intermediaries and our official protection, managed to get a diplomat down to Ushuaia from Buenos Aires and he secured some sort of prisoners rights for us. Books were returned to us, a local woman supplied a chess set and we were even given a radio."

Three weeks after the British victory in the Falklands, the Argentine lawyer arrived and negotiated bail for the three at a cost of £4,000 each. The sum was paid by the respective newspapers whose efforts to protect their news men were described by Ian Mather as "tremendously well done."

Five years later and still technically under the jurisdiction of the Ushuaia court, how did Ian Mather feel the case could be resolved? "Basically they have lost interest," he replied, "and whilst all the paper work has now been done they are reluctant to pass judgement and stir the whole thing up again. They don't want the three of us to go back but we have made it quite clear that we will use our right to go back to hear any judgement made on our case. I think they would like to be able to tidy the matter away in some way which would allow them to say that they were right to arrest us but which wouldn't result in embarrassing international publicity. Under Argentine law you can apply to have a case struck off after six years and as we will soon be at that point I think it would be the most satisfactory solution for all concerned."

Ian Mather has been in the Falklands taking a look at the defence arrangements and the Penguin News asked him what lasting impression his visit here had given him:

"I've gained a very strong impression that you have here in the Falklands a community of people doing no harm whatsoever. If they want to live their own way of life, I think to hell with arguments of geographical tidiness and all that, they should be allowed to continue."

APOLOGIES AGAIN for the quality of some pages' printing. As we explained in our last issue a lack of A4 duplicating paper has meant we have had to resort to foolscap which requires a different printing process. Supplies of A4 are on their way - please bear with us!

## PENGUIN POST BOX

PO Box 178, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

Stanley

February 15th 1987

Dear Madam,

May I use your columns to thank everyone in Camp and Stanley who has been so friendly and helpful to me over the last month during my third working visit down here? I meet ten dislikeable people almost every day in London; it hardly ever seems to happen in this latitude.

The list of people I hoped to visit and spend time with is almost as long as those I actually saw. It has been a pleasure to find that the shadow of war has receded even further than it had in 1985 and to see how things are moving. At the risk of becoming a 'Wheneys', I find myself missing some of those who have died or left since 1983; but it's good to realise that the latter, at least, have proved to be replaceable.

May the rest of 1987 work out as you hope.

Yours faithfully,

John Ezard,  
(The Guardian, Farringdon Road, London EC1)

Hello, its the stirrer again. I'm very confused about this assisted immigrant scheme. If we need people but they need houses first, why is it so difficult to get land, services, stone and loans to build them. If, as Mr Wolsey said, there was a steady trickle before the scheme was announced, why announce such a scheme? If there is a housing shortage now, why bring more people down that need houses?

A lot of questions, huh? The government policy is to sell the older properties to sitting tenants. If priorities are given to housing assisted immigrants they will be the sitting tenants, able to buy with the mortgages they are on the priority list for.

If they need housing and a job before they arrive, the only real possibility is working for the FIG. If the job and house are not tied, why not leave the job (PWD doesn't pay much) for a higher paid job?

Mr Wolsey suggested that there are no guarantees about the assistance, only possibilities. Is this not a 'come-on'? If they are given priorities, is this not discrimination against people living here already?

There seems to be discrepancies here. Firstly, it is stated as a joint FIG/FIDC venture. Then Mr Wolsey says the housing policy is up to FIG (no joint venture?). Secondly, if preference is given with assisted passage, selling UK homes help, goods/chattels and vehicle importation, housing, mortgages, and if the man is a carpenter, will he be helped with setting up a business? A continued scenerio? FIDC/FIF joint venture?

It appears, in the business lines, people who make it are not assisted beyond the small push to start them rolling. Beer and crabs are quite compatible on the dinner table and off.

I concede we do need more labour. People willing to come off their own backs are more likely to last. As Mr Watts asked, what happens if they can't afford to leave? They sure as heck can't pay back the assistance. Do we pay these assisted repatriation? The system is doing that already to the locals by instigating preferential schemes. Is another class level being added above the residents? With the animosity already evident, how are the immigrants to mix and fit into society here?

Confusedly yours,

The Old Yank, stirrer Mercer

LETTERS - continued

Dear Madam,

I would like to comment on the interview Mr Pat Watts had with Mr Iain Dickson of ARC (News Letter 26th February). I have never heard anyone so callous concerning animals.

In an emergency I hardly think the parasites would move away if they were between the plates of a microscope if the vet had to leave for half an hour to attend to an injured animal. I wonder what Mr Dickson would think if he was injured and the doctor was too busy to come to his aid. It would hardly be the tough luck of the ARC if the vet was not available but rather of the animal concerned. In my experience, it is not three weeks or three days or even three hours that a vet is needed, but often only minutes, as with humans.

When it makes so little difference as far as the parasites are concerned, why choose a zoologist/parasitologist instead of a veterinary/parasitologist. The ARC public relations are going to suffer and they are not too wonderful as it is.

Yours faithfully,

Lawrence Blizzard

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Penguin Post Box is the page for you to air your views on and subject you feel should concern others. The Penguin News reserves the right to edit letters and we would like to point out that the opinions expressed on this page are not necessarily shared by the editorial staff. We do not insist that letters are signed.

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FARM OPEN DAY SUCCESS

An enjoyable combination of fine weather, good humour and excellent organisation ensured that the second Farm Open Day on Tuesday 24th February was a popular success.

Centered on the theme of reseedling, by which greater quantity and quality of grass is hoped to result in more sheep and consequently more wool, farmers from all over the Falklands were invited to look at the reseedling trials at Goose Green and Fitzroy to consider the project for themselves.

"Reseeding is appropriate to some farmers, but not all," warned ARC's Peter Maitland at a presentation held on the green expanse of the Britannia reseed at Fitzroy. Reseeding was shown to be costly to establish and the main concern discussed was whether farmers would get an adequate return on their investment. Trials had not yet been concluded and ARC stressed that not all the potential benefits had been examined yet:

"Until the benefits to the whole farming system have been described and valued reseed is a gesture of faith" said the official programme. However, that faith has already been tangibly rewarded by success in some cases with Brook Hardcastle from Darwin attributing a 10% increase in production to the success of the Gimmer Ground reseed there.

For most of the seventy or so farmers who attended the Farm Day the opportunity to swap ideas and problems was as important a feature of the event as the particular theme, with talk mainly of lambing percentages which were considerably down on last year due to the poor summer this year.

Common concerns and problems were discussed at more length in a three hour meeting held in Stanley Town Hall in the evening. A number of agricultural matters were raised; such as whether goats should be tried in the Islands for angora wool production, a suggestion which found a mixed reception.

FARM OPEN DAY - continued

Concerning the fisheries revenue and ways it should be spent, the meeting's consensus was that improvement of communications should be a priority. It was suggested that an improved road and flexible ferry service might enable Camp to establish a market and auction facilities, whilst representatives of the smaller islands hoped that any ferry service being considered should serve them as well.

The Chairman of the meeting, Robin Pitaluga, asked members if it had any criticism of the ARC. Whilst there was general appreciation shown for the organisations' work, one farmer asked that it be "more aware of the individual farmer's needs" whilst another urged "very much more communication between ARC and farmers." For its part, Iain Dickson of ARC said that his organisation had enjoyed "very good cooperation from farmers."

Breeding policies, electric fencing, burning verses heavy stocking, were put forward as possible themes for the next Open Day and members of the organisational committee suggested that as the past two events had been held on East Falkland, West Falkland should be the host for the next one.

The 1987 was realised by a combined organisational effort by ARC, FIDC, SOA and FIG's Agricultural Department.

THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The Falkland Islands Horticultural Society will be holding the Flower, Vegetable, Home Produce Show on Saturday 14th March in the Gymnasium. On Friday 13th the Gymnasium will be open at 6.30 in the evening until 9.00 for exhibitors to bring along their entries. You are not limited to one entry per class - enter as many as you like.

The show will be open to the public Saturday afternoon at 2.30 - admission 20p. At 8.00pm the prizes will be awarded, followed by the auction in aid of the Horticultural Society.

The elder gardeners of Stanley tell me this is the worst summer they can remember: certainly vegetables are retarded but remember we are all in the same boat. There is a lot of back room work done to get this show off the ground but at the end of the day it is you, the exhibitor, who either makes or breaks the show. So on behalf of the society, let's have stacks of entries to make our show as good as in the past.

CAMPERS - For the last two shows, the Hunt Trophy for the most points received by an exhibitor from camp has been won on East Falkland. Westers are you going to let this trophy be won for the third year on East Falkland? After your sports meeting, when you come back to the land of the living and return to your homes, you will have one week to prepare your exhibits to send to Stanley and perhaps, wrestle the Hunt Trophy from East Falkland.

FIGAS have very kindly agreed to carry your exhibits free so please send your exhibits to the Horticultural Show, Stanley. Make sure your name and address are securely attached to each exhibit and remember, unless you state clearly that you want an entry back or it is to be collected by a person in Stanley, it will be sold by auction in aid of the Horticultural Society.

VEGETABLE PREPARATION FOR THE SHOW: All vegetables should be uniform in colour as well as shape. Wash them in clean water and use a sponge only. Pot plants are not judged by the containers - whatever you are growing your plants in - bring them along.

E Williams

Chairman

Horticultural Society



BATTLEFIELD TOURS by Graham Bound - continued

While 'yomping' para style will be avoided as much as possible, travel between the tiny settlements and battlefields will not be easy or dull. Land rovers will carry the party to Tumbledown Mountain and to Bluff Cove and Fitzroy where the loss of the Welsh Guards on Sir Galahd and Sir Tristram became the major blows of the campaign. Islander aircraft will be used to cover the roadless terrain between Stanley and Goose Green and across the mountains to the Blue Beach military cemetery which lies on the now peaceful and pretty shore of San Carlos of 'Bomb Alley' as it was once known. The visitors will fly across the Falkland Sound where HMS Ardent and Coventry lie beneath fathoms of water, to Pebble Island and the site of the successful SAS raid on an Argentine Pucara aircraft base.

Local opinion appears to approve of the new enterprise, even if it believes that Battlefield Tourism is definitely on the unconventional fringe of the current economic development effort. Des King at the Upland Goose has a practical outlook: "I don't think there is anything wrong with it at all," he said. "The more people who get to know the Falklands the better. I don't know what their attitude is about the people who fought and died, but I approve of anybody coming here for any purpose. And, of course, we need the business."

David Morgan, manager of the Falklands' Tourist board, understands the satisfaction such visits can bring. He readily accepts that the lovingly built memorials, carefully cared for cemeteries and highly evocative battlefields hold considerable interest and poignancy. "I have visited Fitzroy and Sapper Hill for example," said Mr Morgan, "and the memorials there have been tastefully built. I can actually see the cove where the Sir Galahad was hit and yes, as a Welshman, I find it especially moving."

The organisers believe that such visits will be equally moving and worthwhile for tourists and the fully booked pioneer group will soon prove or disprove this. But with Major and Mrs Holt having accepted bookings for a second Falklands pilgrimage holiday in November, the outlook is good.

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<u>CHINNOCK CRASH</u>					

A Chinnoek helicopter crashed two miles north/north west of Mount Pleasant Airfield on Friday 27th, killing all seven RAF personnel from 78 Squadron on board.

The Chinnoek was on a routine operational flight when it suddenly crashed at 3.30 Stanley time in fine weather.

No more details are to be released until the board of enquiry, expected in the Islands early next week, have completed their investigation into the cause of the accident.

This latest blow comes less than a year after a Chinnoek crashed in bad weather on May 13th, killing 3.

FAREWELL TO AMBUSCADE, HELLO TO MINERVA

HMS Minerva, an exocet Leander frigate, has arrived in the Falklands to take over from the now departed Ambuscade in protecting the Falklands.

The Minerva, which took part in the Conflict and which has been back here several times since, is one of the eldest of her Leander class, being 21 years old. "She's a ship of good experience and proven capability" said her Commanding Officer, Commander Hunt.

For one of the 270 strong ships company the Minerva's arrival in the Falklands meant an opportunity to revisit his birthplace. Petty Officer Colin Leton was born in Stanley and left in 1961 as a teenager. Apart from a holiday in 1963 he hasn't been back until now.

REDFIRE IN MINE EXPLOSION

Redfire, E.O.D's remote control mine handling device, was blown up by a mine last Tuesday in an accident on Stanley Common.

The sturdy, tracked vehicle had been deployed in the Rookery Bay area to approach an anti-tank mine when its right hand track set off an anti-personnel mine buried in the ground.

"It was doing the job it was intended for," said E.O.D's Captain Colin King "and its an accepted risk that these accidents will happen. Redfire has successfully handled 396 explosive devices and was well overdue for some sort of mishap in its line of work."

The damage to Redfire was considerable and it is now being examined to see if it can be repaired in the Falklands or whether it will have to be sent back to the U.K.

NOUND ABOUT TOWNBENNY BRITISH FORCES

We have it on the good authority of the London Standard (Diary column 13.1.87) that the Commander British Forces, Kit Layman, is a true friend of the Falklands. According to the Standard, the Admiral's pals at MPA refer to him as a 'wet' - trendy military jargon for one who is happy to fraternise with the natives and help them out from time to time. The officers, with their seemingly obsessive need to render everything down to initials, have been known to refer to Admiral Layman as a B.A.B, an acronym which stands for 'Born Again Benny'. Well, we don't mind.

SEEING HOW THE LAND LAY IN HISTORY....

Land redistribution in the Falklands is a phenomenon of the eighties but the process of breaking up the large absentee owned farms and giving a reasonable number of sheep and acres to the people who actually worked the land, very nearly commenced almost one hundred years ago. It is hard to believe, but American post graduate student Wayne Bernardson, who recently spent some months combing the government archives for material for his doctoral thesis in Geography, has come up with evidence to prove that Governor Goldsworthy urged the large land owners to give up some of their land during the 1890's.

Needless to say, the suggestion did not go down too well among the ranchers, but the sheep barons had to give nominal approval to the scheme when it was pointed out by Goldsworthy that early surveys of the land they occupied had been inaccurate and as a result many were farming up to a third more land than their leases covered.

Having agreed reluctantly and in principle to the idea, the farmers apparently embarked on a rear-guard action that would ensure that none of their valuable land would find its way into the hands of upstart employees. Some farms actually put land up for sale but (surprise, surprise) the asking prices were just a little out of reach of the average shepherd. In those days no loans were available and no land changed hands. To make matters worse, brave Governor Goldsworthy received little or no encouragement from his political chiefs in London, some of whom had probably been approached by worried English owners of Falkland land.

According to the records, Goldsworthy nearly blew his top when he came into possession of a letter which had been written by a land owner to Frederick Cobb of the Falkland Islands Company. "Peasant farming," wrote Robert Nichols, "will not work in the Falklands." Against such a cynical attitude, Goldsworthy could do little and eventually the farmers were able to forget the Governor's dangerous initiative.

But if they could see some of their 'peasants' now wouldn't they be shocked!



BOUND ABOUT TOWN - continuedAMERICANISMS!

Everybody is saying it and it's true: it has been an awful summer. And isn't it just typical that the very worst of the bad weather should coincide with the visits of the cruise ships? When the huge liner SS 'Rotterdam' anchored in Port William (and even that was a bit of a squeeze!), the tourists were ferried ashore in strong winds which gradually built up into the strongest gale of the summer.

The story of the subsequent marooning of several hundred, generally elderly Americans in Stanley, is well known, as are the antics of one intrepid camera buff who insisted on walking through a well marked mine field "just to get a better view of the penguins."

Not recorded, though, are the comments that a few of the wind blown and exhausted visitors passed to locals as they made their way to the refugee centre in Christ Church Cathedral. Feeling no doubt, like a survivor of the Normandy landings, one gentleman asked, "is the war still on?" Another person was approached by a sweet lady who said, with total sincerity, "Gee, I sure feel sorry for you folks." But the prize must surely go to the gentleman who stopped a local near the West Store and asked, "Where's the town?"

The Penguin News welcomes Mollie's Corner, a regular feature for the foreseeable future, in which Mollie Rideout from the Isle of Man, currently staying at Douglas Station, describes her life long ambition to visit the Falklands and her experiences and impressions on realising that ambition in January.

MOLLIE'S CORNER

For many many years I have had the urge to lap up every conceivable snippet of information I could find about the Falkland Islands. On the very rare occasions when there were any programmes on the subject on radio or television, I was all agog to hear every word and see everything possible. My family, knowing of my obsession would yell to me in the kitchen "Come on Mum, it's the Falklands" and I'd rush into the sitting room to see - any chores took a back seat! I just felt an affinity with the way of life and of course longed to visit my dream land but knew that there would never be enough money available: in our way of life, for such a miracle.

About twenty years ago I managed to find a pen friend in the Falklands - Arina. Oh! This was superb. Now I began to hear about real living in the Islands. Then her mother Clara wrote to me and between them I gained so much knowledge of their way of life that I began to feel like a 'Kelper' myself! During the 1982 conflict I had my precious Falklands map on the wall and every morning I would look at it and say "Good morning folks" and giving the map a friendly pat would continue, "Good luck, God bless you". I felt it was all I could do and hoped so hard it would help in some small way.

Two and a half years ago my dear husband, Ron, died quite suddenly and after 41 wonderful years of caring and sharing together I felt absolutely stunned, disorientated and only half a person - a most unreal person too! However - as fellow sufferers know only too well - life has to proceed and gradually I managed to pick up the pieces and start a new life. Ron had so often said that if he died first no way was I to sit morbid and moping; insurance money was to be spent enjoying myself. We'd managed to laugh through many a crisis and he said I was to carry on laughing. A very difficult task! However, by facing it head on, I found that way worked so when my insurance policy finally matured I began to wonder, could I possibly afford a trip to the Falklands?

After much deliberation, plotting and planning, it was all arranged. Oh gosh! The excitement nearly killed me! Never in all my wildest dreaming had I ever really visualised me being here in this wonderful land. I needed (and still need) constant pinches to reassure myself that it was all happening.

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MOLLIE'S CORNER -- continued

I'm not your ordinary tourist - I'm special! I'm not one of these people commenting on the "inhospitable landscape" To me, even the pouring rain and thick squelchy mud that greeted me on arrival on January 20th at Mount Pleasant Airport was great. I just felt I was 'home' and to hell with the weather!

In future weeks I hope to tell you of my impressions and experiences during my long holiday. If Clara has her way, I'm likely to become a most willing captive here on the Islands! How I'm going to say 'farewell', I know not - but that's a few weeks away yet.

Until next time,

Tats for now

Mollie

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS by Andy Ince

The last Simple Solutions article concluded with a request for further information on the technique of cutting glass with a pair of scissors!! No letters! However, further investigation revealed that it is possible. Not, though, the cutting of large sheets or even of thick types of glass but the shaping of picture glass into circular lenses, for torches for example, or even the trimming of small squares etc, is possible.

It is carried out by immersing the piece of glass to be 'cut' or shaped in a bucket of water and small bites with a strong pair of scissors are made at the edge. In this way, a little at a time, shapes can be formed, keeping both glass and scissors immersed all the time.

Having made the point I cannot say that this improves the cutting edges of scissors and exceptional care must be taken regarding the disposal of the glass chips collected in the water. It does work, however, and no doubt in years gone by when replacement parts took months to arrive (not overlooking the fact that it often still happens!) small broken glass items have been replaced using this method.

Perspex is much simpler to use of course, being an acrylic sheet. This can be cut with a tenon saw when used carefully and shaped with a coping saw (or a fret saw) and finished with a file. Altogether much easier (but at near £7 a square foot locally, much more expensive!)

Has anyone a simple solution when dealing with black beetles in the house? It never ceases to amaze me as to the different places these little insects get into. There's nothing worse than having a black beetle wake you up in the middle of the night ~~Cherishing your ear~~, except perhaps, when having a glass of water in the night and swallowing the one (or two) that have been having a party in the glass. How do you deal with them? I will be pleased to hear of your simple solutions.

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S P O R T S   N E W SSOCCER by Patrick Watts

Cup Final Day in Stanley proved to be just as exciting as Cup Final days anywhere else in the world. The pre-match build-up encouraged around 450 shirt-sleeved spectators to the ground and they spread themselves all around the pitch perimeter and on the side of the hill, enjoying the warm summer's afternoon and the match being played to decide the Stanley Knockout Competition.

73 Port Sqdn FIPASS and 16 Field Sqdn Royal Engineers were escorted onto the field by a piper from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders before being introduced to Rear Admiral Layman, Commander British Forces and Mr Derek Ferneyhough, the Government Secretary. Supporters of both teams quickly bought their stocks of beer from the Club Bar, while the youngsters armed themselves with coke and crisps as the match kicked off.

As expected 16 Sqdn set up a series of fierce attacks but found the opposing defence in determined mood. Ross, Brett and Cundick repeatedly made last second tackles to foil 16's forwards, while behind them, Mabbutt in goal brought forth several rounds of applause with his excellent goal-keeping. One save with his feet was particularly memorable, when a goal seemed certain. On 22 minutes 73 Port forced a corner - it wasn't cleared and Taff James headed the ball towards the goal, where Brown got a touch before the ball entered the net. It could have been an 'own goal' but the officials gave it to James.

The second half continued in much the same pattern as the first, with 16 attacking but rarely looking as if they would score the couple of goals needed to win the match. Probert was always dangerous in the air, while Reeves, scorer of two goals in the semi-finals took a knock which slowed him down. Brett won almost everything in the air for 73 Port, who always looked dangerous when the opportunity came to break clear themselves. With just 10 minutes remaining the crucial moment of the match appeared. Leigh, 16's captain, passed the ball back to his goal-keeper Turner who allowed the ball to run through his outstretched legs and roll agonisingly over the line and into the net.

16 Sqdn's supporters could hardly believe it, while 73's danced and sang and once again unfurled their many banners. Minutes later 16 were awarded a penalty when Ball handled and was booked for disputing the referee's decision, but Fenty took no notice of the protests and hit the ball safely past Mabbutt. 2-1 and little time remaining for the Engineers who have been nearly 4 months in the Falklands involved in the big 'clean-up' operation. Try as they might, they couldn't force the equaliser and 73 Port's supporters ran onto the field as the final whistle went, to acclaim their heroes.

Mabbutt not unnaturally was declared 'man of the match', while his opposite number Turner of 16 had a nightmare game. He failed to cut out the corner which resulted in the first goal and then made the fatal error of taking his eye off the ball and allowing a very soft 'own goal'. Brown was 16's top player on the day with his non-stop display, while all the winners' back four deserve top rating for their performance, with perhaps Brett just edging out his compatriots. Corporal Steve Pike and his two excellent linesmen received mementos of the occasion while 73 Port took the trophy and each man received a medal. Falklands pens went to the losers.

Earlier as a 'curtain raiser' to the big match, Stanley took unofficial third place by beating 12 Field Sqdn, the other semi final losers by 3-2. Stanley, a goal down scored three times to put the match beyond doubt, with an 'own goal', a Jamie Peck special and a third by Gonzalo Hobman who caught the opposing goal-keeper well off his line with a long range effort. A good performance by the local side, their best ever in the Knockout Tournament. Darren Livermore just edged out Alan Steen as the top Stanley player overall but the red-haired youngster won the plaudits of all who watched his play with his strong tackling and vision when distributing the ball.

The Knockout Competition brought spectators back to football in Stanley and Cup Final Day will long be remembered.

In the local League, Dynamo and Celtic will play-off in a 3 match series to decide the trophy. Dynamos lost only 1 game throughout the league season but under a new rule, the two top teams play-off. In the last scheduled fixture James Peck, Darren Clifton and Dale McCormick scored the goals which gave Dynamos a 3-0 victory over Celtic.



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## FIGAS SOARS TO THE OCCASION

The recent strong gales which shook the Islands without respite from the evening of Friday 6th March to the morning of 9th March left FIGAS with an acute case of that Monday Morning feeling: rather than its usual daily average of 25 passengers there was an accumulation of 140 waiting to be air lifted and it is to the Air Service's credit that the majority of them were.

For the first time in many years, FIGAS had been unable to fly for two consecutive days because of the high winds which had left many Camp Sports revellers marooned: amongst them teachers, nurses, policemen and FIGAS pilots, all expected on duty by Monday morning.

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In addition to that load, 55 Camp children were due back in Stanley after a week's holiday and sixteen battlefield tourists wanted transport. But with cross winds gusting 58 knots (Force 11) in Stanley alone and up to 71 knots (force 12) in Camp, the Islander planes were understandably grounded.

With the wind having calmed by Monday, it was FIGAS' turn for action. Two pilots were collected from Camp by the earliest flights before the full team of four started on their long day, working in shifts to make eleven flights as opposed to the usual two or three, using all three Islanders.

Passengers arriving at Stanley airfield were treated to scenes worthy of Heathrow with the planes scarcely having taxied to a halt before the ground crew were upon them to prepare for the next flight.

"It was a tremendous team effort," said FIGAS' Gerald Cheek, "and I feel we overcame the problem well enough."

By the end of the day, the combined efforts of all involved had ensured that a total of 120 passengers had been moved with the remainder flown the following day.

STANLEY AIRPORT RUNWAY

A programme of restoration is to be carried out at Stanley Airport for completion by next summer. This follows Operation Flogger under which 25 Engineer Regiment have removed the engineering stores, defence works and hangars from the former RAF station.

As part of this restoration, the Ministry of Defence have agreed to refurbish the runway which will be used not only by Islander aircraft but also by the Dornier aerial surveillance aircraft. Neither aircraft requires the full length of the existing runway and so with the agreement of the Falkland Islands Government and the United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority, a shorter length is to be restored.

The surplus runway is to be denied to unauthorised aircraft through the construction of semi-permanent obstacles. Work on these obstacles has already started. In agreeing to this work being carried out, the FIG accepted the advice of the Commander BFFI, given to Executive Council at its meeting on 22 December 1986, that a reduction in the length of Stanley Airport runway was essential to the security of the Islands. Opportunity was also taken to brief the majority of Councillors at an informal meeting on 25 February.

Secretariat Press Release.

THE FLOWER, VEGETABLE AND HOME PRODUCE SHOW

This year's Horticultural Society Show had faced tough competition itself before it had even got underway: first from what many have said must be the worst summer on record and then, recently, from the recent gales which apparently proved the final and fatal assault on many potential exhibits.

The problems and disappointments for the Islands' green-fingered community certainly meant that last Saturday's show in the Gymnasium was perhaps less impressive in terms of quantity and variety than last year's but as the organisers were quick to point out considerable effort had been made by those who did enter and their contribution was greatly appreciated.

"Considering the season we've had it's been a good turn out," said the Society's Secretary Owen Summers, "and we are very encouraged. In fact the number of entries from Camp have been as good, if not better, than last year, especially from West Falkland."

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FLOWER, VEGETABLE AND HOME PRODUCE SHOW - continued

West Falkland's marked contribution was perhaps made in response to the challenge made by Horticultural Society Chairman, Mr Williams, in the last issue of Penguin News - were Westers going to allow the Hunt Trophy, awarded for most points received from a Camp exhibit, go to East Falkland for the third year running? No was the obvious reply with West Falkland's efforts rewarded by the Hunt Trophy going to Mrs Marion Betts of Boundary Farm.

Prizes were given by Mr Derek Furneyhough in a simple ceremony in the evening. In his speech afterwards, Mr Williams thanked exhibitors for their effort and said that they had "given the Society encouragement to carry on."

After the prize giving, all vegetables, cakes, flowers, sweets, bread and buns were collected together and teacher Peter Felton leapt on to a table to start one of the most popular events of the Show; the auctioning of produce. His spirited and amusing performance, worthy of a true barrow boy, put everyone in the mood and bidding was brisk and determined. On the higher scale, fresh vegetable naturally proved to be at a premium with a small box of tomatoes going for £14.50 whilst a larger collection of vegetables fetched £21.50.

If the group of children present couldn't match the adults' purchasing power they certainly equalled their enthusiasm with rapid bids of 5p and 1p made for a variety of sweet and sticky items.

Late arrivals to the auction were crew members from the recently arrived Schooner Anne, who were in search of fresh produce. Their last supply of fresh provisions had been taken at the Russian Antarctic base where she Soviets had given them bread and mangoes. Now the schooner crew found themselves vying with cheerful Falkland children for an iced lemon cake and a bag of buns.

The auction and the Show proved a popular event with everyone who visited the Gymnasium on Saturday afternoon and proved that it would take more than a lacklustre summer and couple of gales to deter most of the Horticultural Society's supporters.

(Full list of the prize winners will be in the next issue of Penguin News)

SEDCO'S SMOOTH CREW CHANGE

The American airliner involved in the crew change for the exploratory drilling ship, SEDCO BP 471, arrived at Mount Pleasant Airport on 12 March with all the organisers involved in the potentially difficult operation delighted with how smoothly it went.

Although the number of visitors in transit (222 in all) was not much larger than some Tristair loads, the international organisation working on SEDCO, Ocean Drilling, sent a variety of nationalities through the Falklands' Immigration desk: British, Americans, Germans, French, Danish, Dutch, Spanish Portuguese and Philipinos.

The 107 newcomers were taken from the Movements Area at MPA to East Cove in buses provided by the military where they were shown around the 471 ft long SEDCO by the previous crew of 115 who were then taken back to the Airport for the Boeing's return flight to Houston via Rio de Janeiro.

Robert Olivas of Ocean Drilling's Logistical and Technical Support said: "Mount Pleasant was very convenient for a crew change because we didn't have to spend so much time; ship's time and valuable science time, travelling to some place else. Normally we would have had to go to Buenos Aires and use six days there and six days back."

Ocean Drilling is an international non-commercial, scientific organisation established to determine the history of oceanic basins and to make a geological survey of the world with all findings to be released world wide. The SEDCO has been doing exploratory work in the Weddell Sea and is now to work in the South Atlantic Ocean before making its next port of call in Mauritius.

GVERNOR'S RETURN DELAYED

His Excellency The Governor will now be returning to the Falklands from leave on 24th March and not on 16th as previously expected. The delay is due to a conference of British Ambassadors to Latin American countries in Mexico City which Governor Jewkes will attend to represent Falkland interests.

SCHOONER ANNE SAILS INTO STANLEY

The latest arrival in a long line of boats which have visited Stanley Harbour is the schooner Schooner Anne which has arrived en route from the Antarctic to West Indies.

Skipper and owner, Reid Stowe, from New York, a boat builder by trade with interests in painting and sculpting, designed and built his vessel ten years ago using designs common at the turn of the century but constructing his modern model from steel and fibre glass.

The boat's crew consists of two Americans, an Alaskan, a Canadian, two New Zealanders and one French woman.

HOUSING SURVEY ORGANISED

Following the recent outcry over Stanley's accommodation situation, a housing survey is being organised by the Traders Association in an attempt to clarify the current housing situation and to secure some much needed statistics.

Under the joint slogan 'Help the Community', 'Help the Government' the introduction to the Survey reads: "As there appears to be a gap in the overall picture of all aspects of the present situation as regards the accommodation available and that required, the committee of the association (Falkland Islands Traders Association) decided to conduct a completely independent survey.

"This background information will be presented to FIG, FIDC and Councillors to provide a basis upon which to formulate housing policies and build schemes."

Phil Middleton of the Traders Association said that his committee had been prompted to conduct the survey in a response to "the general concern about the housing situation."

"The initial response to the idea has been favourable. Most people have said they're glad that someone is seen to be doing something. We shall just have to wait and see what the practical response is...."

EXECUTIVE'S COUNCIL'S LAST MEETING

Executive Council met on Tuesday 19 March and discussed the following points:

- TAX CONCESSIONS FOR JOINT VENTURE COMPANIES

Exco looked at present tax laws and their effect on joint venture companies, worried that current tax procedures would offer little inducement to FIG's partners in the companies to keep the profits in the Islands. The Council agreed in principle to grant the companies some form of tax exemption on the basis that only 10% of profits are remitted and the rest retained in the Falkland Islands for various investments.

Looking at taxation in general, Exco decided that the changes in the Falklands' economic circumstances, resulting from the fisheries regime, warranted a general study into the whole taxation system. There are no plans however to abolish income tax as has been suggested by some sources.

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PENGUIN POST BOX

PO Box 178, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

David Taylor  
Acting Governor  
The Secretariat  
Stanley

5th March 1987

Madam,

I am happy to answer your editorial "Hello..Anybody There?" (Issue No.94). Indeed, I feel I must. I should, however, be grateful to know the facts on which you base your very sweeping criticisms of FIG.

In the two very different issues cited, that of the visit of the Sedco-BP and FIG policy on housing, far from being arrogant, blase or insensitive in the lack of information it has produced, Government has seemed to me to have done everything that can reasonably be expected of it in each circumstance, both by way of consulting Councillors and informing the public.

In the case of the Sedco BP, no change of Government policy was involved in admitting her to Mare Harbour or the American Jumbo to MPA. It is FIG and FCO policy to allow landings by civilian airlines and visits by merchant vessels provided that there is no defence risk. The decision to allow entry was a routine one, taken as long ago as January 1986 in answer to a request by the Ocean Drilling Programme. The visit is not until 10-12 March. In the meantime questions by Councillors and the press have been answered quite straightforwardly and helpfully whenever they have been asked.

In the case of housing policy in relation to immigrants, the decision was taken by Executive Council on 26 May 1986 and confirmed without dissent by the Housing Committee on 12 September after they had received a lengthy document, "FIG Housing Policy", of which all Executive and Legislative Council Members also have a copy. The decision was explained by Mr Jewkes on FIBS. The issue itself has arisen as a result of a programme on FIBS based on information supplied by Government.

These issues aside, your editorial demonstrates either a woeful ignorance of the facts of Government or a wilful refusal to take them into account. Elected Councillors, not colonial officials, are effectively responsible for all decisions of internal government policy, through Executive Council, through Legislative Council and through Standing Finance Committee. The British Government have responsibility for foreign affairs and defence and you will, I think, agree that it could hardly be otherwise. Even in these areas Elected Councillors are scrupulously consulted.

Executive Council and Standing Finance Committee decisions are regularly reported on FIBS. Legislative Council debates and questions are heard on FIBS virtually in full. In between Legislative Council meetings Elected Councillors can put down written questions at any time. When there are events of particular significance, such as the Gimenez visit, or the recent news of exchanges on fisheries, great care is taken to provide local journalists and the public with the facts. You, Madam, regularly visit my office for briefings.

The blunt truth, however, is that none of the effort which FIG puts into telling people about its policies and decisions will be of the slightest use unless people themselves make an effort to keep themselves informed. Much of the burden of answering people's questions must fall on Councillors and they must expect to do this more and more as, with the development of the economy, the government of the Islands becomes ever more complicated. I and other officials will do everything possible to keep them informed; we are ourselves invariably accessible. Penguin News, Madam, also has a most important part to play. It could begin now by getting the facts right.

Yours faithfully

David Taylor  
Acting Governor



PENGUIN POST BOX - continued

Stanley

13 March 1987

Madam,

Your editorial of 28th February was the most constructive and worthy piece of writing in Penguin News for a very long time. It has needed to be said for a very long time now, since Sir Rex Hunt left these shores in fact, that we the people are told nothing and worse still, our Councillors are being treated like school boys by the Foreign Office. Why weren't our councillors at least told, if not consulted, over the decision to allow an American aircraft to land at Mount Pleasant. No one opposes the move but at least our representatives should have been informed. We hear on the local radio news programme that "it was a joint MOD/FIG decision" Who governs the Islands now? The Foreign Office official at Government House? Councillors admitted they were not informed.

We experienced a long and tasteless period of being kept in the dark by the Administration, which fortunately ceased when the former Governor made it a policy to inform the Councillors and the people. What a disgrace to have officials making urgent flights to Camp to tell Councillors that 'secret contacts' been Argentine and British officials were in fact taking place when previously all knowledge of this had been denied.

We must be informed, if not directly from the Governor then at least through our Councillors who must demand to be kept in touch with events. I can understand their reasons for wishing to remain quiet, considering that they look such fools when these important announcements are first heard from the BBC but they must forget this and press the Administration to be told what is going on.

Yours faithfully,

A.N. Other Benny

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FALKLANDS MILL INTO A NEW PHASE

During the past two and a half years of building and establishing the Falkland Mill at Fox Bay Village, a new industry and new skills have been brought to the Falkland Islands. A small, highly mechanised plant has been established producing about 200 kgs of spun wool per week. During this establishment phase the current staff and management have worked extremely hard to learn a completely new business.

The Mill is now going to enter a new phase. A new Director and General Manager with extensive experience in spinning, dying and Mill management will be joining the staff with the aim of substantially increasing production, stream lining the commercial administration and developing overseas sales outlets. A major element of the new Director and General Manager's brief will be to pass on his knowledge and expertise to the Mill staff and particularly to Richard and Griz Cockwell.

The new position is planned to be for a two year period and is designed to establish the long term future for the Mill.

(FIDC Press Release)

PENGUIN POST BOX - continuedManybranch Farm  
Port Howard  
West Falklands

1st March 1987

Dear Madam,

I was shocked and amazed recently to hear of the anti-British immigrant attitude amongst a number (small I hope) of Stanley residents.

How narrow minded, backward-thinking, undemocratic, bigoted and down right racist some are: they make me ashamed to be a fifth generation Kelper. They show their total lack of intelligent thought. Where would our health and education services be for a start without U.K immigrant staff? We would have no fishing zone either; where do the patrol staff come from? The list is almost endless.

The one thing these Islands need above all is more PEOPLE. People who are prepared to work and build for a better future; not back-bite, laze about, moan and criticise those who do make a go of their enterprise. Some admittedly cannot help themselves, through no fault of their own and that is where we need better social welfare, but for the majority of you, the only reason you feel a second class citizen chaf is probably because you are too idle, lazy and lacking in initiative to do anything else. The opportunities are HERE, you are HERE and the law of economics is that if you don't do it then somebody will come in and do it. Nowadays, with FIDC, a proper Bank etc, if you show the initiative, you can do it.

God forbid that these Islands should ever revert to the pre-1982 'way of life' - stagnation, class distinction, little opportunity etc etc.

We have a great opportunity in the Islands now, there are NOT enough of us to do everything: one only has to look at the shambles in Stanley to see that. We need more people and badly. I see nothing wrong either with the Foreign fishing firms etc owning and using property in Stanley - after all they are bringing money in aren't they? You cannot have it both ways and they have no wish to see Argentina in here either.

I dread to think how some Stanleyites' narrow attitudes are being received amongst the British public who backed us in 1982 with LIVES AND MONEY. Do you perhaps want the Argies back?

Yours in disgust at some fellow Islanders,

Tim Miller

Dear Madam,

There does seem to be a lot of criticism flying around the Islands these days! ARC, FIGAS, OSAS, FIG, FIC etc have all seemed now to assume the same sort of significance attached to political terrorist groups around the world, being put on the same semantic footing as the IRA, PLG and FIDC! (Apologies to FIDC!)

Although it is very difficult indeed to maintain a sense of humour in many situations, its value cannot be underrated as a curative. However, there have been views expressed in these pages and commonly aired, which appear to demonstrate acute xenophobia. One of the problems that a society such as ours here has to cope with is that when such views are aired in such an extremist fashion, the effect on the society is one of polarisation of views. People are forced to take sides, to 'join in' with the views of the day. The more moderate middle of the road and common sense views tend to be trampled down and unheard in the rush to jump on bandwagons of one sort or another

So, let us not lose our sense of perspective on current issues. Let's remember that hundreds of people died for these islands and many more have come down to add to the melting-pot their talents, leaving 8,000 miles behind them, family

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friends and possessions. We should represent a mixture of cultures and skills as the majority of people see it, rather than trying to fuel a clash of cultures as some seem to be doing.

After all, we are all working to the one common goal and mistakes or even apparent rudeness should be treated with a touch of forgiveness if it hurts and a smile that excuses clumsy ignorance if it doesn't. If the cap fits, wear it!

Anonymous

(For reasons of wishing to stay well clear of flak, shrapnel etc...)

EDITOR'S NOTE

The following is a letter which the Acting Governor, David Taylor sent to Lawrence Blizzard in response to a petition regarding the employment of vets. It is reproduced here for general information.

David Taylor  
Secretariat  
Stanley

4th March 1987

Dear Mr Blizzard,

Thank you for your letter of 24th February and the enclosed petition. I have also seen your letter of the same date to Mr Dickson. I am answering them both in this letter.

I quite understand your and other pet owners' concern. I must ask you in turn to understand that ARC is not now responsible for providing a vet. Neil Pullan himself was employed primarily to do research but when he arrived there was no FIG vet and he was therefore also expected to do clinical work. Once Denis Lampard arrived as the FIG vet it became mainly his responsibility to then do clinical work, although Neil Pullan naturally helped him when he could.

ARC's present requirement is for a parasitologist who can devote his attentions solely to research. Mr Dickson explained this to a majority of Councillors when he met them on 4th February; his explanations were understood and accepted by Councillors and are entirely supported by me. Councillors, however, did think that FIG should try to ensure that there was always veterinary cover in the Islands by arranging for a locum to come out when the FIG vet was on leave. This obviously makes sense and I would expect Executive Council to confirm this view when we meet early in March.

As you and other petitioners will be aware, the presence of two vets in the Islands is both a relatively recent and, as I have explained, temporary situation which was not intended to become permanent. It cannot be justified on a permanent basis.

I do not propose to get into a debate about what Mr Dickson did or did not say; what needs to be appreciated is that there is a difficult conflict of interest for a vet who is primarily involved in research if he is also required, as his professional call demands, to treat sick animals. Of course, it would be unthinkable for him not to deal with an emergency: the difficulty is that he would also feel obliged to answer other calls of a more routine nature and this would inevitably interfere with his main research task.

Yours faithfully,

David Taylor  
Acting Governor

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Penguin Post Box is the page for you to air your views on any subject which you feel should concern others. The Penguin News reserves the right to edit letters and we would like to point out that the opinions expressed on this page are not necessarily shared by the editorial staff. We do not insist that letters are signed.

BOUND AROUND TOWNTAX FREE FISHING

I should not have been surprised to learn that the government propose to let locally registered fishing companies involved in joint ventures with the Development Corporation, function without paying taxes. After all, UK construction companies working on projects since 1982 have enjoyed all sorts of tax-free privileges. The construction company policy was controversial enough but at least we knew that we were not supposed to be making money out of these concerns; rather we hoped to benefit at the end of many months with tangible developments such as roads and hospitals.

However, I had assumed that our fishing industry was supposed to deliver us much needed money. Tax free conditions for the fishing companies do not, therefore, make much sense. It seems, in short, to be misguided and indicative of weakness in the administration. The acting Governor has explained that it is hoped that companies will spend more of their money in the Islands if there is no discouraging tax burden. There is no reason to assume that this reasoning is correct. The local concerns, which will still have parent companies overseas, will spend only when strictly necessary, regardless of whether tax is being paid. They will not be so touched by our generosity that they are going to lose touch with the shrewd business thinking which brought them here. It is more likely that they will laugh at our naivete.

As a businessman friend of mine recently remarked: "most of us have been spending money in the Islands for years now, but I hear of no tax concessions for us." Quite. If these new businesses are to pay no tax, I sincerely hope that they will not expect to use the services and facilities which we ordinary folk pay many pounds to support. I also hope that our Legislative Councillors will not allow this concession to be bulldozed through the chamber.

UNION BOSS BOWS OUT

General Employees Union doyen, Terry Betts, is to leave the worker's federation on the 18th of this month. Terry, who has served for a number of years as the Union Chairman and frequently found his negotiating position at odds with his job in the local administration of the Falklands Islands Company, will be replaced by young and upcoming activist Gavin Short. The new Chairman achieved an unopposed nomination for the position.

Terry Betts will also leave the FIC where he has headed the Works Department to assume a new position as operations manager for the Sullivan Shipping Agency; a Development Corporation-motivated joint venture. The company, in which the FIDC enjoys a 51% share, will be in direct competition with the Falkland Islands Company, which until now has revelled in a monopoly of the shipping agency business. Sullivan Ltd will soon have its own harbour launch and start work with the ships of the Spanish fishing fleet and those of a few other countries.

It is rumoured that Terry Betts, who was, of course, recently elected to Legco, will be given honorary membership of the Union which he has helped, through a mixture of restraint and determination, to achieve significant improvements in wages and working conditions.

MAN: DOG'S BEST FRIEND

Ben Claxton, the Crown Agents' top-dog on the new water distribution project, recently set up home in Stanley and, as he is to be here for a few years, the engineer quickly sent for his wife and pet dogs (in that order, we trust). Mrs Claxton arrived in Stanley in short order, and all the necessary arrangements were made for the pooches (three of them, no less) to travel on

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later. That part of the plan, however, was not quite as simple. You see the dogs are not a mere 8,000 miles away in the U.K, but in South Africa where the Claxtons lived prior to their Falkland posting. Consequently the animals are now facing a voyage by sea and air, via the UK, of approximately 16,000 miles.

It's nice to know that the traditional relationship between man and dog works both ways.

Graham Bound

MOLLIE'S CORNER - 2

I actually live in the Isle of Man which, on a map, is a tiny dot right in the middle of the Irish Sea. No-one has even heard of it south of a line from Manchester to Liverpool. Those words have a familiar ring - can you recall then the Falklands was notorious for its lack of identity? (no, thanks all the same, we'd rather not have Conflict to put us on the map!)

When news began to spread of my imminent departure to these Islands, various reactions were quite funny. Some folks with serious faces and obvious concern enquired, "Did you lose a son there dear?", "No, thank goodness". Others asked, "What on earth are you going to that God forsaken place for?". My answer to that? "I don't think God forsook it at all." Then came "What ever will you find to do there?" "Masses of things." Next question: "Have you friends there?" "Yes a pen friend" Gasp - "A pen friend? Crikey! How will you know her. Supposing when you get there you don't like her?" "Well, we've been writing to each other for 18 years - of course I know her very well and her likes and dislikes are virtually similiar to mine." People really do say such funny things.

I have four sons, one daughter and eight grandchildren. Yes, I'm a poor old pensioner - aged 64 in case it is of any interest - but relatively young at heart and fairly active for such an 'old codger'. My eldest son offered to drive me to Brize Norton from Cambridge (where I'd been staying a few days with him and his family). Excitement was building to fever pitch by now and soon I was off and away, out of the terribly snowy weather we'd been experiencing.

I was fortunate in having an excellent travelling companion for the flight. This very kind, young man named Chris looked after me very well during the whole journey. It would be so good to see him and his companions again during their four month spell here, to see how they are liking the Islands. Their first impressions revealed long faces and "Oh, so this is it eh?" but I'm sure they are by now having kinder thoughts for their temporary home. How I would love to see inside MPA. It is such a vast complex, in fact 'town' would describe it better. I have an exceptionally inquisitive mind and know a young R.A.F chappy possibly heading this way in a few months and it would be good to tell him what to expect.

On our arrival at Mount Pleasant I soon saw Clara at the other end of the barrier where all incoming passengers were gathering. I'd managed to rescue my baggage and large box of goodies quite quickly and pass through passport and customs control. I'd been slightly apprehensive about my second name of 'Inez'. Being Spanish, I had visions of it causing me to be refused entry to my favourite country, having actually reached it!

My meeting with Clara was ecstatic but I was soon being hustled into 'Bob's wonderful new taxi' before our tears of joy added to the already flooded landscape. Good luck to Bob in this very enterprising venture, you deserve to succeed. The journey to Port Stanley was just super.- but more next time.

Tats for now,

Mollie

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING - continued

## - SENIOR SCHOOL EXTENSION

The Cathedral Church Council suggested that in return for the Falkland Islands Government being given the church hall plot for the Senior School extension, to government should provide some additional facilities to enable the Church to use it as well, such as a kitchen.

## - SEWERAGE SERVICES

Until now the FIG have provided electricity and water supplies to the edges of property but no sewerage facilities. The government has now agreed to pay up to £2,500 for sewerage connections to new homes with any extra expenditure to be split 50/50 between the home owner/builder and FIG. All this on condition that the building has planning approval.

## - SALE OF PORT HOWARD

Port Howard became the property of FIG on 1st February for the sum of £750,000 paid out of aid funds. The farm will be sold to a new company owned partly by Councillor Robin Lee, Rodney Lee, partly by employees of the farm and FIDC. Some of the farm's activities, i.e the dairy will be sold to individuals as commercial concerns.

## - BREWSTER HOSPITAL CONVERSION

Bill Hills, Director of Public Works, outlined to Exco plans for the conversion of the present Brewster hospital building to provide seven small single bed-sitters, essentially for single people.

## - NEW PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM FOR FIG

Broadsheet Associates Public Relations have been accepted by the Falklands Islands Government to handle their public relations.

## - DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES

Peter Derham who was in the Falklands overseeing the implementation of the fisheries regime until his return to the UK at the end of February will return to Stanley to become Director of Fisheries from 1st April for six months.

Exco agreed the terms for his position. After his six month contract here Mr Derham will remain as a consultant for the fisheries enterprise on a retainer basis, based in the U.K.

NORTH ARM POLO MATCH

A popular feature of the North Arm Sports Week was the polo tournament in which three local teams and one from BFFI, contested for the overall title.

The final between North Arm 1 and BFFI was well fought with North Arm eventually clinching the title in a 2-1 victory.

WEST FALKLAND SPORTS NEWS by Patrick Watts

The West Falklands Sports week held at Port Stephens for the second time in five years, will be remembered for being a warm, hospitable meeting, continuing the long traditions associated with the West Falklands community when hosting sports meetings or otherwise.

Ann and Peter Robertson and the people of Port Stephens went out of their way to ensure that 1987 would be every bit as good as 1982, as apart from the horse-racing events where entries were down, their expectations proved totally founded.

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WEST FALKLAND SPORTS NEWS - continued - by Patrick Watts

Visiting television crews from England and Germany could hardly believe their eyes as nearly sixty people sat down in any available place to eat at the 'big house' on Wednesday, following the sheep shearing competition. The men surprised them even further as in addition to the customary beef, mutton and lamb, huge red tomatoes, green peppers, courgettes and fresh lettuce were produced, all locally grown from a large polyhouse on the farm.

It was pleasing to have jockies and horses from many West farms on this occasion. Raymond Evans of Pebble Island probably had the longest and most tiresome journey having left his Island fully five days before the events began, stopping off to pick up other competitors at Main Point, Hill Cove and Fox Bay on the way to Stephens. Windy but warm weather assisted the travellers on their long journey and this weather continued throughout the week only breaking late on Friday after the steer riding competition had been completed earlier than planned to avoid the gale force winds which were correctly forecasted.

As always, the dog trial competition began the week's events. The new course was generally favoured by the 26 handlers, although it proved a little difficult to put a dog out on a right hand cast owing to the close proximity of a fence. Not unexpectedly Les Morrison from Port Howard proved to be in a class of his own, or at least his dog Bounce kept up Les's reputation as a top class handler. It was difficult to fault Bounce on any aspect of his work and indeed one judge docked him just one point. Ian Hansen's 'Fleet' worked well throughout and continued his progress which was first evident at Hill Cove, while Les Morrison's Luck, a novice entrant, gained enough points not only to win this section but also to force his way into third place in the Open competition.

Brothers Stewart and Michael Alzaia fought out the minor placings in the Novice with Stewart's 'Luke' coming second and Mike's 'Rose' taking third. Mike won the Novice Dog Handlers prize.

The battle for top jockey of the meeting was always going to be between Raymond Evans and Ron Rozee of Fox Bay West. Raymond's three horses, Charmaine, Dusk and the unbeaten Sheena, all bred from imported blood, were expected to gain him many points. They did, as he took seven first places but Ron Rozee's Beagle proved unbeatable and coupled with two firsts from Despataze, including the Maiden Plate, and valuable points from the previously unheralded Alec, Ron and Raymond came to the last race locked in battle with 25 points each.

Beagle celd off Dusk's challenge with ease and Imperial Prince ridden by Tony Hirtle edged into second place so giving the Fox Bay jockey a two point lead and the Championship for the first time ever.

Beagle also retained the Governors Cup, easily beating off all opposition, including Charmaine, last year's Maiden Plate winner which Raymond Evans elected to run as opposed to Dusk which gave Beagle such a thrilling race last year.

Sheena, another of Raymond's trio proved unbeatable over the short distance and has remained unbeaten for three years, but has never met Beagle and is unlikely to do so unless Ron Rozee decides to run his champion purposely in a short race sometime in the future.

Much in the way in which the horses sired from imported stallions took over on East Falklands a few years ago, a similar pattern is emerging on the West. There was little for the troop of horses to win. Leon Marsh won the Falkland Island Bred Maiden Plate on Silhouette, while 18 year old Shamrock, a Port Stephens horse, took the 500 yards under Paul Robertson's guidance. Davina Peck of Hill Cove had a successful meeting, winning two Ladies Races on Black and Marble respectively. Tony Hirtle's Imperial Prince which gave Beagle a close race in the Champion took the Falkland Islands Bred 800. Little Mandy McRae riding her own horse Venetia took the prize for jockies under 14 while the more experienced Leon Berntsen brought Tornadora home in the Consolation Race.

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At the Annual General meeting of the West Falkland sports Association, the members gave their support to a joint meeting in Stanley at Christmas time to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the capital's Association. Both Raymond Evans and Ron Rozee pledged to take their champions to Stanley so some exciting confrontations are in prospect.

In all, thirty different horses won prizes and 13 jockies featured in the prize list.

1st: Ron Rozee (25 points)  
2nd: Raymond Evans (23 points)  
3rd: Davina Peck & Tony Hirtle (7 points each)

With the sun pouring down and visitors arriving by the hour from Stanley, the Sheep Shearing competition in the Shed attracted more attention than normal. With the only prospect of filming shearing, now that the season is over, the television crews generally got in everyone's way and seemed to concentrate on the less experienced men, but no one really moaned too much, least of all Robbie Maddox who once again proved that producing a neat, well finished job without sacrificing this ability for speed can still triumph when the pressure is on. He and most of the other competitors expressed a view that Port Stephens' sheep were "very soft and cut easily" and they were not making excuses.

In the preliminary round Roy Smith was the fastest, finishing his three sheep in 4 minutes 20 seconds but despite losing no points for speed he lost too many 'on the board'. Leon Marsh, the second fastest, qualified for the final by keeping his second cuts down with Murray Jack and Paul Peck being the other surprise finalists.

Robbie Maddox took the 'Best Pen of Sheep' prize yet again with just five points deducted. In the final, the old master was in a class of his own, finishing twenty points ahead of the runner-up Leon Marsh who lost 75 points. Murray Jack edged into third place, losing 81 with the fourth man, Paul Peck having 83 points deducted. Mention should be made of the fact that Peck lost only eleven points in the pen to Maddox's 12 but the big difference was on 'the board' - 40 to 64 in the winner's favour.

Hill Cove Manager Tim Blake was quite sure that the standard of shearing had improved yet further over the last year and the scores would support his view.

As always the Gymkhana events provided some excellent entertainment for the crowd. Riding skills were very much to the fore in the jousting, musical chairs, military race and back-to-front. Leon Berntsen, Paul Peck, Paul Robertson and Ron Rozee seemed to feature prominently in every race, while Roy 'haggis' McGhee proved yet again to be the champion sprinter, winning the 100 yards and 440.

Peter Nightingale won the mile for the third time in succession and after announcing plans to retire he has decided to try for a fourth consecutive victory at Port Howard in 1988 as a new trophy is being put up.

It is very unusual to find a top jockey excelling also at Steer Riding but Ron Rozee seems to be able to combine the two arts with considerable ease. His victory at Port Stephens, his eleventh in steer riding, was comfortably achieved on a fairly rough steer which made life more difficult for the rider by heading down hill towards a gorse bush. The victor picked up points for using his spurs and his style and just managed to complete the required ten seconds.

Other unofficial events were squeezed into the week's programme to provide non-stop entertainment. HMS Dunbarton Castle beat a local team by 5-3 at soccer with Murray Jack scoring all the goals for the losers. A motor cycle competition was organised and with gale force winds forcing many visitors to remain on the settlement over the weekend, a darts tournament was hastily

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WEST FALKLAND SPORTS NEWS by Patrick Watts - continued

organised, attracting 26 entrants. Michael 'Tex' Alazia, the hot favourite maintained his top ranking by beating Derek Clarke 2-0 in the final. Tony Alazia took third place. Lucy Ellis on the ladies competition beating Thirza Radford 2-1 in the final.

Dances every night were very well attended and it was pleasing to see some of the traditional steps being reintroduced and the old favourites such as the Statue Waltz, Elimination Dance and Crossing the River, bringing much humour to the occasion.

A proposal to introduce a daily board and lodging tariff for visitors was strongly defeated at the general meeting. "The West Falkland people welcome visitors to their sports and long may this tradition continue" said Mrs Ann Robertson to much applause. Her words echoed the approach which prevailed throughout the week at Port Stephens, particularly as many homes were forced to feed and accommodate many visitors over the weekend owing to the gale force winds which understandably kept the local Islander aircraft at home.

The people of Port Howard have offered to host the 1988 meeting and with the settlement having a long history as a social and sporting centre, a large attendance is already forecast.

NO FORTOSER, BUT CRAB TO MAKE A COME BACK?

The Board of SWB Fisheries Ltd, a joint venture of Stanley Fisheries Ltd and Witte Boyd (Holdings) Ltd, today announced that it intends to invest in and develop the crab fishery in the coastal waters up to three miles off the Falkland Islands.

This development is the natural extension of the recently completed research and development project into the inshore fisheries undertaken by Fortoser Ltd on behalf of FIDC.

Whilst Fortoser Ltd themselves will not be directly involved in the commercial exploitation of the fishery and the Coastel Pioneer will be returning to the UK, it is hoped that many of their staff will decide to stay on and work for the new venture.

SWB Fisheries Ltd has agreed to project to develop the fishery. Its first task will be to obtain 2 purpose-built West Country crab vessels and ship them to the Islands. Whilst the initial emphasis will be on crab processing it is planned to process other species, including squid, in the near future.

(SWB Press Release)

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POLICE INVESTIGATE SEAMAN'S DEATH by Graham Bound

A pathologist is being flown to the Falklands to carry out a post mortem examination on the body of David Paul Smith, a seaman on board the RFA Green Rover, whose body was found floating in the ocean on Monday, east of the Falklands.

Port Stanley police have been conducting enquiries aboard the Green Rover which returned to Stanley after the incident. The Police Chief, Ken Greenland admits the case is puzzling and said that foul play had not been ruled out:

"It isn't a cut and dried case but we haven't any idea what happened yet" he said.

Police are perplexed by the fact that Mr Smith, who was 19 years old and came from Suffolk, was wearing an immersion or survival suit which Ken Greenland described as "unusual". Had the man wished to commit suicide, it is unlikely that he would have worn such protective clothing and it is thought that his job would not have required the use of such a suit during the time when he was lost overboard. Mr Smith was reported missing at 7.30 am when a colleague was unable to find him for an early morning call. The body was located and retrieved a few hours later by an RAF Sea King helicopter.

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## FEEBLE RESPONSE TO HOUSING SURVEY

Out of the 400 housing questionnaires circulated by the Traders Association only 98 were returned in what has been seen by the organisers as an apathetic reaction to an important survey.

"Frankly the response was not worth the time, effort and paper involved," said FITA Secretary, Phil Middleton. "How can people expect help in housing matters if they are not prepared to come forward in a combined effort with the facts?"

The questionnaires were distributed to Stanley households in an effort to ascertain the facts behind the current accommodation situation in the hope that the statistics produced would give everyone a clearer idea of the problems and needs of the population. With under a quarter of those approached having responded it is doubtful whether the figures produced will have much validity.

On a more positive note, Phil Middleton said that a handful of people had made the effort to telephone him with their details, ignoring the confidential nature of the survey but this number was

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## BRAVE BRITISH HEART SAILS INTO FALKLANDS

"When the doctor tells you that you are dying at the age of 19 it really stuffs up your day; its a bit of a downer," said charity yachtsman James Hatfield in a talk at BMH, recalling the time ten years ago when he thought his life was about to end.

Having subsequently survived a number of open heart operations, being washed overboard, a couple of capsizes and a sinking, the courageous Briton has arrived in the Falklands to publicise the British Heart of Ipswich Appeal Fund which he founded to raise money for important hospital equipment and to convey the message that "you don't have to be dying before you discover you're alive."

It was a twelve year old girl's courage which stirred James from his sick bed and restored his will to live after a series of painful heart operations needed to repair the aorta he had ripped whilst jogging one day.

"I had got to the point where I thought it would be less painful to die and then in came this young girl who told me had come to have the heart operation which would enable her to jump, skip and play with her friends. Suddenly I felt very small and realised it was about time I got my act together and started living life as she intended to."

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Feeble Response to Housing Survey - continued

negligible compared to the 300 or so who made no response at all.

Despite the fact that it is largely felt that young, single people are particularly in need of help with housing, only 13% of replies came from the 18-25 group. Nearly 66% of replies came from owner occupiers, compared with only 30% from rented accommodation (4% from private and 26% from government. This would suggest either the lack of property available for rent or the lack of interest by those in such a situation. The poor response to the survey makes it difficult to gauge whether the statistics are truly representative of Stanley or not.

Full details of replies to the questionnaire are as follows:-

1. Is the house owner occupied 59  
     rented privately 4  
     rented from Government 26  
     rented from a company or FIDC etc 9
2. Is the house allocated as part of your present employment or contract agreement, e.g. an FIC house or overseas contract? Yes - 15 No - ?
3. Is the property shared by more than one tenant who would wish to be otherwise housed if houses were available?  
     Yes - 15 and how many - +18
4. Can some indication of the age range and employment of the householder and other tenants be given?  

Age group	18 - 25	13	Manual labour	22
	25 - 40	39	Skilled technician	14
	40 - 65	26	Professional/Managerial	32
	65 plus	17	Unemployed/Pensioner	23
5. Would the householder, or other tenant, wish to be considered for sheltered accommodation in the new hospital complex? No - 24 Yes - 3  
     Would this move allow the house to come onto the market? Yes 1
6. Given the opportunity of alternative accommodation, would you prefer  
     to build your own house - 17  
     rent a house completely furnished - 3  
     rent a house unfurnished - 5  
     buy an established house, needing minor repairs - 17  
     rent a house privately - 3
7. Given the opportunity would you consider outright purchase of a house and land as a possibility or would you have to reply on a loan?  
     Loan - 35 Purchase - 3
8. If your house is rented, does your rent include electricity and fuel?  
     Yes - 6 No - 40
9. If your house is rented, how much of your present income is taken up by rent  
     less than 25% - 29  
     50% - 6  
     75% - -
10. Is there a need for a separate Housing Council to oversee housing problems, allocate FIC houses and advise tenants on their rights etc.  
     Yes - 72 No - 8 Undecided - 1

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BRAVE BRITISH HEART SAILS INTO FALKLANDS - continued from page 1

An article in a yachting magazine gave James the inspiration to enter the Trans Atlantic race in a small yacht, something he subsequently achieved through will power alone:

"I was more dead than alive and had only had 16 hours sailing experience. We capsized twice, I broke my hand and we finally had to retire but we still managed to raise £24,000 for heart research and it was the start of my new life," he said.

With a new zest for life, James was encouraged by the late Keith Castle, then the world's longest surviving heart transplant patient to perform a number of feats such as sponsored walks on the top of bi-planes in flight and jumps from cranes on elastic, bungee cords. "I finally suggested sailing around the world as the next charity event because it seemed a lot safer than the ideas Keith was coming up with!"

In May 1984 James set sail in his first yacht, British Heart II which collided with a 40ft container box near the Brazilian coast sustaining serious damage. It survived however to carry the intrepid sailor on to South Africa and finally to Auckland, New Zealand where after another mishap, it sunk. Having collected the insurance on his first boat, James was able to purchase another, British Heart II which has brought him to the Falklands.

Joining James on his adventures is his 'crew', a motley collection of soft toys: Kermit the Navigator, Able Seaman Snoopy, Radio Operator Toucan, Woodstock the Stowaway and a recent addition - a penguin named Dunbarton, the boats butler. There is also Dog employed to "watch for sheep at sea", the weatherbird Tweety and most of all, Mars Bar Supervisor, Garfield. The crew of British Heart represent just a few of the numerous cuddly toys which have been donated to James' charity and passed to children's hospitals. For James they are essential companions for his voyage as are the boats fittings and equipment all of which are named after people who have helped him on his travels. "It was Ronnie the Rail who saved me when I was washed overboard" he said.

James has already given talks at the BMH and MPA and is expected to sail from Mare Harbour to Stanley early this week. He would be happy to meet anyone who would like to have a chat with him and Garfield apparently would appreciate any Mars Bar donations for the next leg of their voyage back to Rio.

MALVINA HOUSE TAKEN OFF THE MARKET

The Malivna House has been withdrawn for sale after an abortive atchase bid and the present owners Mike and Phyllis Rendell, are to continue running the hotel with plans to possibly upgrade it in future.

Mike Rendell, owner also of the Pebble Island Lodge, told Penguin News that the Malvina House had originally been put up for sale "because we felt we couldn't continue to run two hotels."

"We approached the FIDC to see if it could help and they suggested that one of the joint venture companies might be interested in buying it," he said. "A company called Starfish eventually made an offer but it was an unacceptable one to us."

The present owner added that interest had been shown also by other parties who wished to turn the hotel into a private base of offices and accommodation for their fisheries enterprises. "Neither the FIDC nor I were happy with that prospect" said Mr Rendell.

Subsequently the Rendells decided to keep control of Malvina House to ensure Stanley maintains its present scope of accommodation for the steady stream of visiting journalists and other visitors and to reinforce the town's limited restaurant facilities.

The owners hope that the hotel will be able to offer a bar and other improvements in future. In the meantime it will resume accepting limited bookings for dinner up to 6 in a party, but will not return to hosting the big dinners it did in the past.



EDITORIAL

From the amount of noise reverberating through Stanley about the "housing situation" anyone would be convinced that it is a major concern to the local population. Equally, they would think that any effort to at least clarify the problem if not remedy it, would be applauded by those concerned and yet the commendable effort by the Traders Association to conduct an independent survey into the housing situation has been defeated by a shameful show of apparent apathy with over three quarters failing to respond. Why?

Equally puzzling is why some felt moved by an innocuous survey to malicious responses. Why did one respondent see fit to go to the trouble of posting his questionnaire in the collection box only to deliver the comment "Bullshit" - not particularly enlightening or constructive. Why did another feel it necessary to rip the sheet up before the eyes of the Scouts who had undertaken to deliver 40 questionnaires each in their free time?

What is to be made of this feeble public response to what had otherwise been thought to be a vital public issue? Is it that the 'housing situation' is merely the current focus for a vociferous minority to cry wolf over? Is it that there is no housing problem and the 300 silent householders are happy with their lot and indifferent to those who are not?

What sort of community are we that we can't be bothered to put an anonymous tick next to some simple questions in a survey from which, had their been a valid response, we would all have benefitted. More importantly, how can we expect the government to take our grievances seriously when we are apparently unable to show any effort, interest or solidarity in getting the facts together.

The Traders Association organised the survey as a gesture of its members' concern about the housing situation. It wanted to help and made an effort 'to help the community'. Why was it thrown back in its face?

END OF AN ERA: KING 'ABDICATES'

After fifty years service as the government printer, Joe King is retiring at the end of March, along with his faithful letter presses which are to make way for £75,000 worth of new computerised equipment recently off-loaded in Stanley.

The changes are much in evidence in the long printing building behind the Secretariat where Joe has had his second home amongst the appealing clutter of blocks, leads, type cases, plates and paper. The cuttings of Royalty have been removed from the walls, the back room accumulation of aged typewriters, anonymous brown packages and redundant items of machinery has been cleared out to make way for the inevitable arrival of modern day technology.

Whilst workers prepare one end of the building, a sad but philosophical Joe stays at the other, still tending to the dated polished presses there, one of them over a hundred years old.

"After 50 years in this place it is obviously sad to go and very difficult to sever the ties," said Joe placing a battered gramophone horn on the pile of possessions he will take with him. "I should have retired earlier but I enjoyed the job so much that I decided to stay on and they (the government) let me. It's got to come some time and I've had a good innings."

Joe's first experience of print was at the age of 15 when he was one of four boys distributing the daily 1d Newsheet Penguin to Stanley households; a task which earned him 10/- a month for a six day week.

After a brief spell in the Post Office, Joe was taken on as an apprentice in the printing department in 1937 where he has been ever since. He was sent to the United Kingdom in 1939, 1953 and 1964 to be trained on the evolving presses which still sit polished, gleaming and in working order as a result of Joe's obvious affection and pride in them.

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END OF AN ERA: KING 'ABDICATES' - continued

The printing building, built by his grandfather Tom King and almost unchanged since the day he first arrived, has been Joe King's domain, even during the Argentine occupation.

"An Argentine officer walked in here one day and said he wanted me to print a news sheet for the Argentinians to send to their troops around the Islands: 1000 issues every 72 hours they wanted."

"I fobbed them off - told them I couldn't do it because of their curfew which meant I could only work a short day. He knew I was telling a lie and he knew I knew" laughed Joe. "I think you can print that news sheet King" he said to me but I explained that the only way I could do it was if I stayed locked up in the print building during the curfew and I said we didn't have the blackouts necessary. I didn't admit we still had the 1935-40 blackouts sitting here!"

Although he managed to avoid printing the Argentinian news sheet, Joe was still obliged to print some of the invaders' Spanish notices:

"If I had refused they would only have got some Argentinian chap in to do the printing or made the building into a barracks or something and then there would have been a hell of a mess to come back to. The only thing I did print out to was that I wasn't going to print anything against the Islands and their people which they accepted."

The Spanish notices Joe had to print during the occupation are included in the large scrapbook he has kept, full of examples of the work he has produced in the past fifty years: dance cards, invitations, theatre programmes and calling cards, dating from 1940s.

The new computerised type setting equipment will be run by Tony Pettersson but is to come under the auspices of the Attorney General's office. Penguin News asked Attorney General, Mike Gaiger why this was?

"Essentially for administrative purposes. Naturally all other departments will have equal access to the new equipment but the Attorney General's office has always had the most need of the printing facilities. The new machinery is needed to speed up the process of publishing bills, gazettes and other legal documents when they are required. The old machinery has been too slow."

Michael Gaiger admitted that the new machinery was not ideal being unable for instance to print on both sides of paper very well, so the old linotype machine which Joe has worked on for the past twenty years will be kept as a back up and other equipment such as an offset printer may be brought in to complement the new sophisticated printers.

Penguin News asked Joe for his opinion of the new equipment: "No doubt they're very clever but I don't see much art involved in the new processes. In the old days the printer was personally involved in the finished product, it took time, patience and was a craft. Now it's just a question of pushing buttons."

Without any hint of resentment a stoical Joe accepts that his era of printing has come to a close and Penguin News asked him what he was planning to do with his free time?

"Oh I may try sitting around for a while," he replied vaguely, "but I think I'll have to go off and find something else to keep me occupied. Perhaps I'll be Boy George's Manager!" he chuckled as he disappeared with a cloth in hand to attend to one of his printing presses.

YACHT'S LINES CUT

The French yacht Danien II had its main mooring lines cut in an incident in the early hours of Sunday morning which nearly set the boat adrift.

One of the owners, Mrs Poncett who was aboard at the time was woken by the sound of men's voices coming from Government jetty where the boat was moored. When she went on deck to investigate she found only the yacht's bow line still secure. Five men from 53 Field Squadron are to appear in court in connection with the incident.

PENGUIN POST BOX

PO Box 13, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

David Taylor  
Chief Executive  
The Secretariat  
Stanley

23rd March 1987

Madam,

Let me make it clear. In the absence of H.E. The Governor any failures in communication over the Sedco BP visit were my responsibility and mine alone.

The writer of the letter signed 'A.N. Other Benny' in the last Penguin News compounded his cowardice in concealing his own identity by a personal attack on an official in Government House whose identity was quite clear.

I leave your readers to judge how much credibility to attach to a letter written by such a person.

Yours faithfully,

David Taylor  
Chief Executive

Chief Executive  
The Secretariat  
Stanley

23rd March 1987

Madam,

There has been considerable debate recently about the Assistance to Immigrants Scheme and I thought it could be helpful if I set out the precise details of the scheme in a letter:

1. FARES - Parents and children up to the age of 18 years old: free single air passage from the United Kingdom to the Falkland Islands.
2. FREIGHT - Cost of shipping freight from a United Kingdom address to the Falkland Islands up to the following amounts and to be reclaimed on the production of receipts: a) Household goods £3,000 b) Vehicle £700.
3. SALE OF PROPERTY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM - Estate agents fees and legal costs for the sale of a property in the United Kingdom, up to a ceiling of £1,250 payable on production of receipts from recognised estate agents and solicitors
4. HOUSING - Assisted immigrants will have some degree of priority in renting housing from the FIG or the FIDC. They will also, in due course, be eligible to be considered for a FIG mortgage which is currently at a subsidised rate of interest and for 90% of Government's valuation of the property for the purchase or construction of an approved house.
5. CONDITIONS - Successful applicants will be required to sign a bond.

Should the immigrant leave the Falkland Islands within one year of arrival he will be required to pay in full all airfares, all monies paid to him in respect of transport of freight (household goods and vehicles) and monies paid to him in respect of expenses connected with the sale of a property in the United Kingdom.

Should the immigrant leave the Falkland Islands between one and three years after the date of arrival, he will be required to repay in full all monies paid to him in respect of transport of freight (household goods and vehicles) and monies paid to him in respect of expenses connected with the sale of a property in the United Kingdom.

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It should be emphasised, as the above demonstrates, that:

- there are no "cash handouts"
- the expenditure has to be incurred and then reimbursed against receipts
- the assistance received has to be reimbursed in full if the immigrant leaves within one year and air fares paid back; if it is between one to three years the air fares no longer have to be repaid but the other assistance does.

It should also be emphasised that Assisted Immigrants only have "some degree of priority" in renting housing. FIG has made clear that it cannot provide Government housing for all but it will continue to look after cases of special need from the local community, in particular the needs of single people. An increase in the Government housing stock of some 30 houses or flats, including the housing and Sheltered Accommodation forming part of the hospital build, is expected to be built on the Jersey Estate.

The Falklands must have immigrants. The evidence is all around us in the form of work not done, or half finished, holes in the roads and shabby public amenities. It is simply not realistic nowadays to expect people to emigrate to a place which is unknown to them without assisting them in some way to make the break from their old life in order to start a new one. It is normal throughout the world for those countries which need immigrants to provide them with assistance in one form or another. It is surely reasonable too to ensure that they have somewhere to live when they arrive.

Yours faithfully,

David Taylor  
Chief Executive

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GOVERNOR HOME AFTER CONFERENCE

His Excellency The Governor and Mrs Jewkes returned to Government House on Tuesday 24th March following their two months leave. Their return had been delayed by a week by the Governor's attendance of the Regional Heads of Mission Conference for Latin America in Mexico City, where British Ambassadors to the region met for talks.

Mr Jewkes said that he had found the conference "very useful." I was interested in hearing the Ambassadors ideas as the Falkland Islands situation impinges on their day to day workings with Latin American countries."

The Governor said that the Conference had indicated that although there was Latin American solidarity for Argentina's claims to the Falklands this "did not impede the quality of relationship Britain enjoys with Latin American countries and at a practical level, relations are in good shape."

Mr. Jewkes added that he had been struck by the common misconception abroad where other countries did realise exactly how British the Falkland Islanders were in their outlook and life styles. For this reason he felt that there was value in allowing foreign journalists to visit, particularly those from Latin America although he indicated that Councillors had felt the time was not right for Argentinian journalists to visit.

"It is important to keep the doors open" said Mr Jewkes. "We can shout from every roof top what we think we are but the important thing is to let other people come to see it for themselves."

BIRTHS

On 10th February to Shiralee and Peter Collins, a son, Stephen Paul

MARRIAGES

On 28th February, Phyllis McLaren to John Collier in Stanley  
On 21st March, Daniela Clark to Patrick Whitney at Port Louis  
On 21st March, Alison Thom to Nigel Dodd at Christchurch Cathedral, Stanley



DEATHS

We regret to announce the following deaths:

On 2nd February, Florence Short aged 83

On 1st March, Lillian Stacey aged 90

On 22nd March, Maria Munoz, aged 59

ROUND THE HORN WITH NO MAST

A dis-masted and damaged yacht which successfully rounded Cape Horn in bad weather arrived in the Falklands last week, a day after its exhausted solo yachtsman had run out of water.

Canadian John Hughes was on the third leg of a round-the-world race from Sydney to Rio when the mast of his yacht, Joseph Young, inexplicably snapped at deck level and smashed into the cabin making a 2ft square hole in the deck and ripping out the starboard rail and fittings.

"I don't know why the mast broke like that when we were only in moderate weather," said the yachtsman. "All I can think is that it was a result of some sort of metal fatigue. The boat was in a hell of a mess, waves breaking over the boat were pouring into the cabin through the hole in the deck and all the wreckage from the mast and rail was still caught up with the yacht and threatening to sink us."

When John had finally managed to disentangle the yacht from the wreckage and erect a jury rig he accepted the advice from fellow competitors in the British Oxygen Corporation race to make for a Chilean port over 3,000 miles away. The stricken yacht began to head north out of the latitudes known for rough weather but the ill fortune which had lost him the mast was still to dog the Canadian when he found the weather on his new course completely at odds with what was to be expected:

"Suddenly the wind dropped and for seventeen absolutely terrible days I was virtually becalmed, provisions dwindling and making no progress whatsoever. Mentally it was hell. One morning I realised that I wouldn't make Chile, my provisions would run out before then."

Although he could have asked the race organisers for assistance which would have disqualified him for the race but ensured his survival, the tenacious Canadian decided he "had gone too far and was not going to quit". Against the advice of his fellow competitors, John decided to return to the more southern latitudes where he would find stronger winds.

"A lot of people thought I was crazy to even contemplate going south and round the Horn but I was sure that the jury rig was strong enough and the basic hull also up to it. My main worry was a dwindling water supply. Both my tanks had run dry and I only had the 10 litres set aside in plastic bottles for my life raft. Through a radio ham network a doctor advised me that I would need a litre of water a day. I anticipated the Falklands to be ten days sailing so I set off south."

Once in the southern latitudes the wind picked up as did the yachtsman's morale as he made good progress despite two rogue waves which gave Joseph Young a further battering and a tiring John Hughes added nightmares:

"I was cooking breakfast in the galley when I heard this sound like a train coming. Looking up through the hatch I saw this huge wave breaking right over the stern. I slammed the hatch shut but it slammed so hard that it came off its tracks and opened up again. The wave broke right in the cabin, about 60-70 gallons of water, knocking me right off my feet and soaking everything. The following wave did exactly the same."

Having weathered that upset, the yacht still had to face the psychological barrier of Cape Horn and the twelve hours spent rounding it subjected to John to what he described as "the worst weather I have ever been in."

"That night I thought the end had come. We were in very steep swells and at one point the boat was flipped over, crashing onto its side. It felt just like being in a car accident. I was in my bunk when it happened and suddenly

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ROUND THE HORN WITH NO MAST - continued

I was hit in the face by a box of tools as everything previously stowed away was forced free - gear, provisions and equipment went flying. The floorboards came out so there was bilge water everywhere and even chutney all over the radio where a bottle had smashed on it."

Joseph Young managed to survive the severe weather and made steady progress towards the Falklands with its water supplies finally running out a day's sailing from the Islands. "The last drink of water I had was from my hot water bottle which I had filled in Sydney, 63 days earlier" laughed the Canadian.

At the end of his 4,000 mile ordeal, John Hughes found a warm welcome first from HMS Dumbarton Castle which sailed out to meet him and, when the race rules allowed, towed him into Mare Harbour where he remains, awaiting the arrival of a spare mast from Canada. Rear Admiral Layman went to greet the sailor who on shaky legs was led off to have a shower, a meal and 15 hours sleep. A representative of the mast firm and a close friend of John's arrived in Mare Harbour last Tuesday to help him repair 'Joseph Young' and John is anxious to leave as soon as possible to enable him to get to the finishing line in Newport for the prize giving ceremony.

"The welcome and assistance I've received from everyone in Mare Harbour and the military has been fantastic" said the Canadian.

PENGUIN POST BOX - continued

Simon Armstrong  
Stanley Fisheries Ltd  
Stanley

24th March 1987

Dear Madam,

The 'Bound around Town' article on 'Tax Free Fishing' (Penguin News Issue No.95) expresses concerns about fishing joint ventures which are probably widely shared. I hope that you will therefore understand if I explain their nature and purpose at some length.

The current interim Falkland Islands Fisheries Conservation and Management Zone (FICZ) has been declared unilaterally. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office still hopes however that a multilateral fisheries regime will eventually be established. In that event, the Falkland Islands might only be eligible for licences as coastal state, unless it has taken steps to establish an indigenous fishing fleet here. It is also important that fisheries related shore-based services be built up so that even if licence revenue drops through the declaration of a multilateral regime, there will be considerable income from these related activities.

The Falkland Islands has no expertise in either fishing or most fisheries related activities - but the fishing companies obviously do have. It was decided by FIG that preference in allocation of licences would be given to companies prepared to enter into a joint venture with Stanley Fisheries Ltd. Such was the demand for licences that a large number of companies asked to form joint ventures.

The joint ventures are controlled by Stanley Fisheries Ltd which had 51% of the shares but are funded by the fishing company. The fishing company pays not just a fishing licence, but another sum equal to and on top of the licence fee to secure the joint venture arrangement. (I think that they would have a rather wry smile at Graham Bound's description of 'Tax Free Fishing'!)

The sums contributed to the joint venture add up to a very substantial amount - running into several million pounds. The aim is that Stanley Fisheries Ltd and its partner should jointly invest the monies in fisheries developments. These could, and probably will, include buying and chartering jiggers and trawlers, developing port and bunkering facilities, cold store and fish processing facilities.

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In most instances our joint venture partners are British fishing companies. The British fishing industry has taken a severe pounding over the last few decades and they do not have the vessels to fish here directly. They in turn therefore are chartering vessels from Japan, Korea and Taiwan. We are jointly putting British personnel on to some of these vessels to learn the highly specialised techniques of squid jigging. These men should be the Captains of our own squid jiggers in the future. By linking with British companies in this way the Falkland Islands are able to make an invaluable contribution back to the British economy by helping to revitalise it's fishing industry and directly providing jobs for British fishermen.

But why the Pioneer Tax Status for these joint ventures?

Firstly, they have already effectively paid two fisheries taxes - a licence fee and a contribution to the joint venture. Asking them to pay a further 52% tax on top would be moving towards greed!

Secondly, and far more importantly, as you have seen, we want them to invest both their money and their expertise here.

The Falkland Islands and the United Kingdom have a double taxation agreement. This means that companies do not pay tax in both countries. If our partners asked for their 49% share of the profits and paid the company tax here they could then take the funds back to the UK without paying any other tax. They could then invest the money in UK fisheries development.

In this way we would lose 49% of the joint venture fee (less the 52% of that got back in tax), but far more importantly we lose the combination of investment and expertise which is the essence of the Joint Venture concept.

The Falkland Islands would find it very difficult to establish a tax which prevents companies removing profits from the Islands to the U.K.

Instead of resorting to the stick, we have used the carrot.

Instead of saying (which we would not anyway) "we will tax you an extra tax if you try to remove your money", we have said that "if you invest your money in the Islands then we will not charge you a third tax. However, it is your money and you can of course remove it but you will have to pay a third tax at 52%."

On this basis all our joint venture partners - British, Spanish, Taiwanese and the rest - have said, not surprisingly that they would chose to re-invest their money in the Islands.

It is important that there are as many business interests as possible with an economic stake in the future of the Falklands. Remember that they will want a maintenance of the current political status quo because their money will be tied into our future.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Armstrong  
Director

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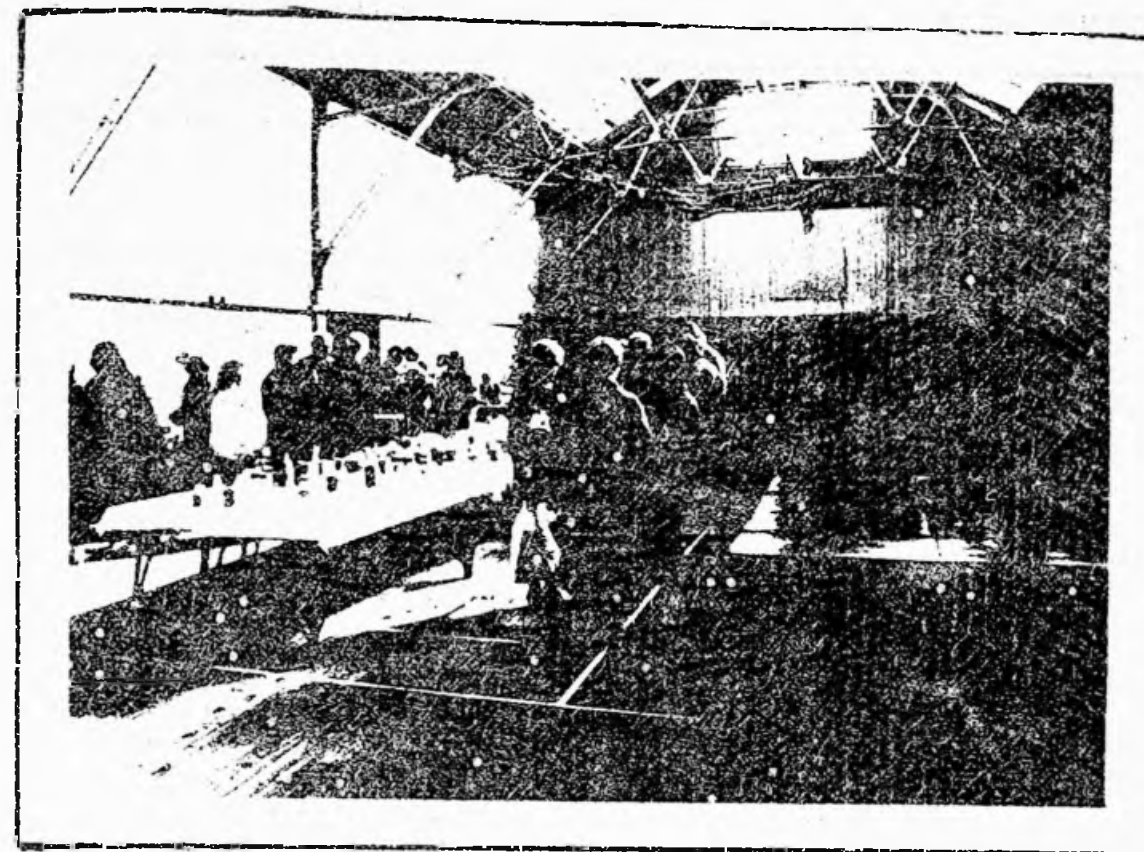
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## HORTICULTURAL SHOW PRIZES



The Horticultural Show - 14th March 1987

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1. THE HUNT TROPHY - for most points received by an exhibitor from Camp:  
Mrs Marion Betts
2. HASKARD CHALLENGE CUP - for the exhibitor with the most points over all classes in the Flower, Vegetable and Home Produce: Mrs Rene Rowlands
3. FERGUSON TROPHY - for most points in the vegetable classes:-  
W Poole - 14 points + 2 Highly Commended  
S Smith - 14 points + 0 Highly Commended
4. SILVER CHALLENGE CUP - for the best collection of vegetables:  
Mr Harry Ford
5. BAG OF FERTILISER - presented by ARC for the most outstanding potato exhibit: Mrs Marion Betts
6. ASHMORE CHALLENGE CUP - for exhibitor obtaining most points in the home produce section: Mrs Shiela Radden.
7. SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL - presented by Mrs E.J. White for the most popular flower arrangement (judged by public ballot): Ruth Blyth
8. CHALLENGE CUP- presented by Mrs R.G Lewis for the most points in the cut flower section: Mrs Rene Rowlands.
9. A BOOK GIFT VOUCHER - presented by Mrs Joan Bound for most points in the cookery sections: Mrs Jenny Pollard
10. CHALLENGE CUP - presented by Mr & Mrs Parker for the best vegetable garden:  
Mr Joe King
11. LADY HUNT CHALLENGE CUP - presented by Lady Hunt for the best flower garden  
Mrs Gladys King
12. CHALLENGE CUP - presented by the Society for most points in the pot plants section: Mrs Rene Rowlands

HORTICULTURAL PRIZES -- continued

13. A CHALLENGE CUP - presented by Mr & Mrs T.H Davies for the best children's flower arrangement, 9 years or under: Miss Andrea Poole
14. Best CHILDREN'S FLOWER ARRANGEMENT, 10 - 15 years: Colin Summerd
15. CHILDREN'S COOKERY WINNER 8 - 14 years: J Hawksworth & C Hawksworth.

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MOLLIE'S CORNER - 3 -

My journey to Port Stanley was an unforgettable experience. Due to the heavy rain, water was boiling and bubbling in torrents down even the tiniest gullies - creating mini-Niagra Falls in all directions. Every so often there were the mine warning signs we had been lectured on in the arrival lounge at Mount Pleasant Airfield. The spectacular stone runs were fascinating and the general landscape had a haunting quality about it. Every so often, one saw the heaps of rocks which had been 'look outs' in those unhappy conflict days. Unfortunately it was misty so we couldn't see all the full beauty of the place but to me it was all so very wonderful.

Reaching Port Stanley I was enchanted with the clap board houses with their brightly coloured rooves. Bob's land rover taxi leapt over all the potholes in the road and we finally arrived at Clara's 'town house' (my expression; all the 'best' people in England have a town house and a country residence!) Such a cosy, welcoming house, with its peat stove in the sitting room and the peat burning Rayburn. I was greatly impressed with the latter - such a great heat. So many British Rayburn users would be very envious, as so much of the apologetic substitutes for coal wouldn't get that hot so quickly. I was intrigued with the goose wing lying in the hearth and when I saw how useful it was for sweeping up, I silently congratulated the Falklanders for such a clever idea! We do have peat in Marx land but I think its generally used in the few cottage fire grates. In my house, I'm "entirely electrocuted" as one dear soul told me once!

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MOLLIE'S CORNER - continued

After a quick meal and one or two quick snaps, especially of the sea view from the sitting room window, plus a couple of 'hello's' to visiting neighbours, Clara told me that it was possible to phone my family from Cable & Wireless. By this time I was feeling like a zombie in a time capsule with little idea of time in Port Stanley, let alone in Cambridge. I knew I must make the effort to phone so that the family could know of my arrival, as I would be travelling to Douglas Station next day, with no telephone facilities and very few opportunities to get mail posted.

I phoned my eldest son and he was so surprised he nearly dropped the phone: "Good heavens! This is most unexpected" says he, but he was delighted to hear from me (either that or he is a damn good actor) and we made good use of those precious five minutes.

Next morning Clara and I set off to go shopping with a few stops on the way visiting friends and relations. I received warm welcomes everywhere and in that the Isle of Man and the Falklands are very much alike. It was strange to see so many landrovers all along the roads and about one car. I didn't know if I would be athletic enough to leap into one of these vehicles but soon got the hang of it. I now leap in and out with reckless abandon.

I was quite thrilled with the shops. I'd probably have passed some of them without Clara as a guide. Please don't take that unkindly, its not meant to be. I'm used to shops with large windows displaying masses of goods for sale. In retrospect I feel your policy is best as you are inviting shoppers in to see what you have to see; and they spend more money. Yes - well done! They call that business acumen in England and there's a lot of it about! The shop assistants are quite helpful, whereas many in England don't really know what they are selling - even if they sell it! There was so little time to see much of Stanley and I do hope I find more time in the future. I look forward to exploring rather more. I was grateful to Val for the lift in the rover to the Post Office to purchase stamps for my cards. Thanks Val. So I set off on the FIGAS plane - tell you all about it next time.

Tats for now,

Mollie

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PENGUIN PROFILE: CANON GERRY MURPHY

Penguin News called in at the Deanery last week to find out how Canon Gerry Murphy and his wife Joy were settling into their new home and environment and received a warm welcome from the couple still busy unpacking and redecorating.

Canon Murphy has arrived in Stanley from Sandringham where he was rector of a group of parishes for 7½ years but the major change of surroundings comes easily to the Canon who travelled extensively during the many years as an army chaplain.

Gerry Murphy was born in Bangor, County Down in 1926 and at the age of 17 served as a guardsman with the Irish Guards in the Second World War. Having been demobbed after the war he read arts and theology at Dublin University where he met Joy, his wife.

In 1952 he was ordained into the church of Ireland and later joined the army as a military padre which took him to the Far East: Aden, Singapore and Borneo. In 1977 the Bishop of Norwich invited Canon Murphy to be Chaplain for the Norfolk Broads, a position which found the Canon making unusual visits to some of his parishioners. He was given a boat to call on people taking boating holidays on the Broads, a role he enjoyed until 1979 when he received his Sandringham appointment.

Penguin News asked the Rector whether his first impressions of Stanley were what he had anticipated? "Yes, I think so" was the reply. "When news of my appointment got out, lots of people wrote letters to us, giving us all sorts of advice. Of course we've been helped by the welcome you get; the way people have put themselves out to assist us in settling in and making us feel at home."

Despite nearly a year having passed since Rev. Bagnall left the Falklands, Canon Murphy said that the combined effort of local people and the service chaplains in looking after the Cathedral was obvious: "The local people have been magnificent, taking it upon themselves to look after the Cathedral, keeping it meticulously clean, bright and shiney."

When asked how he saw his role amongst the Falklands' community, Canon Murphy replied: "Like any parson I'm here to look after the spiritual welfare of the local people and I hope, to be an encourager - certainly an encourager and perhaps an enabler."

REDFIRE BLOWS IT AGAIN

Only a couple of weeks after Redfire had got back on its tracks following its first minefield mishap, the remote control vehicle has suffered another, more serious accident.

The mine-handling device was on deployment last week in Surf Bay only 2 metres inside the mine field fence when an anti-personnel mine detonated right under its centre, badly denting its ¼ inch steel body and wrecking electronics and components inside.

E.O.D s Captain Colin King said that the mine which blew up Redfire was just one of many which the gales of early March have apparently moved from their previous known positions.

"For the first time in recent years you can actually see the mines in Penguin Walk after the winds have uncovered them. In other areas the sea waters have come into the minefield areas for the first time."

Although Redfire was mended in the Falklands after its February accident, the damage it has sustained this time means that it will be flown back to the United Kingdom to see if repair is possible. "It may be necessary to build a new Redfire" said Captain King.

The fact that Redfire's accident occurred only two metres within the minefield fence should persuade people that the safety margin generally believed to exist between the minefield and the fence is not necessarily 'safe'.



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## SQUID SHIPS ARRESTED

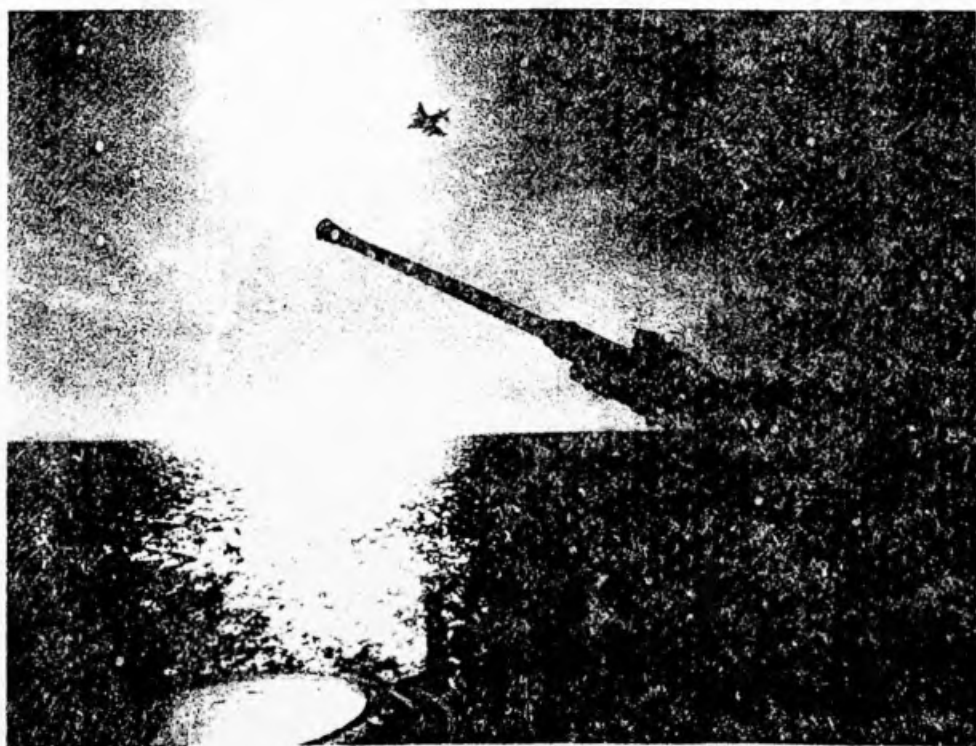
Two jigger ships were arrested in Berkeley Sound by fisheries authorities last week for trans-shipping without licences.

The British vessel 'Pict' was arrested on Sunday 5th April by Patrol Officer Roger Harrison who spotted what fisheries chief Peter Derham called an "obvious irregularity" whilst patrolling in the launch Warrah. It was the same officer who caught the Korean 'Duck Soo 102' also attempting to off-load its catch of squid on to one of the refrigerator ships without having paid the standard £1500 per load.

Both jiggers were ordered into Stanley where the two captains received stern warnings and were required to pay the fees upfront rather than being given the usual three month period.

Director of Fisheries, Peter Derham, said he suspected that more vessels than the total seven caught so far had evaded fee payments and he was looking at existing arrangements to see if further offences could be prevented.

"Our policy is to be as tough as possible without being unfair", he said firmly. "Vessels are not going to be allowed to come into the Falklands thinking they can trans-ship without paying fees."



HMS Minerva manning her defences during a mock attack by a Phantom jet -

Minerva's Sea Day  
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Photo: Staff Sgt  
Langan

SEA DAY WITH HMS MINERVA

A group of local landlubbers from Stanley were invited aboard a hospitable HMS Minerva last Saturday for an entertaining day of exercises and displays demonstrating the combined skills of all three services.

The techniques for refuelling at sea were shown with Minerva simulating a fuel feed from the auxiliary ship Green Rover with the guests appreciating the skill required for the exercise in keeping the two ships on a parallel course at close proximity.

After lunch in the Ward Room the afternoon brought a compact helicopter fly-past by the Army Air Corps and RAF 78 Squadron, using Chinook, Gazelle and Sea King helicopters. Another helicopter display, this time a cheeky solo performance by Minerva's own Lynx proved one of the day's most popular events but for the majority of the guests the mock air attack on the frigate by two Phantom jets was the day's highlight.

The guests joined the ships company in trying to spot the planes before they came hurtling in over the sea or diving in from above in repeated 'attacks' before screaming overhead. "Absolutely brilliant" was the popular verdict as the two jets sped off back to base.

The Sea Day was organised as a manifestation of the military's determination to sustain its ties with the civilian population as MPA's Information Officer David Rose, confirmed:

"We hope that this demonstrates our serious intention to maintain and foster the close links which have grown up between the two communities in the last five years."

David Rose added that he hoped there would be more events arranged in future for the same purpose.

A GREENER FALKLANDS FUTURE?

The familiar barren Falklands' landscape may have assumed a different character for future generations of Islanders if the 3,000 trees and shrubs recently brought here come to fruition.

The consignment, the largest ever introduced to the Islands, was arranged by horticulture enthusiast Tim Miller who hopes that more Islanders, particularly farmers will come to value the vegetation's benefits as wind breaks and soil enrichers. The initial response suggests that they will.

In Stanley, 1000 of the shrubs and trees were sold in two days and the PWD has already commissioned Tim Miller to landscape a windbreak of shrubs on the Jersey Estate.

Whilst many of the trees and shrubs were sold to private individuals, Tim Miller retained a large number to stock his tree nursery at Manybranch Farm which this year sees its all important first year of establishment. Its owner hopes ultimately to be able to grow trees here from Falkland seeds but this will be a slow, gradual process. In the meantime, the trees recently off-loaded after their journey from Britain will have a shock when they soon come into bud anticipating a Scottish spring, only to meet a Falklands' winter.

Will they survive such a surprise, Penguin News asked Tim Miller? "I've chosen particularly tough and hardy varieties and they'll survive," he replied. "This recent consignment will give up budding when they work out its winter and start again in our late spring."

What of the old argument that the Falklands' climate, particularly its strong winds, are not suitable for tree growth?

"My own theory is that people haven't bothered much before," Tim Miller replied. "Partly I think this is due to absentee landlords who had little personal interest in spending money to improve the environment of their land, something borne out by the fact that all Camp purchases so far have been made by owner occupiers. Also, the earlier South of England settlers brought Southern English trees which weren't robust enough for the Falklands' climate but the North European species I have selected certainly should be."

WHO WAS THE "SLEEPY, SURPRISED KELPER" OF 1966?

A letter to Penguin News from Eric Ogden, Chairman of the Falkland Islands Association, ask for readers' assistance in tracking down the Falklands 'celebrity' of a recent Sunday Times article who apparently disturbed a secret Argentinian reconnaissance patrol back in 1966.

The article which appeared in the Sunday Times issue of 22nd March 1987 reads: "Top-ranking naval sources in Buenos Aires have revealed that in October 1966 - at a time of tension between Britain and Argentina - a submarine of the Argentinian Navy put ashore reconnaissance patrols in the Falkland Islands to collect information about landing conditions for an invasion.

"After surfacing at dusk near the coast 25 miles north of Port Stanley, the submarine dispatched the patrols. But their kayaks were swept away by strong currents and they drifted until dawn when the submarine found them and hurriedly resubmerged.

"The next night, the patrols managed to get ashore, ... At dawn near disaster struck. Sleepy and surprised a kelper 'of about forty' approached the beach and saw the armed and uniformed Argentinians.

"The Argentinians seized the man and forced the contents of a bottle of whisky into his mouth. He was left in a drunken sleep while the patrols hurried back to the submarine."

So who was the "sleepy, surprised kelper" of 1966 and does anyone know where this landing took place - Cow Bay, the northside of Berkeley Sound or Johnsons Harbour?

If you could help with any information, please drop the Penguin News a line and we will pass it on to Eric Ogden

FUTURE FOR FIPASS?

FIPASS could still have a future in the Falklands following the news that joint venture companies have been asked to consider investing in the port and storage facility which many believe could offer the Falklands a valuable service.

With the M.O.D having no further use for the facility, the Falkland Islands Government was invited to make a bid for it but the high maintenance costs deterred the government from taking up the offer.

Simon Armstrong of Stanley Fisheries confirmed that joint venture companies had been told of the potential investment but added that the proposal was in early stages and that nothing had been decided yet.

COASTAL 1 PREPARES TO LEAVE THE ISLANDS

The first of the accommodation barges or Coastal's due to leave the Falklands was heaved off its moorings by Boxer Bridge in the Canache and successfully floated out to the middle of Stanley harbour in a delicate operation blessed with ideal weather conditions.

With the project able to be executed only on two alternative dates of high tides, the first option of March 30th, dawned clear and still.

Four maxi floats with two engines on each gently dragged the huge accommodation blocks through a narrow gap between Coastal II and a bank of sand. In preparation of the move the Coastal's last occupiers, the Royal Engineers, had dredged an extra 1 metre depth in the channel and removed 3 metres of bank to enable the Coastal's easy removal but the metal bulk still ran aground for ten minutes before being pulled clear by the full thrust of the maxi floats.

Once the Coastal, owned by Bibby Lines of Liverpool, had negotiated the narrow channel, the Irish Man tug pulled it to the buoy in Stanley harbour where it

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PENGUIN POST BOX

N Poole  
52 John Street  
Stanley

8th April 1987

Dear Madam,

After listening to 'Calling the Falklands' on 7th April, I have decided to write with my views on our political situation. During the discussion between Mr Foulkes, Mr Mabin etc, a lot was mentioned of the Argentine government and history. I cannot see that this has a lot of bearing on the problem.

We do not want to become Argentine. So what are we doing about it? Nothing! The argument against us in the United Nations was that we were a colony and the world no longer believed in colonialism. What are we now? How can we get the rest of the world behind us if all we do is shout that we are British and leave them to make our decisions?

With a move towards independence, no longer could the United Nations object. With the rest of the world behind us, we would no longer be susceptible to changes of government in Britain and surely Argentina would also have to agree, at least in principle.

I do realise we would still need to be defended but surely this would be done by Britain on the same lines as Belize. I cannot see that it would suit Britain to relinquish her presence at this end of the Atlantic and what a perfect training ground we offer the military. I also do not believe that leaving a garrison here would cost the British public an extortionate amount.

Yours faithfully,

N Poole

W. Hirtle  
Stanley

Dear Madam,

Listening to His Excellency the Governor, conversing in Newsletter with the French fishing captain about a connection between the port of St Malo in France and the Falklands, prompted me to look a little more closely into our history.

St Malo was, actually, the second port from where our first immigrants set forth for our Islands. De Bougainville, a Frenchman, wished to start a nucleus of Colonists here and decided that the inhabitants of the Canadian Labrador Coast were very hardy folk and would, perhaps, be more suited for the rigorous climate of those early days. So he selected a few families from that part of the world and took them to St Malo on their first leg of the long voyage to our isles.

Now we come to the interesting point. In 1763 France ceded the whole of Canada to Britain and from that date all Canadians were under British sovereignty and were Britishers. In 1764 de Bougainville brought his Canadian families to the Falklands, thus, in my feeble mind, establishing the first British colonisation of the Islands.

From that date, departures and returns of British people took place - could this indicate a further 70 years of partial settlement to the 1830's when permanent occupation by Britishers fully sealed Britain's claim to the Falkland Islands.

So can we really claim that Britishers were first to settle in our Islands from that earlier date of 1764?

Yours faithfully,

W. Hirtle.

PENGUIN POST BOX - continued

5th April 1987

Its me again,

As Neil and I were roaring out to MPA the noise prevented any conversation without megaphone, so I watched the passing scenery.

Besides noting the increasing amount of empty tins in the ditches - everyone should be mindful of a possible litter problem - I thought about transport.

Legco mentioned up to £350,000 a year maintenance costs for what we have now or £400,000 for four years tarred and chipped surface. Before Councillors decide which surface we will have, they should make a run to East Cove in a lorry and talk the haulage blokes.

With FIPASS shut down and most of the cargo arriving at MPA, transport of goods will be vital to everyone. Why are we wanting more roads and a ferry across the Sound? One would think it was for the movement of wool and stores to be done more economically and not just for two nighters.

The wear on vehicles by the corrugations, the unstable surface will make travelling more dangerous and damage to goods will result in an unacceptable rise of costs.

Tar and chip will make a good basis on which to asphalt at a later date. Crushed stone is needed elsewhere besides through my windscreen.

Bumpingly yours,

A. Spoon

(Real name supplied)

Lawrence Blizard  
51 Fitzroy Road  
Stanley

27th March 1987

Dear Mr Taylor,

Thank you for your letter of 4th March and for making it public, as this saves me needing to tell people what the response is.

I would like to point out that we understand the need for a parasitologist who can devote his time to research. However, as you will know, professional etiquette would prevent a vet from treating animals when the FIG vet was available. On the other hand, should there be a need, he would be available. Anything which was not urgent could be left until the FIG vet was available. On weekends the vet decides whether a case is urgent or whether it can be left until Monday. What I and others feel strongly is that to have a veterinary/parasitologist would not hinder the research on parasites, but it would give that extra safeguard as far as the animals are concerned. I feel sure ARC will find that their public relations will suffer as a result of not employing a vet.

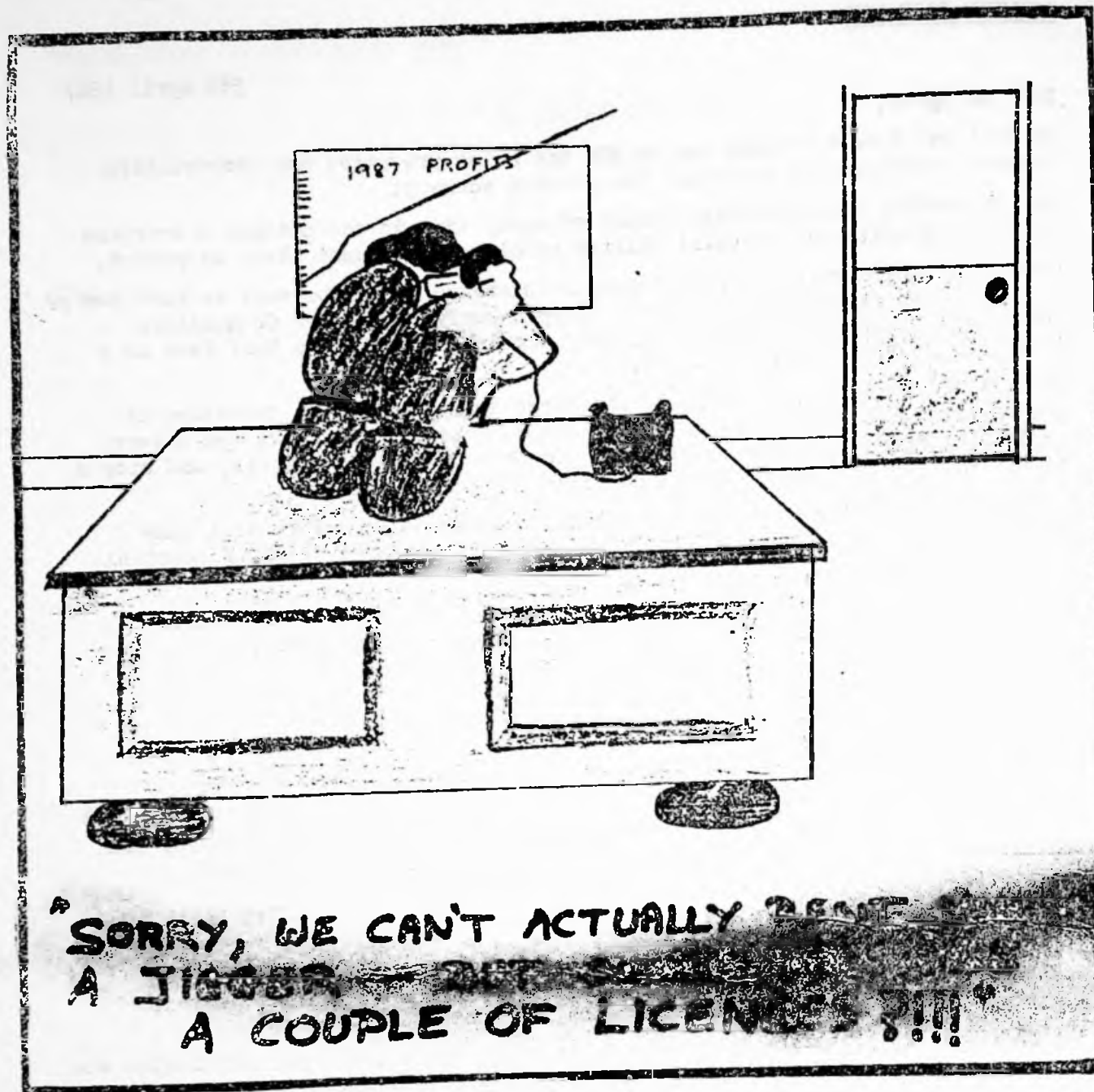
There is one other thing. The Councillors evidently did not raise any objection to the ideas put forward but did they know what public opinion was then. Surely they are guided by public opinion seeing that they represent the public.

Yours sincerely,

Lawrence G Blizard

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The Penguin Post Box is the page for you to air your views on any subject which you feel should concern others. The Penguin News reserves the right to edit letters and we would like to point out that the views expressed on this page are not necessarily shared by the editorial staff.



## COME TREAD THE BOARDS....

REMEMBER THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL 'FALKLANDS FANTASIA' PRODUCTION LAST CHRISTMAS? WELL, ANOTHER THEATRICAL EXTRAVAGANZA IS DUE TO BURST INTO LIFE WITH YOUR HELP

The Producer of Falklands Fantasia is planning to stage a concert in mid-May with all proceeds to go to a charity for Falklands children but we need your talents: stage hands, singers, comedians, musicians, dancers, bar staff and usherettes - if you can help please do.

Interested or still unsure, roll up to the meeting on Wednesday 15th April in the Refreshment Room of the Town Hall at 8.00 pm to find out more or telephone 380.

\* \* \* EVERYONE WELCOME \* \* \*

PRINTING PROBLEMS AGAIN!.... Apologies for the poor quality for some pages in this issue, unfortunately there has been no way around the problems incurred.

The caption to the cartoon on page 8 reads: "SORRY, WE CAN'T ACTUALLY RENT YOU A JIGGER - BUT COULD YOU USE A COUPLE OF LICENCES?!!"

### CAMP NEWS - continued

#### PORT LOUIS WEDDING - from page 4

The large, square cake was a single tier and a gift from Ernie. The decoration was simple but very effective and the cake enjoyed by all who sampled it.

People could be forgiven for thinking we were back in gaucho times when the dancing started in the sitting room, accompanied by war hoots and much merriment. All in all, a very good time was had by all. People started dispersing between 8 and 9 pm and some had more eventful journeys home than others! Our grateful thanks to Pat and Dan.

**CAMPERS:** Penguin News needs more of your news so if there is anything going on in your settlement which you think may be of interest to others then please drop a line to Penguin News, P.O. Box 31, or let me know in advance of some event and I can come and cover it myself.

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### OBITUARY COLUMN

#### GERRY BYRNE

The death occurred unexpectedly on Sunday of Gerry Byrne, the Senior Magistrate. (5th April 1987)

Mr Byrne was born on 16th July 1918 in Dublin, Ireland. He was educated in Ireland and was admitted as a Solicitor there in 1942. Mr Byrne who served overseas for 35 years, served in Malaya and Tanganyika and Hong Kong before coming to the Falkland Islands. He was in Hong Kong from 1964 to 1985 and came to Falkland Islands in October 1985.

Mr Byrne will be remembered for the quiet and gentle yet firm and fair way in which he presided over his court. He will be sadly missed.

He leaves a widow, Mary, who had accompanied him to the Islands and five grown-up children. All of us would, we are sure, wish to offer them our deepest sympathy in their sudden loss.

(The Attorney General's Office)

#### VI ROBSON

(Taken from the Bidding prayer by Canon Murphy on Sunday 5th April and reproduced here with his kind permission)

"We remember with thanksgiving the life of V.I. Robson, born in Stanley 85 years ago, educated and brought up in this community, a faithful friend of many, devoted wife to her husband until his death some twelve years ago, beloved mother to her son until his tragic and early death at the age of 15 years. She was respected by all for her talents and her sense of fun and most of all for her love of music and dedication to the playing of the organ in Cathedral Church which she faithfully performed for over sixty years, the final occasion being at the recent installation of a new rector to the Falkland Islands".



SCOUT HEADQUARTERS NEARER

Thanks to generous support from many people within FIG and the military, we now have a block of land with a store shed and eight portacabins to form the basis of our scout headquarters.

We are now negotiating for the removal and transporting of these units and soon will be involved in their siting and re-erection.

Although this is an ambitious project for any scout group to undertake, we are confident that with the help and backing of the community, we can achieve our goal and have a completion date of June 14th in mind. Liberation Day - five years on - in the fifth anniversary of the re-introduction of scouting in the Falklands.

Phil Middleton

MOLLIE'S CORNER - number 4

I ended last time regretting that there had not been time to see more of Stanley. One hears of lightning tours but this one had been swift enough to break the sound barriers! I was still in such a dazed state and not really appreciating that I had truly arrived.

Clara and I headed for Stanley airport. It seemed like miles away from anywhere. I looked at the beautiful tiny red plane, swallowed twice, gulped once and had many misgivings. With the passengers gathering (but thankfully they weren't all going on the plane) plus my 120 lbs baggage and a crate containing two gorgeous little pups, would we ever get off the ground? I don't think my fears showed. Clara didn't suddenly exclaim that I looked white faced or anything, so I must be quite a good actress without even knowing it!

The pilot looked a kind, reliable sort of chap so I took a deep breath, fastened my safety belt and we were quickly airborne. I was amazed at the speed. It was superb flight and the camera was busy throughout the journey. I just hope the darn thing works and produces good slides so that I can show them all back home the real beauty of the Islands.

So! Here was Douglas Settlement - or is it Station? Is there a difference? I shall have to remember to ask. All this practically non-stop talking to Clara has rendered me voiceless. (Clara is probably pleased with the peace that is at last reigning).

I was greeted most enthusiastically by Nan and we seem to get along very well together. She is an octogenarian and a very lively one too. She is our head cook - guess who is bottle washer? We manage a good walk most days and I'm learning about the different species of birds and berries and hearing about the "good old days". All very interesting stuff. We also hunt for mushrooms but have not found too many as yet.

Clara and Bill are shepherds and although I'm sure they enjoy their work, they have a long hard day and must be very tired, although they try to disguise it for my benefit. At this time of year it seems worse with the shearing gangs arriving and sheep to be gathered and then sorted and as 'clippies' taken away again. I'm obviously very fortunate to be seeing so many sheep all together at one time as they mostly seem to spread out for miles around.

It's quite eerie in this undulating countryside how quickly sheep, or riders, even landrovers can disappear from view so quickly. One sees very little of one's neighbours as they are all busy carrying out their various tasks. Store day is quite a treat as it's the only time I get to see most of the people in the settlement. Speaking of store day, I was quite astounded to see that the packet of cornflakes purchased had a 'sell by' date of June 1986. In England they would be sold half-price at least. Are the Falklanders being conned? No wonder there are not so many half price, out-of-date goods available in England now - they are all being shipped to the Falklands!

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FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY  
WEST STORE

The A.E.S has just been so we have lots of new items again. Hardware has just put on show, bathroom accessories, bed linens and a whole range of KENWOOD kitchen equipment. Here are just a few:-

Electric Cookpans  
Toasters at £22.60 and £26.33  
Teasmade £49.45  
Coffee makers £20.95  
Deep Fat Fryers £53.23 and £42.35  
Upright Vacuum Cleaners £127.43  
Carpet Shampoos £107.88  
Fan Heaters £34.35

and much, much more!

TRAINERS..... TRAINERS..... TRAINERS..... TRAINERS.....  
in the Millinery!

Trainers for ladies, gents or children are selling like hotcakes, so come and buy yours too! (We regret that our suppliers have forgotten to send the size 13's unfortunately).

The BARBOUR stand is full again and we also have Barbour Cord and Moleskin trousers. If you feel that your feet need a treat this Winter, how about a pair of real sheepskin moccasins?

Among the newer new lines appearing daily, there are Greeting Cards, Porcelain ornaments, "Cathedral and Arch" mugs, "Penguin", "Hearts and outline Falkland Map mugs, car speakers and radios.

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MOLLIE'S CORNER - continued

I'm really enjoying myself here and finding out new and interesting things each day. The first time I saw the huge roast joints of mutton for our meal, I nearly had to be revived with a kiss of life. Golly! What a size! I doubt that ever in my whole life I've ever seen such a big joint of meat. Our tiny joints for roasting are sliced so thinly and have to last for days. I've no idea how I'm even going to ration my meat consumption when I arrive back in the land of reality!

Lots more news of my activities to follow next time.

Tats for now

Mollie.

COOKS' CORNER:

GUERNSEY GÂCHE (pronounced "GOSH")

donated by Amanda Wilson from the yacht Hanne IV

This recipe was taken from a recipe book compiled at the turn of the century in Guernsey, Channel Islands by the great aunt of a friend of mine. It is really no more than a rich tea bread but as such is absolutely delicious. It is particularly good made whole or partly with wholemeal flour and eaten warm. We certainly became addicted to it in Guernsey.

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COOK'S CORNER - continued

1½ lb plain flour - brown or white	11lb sultanas
½ lb butter	¼ pint full cream milk
2 eggs	2 oz yeast
4oz candied peel	2 oz dark brown sugar.

Wash and dry fruit. Cream butter and sugar, add eggs and mix with the flour. Warm the milk, add the yeast and a pinch of salt. Then make a depression in your dough and pour in the milk with added yeast and mix well, adding fruit as you mix and knead as you do bread.

Leave to rise for two hours in a warm room, then knead again. Grease a loaf tin and put in prepared Gache. Cook for 1 hour in moderate oven until golden brown. (Currents can be used instead of sultanas if that is to your taste.)

Penguin News would like to make Cooks' Corner a regular feature, centring mainly on recipes particularly suitable for or special to the Falklands - any contributions from all Falkland cooks would be very much appreciated!

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P U B L I C     N O T I C E S

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THE MAY BALL

The May Ball will be held in the Town Hall on Friday 22nd May, 10.00 pm - 2.00 am

The Prince Charming dance will be held in the Town Hall on SATURDAY 23rd May, 10.00 pm - 1.00 am.

Please note, a very high standard of dress is required. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to any lady or gentleman improperly dressed. NO JEANS OR TRAINERS and no alcohol allowed on the premises.

Anyone wishing to help with either FIRE PICKETING, STEWARDS or BOUNCERS or in any other capacity, please ring Gwen on 371

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL - service times

MAUNDY THURSDAY 16th APRIL : 7.00 am Holy Communion. Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY 17th APRIL : 10.00 am Good Friday Service of Hymns, Readings and prayers

7.00 pm Words and Music for Good Friday

EASTER DAY 19th APRIL : 8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Family Communion

7.00 pm Easter Evensong

ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

The 23rd April is St George's Day, celebrated by Scouts all over the world.

This year, the 1st Falkland Islands Scout Group will be holding their St George's Day Parade at the 10.00 service at the Cathedral on Sunday 26th April.

ALL cubs, scouts and venture scouts and leaders to be at the Cathedral by 9.50 am. Service commences at 10.00. This is a special day for the Scout Group and we invite all parents, relations and friends to join us and share in the service with us.

See you there - Jill, Glenys, Gwen, Phil & Dan.

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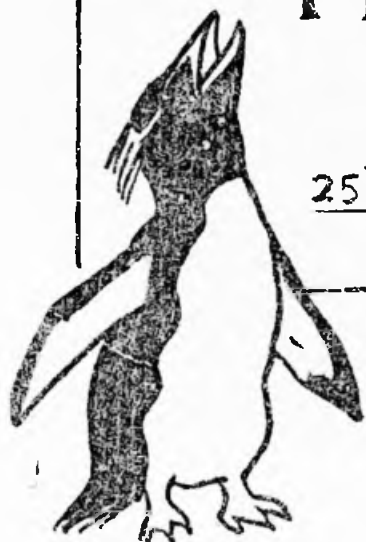
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## A GUST OF GENIUS TO POWER PEBBLE

Pebble Island's settlement will be generating its own electricity from the elements in future following the recent installation of a wind turbine.

Two representatives of Northumbrian Energy Workshop spent nearly a fortnight on the Island establishing the 'mast' and turbine which will take over from the diesel generator currently in regulated use to provide a 24 hr supply of power. A small shed closeby will house the battery banks and necessary inverter to convert the DC voltage to the AC needed for domestic use.

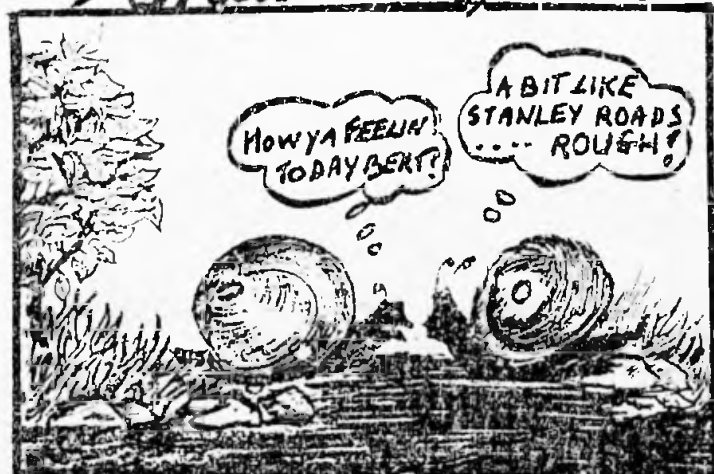
The turbine proposal was initiated by the owners of the Island, Dean Brothers, and supported by the FIDC who have been closely involved in the project. But what was the local response, company director Phil Smith was asked?

"A little wary at first I think but once the people here got involved in our work the help has been very forthcoming", he replied. In fact the use of local assistance could be viewed as one of the project's early successes as Phil Smith went on to confirm:

"The FIDC had set up some contract labour to help us but when we arrived I realised the contractors had made a bad job of the foundations for the mast and as the local labour appeared to be adequate I thought it would be better to use that. If we had used contractors, when they and us, the engineers, had finished, packed up and gone who would be left knowing anything about it? I told FIDC we could do the job with local labour and that was the best decision I've made here. There's been a very high level of competence here and with the help of Keith, Turtle, Raymond and Nobly everything has gone very smoothly."

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## Snail Space



A GUST OF GENIUS TO POWER PEBBLE - continued from page 1

"Besides it's important to remember," he continued, "that at one end of the scale you've got the power system and at the other end you have the people who are using it and if you don't tie the two together you've got one hell of a problem."

Pebble Island has a history of wind pumps with smaller models generating the 2 metre set and an electric fence but with the airstrip there marked out with the rotor heads from redundant turbines what sort of success could this new one expect? Phil Smith explained that the old rotor blades were from defunct water turbines which wear quicker than blades for wind. Both he and his colleague, Johnathon Hill, who have leant their expertise to generator projects in Outer Mongolia, the Seychelles, China, the Sudan and Arctic were confident of the Falklands' prospects in wind generated energy.

"From my experience I would say that the Falkland Islands have one of the best wind regimes in the world because you have here an availability factor of 60-80% which means a 10 kw generator will be able to produce an average of 6-8 kw day in, day out. The best you can ever hope for in the U.K is a 40% availability. The Islands have constant strong winds but gales, though they happen, rarely exceed 90 miles an hour. Other areas we have worked in have had a variable wind and then will then produce a gale of 200 mile an hour winds which will wreck anything."

Asked how the costs of the project worked out, Phil Smith estimated the total sum of supplying and installing the equipment, including cables, was equal to £35,000 but stressed that the high capital outlay would be paid off in a relatively short time. He anticipated the Islanders to have paid off their share of the components in 6 to 7 years with the machinery expected to last 20 - 30 years. The only major expenditure the settlement would incur before then would be the battery which would need renewing in 12-15 years' time at a current cost of £3,000-£4,000. "The Islanders should agree on a cost for the electricity which would enable them to put something by to pay for a battery when one is required."

There was some doubt expressed in the settlement as to whether the turbine would be able to cope with surges of power at key times offering only an average of 6-8 kw but overall a 'wait and see' attitude prevailed amongst the seven homes of Pebble Island as it did in the offices of FIDC:

"The Pebble Island project is something of an experiment," said Shane Wolsey of the Development Corporation. "We've put it up, we'll let it work and then review it. We are contemplating a complete review of the energy requirements of the Islands and obviously Pebble's experiences will have a bearing on that."

HOUSING PETITION PRESENTED TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE

The petition 'Desiring the Right' to Islanders' priority on the housing list was presented to the Governor by organiser Vi Felton with only two women turning up to support her "march on Government House" on 16th April.

His Excellency the Governor accepted the document said by a subsequent Government letter to Councillors to contain 380 signatures but estimated by Vi Felton to hold 480. She and her supporters were then invited into the Conference Room where Mr Jewkes congratulated the organiser on her work: "What you have done is very public spirited. There is a great deal of effort involved here and only a few people would go to the trouble you have."

The Governor then went on to reiterate the government's housing policy stressing that "Falkland Islands Government has never been a universal provider of housing."

"The housing problem is an intractable one, at any rate for the time being," he said. "We haven't stood still on the problem. We are attacking it as best we can but not as fast as I would hope, for one basic reason - a shortage of people to build them, part of the reasons we need immigrants."

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SCIENTISTS LOOK AT SEA BIRDS VERSUS FISHERIES

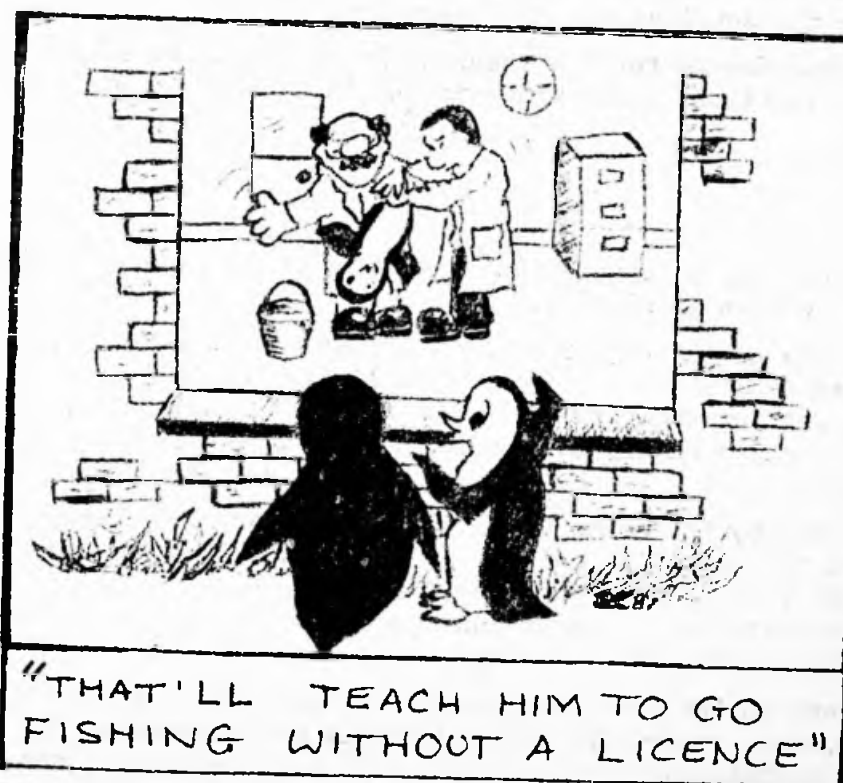
Two biologists have just left the Falklands after seven months spent assessing possible competition between sea birds and fisheries.

Backed by the FIDC and a variety of conservation groups such as the World Wildlife Fund, Dan Hale and Kate Thompson spent most of their days on New Island carrying out the unenviable task of taking stomach samples from six species of sea birds; Rockhoppers, Gentoo and Magellan penguins as well as King Cormorants, the Black-Browed Albatross and the Thin Billed Prion.

The task facing the two who come from Edinburgh was not an easy one as Kate Thompson explained: "What we are trying to do is to work out the average consumption by a bird of a species. To do this we caught say, a rockhopper, flushed out its stomach and analysed the contents. Obviously what we retrieve is semi-digested and we have to sift through the 'mush' to work out what the original meal was and then how much of it was eaten. The only things clearly identifiable in the stomach sample are the eyes or 'beaks' of the krill. Once we have the figures for how much is eaten at each feed and how often a particular species feeds we have to adjust the statistics to cover the whole colony."

The 350 samples gathered since October have been preserved and sent to Cambridge where the British Antarctic Survey has supplied the scientists with laboratory facilities. They will spend the UK summer analysing and reporting on the samples before returning to the Falklands next October for another summer of field work. The project is due to be completed by October 1988.

The biologists were commissioned by the Falkland Islands Foundation in 1985 at a time when the fishing around the Falklands was not regulated or properly monitored and fears for the depletion of fish stocks at their highest. With the introduction of the successful fisheries regime this year the couple felt their work had added value with the ultimate findings being of as much importance to the fisheries management as to the conservationists, both of whom have an interest in safeguarding fish supplies.



"We see the project as working with the fisheries regime. We are naturally anti resources being exploited until they are exhausted but we are not anti-fisheries", said Kate Thompson.

She joined Dan in pointing out that their work had nothing to do with the other scientific investigation recently carried out after the discovery of high mortality rates in some penguin colonies last year.

"We are just doing routine base-line, fact finding work."

ANNOUNCEMENTSBIRTHS

5th March 1987 - To Angela and James Moffatt, a son, Shaun

13th April 1987 - To Carol and Martin Cant, a son, Christopher David

ENGAGEMENT

Caroline Broadhead, Assistant Midwife at Stanley Hospital to Colin Hampson, a Quantity Surveyor. Caroline accepted Colin's proposal on Carcass Island on March 4th.

PENGUIN NEWS CONGRATULATES ALL



## HOUSING PETITION PRESENTED TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE -- continued from Page 2

Vi Felton hesitated when asked by Penguin News whether she felt her efforts had been worth while.

"We may win and we may not but at least its a try," she said finally. "At least the petition has been drawn to the attention of Councillors and we have made it clear that we are not against immigrants but only saying that the place is not ready for them."

The petition, signed by Islanders both in Stanley and Camp, read: "We the people of the Falkland Islands desire the right to top priority on our housing list. We desire the right to a home of our own. We are fed up with being the last priority. The housing situation is very grave and bringing in immigrants will only make the situation worse. House us first. Get your priorities right."

### E.O.D BLOW A BIG ONE

A 1000 lb Mk 17 bomb, recently discovered by Adrian Newman on his land near Top Male House, was successfully detonated in situ by an E.O.D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) unit last Wednesday.

E.O.D's Captain Paul Jefferson said that the bomb, 7½ feet long and nearly 1½ feet in diameter was slightly unusual in that the tail section was still attached to the body following impact. The tail had to be removed before the device was detonated causing a blast which blew a crater 8 feet deep and 25 feet wide, sending debris 400 ft into the air. "It was a big bang" he said with a grin.

The British made bomb was thought by Captain Jefferson to have been jettisoned from an Argentinian sky hawk jet perhaps after an abortive raid and had been dropped from too low a height to be properly armed. The last time a bomb of this size was unearthed after the conflict was two years ago.

The E.O.D Captain praised Adrian Newman for his accurate identification of the device and precise details of locations which made his unit's task easier.

### MID-MAY FOR MONTYS

Stanley's gourmets will soon be able to sample bistro cooking with the news that the new restaurant Montys is to open in mid-May.

Situated in the old Kelper Store on the corner of Dean Street and John Street, the eating house will offer an ambitious addition to the limited dining facilities in Stanley with a seating capacity of 40 and the wide ranging menu offering a variety of dishes such as chilli con carne, hamburgers, pasta and curry dishes.

Most of the cooking will be done by the woman behind the new enterprise, Jenny Pollard, who hopes to be able to capitalise quickly on the "tremendous interest" she says has been shown in the restaurant's progress. An FIDC grant and loan has helped the Pollards to renovate the adjacent Montague House and to bring their long held plans for a restaurant into reality.

With some work still to be done on the premises, Montys promises to be a characterful haunt for the hungry, comprising various levels of balustraded terraces connected by steps, a high ceilinged bar area with cane furniture, set in a green, white and black colour scheme.

The bistro will be open 5 days a week, including Saturdays, from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm and 6.30 - 11.30 pm. Last orders in the evenings will be taken at 9.30 and booking is not obligatory. Montys will have a licenced bar but this will only be available to clients eating a meal or a snack.

Montys will be just the latest addition to an area which is fast becoming the 'boom pocket' of Stanley. The initial surge of interest in the trendy fashion timers like the Woodbine, Pink Shop and Penguin Snacks are reported to be doing brisk business and after a hiccup in ownership, the bakery is back on form. The now derelict Social Club, opposite Reflections, is the current focus of speculation on future shop development with a butchery and green grocer the main contenders.



used a parachute!) The spot where this remarkable feat took place was marked and named Minerva's Leap, but alas the sign was taken down by some person or persons unknown who obviously have no sense of humour..... It shall, however, not be forgotten!

The third name, Teggarts Park, occurred when John Teggart whilst negotiating the turn into Drury Street from King Street swerved to miss a parked rover, his vehicle ended up tottering on the steps of the kids playing field. There are rumours that he was heading for the roundabout as he couldn't make a U turn on Drury Street, others believe he was only parking the van... hence the name Teggarts Park. My investigations continue.

On a more serious note I have observed a few disgruntled waves about Brewster house rents. "Why are the rents of Brewster Houses so high?" Well, why are they? Were they not built with aid funds? Surely the rent could be brought into line with other Government Houses? What about all this mess surrounding these Brewster Houses? Nothing but talk has come of this subject, its time for some action. It is the wide opinion of people that Brewster should never have been allowed to leave the site in such a sorry mess. It would not have been allowed in the U.K. What is done is done, but it doesn't have to stay that way. Maybe Government would consider a grant to the tenants towards top soiling the ground and removing the debris. Maybe someone in Government would like to reply to these few points. Let it be seen that something constructive is being done to sort this eyesore out, as well as bringing the rents into reality.

My investigations  
continue.....  
"DIB"

## THE DIB REPORT

LAKE CARRINGTON, MINERVA LEAP & TEGGART PARK.  
'Things always happen in threes! on this occasion the saying is correct. What an incredibly busy fortnight I have had, the letter came flooding in. Keep it coming. The letter in question came from one of my agents in Camp to inform me that a lake previously unnamed had been christened Lake Carrington. As the name may suggest to some of you, we should all give thanks to the genius of Steve Carrington, who, along with his submersible landrover, travelled where no man had gone before..... Obviously our Steve got Captain Kirk mixed up with Captain Nemo.

Another new name in the Falklands appeared at the junction of the MPA, Stanley and Mare Harbour Roads, where some of H.M.S. Minerva's crew tried to emulate Evil Kinevil by driving their rover, at speed, off the road and into a ten foot ditch. A spectacular effort, my DIB agent in that area says that the rover seemed to float in mid-air before it crashed to the ground completely wrecking the vehicle. (Perhaps I should point out that Evil Kinevil generally used bikes for his spectacular jumps and sometimes even



A FRENCH VIEW OF THE FALKLANDS

The presence of three international journalists at a public meeting in Stanley on 23rd February, caused anxiety amongst some that the criticisms aired by a small but vehement number would have been publicised in the U.K and foreign press, reflecting badly on the Islands.

One of the journalists in attendance at the meeting, was Jan Krause from the leading French newspaper Le Monde and Penguin News has received a copy of his subsequent article. Perceptive, eloquent and sympathetic as a whole, the article 'Five Years Later: A Visit to the Archipelago' takes a constructive view of the Falklands.

But what of that infamous meeting? This is how it was reported to France:

"At present, the manna provided by the fishing licences and which at £7 million will represent three times the revenue from wool, up till now the principal resource of the Islands, ought to make things easier. But to develop the islands without disfiguring them, without embarking on over-ambitious projects or encouraging a public-assistance receiving mentality among the locals is not easy. The dynamic official of the FIDC is certainly the most criticised man in the archipelago and the local representatives of the Foreign Office and the Overseas Services have to display tact in their relations with the elected councillors who form the local 'government', presided over by a Governor appointed by London.

Already, certain tirades heard during a public meeting in Port Stanley sound a disagreeable note: "We don't need any immigrants." "We don't want people coming from England being given priority in housing."

But one only hears this in Port Stanley, 'the town' (1000 inhabitants), where everyone knows the atmosphere is "rotten!" "The real Falklands is Camp", that is to say these vast moorlands peopled by wild geese and sheep, where the inhabitants of isolated farms live a curious mixture of modern and primitive existence."

(Le Monde - 26th March 1987)

DAVID TAYLOR'S FAREWELL INTERVIEW

After nearly 3½ years as the Chief Executive in the Falkland Islands Government, David Taylor has left the post to return to the United Kingdom. His last appointment before his departure on 17th April was an interview with Penguin News in which he looked back on his time in the Islands.

Coming to the Falklands in December 1983 presented a considerable change in circumstance for David Taylor who until his arrival here had been Director of United Rum Merchants. "ODA approached me and invited me to consider taking up the then new post of Chief Executive whose first job would be to run the Falkland Islands Government day to day, a job previously done by the Chief Secretary, and secondly to manage the economic development of the Islands with a subsidiary task of that function to set up the FIDC. Having come to the Islands for a look in July 1983, I decided it would be very difficult to resist the offer because I would have wondered for the rest of my life whether I could have succeeded in the post or not."

PENGUIN NEWS: Having accepted the position and held it for 3½ years, how did you find it work out?

DAVID TAYLOR: "Certainly my time here has given me one of the most interesting jobs I've ever done and I doubt whether I will ever find one that will be quite as interesting again. I certainly hadn't expected in my middle years to come from a comfortable existence in the commercial world to one in which I would be dealing with the much broader world. Suddenly I was meeting with ministers, members of the House of Lords, admirals and generals. One minute I could be on the phone to the Foreign Office and the next dealing with something very ordinary but which to the person concerned was an equally important problem."

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"From the start there was also enormous pressure to develop the Islands rather quickly and that made my position very challenging. I was being seen as some sort of Developmental Moses in a climate of tremendous expectations on the part of politicians and the media. A Foreign Affairs Committee in the House of Commons issued a report in 1984 criticising the "funereal pace of development". That hurt. Soon after that we set up FIDC and then things began to move.

"Part of the initial delay in development had occurred because I needed time to work out what the local requirements were and to make sure that what was set up was in accordance with genuine needs here. I felt that the Development Corporation should deal only with commercial matters and leave the FIG to worry about water and oil supplies etc. I don't think people have yet understood this and you still find a lot of misunderstanding about the role of the FIDC."

PENGUIN NEWS: In view of local criticism of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation, how do you feel it has performed?

DAVID TAYLOR: "I am very pleased with FIDC, very pleased indeed. What has to be appreciated about the Developer any developmental agency, is that it will be criticised because some people going to them for assistance will be disappointed then feel they've been discriminated against or treated unfairly. What we have to make sure is that the FIDC consults as widely as possible. For example, when they did the budget this last time they had advice from a very wide range of people - FIC, the Traders Association, the General Employees Union, the Sheep Owners Association."

"The difficulty is to know what people want you to do. What tends to happen here is that people like Simon Armstrong or me are left to think up something and then other people turn around and say 'That's not what we wanted at all' but they can't actually suggest anything else in its place."

"The pressure for rapid development of the Islands has remained with the necessity to do a lot in a short space of time. The Islands have been effectively neglected for 150 years by British governments of all parties and what we have been asked to do is set right that century and a half of neglect in a matter of a few years. I am very pleased and very proud with all FIDC has accomplished and think it will continue to be a very important aspect of development, although it is important to remember that it is not the only one."

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PENGUIN POST BOX

PO Box 31, Fort Stanley, Falkland Islands

David Taylor  
The Secretariat  
Stanley

15th April 1987

Madam,

I have just seen the latest Penguin News with a copy of Lawrence Blizzard's letter to me.

May I make one general point, which I have already made in a personal letter to him. Councillors have to take into account not only opinions expressed by those with particularly strong feelings about an issue but also the opinions of other people in the Islands, their own personal view and the public interest generally as they see it. They are not delegates obliged to represent a particular viewpoint, as it were, on the instruction of their constituents.

Yours faithfully,

David Taylor  
Chief ExecutiveLois Cottage  
John Street  
Stanley

9th April 1987

Dear Madam,

I have been doing some research in old numbers of the Falkland Islands Magazine, a church issue which lasted for many years; started in 1889, I think it finally came to end about 1930 or 1931.

In the issue for 1892, the Magazine printed the following announcement:-

"The Promoters of the Swimming Bath, at a meeting held on March 10th, decided to abandon the project and return the deposits. The coal supply for six months costing £150, it would be impossible to make the Bath pay its way."

When we consider the more recent proposals for a swimming bath, it shows that history does repeat itself. 1892 is just 95 years ago.

Yours faithfully,

Sydney Miller

Civilian Hospital  
Stanley

23rd April 1977

Dear Madam,

I will be leaving the Islands on May 1st, having worked here eleven months as a sister at the Local Civilian Hospital.

This is really a thank you letter to all the Islanders, both in Stanley and Camp that I have met down here, for being so friendly and hospitable. I need to say special goodbyes to the people I visited in the Community on my district round, especially Fred Clausen, Vi Johnson, Grace McPhee, Madge & Rene Biggs and Babs McCloud who are wonderful characters and who told me lots of interesting stories about the Falklands in the past.

I also met some wonderful people in Camp, especially Shirley Knight at Fox Bay East, Robin Lee at the Lodge at Port Howard. I will always remember catching my first ever fish there in the Warrah River - a 2½ pound sea trout!

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I also stayed on Carcass Island for a few days which will always be remembered as a special place as Colin, my boyfriend, and myself became engaged there. Thanks to Rob McGill for making it such an enjoyable stay.

Finally, I must thank all the staff at the Brewster Hospital who have been great to work with and wish them good luck in their move to the new hospital.

I must also say goodbye to my special friends, Margaret and Jackie, the two nursing sisters I live with and also John, Norman and Bill who work for Building Design partnership on the new hospital. They have all been great friends.

To everyone else I know, I hope one day I will be able to return for a holiday and see you all again.

best wishes,

Caroline Broadhead

Stanley

19th April 1987

Dear Madam,

I'm not much of a cook, but I thought the recipe for Guernsey Gache, donated by Amanda Wilson from the yacht Hanne IV, in Cook's Corner in the last issue of Penguin News, sounded so good I thought I would give it a go.

Everything was going well, but somewhere I must have made a big mistake because, try as I might, I just could not get the eleven pounds of sultanas to mix in with the dough as I kneaded.

What did I do wrong?

Yours puzzled,

Andy Dolphin

EDITOR'S REPLY ? Whoops. No, I got it wrong. A slip of the finger led to a typing error which a weary eye failed to spot. The recipe should of course read one pound of sultanas. I hope future Gache nosh is more successful. In the meantime Cooks' Corner would still like to hear of more recipes, particularly ones suitable for the Falklands.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARADE

The parade on Victory Green in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen was well attended by members of both civilian and military communities.

On a sunny day of clear skies and a stiff breeze, the Pipes, Drums and Bugles of the Royal Irish Rangers led the parade down to the Green where His Excellency The Governor inspected detachments from HMS Minera (at anchor in Stanley Harbour), the Irish Rangers, the Falkland Island Defence Force and the Girl Guides.

As the Union Jacks displayed outside the Upland Goose Hotel, Colony Club and Deanery fretted in the wind, His Excellency led the parade in cheering the Queen and the National Anthem played on several occasions.

A twenty-one gun salute was followed by a fly pass of a Hercules flanked by two phantom jets.

Commander British Forces, Rear Admiral Layman was also in attendance along with leading figures from the Falkland Island Government and BFTI.



PENGUIN NEWS: How do you feel the Islands have changed in the past three and a half years?

DAVID TAYLOR: "One of the strange features of life here is that we are in a state of constant change, particularly in relation to the military. Originally I had anticipated that by now we would be at the end of all the upheaval but obviously with the introduction of the fishing zone we are into another whole period of change and comings and goings.

"There are probably quite a lot of people whose lives have remained much the same, more or less but also a lot of people for whom the changes which have taken place have provided new opportunities they wouldn't have otherwise had. People who were potential entrepreneurs but who probably wouldn't have got off the ground without the developments subsequent to the Conflict with sub-division purchases, FIDC enterprise grants and loans etc.

"I think the one thing that hasn't changed is the degree of dependency in people's make up with them tending to look to the large house in the Camp settlement to solve their problems as they tend to look to the large house with the Union Jack outside in Stanley. Rather a lot of people see it as being always up to the government to do something about their problems and don't quite see that it might be up to themselves to do something."

The sometimes noisy and bitter criticism of government and development heard in some quarters worried David Taylor:

"One of my main worries is the impression which some of the criticism made has on the outside world. I was concerned that three eminent journalists attended a meeting in the Town Hall and heard the sort of attack made there on immigrants. People in the UK, when they hear that, don't say 'Poor Falkland Islanders, what a rotten time they are having, we must do something more to help them.' They are more likely to say 'What an ungrateful lot' and start to hope the whole problem will go away. I think people here should bear that in mind. They don't seem to realise the impression that such a kind of mindless criticism makes on the outside world. I must say however, that I don't think those people are in the majority, it's just a minority which is noisy."

PENGUIN NEWS: What do you see the future as holding for the Falklands?

DAVID TAYLOR: "Obviously the fisheries must be the key here - it is very, very important. I think we have to take a rather cautious view of fisheries because if it becomes a multilateral regime there might not be the same amount of income in terms of the Falklands' share. Clearly what we have to do is to set up a fisheries base here so that irrespective of whether there is a unilateral or a multilateral zone, we have made the Falklands the fisheries centre of the South Atlantic.

In order to ensure that the Falklands is seen as that we have to develop, to ensure that the facilities and infrastructure here are adequate by encouraging the commercial aspects, particularly joint ventures. I would like to see money spent in particular on Camp roads, rationalisation of Coastal shipping, improved efficiency of FIGAS and the provision of a East-West ferry. There is also a lot which needs to be done in telecommunications. I would hope that amenities here will gradually improve. I would like to see two, three restaurants here, a dry cleaning shop and shoe repair facilities."

I see Tourism and the inshore fisheries developing. Tourism has been a remarkable achievement with the infrastructure set up this season just gone. We have to get more people, but the bookings for next year are promising. We have made the first breakthrough in tourism, overcoming that initial barrier against the Falkland Islands as a place that isn't very attractive."

PENGUIN NEWS: What has made you decide to leave now?

DAVID TAYLOR: I decided that 3½ years was enough under the amount of pressure there has always been in the job. On average I was working 12 hours a day in the week and about 13 hours over the weekend - sometimes more, sometimes less. I felt I couldn't maintain that pace but it was difficult to see how I could slow down.

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"In a sense I would have liked to stay and I am still, in many ways, ambivalent at leaving, because clearly the fisheries is very interesting and I would have liked to be involved in that stage of the country's development as well, but it is time for a change."

"Having been involved in choosing my successor, Brian Cummings, I have a great deal of confidence in him with his Northern Irish Civil Service background, his experience of civilian military relationships, considerable knowledge of development and planning matters and his experience of politics. I think he is very well suited for the job without a doubt."

PENGUIN NEWS: After 3 years what are you going to miss in the Falklands?

DAVID TAYLOR: "I'm certainly going to miss the physical attractiveness of the Islands - they are amazingly more attractive than anyone could ever imagine. One of my regrets is that I was too busy to get out and enjoy the Islands more and done some painting. I would have liked to have spent more time in Camp and got out and met more people."

PENGUIN NEWS: What are your next plans?

DAVID TAYLOR: "I don't know. I might go back to the commercial world although I rather question that. I think it more likely that I take up some sort of government appointment; something in the public area rather than in private enterprise. I'm open minded about whether it's in the U.K or abroad."

On his departure from the Islands David Taylor was going straight to chair some joint venture boards in the United Kingdom until finally being freed from his Chief Executive duties. He plans for a holiday in France.

Penguin News wishes David Taylor all the best in the future.

## MOLLIE'S CORNER - 5

When I tell you that at home I live in a street where each house is cheek by jowl with the next, you will not be surprised at my enthusiasm for beautiful scenery - especially mountains. There are many of these visible from Douglas Station, constantly changing their moods depending on the weather. Sometimes sombre with black smudges when the clouds are shadowing the sunshine and at other times so clear and clean that they positively sparkle. Apparently when they are blue it denotes rain and of course there are times when they disappear completely in the mists.

The sunsets are marvellous and I have to restrict the amount of snaps I take of them - it's so tempting to take them all. The blues and pinks of various shades seem to come alive with borders of bright gold surrounding them. I don't know about the sunrises - I'm not awake at that unearthly hour!

The creeks are so often a wonderful Mediterranean Blue, but they can be quite dark and most forbidding. I don't find the weather too bad at all: in fact it shares many similarities with the rapid variations in the Manx weather patterns. One moment so dull and then a patch of blue sky as the clouds roll away and out comes the sun. I'm delighted with the quick drying wind here. I hang my washing out, dripping wet and before long it has dried perfectly and oh! the wonderful pure fresh air smell on my clothes. That's a real bonus. British housewives spend pounds on special washday additives to get smells like that!

My enthusiasm for the peat burning Rayburn dimmed a little when I decided to be a helpful lass and bake bread (something I enjoy doing at home). Stoking and stoking to reach the correct oven temperature, I was getting hot as well.

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MOLLIE'S CORNER - 5 continued

The resulting bread was not really good, but encouraged by kind words from Clara and Bill, I persevered and the next batch was greatly improved. Of course, at home, with an electric oven obeying every touch of a switch, how can one go wrong? It's no real challenge at all.

I was intrigued to learn that His Excellency the Governor has the surname Jewkes. This was the name of the clever surgeon responsible for saving out youngest son's life over twenty years ago. Naturally, hearing it again for the first time in years, my interest was aroused.

I have now been introduced to Newhouse and just love it. I even enjoyed the journey out there in the landrover with all the humps and bumps. Put hair-raising when the rover is practically stood on its hind wheels begging for mercy going up hill. Possible worse when going downhill heading for a tiny bridge across a wide ditch. How shall I ever manage to endure a boring journey by car on smooth roads again? It will all seem very dull.

Another of my wishes has come true. I've been up on a horse. Clara called me outside and told me to get on. "How do I do that?" I asked. "Just put your left foot in there, then leap up and throw your right leg over." She'd got to be joking! I hadn't been that athletic for years. Surprisingly enough - I did it! Gosh - the ground was a long way off. Clara then started to walk the horse - gulp! I felt I was going to fall. I managed quite well and slid off quite gracefully at the right time. I hope to get more chances at that. Have I any more wishes? Yes, plenty. I'd like to ride in a helicopter and a hot air balloon and would like to fly a plane. Never mind, my big wish to get to the Falklands has come true and the other one of getting on a horse - so one must not be too greedy.

Until next time.

Tats for now

Mollie

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S P O R T S : Port Stanley - Easter Sunday 19th April 1987

ARMY 25 Points - NAVY 9 points

The sun shines as I write and the sea around Stanley is flat like a mill pond. On Sunday afternoon, 19th April it was different. The final game in the 1987 Falkland Islands Rugby Football Challenge Shield was played in blustery wind and on a bumpy ground.

Both sides did well against the unfavourable elements. Enthusiasm was high and a remarkable number of rugby skills were displayed by the resilient players. The army managed to run, handle and kick to better effect. In the end they were worthy winners by a dropped goal, two goals, a try and two penalty goals (25 points) to three penalty goals (9 points), one of which hit the cross bar, then an upright before dropping over.

The soldiers used well the low trajectory kick, both in defence and attack, particularly at half back and in the centre. Tackling was tough and well timed particularly with the four wingers and often in front as well. In spite of the wind, line out two handed catching was not infrequent. One particular set serum in the second half when the ball was hooked by the navy, landed like lightning in the hands of the scrum half who with equal precision served his stand off, would have been welcomed on the best of Twickenham Saturday.

Place kicking too was commendable. Jones (three penalties) for the Senior Service (unfortunately he was injured in the closing minutes) and Morris (two penalties and two conversions) of the Royal Corps of Transport (Army) showed ability and rare judgement.

But the aim of the game is to win by running and passing. Here the Army showed the best penetration, particularly in the centre. One burst, by Young had the touch of experience. The dropped goal and the try by Simmonds and the tries by Young and Reddy were all well worked.

All in all, the afternoon was a credit to Rugby Football, officials, supporters and organisers.

Canon G Murphy

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## WHY THE HOSPITAL DELAYS ?

Another blow to local expectations of the new Stanley hospital was delivered last week when it was announced that the handover of the building has again been delayed with the revised date now hanging tentatively on May 20th.

A Penguin News investigation into the causes of these protracted delays brought about contradictory statements from those involved and it would appear that there have been more substantial problems with the hospital in the past couple of months than has been admitted so far.

The popular reason for the hold-ups, put forward by the Falkland Islands Government, the Public Works Department and the architects, Building Design Partnership, is what one official

described as "numerous small works still to be completed."

"It's always the case when a new building is nearly ready," said Government Secretary, Derek Furneyhough, "that there are little snags which need to be seen to. We have said we won't accept the building until everything is complete."

But the "small works" argument was firmly rejected by a number of Fairclough Miller contractors.

"In my opinion, the hospital was ready for the last handover date of 25th April," said Fred Harper, the site's project manager. "When I was told they wouldn't accept it I could have wept. This whole hospital has been built in just 19 months and I feel we've done a good job

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HOSPITAL HOLD-UPS

SPM:it. There are a few very small jobs still to be done but nothing that warrants holding up the handover."

What about the suggestion made by one government official that the contractors now had an insufficient workforce to complete the tasks, Fred Harper was asked?

"Not true" was the reply. "I'm still cutting our work force even now because there simply isn't enough for them all to do. What with wages, board, tools etc it would cost £500 a week to keep one man down here and as far as we're concerned there is nothing to keep them for. We're down to just one mechanic who is doing a few bits and pieces but that is it. I'm bored and don't know what to do. Why are we still here?"

So what was the official reason given to the contractors for the delay in hand over? "Not enough polish on the floors" said one source; a suggestion dismissed with a smile by the resident architect on the project, John Gravell of Building Design Partnership. "That isn't true. There are still lots of little jobs to be done - bits of paint work and some door joinery. Building is not a fine art. There will always be hiccups but these are all over now."

Differences of opinion also emerged over the standard of cleanliness the hospital needs to reach before handover is completed. "Our contract states that we are required to clear all building dust and mess" said one contractor, "but now it seems we are being asked to bring it up to hospital hygiene standards. The people to do that are the hospital staff, with their own disinfectants etc."

Is the building finished or not? To a layman touring the new hospital, all would seem to have been completed and thoroughly cleaned. Fittings are intact, tiles and basins shine and the sparkling windows let the sun stream into the softly coloured rooms whilst in the corridor, yet another layer of polish was being added to the sleek surfaces.

If, as has been suggested, the delay is not due to outstanding "small jobs", what is the reason? None of the contractors cared to comment on that point. Could the true cause lie in the discrepancy in standards between the civilian and military authorities in what is to be a jointly run hospital?

In April the whole hospital was deemed by the contractors and the architects, fit for client take over but the PSA, acting for the military, were said by several sources to have carried out their own inspection several days later and been unhappy with both the filter system and the peculiar fact that the operating theatre had unsealed windows in it. The theatre's air conditioning was drawing contaminated air from outside through the windows, presenting a serious health hazard to the sterile environment inside.

John Gravell of Building Design Partnership denied that the difference of standards had caused any delays: "The whole hospital has been drawn up in full accordance with DHSS standards but the PSA, acting on behalf of the military, have had more exacting standards. However this has not contributed to the delays. It will be only one day's work to change the filter system and half a day's to seal the windows in the operating theatre."

If the contractors are being unfairly blamed for the delays, the financial penalties they are incurring as a result must seem particularly unjust. The liquidated damages, the penalty for not completing a contract on time, are costing Fairclough Miller £2,500 a week. Perhaps this hefty fine is linked to the imminent arrival of the Fairclough Miller director who will arrive here on Tuesday May 12th, the same day a Joint Partner from Building Design Partnership denied there was any particular significance in the joint arrival of two senior company officials: "It's customary that at the end of a project, senior management will want to come to have a look," he said. A view, however, not supported by other sources.

With all the contradictions flying around it is difficult to determine the true cause of the delays. If they are due to a difference of opinion between the military and civilian camps then it is not surprising that the authorities would prefer to use the contractors as a convenient scapegoat: the operation of the hospital will rely entirely on full co-operation between the two sides and neither would care to admit to problems in the early stages.

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MPA ROAD TO BE SERVICED ONLY TWICE A YEAR IN FUTURE

The maintenance of the MPA road is now the onerous responsibility of the Public Works department following the official handover of the 35 mile route to the Falkland Islands Government on April 30th.

Director of PWD, Bill Hills, said that his office was planning to do maintenance work of rolling and grading, twice a year. When asked if he felt this would be adequate considering the military have been almost continually resurfacing the road he replied "It's as much as we can afford."

"I accept that there will be more pot holes and corrugations," he continued, "but we cannot afford any more upkeep. Twice a year should be adequate with the lighter amount of traffic we anticipate but obviously my men use the road more than most and they will be keeping an eye on its condition. At least there will be less loose stone on the surface."

The Falkland Islands Government has not yet agreed a maintenance budget for the 35 miles of roadway but one for £90,000 has been proposed. PWD plans to buy some grading and rolling equipment from the PSA as the limited machinery it already owns is busy working on the Estancia track.

MARKET GARDEN SET FOR SALAD CROP NEXT SUMMER

After two years of numerous set backs and disappointments, the Market Garden is to start sowing its first salad crop next week with lettuces anticipated to be on sale by September and tomatoes and cucumber to follow a couple of months later.

"The end really is in sight," said the resilient Peter Henderson, the garden's creator, "although I don't want everyone to start thinking that all their problems with vegetables are solved forever. We've finished the project but it's like saying we've finished building a ship; we still have to go on our maiden voyage."

It was two years ago when New Zealander, Peter Henderson, first started out setting up a hydroponic garden where vegetables could be grown under cover in soilless, water based conditions but a succession of problems continued to dog the project's every step.

"Basically, we were let down time and time again by poor quality workmen from the UK and a lack of attention to detail by consultants and suppliers," said Peter Henderson. "I'm totally and utterly disgusted and disappointed with the UK end of the project which had no resilience. As soon as this project had problems they wanted to get out before it cost them money. Reputations and credibility were worth nothing."

With all the let downs he had suffered, what had kept Peter Henderson going?

"There is no way anyone could take £1/2 million out of the public funds and then when the going gets tough decide to quit. The sort of person who does that is the sort we're better off not having down here."

"I would also like to say that there is no way I could have got this far without the full backing of the FIDC," he continued. "When the going has been tough and everyone else seemed to be deserting me, they've backed me 100%. Regardless of what anyone else has to say about the Development Corporation, I haven't got any complaints. At the end of the day, they've stuck with me."

What about support from the local community, Penguin News asked?

"In the Falklands everyone has problems with people sitting on the fence waiting for you to fall flat on your face. No one has said to my face that I was wasting my time although I know lots have said it behind my back. A couple of people have been an immense hinderance but what is more important are the great number of people who have been of great assistance."

In fact the Market Garden's survival appears to have resulted not only from Peter Henderson's own determination but also from the equally resilient approach of some local supporters

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MARKET GARDEN SET FOR SALAD CROP NEXT SUMMER - continued

"Of all the people who have helped, the Hobman brothers, Gonzo and Tex, have really kept things going in the past year", said Peter. "They're not on big money and they've seen all the problems but they're good workers and have hung on in here."

"Harold Watson, the electrician, has also been invaluable, as has Malcomm Binnie of PWD who has always been there when we hit another snag."

With the Market Garden now set for completion, will the project be required to pay back its investment rapidly, Penguin News asked?

"Development is setting up something that will complete the infrastructure of the Islands," replied Peter. "It's more important for it to be a viable thing, to work from year to year, than for it make a fast return. If this could pay itself back, it would not need a development corporation to build it, it could have been done by normal business enterprises."

What about possible outlets for his future produce? Was there any truth in the rumour that the Frélic's social club could be replaced by a green grocers? It appears that a number of local retailers have already expressed an interest in selling the Market Garden produce but ultimately Peter Henderson plans to have his own shop in John Street and not on the social club site. "I bought a section of land in John Street next to where the NAAFI used to be, about twelve months ago", said Peter. "When the garden is fully established I will be building a green grocer's shop there."

Meanwhile, back at the Market Garden there are plans to produce potatoes, swedes turnips and radishes in the 10-12 acres of land outside the greenhouses whilst inside spinaches and peppers are being considered as future possibilities once the salad crop is well established.

"It will take a year or so to get confident about what to do from season to season" said the project manager, still understandably cautious about the Garden's future. "I won't make any guarantees of supply to anyone but just take it one day at a time until we get there."

If September does produce the Islands' first commercially grown salad crop, lettuces are anticipated to be sold for 60-70p, tomatoes at £1.60 a kilo and the two varieties of cucumbers at 60-70p for a large European one and 30p for the small size.

THE GOVERNOR PRESENTS PRIZES

Some of the school children of the Falkland Islands had their efforts rewarded in a double prize giving ceremony held in the Gymnasium last Wednesday, May 6th.

Pupils from the senior and junior schools, along with some children from Camp gathered with relations and friends in a crowded hall to watch His Excellency the Governor present awards won in the recent Science Fair and the annual Susan Whitley Exhibition.

The science Fair held a fortnight ago was extremely popular with those who had attended and Chief Education Officer, Eileen Murphy, said she had been "staggered by the calibre of entries."

First prize went to Paul Anderson and Gerard Ford; second to Jeanette Hawksworth and Jill Reeves and third to Leona Vidall and Carol Morrison.

The next presentation was of the Susan Whitley Awards, made from a trust set up in honour of the young teacher who was one of the three civilians tragically killed in the conflict of 1982. The scheme was established by Susan's mother and husband to reward "endeavour in the field of arts and crafts" by young people of school age resident in the Islands. The Trust is funded by generous contributions made by Susan's friends, relatives and the local community of her home town, Llandrindod Wells in Wales. The emphasis on the Awards is on effort as Steve Whitley, the husband of Susan, explained in a letter to the Education Department: "Susan very much would have chosen prize winners who had tried

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# THE DIB REPORT

Hi there, DIB here.

Motor accidents over the past couple of weeks have once again come to my attention from my trusty band of DIB Agents.

Three point turns can be tricky at night and Mrs Wendy Teggart struck a blow for women's life when she reversed the family Mini into a ditch on the airport road. Perhaps it was just a case of 'anything you can do I can do better'.

The Commander in Chief of the British Forces got a nasty fright when the wheel of his vehicle dropped off while travelling on the RMA St. Peter's road. Seemingly the wheel had to be changed prior to the journey and someone forgot to put the nut back on. I trust the Admiral did not have to suffer to many renditions of 'Three wheels in a wagon'.

Staying with wheels if somewhat indirectly, my attention turns to the West Store, to ask one very simple question. 'Do the management intend to introduce a few trolleys so that young mothers can collect their stores more easily?' The sight of mothers struggling with a full shopping basket and a baby under their arm is all too frequent.

We seem to have the biggest game of Trivial Pursuits taking place out here in Port Stanley, not exactly the same as its famous namesake, but the rules of this game seem to be have your cake and eat it! I am referring of course to the Hospital saga which yet again hit the headlines in F.I.B.S. and indeed Penguin News, as we were told the date had been put back to the 21st May.

On the one side we are told the works to be completed are minimal and on the other, the works to be completed made it unacceptable to accept. I find very confusing.

As I see it we should have accepted the handover and worked around the Contractors over this two week period, and, at least, started our work on the transition from the Brewster Hospital. I believe this will take some time so it would make sense to get started as soon as possible.

One final note. I must congratulate the genius of the men who designed the pebble dash road that surrounds the Hospital, thus ensuring some business from the skidding accidents that will undoubtedly occur.

That's my report for this week. Don't forget that if anything is happening in your area that warrants further investigation, to get in touch with me here, at Penguin News.

Meanwhile.....

my investigations  
continue.....

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR  
BENJAMIN

## DETECTIVES -----



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However, the differences do not appear to have been serious and it is encouraging that officials have agreed on one point: the handover is near. May 20th?

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MAINTENANCE OF THE NEW HOSPITAL

A question being raised in some quarters is the worry over who will carry out the day to day maintenance of the new hospital when it is fully operational.

Bearing in mind the fact that FWD is already overstretched and entirely reliant upon the over time put in by its dedicated employees, did the department's director, Bill Hills feel he had sufficient manpower to attend to the needs of a major new hospital?

"We are well able to maintain the hospital by a combination of contractual and direct maintenance", he said. "Local contractors will be brought in for electrical matters, special contractors from the UK will be used for the technical items such as the X-ray equipment and the rest I am confident that we are well capable of with the manpower we have."

GOVERNOR SPEAKS ON POSSIBLE ARGENTINE-BRITISH INITIATIVE

Following the recent talk about more indirect contacts between Argentina and Britain on possible fisheries co-operation, the Penguin News checked with His Excellency, the Governor, to find out exactly what developments, if any, there had been.

"There has been some exchange of ideas," Mr Jewkes replied cautiously. "They are very informal, very technical ideas - ideas which have certainly not been in a condition to be tabled formally. Last week's tabling of ideas by Argentina is seen to be just one more step in the process of probing in what has been and probably will continue to be a somewhat slow and very deliberate process."

"The ball is definitely in Argentina's court as far as we stand and we are quite prepared to examine ideas they put forward."

"There has been no direct contact between Argentina and Britain at all," the Governor confirmed, "and as is well known there are still no direct diplomatic relations between the two countries."

A question was recently asked in the House of Commons on the future of the fisheries here when Mr Kenneth Warren asked the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs "if he will publish the dates, locations and names of participants in the meetings with the Argentine government, or its representatives concerning the future of fisheries in the South Atlantic, and if he will make a statement."

Mr Tim Eggar replied: "There have been no such meetings."

Mr and Mrs Jewkes apparently thoroughly enjoyed their recent tour of Camp which the Governor summed up as "absolutely superb."

"I visited 9 settlements/farms and met 17 farmers in all. Everyone was so hospitable and friendly", he said. "It is very important that I and my wife have an opportunity to meet Camp residents on their home ground. We had a series of informal and useful discussions whilst we were there. I was trying to find out what was bugging them."

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GOVERNOR'S CAMP VISIT - continued

And what were the main issues discussed, Mr Jewkes was asked?

"Fairly Predictable ones that in the main don't admit an early solution - coastal shipping, FIGAS etc," he replied. "High fares were a source of worry to West Islanders in particular and to some degree, the question of telecommunications. Still, I found the general mood very buoyant in West Falkland and most especially amongst some of the new farmers which is most encouraging."

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EDITORIAL

It's frustrating and wearying to see the new hospital's handover dates shunted further and further back and these effects must be felt even more by those actually involved in the project.

When the building does finally open its doors it will be an ambitious, perhaps unique establishment: a modern hospital run for and by civilian and military communities. To set up such an operation can have been no easy task.

For the hospital to even be commissioned requires the PSA representing the Ministry of Defence, the ODA for the Falkland Islands Government and pigs-in-the-middle, Fairclough Miller and Building Design Partnership to all be in agreement.

Yet what sounds like a nightmare of a bureaucratic spaghetti has actually been reduced to a problem of meat and two (or is it four?) veg. dimensions. This has been achieved by the Hospital Management Committee, a liaison body consisting of civilian and military health experts under Dr Murphy, who have painstakingly nudged their way around all the differences encountered. They deserve congratulation for bringing this project into sight alone.

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Bearing in mind the number of organisations involved in the hospital project little wonder that some discrepancies in standards and expectations have been encountered.

For all that, a major new hospital has been constructed to a high standard in just 19 months and a valuable co-operation almost secured between the two sides who will operate it. That is an achievement to be noted and appreciated.

TWICE A YEAR ROAD ROLL?

Can we really be convinced that a road servicing twice a year will be adequate for the MPA road? "It's all we can afford" is the customary response, and perhaps as things currently stand it is a valid one.

Money doesn't grow on trees it is true (which is just as well as the Islands don't have many of those), but we do have squid and not only does money come tumbling in from that valuable commodity, it also seems to be landing in quantities exceeding everyone's expectations. Figures of up to £12½ million have been whispered in some quarters.

On May 26th, Legco will sit down and ponder out this year's budget. What will be done with the fisheries money? As no one can guarantee how long this income will last, nor even how much next season will reap, it is generally expected that this year's budget will concentrate on one-off capital projects from this year's fisheries income.

Could the road not be one such project?

In the MPA road the military have given us a prize asset - a 35 mile route, constructed and until last month maintained at no cost to the Falkland Islands. Like any asset it should be protected to ensure it remains in a serviceable condition for many years to come. Either the dangerous ditch on either side need to be properly piped and covered or preferably, a solid surface laid on top.

If we leave the road as it is and attend to it only twice a year, its value will be undermined and the gift will become a liability. What a sad waste that would be.

AND FINALLY :

In our last issue of Penguin News, we carried a Snail Space cartoon which reflected a common held view on Stanley's roads.

Well, the roads have bitten back! Since that issue, the Penguin News has suffered no less than 4 punctures in ten days! To all the cheerful and kindly characters who have assisted a harassed editor in the fine art of hasty wheel changes - very many thanks. (These thanks are even extended to a certain agricultural chappie who it seems will never let the editor forget her ignorance of vehicles!).

Meanwhile - to the roads of Stanley - potholes, rocks and all - please leave our wheels alone!

The 1987 Champion Sheep Dog Trials were held at Goose Green on 2nd May in glorious weather.

First was I Morrison with Bounce on 29 points. Second was S Alazia with Luke on 44 points and third, B Hewitt with Mandy on 46.

The judges of the event were B Hardcastle, P Robertson and R Dickson.

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hard rather than those who has a natural talent which wasn't quite put to the test." The Susan Whitley Exhibition is held in August and prizes normally given on Commonwealth Day in March but school was on holiday at that time this year.

The prize winners, who each received a gift personally chosen and sent from the U.K by Susan Whitley's mother, were the following:

SENIOR SCHOOL SECTION:

1st Prize & Spinning Wheel Trophy - BARBARA CHEEK : Spanish Embroidery  
2nd Prize - PAUL PHILLIPS : Pencil Drawing of Madonna  
2nd Prize - PAULA NEWELL : Drawing from life

INFANT/JUNIOR SCHOOL SECTION:

4 - 6 years 1st Prize - JAMES WALLACE : Rooster  
2nd Prize - LISA COKER : Ballet Dancer  
7 - 9 years 1st Prize - SACHA CLARKE : Dragon  
2nd Prize - CHRISTOPHER EYNON : Whales  
10 - 11 years 1st Prize - BEN COCKWELL : View of Junior School  
2nd Prize - KEITH KNIGHT : Kelp Geese

CAMP EDUCATION

1st Prize - TRACEY EVANS : Pam and her pups  
2nd Prize - WILLIAM FINDLAY : Poor Robin  
2nd Prize - JULIET BINNIE : Painted Tile  
2nd Prize - MARIE CLIFTON : Portrait

Before making the Susan Whitley awards, His Excellency addressed a speech to the assembled "boys, girls and grown ups" in which he congratulated everyone, making a special commendation to Mrs Smith of the Junior School "and all teachers and helpers for their efforts during the time of high vacancies at the school when all looked black."

The members of the Junior school made their own contribution to the morning's events with a heartily sung medley of songs along the theme of "Common Good and Harmony" which was very well received by the audience.

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Mrs E Steen  
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Falkland Islands

3rd May 1987

Dear Madam,

I have been asked by a well known Womans Magazine if I could supply them with recipe's typical of the Falkland Islands.

I am writing to ask readers if they could help by sending to me or the Penguin News, any recipe's they have made up themselves which could take pride of place with other countries'.

Please supply with the recipe your name and address, so I can send it along too.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Emma Steen

Stanley

Dear Madam,

We, Andy Brinwen and Elinor Douse, will be leaving the Falkland Islands on 24th April for the UK and we would like to send good wishes to all our friends in Stanley and in Camp. We have enjoyed warm hospitality and friendship and hope we may visit these shores again one day.

Yours faithfully,

Andy Brinwen and Elinor

#### REDFIRE ON SHOW

Redfire, the E.O.D's mine handling vehicle, made its first public appearance in Stanley in a popular demonstration attended by nearly 200 people.

The sunny morning of Saturday 2nd May found EOD's Q Mines, Bob Nash, and his team on Victory Green, putting the remote control machine through its paces. As Bob explained to the crowd, Redfire has been adapted from a similiar machine used in Northern Ireland against terrorist devices with certain features adapted to make it suitable for the Falklands' environment: - the tracks of the mini trnk have been widened to allow it to cross peat and sand without sinking in and unlike its Northern Irish counterpart which trails power cables, Redfire is completely radio controlled.

Redfire also has a TV monitor to enable its operator to position the machine's robot arms as accurately as possible, whilst the extendable arm itself has two attachments: a 'potato picker' which can scoop up mines, or a blow torch.

As Bob explained, the blow torch was more commonly used. The operator manoeuvres Redfire up to the mine and with the aid of the TV monitor positions the blow torch close to it. Gas is then turned on and a fierce flame sets fire to the plastic device. Once it is certain that the mine is alight, Redfire retreats as there is always the risk that the mine's fuse could still detonate and explode before burning off.

Q Mines was asked why "burning the mines didn't cause an explosion anyway? The answer lies in the chemistry of the explosive. Most explosives will burn rather like fire lighters but if given a shock a chain reaction quickly builds up, causing the explosive to burn all at once, i.e. to explode. The shock which sets off a mine is provided by it's fuse which contains a small amount of unstable explosives

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One morning at breakfast time, Clara told me they could well do with my help in the sheep pens. I thought this was a huge joke but was willing to have a go. I helped to encourage the sheep into the pens ready for drafting and once I got the hang of it, I thoroughly enjoyed my job. Consequently, a few days later, I got a 'cuppa' presented to me at 6 am with the words, "Hit the deck gal, we need your help in the pens again." I decided they must be desperate if they needed my inadequate help, so I soon got dressed and was out leaping fences (well, almost leaping them) and prancing around like a demented scarecrow. Clara had rather understated the awkwardness of these particular sheep! I certainly had a huge appetite at breakfast time and the porridge disappeared at lightning speed.

Another day, we set off for Teal Inlet and happened to have Jean and Terry Binnie with us. This had all been hastily arranged by 2 metre the previous day and they had stayed the night with us at the settlement. The journey was going to prove quite an adventure for me.

We travelled up by Hope Cottage, where Jean had lived at one time, and then seemed to go a long way with her insisting "It's all hard ground here Bill. You won't get bogged; no fears of that." We had several near misses! I saw a creek ahead of us and felt we must be nearing the settlement but where was it? It all seemed very strange. Where was it hiding? Then to my horror, it became quite obvious that we were going to cross the creek, (called, I think, Chatter creek) in the landrovers. Golly! I was pleased there was some of that "hard ground" there, I can tell you. As if this wasn't enough, we repeated this performance at Kettle Paddock creek. It's alright for you hardened campers to laugh at me, but it came as a great shock to the system to be paddling in a landrovers. It's not a thing we do much in our cars back home!

When at long last Teal Inlet came into sight, I was quite enchanted with it. The lovely cream and green colour scheme of the houses and buildings and the mass of beautiful trees. I had to agree with Jean that it had a certain something; a charm all of it's very own. Jean and Terry went to stay with Ray but we were visiting Dorothy. Her greenhouse had a splendid crop of tomatoes and cucumbers and the whole garden had a 'ye olde welrde English' atmosphere about it. Dorothy is obviously an excellent gardener: I could do with her energy around my garden at home. She is certainly a superb cook too.

Sadly we could not spend too long with her that day as we had to catch the tides to cross the creeks. The return journey was without incident as I was fully prepared for the paddling this time, until we got to somewhere near Hope Cottage. The landrover seemed to dive into this creek, into waters that looked very wet! We drove out to the middle, around a flag pole and then leapt up onto the bank on to dry land once more. Quite an experience for me and I'm glad I didn't miss that one.

Clara knew that I was a reluctant angler. Ron used to take me out in our little boat when he went fishing. (Ron was my husband). I just enjoyed the tide. He was disgusted with me just "sitting there" doing nothing, so he eventually presented me with a well baited fishing rod dropped over the side of the boat. "You'll know alright" he had said. "How do I know when I catch a fish?" I had asked. "You wind in the line." "O.K" I replied, "the line will jerk up and down, then you wind in the line." "O.K" I said and promptly reeled in the line with a respectably sized plaice on the end, said and promptly reeled in the line with a respectably sized plaice on the end, weighing two pounds. Beginner's luck Ron called it. However, with Clara and Bill, I went to Malo and she caught four good sized mullet, then told me it was my turn! Huh! I had never even fished from a beach. I had a go and caught four good mullet. My final cast caught a whopper weighing about ten pounds and I have a picture to prove it. Ron would have had a good laugh about it.

We visited Pebble Island as well but I'll tell you about that next time.

If my calculations are correct, by the time this is in print I shall be very sad and packing my cases ready for journey back to U.K on May 15th. There will be some excitement at the thought of seeing my family again but it's going to be hard to leave this wonderful country behind me. That's all I say? Simply - cheers chays. It was good meeting you and a million thanks for your kindness and care towards me.

Tats for now

Mollie



REDFIRE ON SHOW - continued

Another point made at the demonstration was that Redfire does not detect mines if only deals with those that are already visible above ground. The device is ideal for destroying those rogue mines which are in danger of being moved out of minefields by the force of wind and water. Since its arrival in the Islands in 1986, Redfire has handled over 300 devices with only two accidents.

Whilst Redfire reduces the danger of straying mines it unfortunately does not provide a complete answer to the problem of minefields in the Falklands and it is important that everyone remembers the final message made at the demonstration always be vigilant and leave mines well alone.

SCOUT NEWS

The Group Council of the first Falkland Islands Scouts met on 20th April 1987 under the chairmanship of Mr T Spruce. Scouts, leaders, parents and friends listened to reports of our year's activities, assessed the finances and discussed arrangements for the May Ball.

With our numbers of cubs, scouts and venture scouts hovering around 36 and 4 regular leaders, there was a satisfying nucleus, with movement from cubs into scouts and on to venture scouts now beginning. Hopefully these numbers would swell even higher when our new hut and land allocations begin to be established and developed.

It was resolved that when we moved out of the gymnasium only scout equipment presently housed in our store room and issued by us to other groups requesting it's use would cease to be our responsibility.

Local contractor help was still being sought to help us with the dismantling and removal of our portacabins. At a later date, more community support would be needed for the siting and proper re-erection of these buildings.

Thanks to the command secretary, our eight bay portacabin unit was bought at a minimal cost and similarly our land and store room are charged at a pepper-corn rent from the Falkland Islands Government.

Clamshell huts were refurbished by the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in return for their use during inclement weather by military units using the Murrell River Range. Thanks were also recorded for several members of the local community who continue to give us active support, notably Doreen Clark and Micky Clark.

Finally, the meeting discussed the thorny problem of insurance cover. The matter would be looked into further with the proposal to Falkland Islands Government for using the subventions grant presently allocated as the premium for a blanket insurance policy concerning all outdoor activities for all youth.

Phil Middleton

General Scout Leader

NEW FIRE STATION MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

The first phase in the construction of the new fire station has been completed with the foundations for three packaway buildings having been laid on the St Marys Walk site which previously served as gardens for the police cottages.

Assistant foreman, Sid Smith, who has been working on the project with a team of seven local labourers since the start of February said that there had been a few problems with equipment but that generally he was pleased by the way work had progressed.

The first packaway building to go up will house the fire tenders with at least one of the vehicles expected to be under cover by July 1st at the latest.

IN COURT: Wednesday 6th May

Robert Kiddle made an application for an extension of time to pay fines totalling £190 imposed by the magistrate two months ago. Senior Magistrate, David Lang allowed him an extension until the end of June with the payment to be made in two instalments.

A case brought against John Teggart for allegedly taking a vehicle without the owners' consent was dropped after police chief, Ken Greenland, told the Court that in view of new evidence recently produced, the prosecution would proceed no further.

Ian Webster was charged with parking a landrover on Philomel Hill on 6 April in such a position likely to cause damage to other vehicles. Mr Webster, a chief petty officer in the Royal Navy, pleaded guilty but told the Court that he had not noticed yellow lines and did not know that parking was not allowed in the area.

Police Chief, Ken Greenland, said that Mr Webster had "behaved impeccably" when a police constable has pointed the offence out to him but that charges had been brought because the junction of Crozier Place and Philomel Hill was a particularly hazardous area for bad parking.

The Magistrate told Mr Webster that although ignorance was no excuse for the offence, the Court would take into account that he was a stranger to the area and he was fined £25.

DRAFT LEGISLATION

A recent Executive Council meeting considered some draft legislation being drawn up by the Attorney General. His Excellency the Governor briefly outlined the bills being considered:

**BANKING BILL:** Designed to provide a framework under which financial institutions in the Falkland Islands may operate. Its main aim to protect the depositor.

**IMMIGRATION BILL:** "At a time when immigration is a live question" the Governor explained, "it is important to say who may come here, who may stay and who is to control the process."

**MISUSE OF DRUGS BILL:** This is designed to effect control in handling all sorts of drugs with the aim of minimising their abuse.

**MENTAL HEALTH BILL:** "This is designed to give us authority to deal with people in a distressed mental state, who have totally broken down and to control how they may be dealt with, perhaps to remove them from society to a place where they can be properly cared for. Its aim is to protect both the rights of the individual and society. I hope it is one bill we will not have to put into operation."

**BUILDINGS OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL INTEREST BILL:** "There are buildings in the Falkland Islands which deserve protection in terms of the history of the Islands and if there is to be a sense of linkage with the past, this Bill is to safeguard them."

**FIREARMS BILL:** The present bill, considered to be outdated, is currently being adapted to bring it up to date and to cover more activities. Attorney General, Michael Gaiger said it was needed to bring about "better control of firearms" and to make the existing legislation "more sensible" e.g. any loss of firearms in the future will have to be reported.

**NAVAL PORTS BILL:** This will establish Mare Harbour as a naval port subject to the ultimate control of the civil authority but with the armed forces to be in control of it's day to day running.

His Excellency the Governor explained that most of these bills have been in draft for a long time and had been drawn up to cope with the development of the community

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PUBLIC NOTICESMAY BALL

Don't forget: Friday 22nd May, 10.00pm-2.00 am THE MAY BALL

Come and enjoy yourselves and see our beautiful young ladies in their finery and the evening after;

THE PRINCE CHARMING DANCE with our young men on parade.

Please note: A very high standard of dress is required for both evenings.  
No jeans and No trainers allowed.

Refreshments will be on sale on both evenings, in the capable hands of Mrs Green. No alcohol allowed on the premises.

Admission for 15 years and over at £1.50 each evening  
The Organisers reserve the right to refuse admission.

CATHEDRAL SERVICES - May

SUNDAY 17th MAY 8.00am Holy Communion (Bcp)  
4th Sunday after Easter 10.00am Family Service and Baptism of Ian Wallace  
(Goose Green)  
7.00pm Evensong - Broadcast Service.  
Preacher - Derek Evans, Cathedral Warden

An extraordinary meeting of the vestry is planned to take place in the Cathedral after Evensong.

SUNDAY 24th MAY 8.00 am Holy Communion (Bcp)  
Regation Sunday 10.00 am Family Service - theme "Teach Us to Pray"  
7.00 pm Evensong - theme "Joy"

THURSDAY 23th MAY 7.00 am Early Morning Holy Communion in celebration of  
Ascension Day Ascension Day.

SUNDAY 31st MAY 10.00 am Family Service - theme "The Ascension"  
Sunday after 7.00 pm Evensong - Broadcast Service - theme "The King  
Ascension Day and the Kingdom"  
8.00 pm (approx) Evening Holy Communion

In reply to the telegram sent to Her Majesty the Queen by His Excellency the Governor on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday the following reply was received:

Your telegram of 20 April conveying loyal greetings to the Queen has been laid before Her Majesty. Please convey to all concerned in the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the British Antarctic Territory, Her Majesty's warm thanks and appreciation for the messages."

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Another matter discussed at this Executive Council meeting was the old HQ BFTI building behind Cable and Wireless. Councillors were reluctant to sanction any further expense on the building before a future use has been arranged for it.

The need for new navigation lights to make the approaches to Stanley easier for the increased shipping traffic was also discussed as was the need for an additional generator to cope with the rise in electricity demand.

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## OUR 100th ISSUE!

To celebrate reaching our 100th issue, Penguin News looks back on some of the highlights of past issues, starting this week with the formative editions covering the period October 1979 to Liberation Day 1982.

For a trip down memory lane turn to page 9

Meanwhile a few words from the newspaper's founder and first editor, Graham Bound:

"If we need a thematic tag for this issue of Penguin News, then it must be nostalgia. We have, after all, reached a publishing milestone; our 100th issue. It is not surprising then that in this special number

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Hospital is handed over

Museum starts to move into new home

Another new shop for Stanley

& MUCH MUCH MORE

### MERCY DASH BABY COMING HOME

Globe trotting Falklands' baby, Simon Reid is expected back in the Islands next Friday having recovered from the health crisis which caused the young Islander, then only 24 hours old, to be evacuated to Uruguay for specialist treatment.

Born on 14 May with blood problems, baby Reid was attended by medical staff from the Frewster hospital and British Military Hospital until the early hours of the following day, Friday, when it was decided that despite having undergone a complete blood transfusion, the child still required the assistance of a specialist baby unit: the nearest one being in Montevideo

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Commander British Forces, Rear Admiral Layman, agreed to the mission and His Excellency the Governor worked through the early hours making speedy diplomatic moves to give the flight necessary clearance whilst Registrar Sharon Halford was called from her bed in the early hours to give day old Simon the birth certificate he required in lieu of a passport.

Carried by his grandmother, Rose Stewart, the baby was flown by helicopter to Mount Pleasant Airfield where members of RAF 1312 Flight had a Hercules aircraft waiting and at approximately 9.00 am it took off for the 1350 miles flight to Montevideo. Simon's condition was said by his father later, to have improved a little during the flight after the baby was placed in a observation post of the aircraft where the sunshine apparently helped him.

On arrival, Uruguayan officials were reported by an MPA spokesman to have been extremely co-operative and before long the British Hospital was giving the baby the necessary treatment.

Having made a good recovery, Simon Reid was taken by his grandmother a further 7,000 miles to the UK where they arrived on Saturday 23rd May and are currently staying with relatives. Both are expected back in the Falklands next Friday, providing the RAF are willing to once again to waive the ruling that states that children under six weeks old cannot be carried on aircraft.

By the time he touches on Falklands' soil again, Simon Reid will have accomplished a notable 16,000 miles of travelling in the first two weeks of his life alone.

Speaking of the efforts made by so many people to help Simon, father Gus Reid said, "We'd like to thank everyone again for all they did - particularly all those behind the scenes people who we didn't know anything about. They were marvellous."

FIRST SITTING OF INQUEST INTO DEATH OF KELVIN BROWNING

The inquest into the death of Kelvin Browning whose body was found on Lively Island on Saturday May 16th, four days after his disappearance, began last Wednesday.

In his opening address, Deputy Coroner, David Lang, said that Mr Browning had gone missing on 12 May, a day of severe weather, sub-zero temperatures and strong southerly winds and that despite an "extensive search" on the Tuesday and Wednesday, no sign had been found of him. With the initial search having been called off the day after Mr Browning's disappearance, a larger search party was flown to the Island the next Saturday, totalling 39 members in all. A team working in the top eastern sector of Lively Island had discovered the body at 10.00am.

An inquest was necessary, said Mr Lang, so that the circumstances of Mr Browning's death could be publicly dealt with and an exploration made of any steps which might reasonably be taken to prevent such tragic deaths in future.

The Court heard from Mr Steen, a member of the FIDF, drafted in for the search, who found the body lying in an area of short grass and diddle dee, wearing the same light clothing which Mr Browning had been in when last seen alive.

When Mr Steen had finished giving evidence, the Deputy Coroner said he wished to make a public thank you to all members of the Defence Force who gave up part of their weekend to assist in the search.

Detective Constable John Adams, the next witness, showed the Coroner photographs of the body he had taken and agreed with Mr Lang that the position of the body suggested Mr Browning had been asleep. In answer to the Deputy Coroner's query about the distance of the body from Lively Settlement, Detective Constable Adams said it had taken him 15-20 minutes to reach it from the settlement by vehicle and claimed that someone on the Island had estimated it would take a young, fit person 2-3 hours to walk to the area.

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KELVIN BROWNING INQUEST - continued

A report written by Dr McIlroy who examined the body when it had been brought back to the BMH, was read out in Court. It declared that the body had "all the appearances of death from hypothermia due to exposure from the cold." The doctor was unable to attend the Inquest in person because he was on duty in Camp but the Deputy Coroner said that a further session of the hearing would call him and other witnesses forward at a later date.

It was ruled that Mr Browning's death had arisen from "hypothermia due to exposure to the elements" and the Deputy Coroner expressed his sympathy to relatives and friends of the deceased, particularly his mother who it is understood travelled down from the United Kingdom.

The Inquest has been adjourned until a further date when evidence will be taken from other witnesses to determine more about the circumstances leading up to the death of Mr Browning.

MUSEUM STARTS TO MOVE IN

Britannia House, the previous home of the Commander British Forces, has slowly begun its transformation into the Falkland Islands Museum under the guidance of its recently appointed curator, John Smith.

A few artefacts have begun to emerge from their various hiding holes, to sit in the museum ready to participate in the exhibitions but the bulk of the museum's possessions will not arrive until later this week when an extensive unpacking and cleaning session will begin, as the dedicated John Smith explained:

"The previous museum, housed in the Falkland Islands Company, had to be dismantled and crated very quickly in 1982 during the Occupation when all spare rooms were snapped up. We've been looking for another home ever since and haven't looked at our exhibits for five years. There is going to be a tremendous amount of work to be done; sorting through it all and possibly having to do some restoration. Everything will have to be unpacked and assembled before we can even begin to buy display cases etc."

The task confronting the local historian is obviously a labour of love for someone who has dedicated so much of his time to keeping Falklands' history and heritage alive during a period when there have been many other priorities for the authorities. "Now, after five years, the museum's time has come up", he said happily and work is obviously about to begin in earnest.

"The museum is aimed at everyone", continued John Smith. "We hope to rotate some exhibits on a theme, i.e. traditional crafts, communications, flora and fauna, bird life etc and we hope that local experts will give us a hand." Once the main collection is fully set up, a special '1982' section will be established in some buildings outside the main house with memorabilia from the Conflict to recall the Falklands' most turbulent historical era.

For the time being, John Smith who resigned as a Trustee of the Museum to apply for the curator's position, is the only full-time member working for the project but he hopes that in the future it will be very much "a common effort."

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MAY BALL 1987

It may have been a cold, dark night outside on the evening of Friday 22 May but inside the Town Hall there was a warming spectacle of light, music and elegance as an estimated 400 people gathered together for this year's May Ball.

Stars of the occasion were the young ladies beautifully turned out in evening dresses but many others of all ages joined in for a night of traditional and modern dancing.

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Already he has been encouraged by the enthusiasm and assistance of local people and government departments and anticipates that the future of the Museum will rely on such co-operation. Despite the accumulation of artefacts already on their way, ranging from ships' figure heads and furniture to late 19th century telephones and old shearing equipment, the historical enthusiast would like more:

"The Museum concerns every aspect of Falklands' heritage and we would ask people to think if there is anything which may be sitting in their attics which we could use", he said. "If it's something which they are fond of and don't want to part with permanently, then perhaps we could have it on loan? Some items may not mean much by themselves but put amongst our collection they could help build up a picture of the Islands' past."

The layout of the building is suitable for a Museum with its large main reception area and a wing of smaller rooms where it is planned that particular historical scenes could be set up such as a turn of the century shop or kitchen, in their entirety.

HOSPITAL IS HANDED OVER

The new Falklands' hospital was officially handed over to its joint operators, the Falkland Islands Government and Ministry of Defence by the contractors and architects on 20th May.

Representatives of all parties toured the hospital for hours on the morning of the hand over day with agreement finally reached. The main stalling points of previous hand over dates - the filter system and operating theatre's windows, are to be discussed in London on June 2 by the MoD and Overseas Development Agency but Chief Secretary, Derek Furneyhough, said "We go ahead."

Mr Furneyhough said that a few contractors were to stay on to clear a few remaining 'snags' but phase one of a five phased moving-in programme was underway with equipment and furniture being off loaded into the new building the day after the hand over.

With the moving only just having got underway, the date for an official opening is still in the air although sights are fixed on some time in August said the Chief Secretary.

ANOTHER NEW SHOP FOR STANLEY

Stanley is to benefit from another enterprising venture with the imminent opening of a green grocers/cake shop in Hebe Street by Rene Rowlands.

With the shop, housed in converted portacabin in the garden of 3 Hebe Street, Rene Rowlands has hit on the worthy idea of selling all the surplus fresh vegetables which both town and Camp gardeners may have to spare, to those of the less green fingered community for whom fresh produce is a rare treat.

"If some people have grown more vegetables than they require, they can sell them to me and I'll sell them from here", said Rene standing over her first consignment of cabbages which were going for 24p a pound. "I'm going to try and be open at unusual times, such as the lunch break so people can come and browse around" she said. "I'm also aiming for the personal shopper and won't go for bulk orders from ships etc."

Being dependent upon availability of stock, Rene Rowlands is unable to have fixed opening times but there will be radio announcements informing the public when produce is in and the opening times of the shop on each occasion

APOLOGIES - to the Girls Brigade who we mistakenly called the Girl Guides in an article concerning their participation in the Queen's Birthday Parade.

# THE PIB REPORT

THE PASTA PANTHER RAIDS G.H.

Following some very difficult undercover work, I can reveal to all my regular readers, that Government House was the target for a daring raid which took place during the early hours of last weekend. I'm sorry to have to tell you, that the raid resulted in the abduction of a dish of left over Lasagne!

Yes, my dear friends, as you, I was profoundly stunned by this dastardly deed which has sent shockwaves throughout Government House. The Staff have maintained their plea of innocence, and they and the Police seem to know nothing of the events that took place. An unforgivable attempt to cover up!

But, I say to those who would keep quiet, You could be the next victim. Unless the Pasta Panther is caught, who knows what his taste may turn to. No longer will we be able to leave beans on toast on the table or half-eaten sandwiches. No one is safe. It may be too late for the Lasagne..... A reward for its return

or any information as to its whereabouts should be offered by Government House. Until such a time send any information you may have to me, here at Penguin News.

In the meantime my advice to you all is to lock all your food stuffs safely away, including any scraps you may have been saving for your hens..... Nothing is safe until this fiend is caught.

A SPORTING SERENADE

Looking back now to the Johnnie Walker Darts Tournament, where Competitors and Spectators alike, were serenaded throughout the final evening by a lone figure singing such old favourites as "There will always be a Tottenham" and "Here we go, here we go," - and all because his team lost the coveted F.A. Cup or perhaps I should say the "Coventry" Cup, no matter, a very entertaining evening was had by all.

I wonder if a rendition of "There will always be a Falklands" would go down just as well at the United Nations....

Apologies for the typing in the last issue - I was feeling rather frail after the weekend - and couldn't stand the noise of the typewriter!!!

Finally, Congratulations to Penguin News.... Here's to the next hundred.

Meanwhile.....

*My investigations continue!*

*DETECTIVE INSPECTOR BENJAMIN*



MONTYS OFF TO A GOOD START

Port Stanley's new bistro, Montys has reported brisk trade since its much awaited opening on Thursday 21st May.

"We're thrilled", said Jenny Pollard, who with her husband John have brought the restauran into being. "Business has been better than anticipated - infact Saturday was very hetic all day but I think we ceped!"

The bistro is open five days a week (Tuesday to Saturday inclusive) from 10.00am - 2.00 pm and 6.30 - 11.30pm. Last orderz in the evening are taken at 9.30 and booking is not necessary. Montys has a licensed bar but this is only on offer to clients eating a meal or a snack.

MAY BALL 1987 - continued from page 3

One of the event's organisers Phil Middleton gives a full report on both the May Ball and the Prince Charming Dance:

The pre-Ball organisation began early this year with the efficient Gwen Watson having most problems sorted out before the beginning of May Ball weekk. The Scouts and Venture Scouts discovered our 'Jungle Book' decorations of several years ago and it was decided that the effort put into their original production was well worth another showing.

Our thanks go to a long list of dedicated helpers who all gave generously their time without any form of repayment except this public thanks from the 1st Falkland Island Scout Group.

The May Queen sash was made by Mrs Green with the flowers from Government House donated by Mrs Jewkes and made up by Mrs Jem Williams. The Falkland Islands Company donated all the prizes and Joe King printed the programmes and voting slips. Mrs Gloria Anderson laboured long and hard to wash and iron the curtains and give the Town Hall that special clean and brush up with Les Harris fixing the side lights.

On both nights Betty Ford provided an excellent variety of music with Bob Peart joining her onstage as Master of Ceremonies. Diana McGill provided her music equipment and the Junior School allowed the use of their crockery for Mrs Green to provide cups of tea and coffee.

Mrs Green and her helpers undertook the refreshments on a contract basis with help from three Scouts - Andrew Alazia, Willie Harvey and Sandra Summers. Keith Alazia also helped out with door duties, allowing Ian Clark and Jill Harris a well earned respite. Jill and Glenys Ashworth undertook the overseeing of the tricky voting procedures.

The three judges for the May Queen were Mrs Naomi Dereham and Canon and Mrs Murphy who agreed with H.E Mr Jewkes that all twelve belles deserved a prize. Mr Jewkes presented the May Queen, Janice Jaffray and May Princess, Melanie Clausen with their prizes before joining them for tea. Janice was resplendent in a long ball dress of apricot taffeta which her aunt had sent to her from London, whilst Melanie wore a long dress of light turquoise.

Janice was on duty the following night at the Prince Charming Dance where she presented prizes to the winner, Earnest Butler and runner-up Daryll McGill. These two just ripped the rest after the counting of the voting slips.

Our stewards, Freddie and Bert Ford had no problems with either improper dress or the importation of alchel, for which I thank all who turned up dressed in their best, making the evening memorable for the winners, runners-up and all who came to enjoy the feast of dancing.

All that remains is the final clean up of our decorations which the cubs should enjoy as the theme of the Jungle Book, as written by Rudyard Kipling, is central to the cub training programme. The pictures themselves will be stowed, hopefully only for a short time, before decorating our new scout headquarters.

On first count, it looks like there is a profit of over £900 which will go some way to providing money needed to have our portacabins moved from the Canache area to our new field in Stanley after the site has been prepared.

Phil Middleton  
(G.S.I.)

PENGUIN POST BOX

PO Box 31, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

A.F Alazia  
6 John Street  
Stanley

18th May 1987

Dear Madam,

Having listened to News Magazine, Wednesday 13th May when Patrick Watts was describing the new hospital, I would like to make a point of my own.

He mentioned a rest room for the drivers but I notice he didn't mention a video set in there, perhaps that is still to come.

In my twelve years as a driver for the King Edward Memorial Hospital there was no time for rest rooms: apart from the driving and handywork, we maintained a sizeable vegetable garden. In the first years, I had part time help but later as it increased in size I had full time help and between us we managed to produce between 11,000 and 14,000 lbs of fresh vegetables a year which meant the hospital had fresh vegetables more or less every day of the year.

Sometimes surplus vegetable were sold and the proceeds went into the hospital fund.

Yours faithfully,

A F Alazia

The Penguin Post Box is looking pretty empty at the moment and we would be grateful for more letters. Is there something you feel should concern others? Drop us a line and let off steam! We reserve the right to edit letters and would like to point out that the views expressed on this page are not necessarily shared by the editorial staff.

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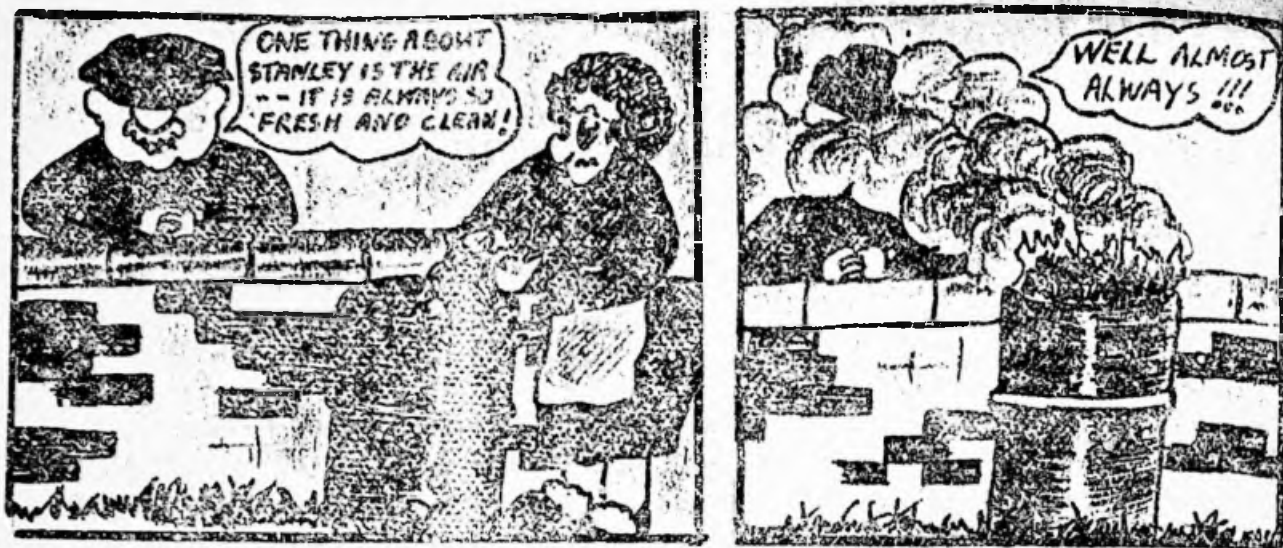
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GRAHAM BOUND - continued from page 1

number some space is devoted to a wistful but happy look back over the reporting of the last seven and a half years. Perhaps it does seem a little self indulgent but I think that a little armchair time travel will be a lot of fun for us all.

It will be obvious to anyone browsing through these extracts from past Penguin News that the newspaper has witnessed and recorded the dramatic changes and development of a period unequaled in Falkland history. The news items of the period illustrate a transformation which has taken the Islands from a stagnant backwater into the mainstream of politics and economics. The retrospective snippets will remind us of the turbulent few years which we have experienced.

The Penguin News itself has had quite an uneven history. We have been weekly, fortnightly and monthly, and once or twice we have been absent from the newsstands for lengthy periods of time. I believe though, that we have been consistent in our principals; to report fairly, criticise constructively and provide a platform for public expression. We have considered it necessary, on occasions, to knock the wind out of a few more inflated, and usually official, sails. I think our satirical columns have done this well on frequent occasions.

Those were the principals on which the Penguin News was founded in 1979 and those to which our present editor, Belinda, admirably adheres.

It is interesting to speculate about the ever changing community we shall reflect in future issues. In any case, I am quite sure that our 200th issue retrospective will be equally fascinating.

*Graham Bound*

## And some words from her.....

Having only been in the Falklands for six months, I have been fascinated by the old copies of the Penguin News, gaining a valuable perspective on the Islands as I know them now.

Looking back, I see the Penguin News played an important part in recording the upheaval of the past seven years and whilst I hope the future years won't be as turbulent I believe the paper still has a valuable role to play in a community caught in a flux of change. For all that the Penguin News may be more of a Rockhopper or Jackass in presentation, rather than a King, it is a vital record of the Islands' events and a sounding board for the feelings and wishes of their people. It is read in the United Nations and Foreign Office as well as in countries as far flung as Australia and Japan. It is the means by which the Falkland Islands can talk to the world.

If we can gain anything by looking back it must be to decide where we want to go forward to. To do that it is essential that Penguin News reflects the views of all Falkland Islanders - letters are always needed and contributions welcome.

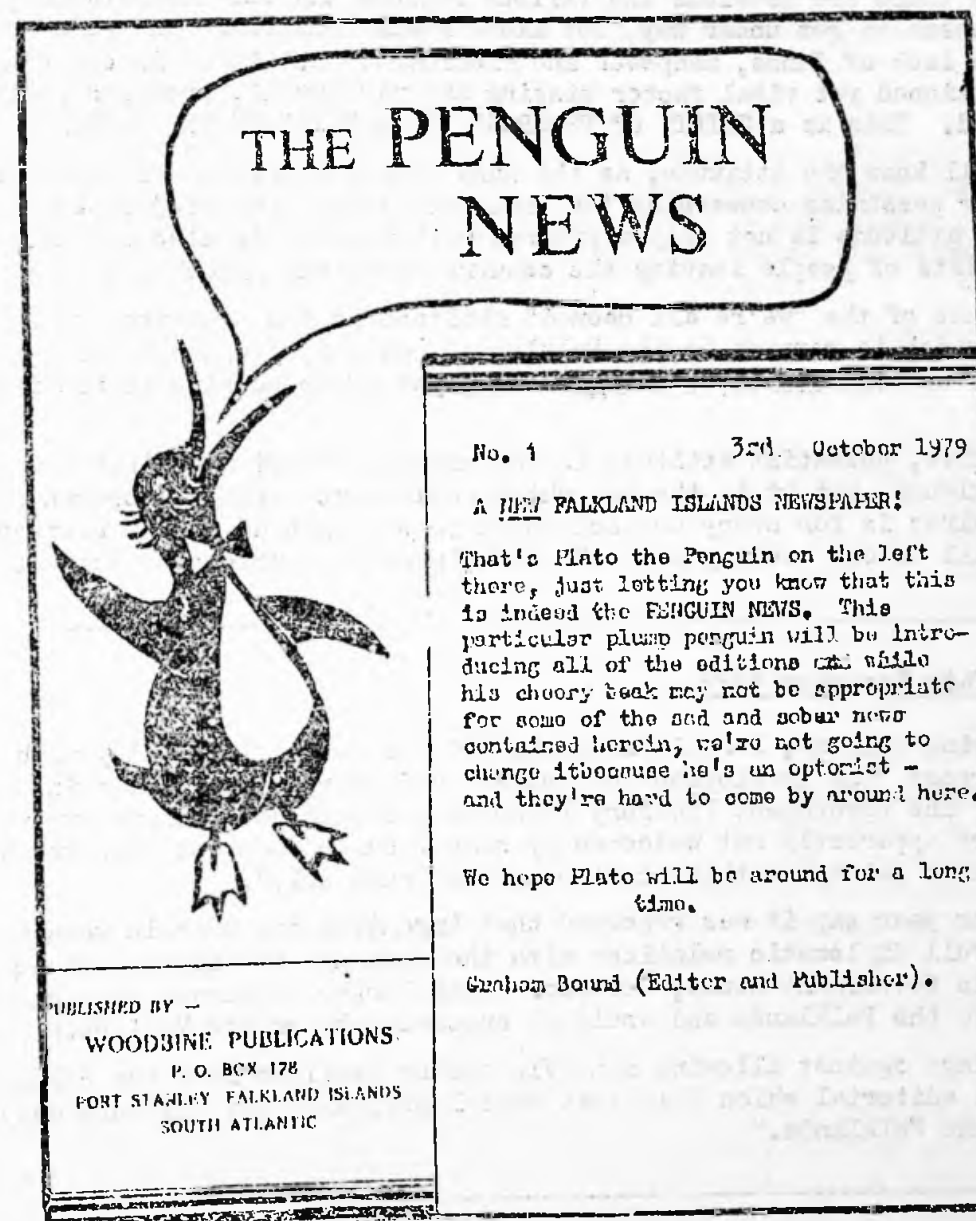
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Lastly, it is fitting to note that whilst the Penguin News has usually been largely a one man/one woman show it has been assisted on occasions by behind-the-scenes help of stalwart stepping assistants and a few Secretariat secretaries to name a few. To them and everyone else who has helped or actively encouraged the Penguin News - many thanks.

Here's to the next 100!

*Belinda Caminada*

## LOOKING BACK



### ISSUE 1 - 3rd October 1979

This first issue was anticipating the arrival of the new Islander aircraft and also carried the news that work on the Darwin track had begun. Councillor Wallace held a public meeting in which concern was expressed over the way capital was flowing out of the Islands. The need for a commercial bank was discussed as was the question of giving homes to four or five Vietnamese 'Boat people' families. There was strong protest about the interference by IADE (the Argentinian State Airline with an office in Stanley) in radio reception in the town. Pressure must be brought upon PIC, said one person, for "them to move with the times."



ISSUE 2 - 3rd November 1979

Work was underway on the Upland Goose Hotel to build on extension on the front. The "new charter vessel MV A.E.S" was reported to have left the United Kingdom. "This is good news for all in the Islands as the last supply ship arrived almost five months ago and stocks of many essential supplies have been running rather thin."

Six successful applicants for a portion of the Green Patch farm had been chosen whilst the final arrival of the new Islander plane prompted the editorial of this issue to look at the whole question of development programmes in the Islands:

"The hard truth is that in terms of development we have achieved precious little to gloat over and, after several years of governmental talk concerning little else but development, that is somewhat disturbing.

"Of course there are problems and various reasons why our development projects seem reluctant to get under way, let alone reach fruition. The most commonly quoted are lack of funds, manpower and machinery. But there is one other seldom mentioned yet vital factor missing and without it, progress will be slow indeed. This is a SPIRIT OF PROGRESS AND A FAITH IN THE FUTURE.

We must all know the attitude, as the many people concerned are never slow to voice their pessimism concerning the imminent doom of one project or another. Worse, the attitude is not only expressed verbally but is also reflected in the long lists of people leaving the country to settle elsewhere.

"A by-product of the "we're all doomed" attitude is the negative and destructive criticism which is rampant in the Falklands. So many people are quick to destroy any new ideas with their criticism, yet offer nothing to put in its place.

"This negative, defeatist attitude is the greatest barrier against progress in the Falklands, yet it is the one which could most easily be broken down. All it requires is for every man and woman to say that he or she believes in the potential of our country and will work towards a prosperous future."

ISSUE 3 - 24th December 1979

A new shipping company, Penguin Shipping Ltd was set up in Stanley with its primary purpose "the development of tourism and tourism facilities in the Falklands." The Government Treasury launched a cheque book scheme but the cheques were apparently not welcomed by some local businesses with the West Store quick to point out that its terms were "cash only".

After a four year gap it was reported that Argentina and Britain were to restore full diplomatic relations with the exchange of ambassadors again. Meanwhile in Government House, Governor James Parker announced that he was set to leave the Falklands and would be succeeded by Mr Rex Masterton Hunt.

Local feelings against allowing some Vietnamese families into the colony worried the editorial which felt that racial prejudice was "disturbingly common in the Falklands."

ISSUE 4 - 7th February 1980

The first issue of the 1980s found Penguin News looking back over the old decade and anticipating the new one with misgiving. The editorial felt that dangerous concessions had been made by the British towards Argentina on the sovereignty issue which presented a worrying prospect for the 1980s:

"At the moment, Britain's policy of appeasement of Argentine passions shows no sign of disappearing and, if present trends continue, we can expect an unpleasant solution to the sovereignty issues within this decade" it said. It went on to raise the question of independence.

Two Royal Marines were disciplined but not fined or punished for shooting two Johnny Rooks (Striated Cara-caras) whilst helping Annie Price and Cindy Buxton off load filming equipment on Grand Jason Island.

ISSUE 5 - 5th March 1980

The new Governor, Rex Hunt, arrived to take over from James Parker. At the swearing-in ceremony, the Chief Secretary, Dick Baker, made a speech in which he told the new Governor that he could expect a "tranquil but absorbing way of life" in the colony. He was reported to have also reminded Mr Hunt that "the preservation of the way of life here is a crucial matter at this time." In his reply, Rex Hunt said that he considered it "a great honour to be entrusted with the responsibilities of the his post and he would do his utmost to discharge these responsibilities in the best interest of the Falklanders."

In the same issue there was also concern at the fact that the Stanley branch of LADE (the Argentine State Airline) was planning to build a house in the town. Executive Council had given the Argentinian government permission to go ahead with the scheme giving rise to public outcry amongst local residents.

ISSUE 6 - 9th April 1980

Motor Racing Champion, Juan Manuel Fangio visited the Islands with a delegation from the Argentinian Automobile Club. 3,500 sheep were shipped from Goose Green to Chile to be slaughtered for mutton there. A correspondent on the letters page was complaining about the "corruption behind the favouritism that FIGAS seem to harbour for certain of its passengers."

ISSUE 7 - 8th May 1980

In Court the controversial trial of Francisco Burgos was underway with the judge deciding to give the accused a nine month prison sentence as a conditional discharge was not permitted by Falklands' law. Mr Burgos was charged with the murder of Anthony Kirk of Goose Green. In an interview with the Penguin News Governor Hunt said that his aim was to "arrest and, if possible, reverse the flow of people from the Islands". There was also mention of another round of talks between Britain and Argentina on the sovereignty issue.

ISSUE 8 - 25th September 1980

There was news of a fatal bunk house fire at North Arm in which James Biggs had died. Marine Addis had gone missing in the North Arm area. A snippet reproduced from the Buenos Aires Herald of 11.6.80 quoted a retired Rear Admiral, Jorge Fraga as saying that an armed invasion of the Falklands would not be much of a problem "But that would not be the right way to recover them as it goes against Argentina's traditional pacifism."

ISSUE 9 - 23rd October 1980

The Falkland Islands Committee, "the local pressure group whose battle cry is 'Keep the Falklands British' held their annual general meeting whilst out in the waters around the Islands the Argentinian navy had moved against Chilean and Polish ships fishing there. A council meeting in Stanley decided to ask the British government to make a strong protest to Buenos Aires.

ISSUE 10 - 16th December 1980

This issue was full of the surprise visit of Foreign Office Minister, Nicholas Ridley. The Minister told the people in a public meeting that there were three possible solutions to the problem of Falkland sovereignty which it was becoming increasingly obvious Argentina had little patience for.

"The first possibility was to agree with the Argentines to rule the Islands jointly, Another was to agree to a freezing of the dispute for a long time and the final, and to his mind the most practical one, to give the Falklands to Argentina and immediately lease them back for a very long period of time."

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Most of those at the meeting strongly rejected all three suggestions. "There is no reason why we should negotiate with Argentina over anything" said one Falkland Islander to a roar of applause. In an interview with the Penguin News, the Minister said that "in the long term future of any nation... one has to come to terms with one's neighbours and one has to live in peace with them. In all international disputes there are these arguments but at the end of the day, be it one hundred, two hundred, five hundred years, one has to find an accord whereby one can live with one's neighbours. What one cannot do is live in a perpetual state of siege and antagonism, suspicion and bellicosity with one's nearest neighbours. No country in the World can do that."

A large demonstration was organised at the airport to see the Minister off, this issue reported "and his arrival at the terminal was greeted by boos, the honking of car horns and the waving of placards and Union Jacks."

It was announced that a small new hotel, Malvina House was opening, run by Dan and Margaret Davidson.

On a more curious note the issue carried the following story: "A strange report reached the Penguin Note recently that a pair of feet had been observed late at night protruding over the wall surrounding the Battle memorial on Ross Road. Upon investigating further, the size ten were found to belong to a person doing press ups in a large plastic bag. A consequence for the loser of a card game or a rehearsal of the Battle Day parade? Your guess is as good as ours?"

A Soviet passenger ship which anchored in Port William was given a cool reception. "In accordance with the British policy of non-cooperation with the Russians following the invasion of Afghanistan, the ship was not granted permission to stay."

#### ISSUE 11 - 5th February 1981

Following the visit by Nicholas Ridley, Legislative Council decided to ask the British government to accept the option given to the Falkland Islanders to freeze all claims to the Islands: "While this house does not like any of the ideas put forward by Mr Ridley for a possible settlement of the sovereignty issue with Argentina, it agrees that Her Majesty's government should hold further talks with the Argentines at which this house should be represented and at which the British delegation should seek an agreement to freeze the dispute over sovereignty for a specified period of time."

Two prominent members of the Falklands' community, Councillor Adrian Monk and Robin Pitaluga made strongly worded speeches over the radio:- Mr Monk condemning Ridley and all his proposals; Mr Pitaluga denouncing Mr Monk's unconstructive approach.

This issue also dealt with the murder in Stanley of Mrs Gladys Minto who died of knife wounds. Her husband Len was charged with murder.

#### ISSUE 12 - 5th March 1981

Stuart Wallace and Adrian Monk, Falkland delegates to talks in New York over the sovereignty issue returned to the Islands following the announcement that Argentina had rejected Britain's proposal to put the issue on ice. The editorial again raised the question of independence:

"It is certainly not as ridiculous as many people like to think. Although it would be difficult to get Argentina to support the idea, we could probably obtain considerable support from the United Nations.... We have to have some offering to return to the talks with, as if the talks break down due to the lack of initiative, then the outlook will not look good. The Argentine government have already suggested that their patience is running out and we cannot expect them to remain friendly if they feel that diplomacy is not getting them anywhere."

Len Minto was found guilty of murdering his wife, Gladys and sentenced to life imprisonment. The seven man jury rejected his plea of manslaughter due to diminished responsibility.

#### ISSUE 13 - 29th April 1987

The Islands were suffering from a slump in the wool market which was resulting in redundancies on some settlements, the selling of others by UK owners and the Falkland Islands Company was reported to be "initiating severe cuts and money saving measures."

Leonard Minto went to the UK to begin his life sentence although he was going to present his appeal to the Falkland Islands Court of Appeal in London.

FIGAS pilot Eddie Anderson discovered an Argentinian ship skulking near Weddell Island. It was told to move off by Endurance which went to investigate.

In the letters page a correspondent wrote that he was "horrified at the proposal to feature insects and spiders on the Colony's next definitive set of stamps... I have to say that I have never seen a stamp with a 'bug' as the central theme and while I tolerate the less nasty ones as they affect our everyday life, I have no desire to be constantly reminded of their presence by seeing them on our stamps."

'In the Potting Shed', a FIBS programme for gardeners by Joe King and Gen Williams was given a rave review in this issue - "it is a local programme to be proud of."

#### ISSUE 14 - 15th June 1981

The budget put postal rates up from 3p to 5p a letter and FIGAS raised its maximum fare for a resident from £20 to £25; both moves were unpopular with a number of councillors.

Following the news of Argentinian oil strikes in the waters between Argentina and the Falklands, the British government warned international oil companies off co-operating with Argentina in further searches in the disputed waters.

Falkland Islanders were reported to be shocked by the news that HMS Endurance was to be scrapped after the 1981/1982 season.

On a more cheerful note, this issue carried a bright review of a Town Hall concert; "the sort of event that was at one time an almost annual event in Stanley. These days, however, such entertainments are rare indeed and the novelty of the show reflected in the number of people who packed themselves into the hall. The music ranged in style from traditional accordion and violin through folk and country to rock and roll"

#### ISSUE 15 - 5th September 1981

The crisis with Argentina was deepening with the military government there handing a note to the British Ambassador in Buenos Aires which the Penguin News reported as saying "Argentine patience was being being severely strained by the slow progress of negotiations over the future of the Falklands." Causing

the suggestion was very obviously that Falklanders are not wise enough to determine their own future" said an indignant Penguin News.

A petition was being organised by Islanders, upset at the new UK immigration legislation which ruled that they would not have the right to live and work in the United Kingdom unless they had a parent or grandparent who had been born there.

"Falkland Islanders on the whole are concerned that, though most of their ancestors came from Britain and Islanders have traditionally referred to Britain as "home" they are not now wanted by that country."

#### ISSUE 16 - 30 September 1981

This abbreviated issue was mainly given over to the impending general elections in the Falklands. British MPs, Eric Ogden (Labour) and Michael Shersby (Conservative) were on a visit to the Islands



ISSUE 17 - 29th November 1981

Bad news was on the front page of this issue with the announcement that the Falkland Islanders had lost their right to live in the United Kingdom:

"In an amazingly close vote in the House Of Lords, a motion that would give Falklanders full rights as British citizens, free to come and go from the United Kingdom as they please, was defeated.

The Lords voted 90 to 90 in the debate for Falklanders special status and the deadlock was broken by the chairman who voted against the motion."

"The feeling in the Islands following the adoption of the bill appears to be one of resigned anger. In a place where people are become well aware that loyalty expressed over many generations is swiftly forgotten, they are not surprised that they have been pushed a little further out into the cold."

The case of missing Marine Addis (first reported in Issue 8) was reopened amongst much speculation and rumour as to the cause of his disappearance. Despite thorough interviews with many people, the police were unable to come up with any new answers and the case was to remain open

There was an article examining the introduction of videos to the Islands: "The first video recorder arrived in Stanley in February 1980, and slowly the attraction of the gadget caught on. Now there are (at an conservative estimate 35 machines around town and camp..."

ISSUE 18 - 18th January 1982

Members of the General Employees Union were on strike over a wages dispute. Governor Hunt and his wife, Mavis, were shaken but unharmed after a helicopter from Endurance, taking them to see Cindy Buxton and Annie Price on South Georgia, crashed.

Christmas was reported to have been a good one with fine weather for the Sports Meetings and Steer Riding competition.

In a Legco Meeting the Governor said that it had been a depressing year in many ways but that was a brighter side with a start to "our policy of giving the Islanders a stake in their own land."

Lord Shackleton was reported as saying about the Falkland Islands on BBC TV: "These are British, they are occupied by people who are 100% British, who want to go on being British, and whom, frankly, the British have been exploiting. I don't think even now that the government accepts that over the years the Chancellor of the Exchequer has been making twice as much out of the taxes paid on profits repatriated from the Falkland Islands as we have been giving (them) in the way of aid..."

Three young crew members from Polish fishing vessels operating around the Falkland Islands were seeking asylum here following the recent turmoil of their homeland.

ISSUE 19 - 26th March 1982

This issue, the last before the invasion, was naturally concerned largely with what one of its headlines called "Argentine Incursion at South Georgia.

"Anger locally at the Argentine audacity in the Leith Harbour affair was the cause of two minor incidents of vandalism concerning the office of LAE (the Argentine state airline) in Stanley. The first incident was a break-in when the words 'tit for tat' were written in tooth paste over a desk and a Union Jack draped over an Argentine flag in the office. In the second incident 'UK OK' was written in spray paint on the outside of some windows.

An Argentine Hercules aircraft had made an 'emergency landing' although there was local suspicion about the incident..

The editorial was concerned about the lack of information forthcoming from the government on the recent Legislative and Executive council meetings which had been thought to be dealing with the sovereignty issue:

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"...why the secrecy? The Argentines are aware of the proposals that they put forward; so are the British. So is it just that our government, in all it's wisdom, wishes to keep us in the dark because it is simpler that way? Such secrecy is tantamount to irresponsibility. While Legco and Exco (with several members chosen by the Governor, not elected by Falklanders) plus every petty Foreign Office agent in Stanley are in on the big secret, we, whose way of life is up against the wall, are left uninformed and wondering."

In a stop press addition to this issue, the Penguin News said: "When the episode (in South Georgia) began most Falkland Islanders thought that Britain would immediately ensure that the Argentines were removed. However, to date, nothing has happened, and Argentine movements make any British action more difficult all the time. A growing feeling of disgust at British lack of action is obvious in the Falklands. The crisis could erupt into violence."

Seven days later Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands

ISSUE 20 - 30th June 1982

Carried by a jubilant front page (see overleaf), this Liberation issue looked at the Battle for Stanley in some detail and began to record the aftermath of the past months' events.

The now familiar hazard of mines was brought to readers' notice for the first time whilst caution was also urged because of 'Booby Traps - the Argentine Army's Parting Gift':

"A grenade with an instantaneous fuse jammed between two bales of wool so that when they are parted there is a deadly blast; a grenade with the pin out under an inverted tea cup, calculated to expose when the unsuspecting housewife is cleaning up her house that had been broken into and wrecked by the Argentine army.... Devices such as those detailed have been found in various parts of Stanley"

Whilst an estimated 11,000 captured Argentinian troops had been repatriated, a further 519 were still being held at Ajax Bay. Rex Hunt arrived back in Port Stanley and an office had been set up in the secretariat to deal with war damage claims.

An R.I.P section paid tribute to the three civilians killed in the last battle for Stanley: Doreen Bomer, Susan Whitley and Mary Goodwin.

The aftermath and cleaning up problems presented to the Liberated Islands were graphically portrayed:

"The mess in Stanley was staggering. It seemed as though the Argentines had spent the last few days spreading as much rubbish and filth about the buildings in which they were living, as possible .... it is difficult to imagine how anyone could survive in such squalor. Houses broken into by Argentine soldiers were looted, strewn with rubbish and had excrement on carpets and furniture. The Post Office had been broken into and mail ripped open. The mess in there almost defies description and the entire area had to be hosed down by the fire brigade. The smell lingered for days. But in the past week or so the appearance of the town had improved greatly as Argentine prisoners, British soldiers and civilians have worked for hours with shovels, brooms and hoses. Gradually Stanley is being restored to the colourful and tidy little city that it was before 2nd April, but there is still, and will be for a long time, the ugly scars of war."

The editorial of this issue looked back at the arrival of the Taskforce and looked forward with renewed faith in the future:

"Falkland Islanders will never cease to be grateful to Britain, and they will especially remember the 230 men of the task force who demonstrated great courage before being killed in the battles against the Argentines. June 14th will now be our most important national day and monuments will, no doubt, be erected to remind future generations of those who sacrificed their lives or were disabled in the fight for the Islands. But the greatest reminder of victory will be a developed and free Falkland Islands, its people determining their own future free of domination by Argentina."

This 'Looking Back' section will be continued in the next issue of Penguin News.



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THE FALKLAND ISLANDS NEWS MAGAZINE

## VICTORY

The date : MONDAY, 14th JUNE 1982

The place : NOT "Puerto Rivero", "Puerto de las Islas Maivinas" OR "Puerto Argentino" BUT  
PORT STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS

The event : Surrender of all Argentine forces in the Islands

## FREEDOM AND A FUTURE

The following message reached Prime Minister Thatcher in the early hours of Tuesday, 15th June 1982 -

" H.Q. Land Forces Falkland Islands, Port Stanley.

In Port Stanley at 9 o'clock pm Falkland Islands time tonight 14th June 1982, Major General Menendez surrendered to me all the Argentine Armed Forces in East and West Falkland, together with their impediments.

Arrangements are in hand to assemble the men for return to Argentina, to gather their arms and equipment, and to make safe their munitions.

The Falkland Islands are once again under the government desired by their inhabitants. God save the Queen."

(Signed) J. J. Moore.



### DARTS NEWS - by Patrick Watts

The 1987 Johnnie Walker sponsored Individual Knockout Tournament with £375 prize money at stake, attracted 160 entrants and provided a large crowd with a most memorable final when local man Colin Smith beat Bill Haveron of RAF Mount Pleasant by a 3-1 scoreline. The bare statistics do not tell the true story of a final which probably produced the highest standard of darts play ever witnessed in a local tournament.

Both players were at their best and it so happened that in each of the four legs played, the man who was unable to obtain the starting double in his first throw - lost the leg. He simply wasn't given a chance to catch up and try for a finishing double.

Smith opened the first leg with 60, hit an 85, followed by 140, leaving himself double 8 which he scored with his second dart and so using 10 darts in all. In the second leg, Bill Haveron began with 116, followed up with 81 and 38 and needing 66, he calmly scored two single 13's and double 20, for a twelve dart leg. Scores of 60, 68, 100 left Smith with 73 and narrowly missed his double for what would have been another ten dart leg. Finding himself needing 5 and his opponent breathing down his neck requiring just 40, Colin took no chances and scored a single 1 and double 2 with two darts. The fourth and, as it turned out, final leg found Colin always slightly in the lead and needing 40 he scored a single 20, missed double 10 with his next dart but won the £125, a trophy and a bottle of J Walker whisky with his third dart in the double 10.

Thirty-nine year old Bill Haveron from Northern Ireland paid tribute to his younger twenty-five year old opponent. "He would do well in the tournaments in U.K if he could keep up that form", said Bill, while Colin admitted that he probably had never played better in tournament play, although he regularly knocks up a 180 when practising daily.

In the semi-finals Colin completely demolished Brian Middleton, the 1985 winner. He never allowed Brian to get anywhere near a finishing double, winning the first leg in 12 darts having scored 120 to start and another 100 along the way, and then completing the job by scoring 95 and 100 and finishing on 66 to record another 10 dart leg. One had to feel sorry for his opponent who looked punch drunk when he walked away from the board.

In total contrast, Bill Haveron won his semi-final in a much calmer atmosphere, although Nicky Bonner had the support of the local crowd behind him. Bill's approach was much steadier, less spectacular but equally effective. He based his game on starting early, producing a high scoring average and finishing well. Whenever he had a score of 100 or thereabouts one felt that a finish was in prospect. Bill had to go to the limit to win 2-1 in his semi-final and the leg which he took off Colin in the final was the only one which the winner conceded throughout the tournament. Nicky Bonner won the third place play-off against Brian Middleton.

There was a good performance from newcomer Stephen Anderson who reached the quarter finals, while James Lang, a most consistent performer, again made it to the last eight before losing to Nick Bonner. Derek Clarke and Bernard Peck were the other quarter finalists.

Margaret Goss retained her Ladies crown by beating her sister Sybolla Sumner 2-0 in a superb final which saw Margaret at her very best. The standard of darts in the Ladies competition had increased considerably over the years and Joan Middleton, June Goodwin and Cathy Jacobsen, along with the two finalists to name just a handful, can always be sure to provide an excellent standard of play.

The early rounds of the tournament provided more than a normal ration of surprises. Paul Bonner went out to Kevin Clapp in the preliminary round, although both players put on a splendid performance. James Lee, the runner-up last year, was beaten by Kim Peck 2-0 in the first round and Tim Bonner, the Governors Cup holder surprisingly lost to Martin Smith. Lachy Ross succumbed to another youngster, Ramon Miranda, while Lars Smith was embarrassingly defeated by Lindsay Coutts of Port Louis. 1984 winner Paul Chapman, short

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DARTS NEWS - continued

of practise was another early loser when John Coutts put paid to his chances of regaining the title. Gary Hewitt, tipped by many to win a big tournament at last, had the misfortune to play well after midnight and he didn't look too interested as Mike Goodwin beat him 2-1.

The decision by the organisers to play on well after midnight generally proved unpopular, although one sympathises with them, given the difficult task of scheduling 159 matches in the Open competition and a further 57 in the Ladies tournament. Perhaps the introduction of a 5th board, a third night as opposed to the present two, or better still, going firm on a 501 straight start, which proved so popular in the 'Three Bars Tournament' last season, might provide an answer.

Blow by blow account of the final:

	Colin Smith	Bill Haveron
First Leg:	301	
	60, 247	2, 299
	85, 156	45, 254
	140, 16	
	- double 8	
	ten darts	
Second Leg:	36, 265	116, 185
	45, 220	81, 104
		38, 56
		6, 20, double 20
		twelve darts
Third Leg:	60, 241	56, 245
	68, 173	55, 190
	100, 73	55, 135
	68, 5	95, 40
	1, double 2	
	thirteen darts	
Fourth Leg:	80, 221	22, 279
	60, 161	60, 219
	85, 76	45, 174
	36, 40	81, 93
	20, - double 10	45, 48
	fifteen darts	

MOLLIE'S CORNER - 7

(EDITOR: Although Mollie Ridout has now sadly left the Falklands to return to her home on the Isle of Man she has kindly left me with a continuation of her adventures on her holiday here and her column will be able to feature in a number of issues yet to come.)

Struggling across the airstrip at Douglas Station, carrying our cases and waiting for the plane to Pebble Island was not much fun as there was a very determined gale blowing. I had visions of a terrible flight but it proved to be excellent with no problems at all. I really am so impressed with these aircraft.

At Pebble Island, we were met by the hotel bus and conveyed to 'Aunt Lint's' house. John Reed, the driver, was most welcoming. It makes such a difference to one's judgement of a place to feel one is welcome, instead of getting the feeling one should have stayed away!

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MOLLIE'S CORNER - 7 continued

I was enchanted with 'Aunt Lint' - such a lovable character and at 88 so active and full of fun. We had so many laughs. Of course I was extra pleased to be at Pebble, as now I could see the house (from the outside anyway) where Arina had lived when I had first seen her, in the special television programme with Bob Langley. Oh dear! I doubt if I'll ever forget that day - Monday May 11th 1981 - and me getting more idiotic than usual, jumping up and down saying "Arina, look it's me!" At that time I thought that was the closest I would ever be to seeing her. Fortunately the film was shown again and Ron, my husband, was able to see her too so that was good.

We were only at Pebble for four days but we seemed to fit so much into that short time, Clara and I walked around a sandy beach. Not a bathing beauty in sight - what a waste of a good stretch of sand. Everyone is far too busy for such lazy pursuits as sunbathing I suppose.

Standing, looking at the marvellous monument on the hillside to HMS Coventry was quite a moving moment for me as Ron was seriously wounded on another HMS Coventry when it was bombed just off Alexandria in September 1942. That brave vessel also sunk. I remembered how upset Ron was at the news of the sinking of the Falklands' 'Coventry'.

An excursion to Marble Mountain on a beautifully hot, sunny day was great fun. I discovered I could now leap in and out of the back of landrovers, over the tailboard. More beautiful views across the blue water to Keppel and more background mountains. On the return journey we saw more penguins. I had seen some near Lorenza one day but they had turned their backs, closed ranks and marched off in a 'huff' down to the sea. I didn't know my face was that bad! These little fellows at Pebble were over-friendly rock hoppers. More incentive to waste too much film.

At one spot we seemed to be heading straight down hill and into the sea. I couldn't decide if John - who was outside the rover guiding us - wanted to get rid of us, or whether Bill had suddenly decided that this landrover had hidden amphibious potential. However, it all turned out perfectly - clever lad John! We then drove along the sand for a while amongst the penguins. Don't ask me where that was, I'm a stranger in these parts! I was able to paddle my feet in the 'Mediterranean South Atlantic' and found it quite warm. Could have enjoyed a swim there.

Went to the top of the first mountain and gosh the view from there was really something. One could see all those lovely islands, including 'Golding' and although it was misty, it was possible to see quite a long way.

We had a guided tour of the hotel which was all very new and super. Dare I say it, that I was surprised to hear the rooms advertised as being bedrooms with en suite bathrooms? They are shower rooms. Sorry about that, but I would be most upset to book in expecting the luxury of a long soak in a bath and find only a shower!

Coincidences have been the story of my life and there have already been several on the Falklands. Firstly, the cook at Pebble Hotel comes from the area where Ren and I lived for over twenty years, before moving to the Isle of Man fourteen years ago. In fact my daughter still lives there and I go there often. Then at another settlement, I met people from a place about ten miles further on from my daughter and at yet another place I spied a parcel which had been sent from Shaftesbury, Dorset which is the true home of the Ridout family! I begin to expect coincidences now - it gets uncanny at times!

Tats for now

Mollie

CORRECTIONS: I feel that one or two corrections must be pointed out in Mollie's Corner, especially in Number 6. Firstly, in the mention of the fishing expedition - we went to MORO near Douglas Station and not Malo as printed. Also I "enjoyed the RIDE" not the tide! In an earlier episode I spoke of some business acumen and it should have continued "There's not a lot of it about" but was printed as "there's a lot of it about" which didn't make much sense! It's my terrible scrawl which causes the mistakes!

Mollie

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE is hereby given that EULOGIO GABRIEL CEBALLOS CRUCES of Stanley, Falkland Islands is applying to the Governor for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Government Secretary at The Secretariat Stanley, Falkland Islands

CATHEDRAL NOTICES

CHILDREN'S CHOIR : Plans are in hand to recommence a children's choir in the Cathedral. Boys and girls who are interested, please contact Canon Murphy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL : It is hoped to recommence the Cathedral Sunday School on Sunday's from 7th June (Whit Sunday) at 10.00 am. All boys and girls whose families belong to the Cathedral are warmly invited. There will be classes for under 5's, 5-7's, 7-9's and 11-14's. Any queries please contact the Deanery.

SERVICES: Thursday 28th May (Ascension Day):

10.00 am Family Communion

7.00 pm Songs of Praise - favourite hymns will be sung. Requests should reach Canon Murphy by Thursday 28th May at noon.

STANLEY SENIOR SCHOOL : 1986 C.S.E res G.C.E results

C.S.E - In December 1986, pupils in the Fourth Year at the Senior school took final examinations for the C.S.E in six subjects ; Geography, History, Physics, English Language and Literature, Mathematics and Parentcraft.

The grades obtained by the pupils have been determined by continuous assessment throughout the two year course and also by the marks awarded for the final examinations.

Between them 25 pupils gained 122 subject grades:

31 at Grade 1 (Regarded as the equivalent of a pass in 'O' level at Grade C or higher). 21 at Grade 2. 28 at Grade 3. 27 at Grade 4 (Regarded as the grade achieved by a candidate of 'average ability'). 15 at Grade 5.

These results compare very favourably with results obtained in U.K school. Both pupils and teachers are to be highly commended for this noteworthy performance. A special mention must go to both Anne Morrison and Phillip Nutter who gained a Grade 1 in each of their subjects.

G.C.E - A small class of seven pupils took part in some or all of the eight 'O' Level subjects on offer at Stanley Senior School.

Special mention must go to Andrew Davies, Zane Hirtle and Heidi Blake. Andrew got seven O levels, Zane gained 6 passes out of an entry for seven subject, including an 'A' in Mathematics and Heidi, likewise, gained 6 passes out of an entry for seven subjects.

Applications are being considered for four candidates to go on to UK for 'A' level studies. Of the small number of Senior Four pupils who took Art 'O' level special mention must go to Tyssen Smith who gained an 'A' grade

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## QUARRY FIRE STILL ALIGHT

Nearly ten days after a blaze first erupted in Mary Hill Quarry, causing loud explosions and sending smoke several hundreds of feet into the air, the site is still smouldering and fire officials warn that the public should continue to avoid the area which remains hazardous.

It was on the morning of Wednesday 3rd June that the fire began in the quarry dump filled with debris collected in the Operation Flogger clean up at the start of the year. The two explosions which shook houses in Stanley some three miles away at 10.00 that evening, worrying local residents, were thought by Chief Fire Officer, Marvin Clarke, to have been caused by abandoned gas cylinders igniting in the heat.

Although the drama of the blaze's first day, with thick black smoke billowing into the sky, soon subsided, the fire continued to burn its way through the crushed metal topping laid on top where it is still smouldering in the soft rubbish below. Mike Luxton of the fire service warned that there are more gas cylinders known to be in the dump and the risk of further explosions remains.

With the blaze being in a relatively remote area and presenting no immediate danger it was decided to leave it to burn itself out although both fire and police officials visit the site several times a day to keep an eye on the situation.

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## "IF I WERE IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE

GEORGE FOULKES' VISION OF THE FALKLANDS' FUTURE

Falkland Islanders must have all given a deep sigh of relief following the news that Margaret Thatcher had secured her third term as Prime Minister. With her hands on the reins of power, the political future of the Islands looks more secure (although we must never be complacent about our position).

Had Labour got in, it may have been a different situation altogether. In an article entitled 'Falklands: Democracy discussion and the future', which appeared in a Labour publication, 'Co-operative News' (May 12th 1987), Mr Foulkes

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QUARRY FIRE STILL ALIGHT

The Chief Fire Officer said the military had offered the use of a specialised airborne sprinkling system to try and dampen the fire but with the danger of exploding cylinders, it was decided that it would be too dangerous for any aircraft to fly over the area.

Only the nearby Stanley Airfield could have been endangered by the fire, or more particularly its smoke, but Gerald Cheek of FIGAS said that a favourable wind direction had prevented the smoke disrupting the air service, although pilots were naturally taking care not to fly over the fire.

Whilst the fire smoulders away, the cause of it still remains a mystery. Mr Clarke said he had no idea how it had started but added that "it certainly hadn't begun of its own accord."

"IF I WERE IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE..." GEORGE FOULKES' VISION OF THE FALKLANDS' FUTURE. - continued from Page 1

outlines the means by which he would seek a rapprochement with Argentina:

"On one level, Labour's policy towards the Falkland Islands is clear and unambiguous. The United Kingdom can not sustain indefinitely the undermining of our defence and foreign policies involved in the Conservative 'Fortress Falklands' approach which has already cost £2.5 billion: the interests of the islanders are not well served by them being cut off from the possibility of using the nearest land mass for supplies and other economic needs: our trading and financial sectors will benefit from democratic stability in Argentina."

"Therefore we will seek to open discussions about the future of the Falkland Islands with a democratic government in Argentina without preconditions and without prejudicing the possible outcome."

"Some of the implications of this statement are obvious. Had the unrest led to a coup toppling Alfonsín our position would immediately have reverted to a refusal to discuss the matter with the military government. (Labour has not forgotten the way the former junta was feted by the Conservative Government from 1979 to early 1982.)"

"The fact that we are interested in discussing the future of the islands with Argentina emphatically does not mean we simply want to hand them over. It does mean that we recognise that there is more than one view about the status of the islands - ignoring this fact stores up future problems; acknowledging it opens up the possibility of achieving in time, a settled, satisfactory solution."

"So if, later this year, I become the junior minister in the Foreign Office with responsibility for Latin America and the South Atlantic, how do I proceed?"

First Mr Foulkes writes that he would look into the "current secret discussions being held under the auspices of the United States. Secret talks have a place in diplomacy but, in principle, open government is preferable and, in this case, particularly desirable so that the islanders can know what is going on."

Either through this channel or another, provided, he suggests by the United Nations or Switzerland "we would request an early, informal meeting at junior minister level on neutral territory. I would hope to have a representative of the Falkland Islands Council as part of my team at this meeting."

"It would be wrong to seek too much from such a meeting but I would be keen on achieving three specific results. First restoration of full diplomatic relations, so that we each have an ambassador in the other's capital. Second, formal normalisation of trading links, so that economic relations can begin to return to normal. Third, agreement on allowing relatives of the Argentinian soldiers killed in 1982 to visit the islands."

The next stage in the Foulkes' plan is for senior civil servants to "agree a list of subjects for discussion" such as the fisheries conservation and transport links. "These early steps might well take a couple of years. Meanwhile, other confidence-building steps would have taken place. Bilateral trade would have grown; some cultural and sporting exchanges would have taken place"

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GEORGE FOULKES' FALKLANDS' FUTURE - continued from Page 2

"And so, perhaps in 1990 give or take a year, what the Argentinians might refer to as sovereignty and we might prefer to call constitutional status would be near the top of the agenda."

"In the intervening years, the merits and demerits of several conceivable structures would certainly have received academic, journalistic and political scrutiny and new ideas may have emerged."

"From the perspective of mid-1987, two possibilities seem unworkable in principle: continuing the status quo and just handing the islands over to Argentina. I see no reason not to explore other possibilities. The yardstick against which any proposal must be judged is that it must provide a lasting solution that provides an acceptable balance between the interests (which may or may not be the same as the wishes) of the United Kingdom, the Falkland Islanders and Argentina...."

Co-Operative News, May 12 1987

COURT NEWS

Kevin Browning, appearing in Court on June 9th, pleaded guilty to a charge of driving a vehicle without insurance.

Police chief, Ken Greenland said the offence had come to light following routine investigations after the vehicle which the defendant was driving, had come off the road at Bullocks Bend on the Stanley Airfield Road in an accident which had left Hayley Bowles seriously injured.

Mr Greenland said that he wished to state "to dispel rumours that, although Mr Browning had consumed a number of alcoholic drinks there was no evidence that he was incapable of driving or that there had been any recklessness on his part."

The Defence Counsel, Rosie McIlroy explained that Mr Browning had been asked by the two named drivers of the landrover to drive the vehicle and one of them home and stated that he had done so presuming that there would be a comprehensive policy covering the vehicle. She supported Mr Greenland's statement that there was no question of the defendant having been drunk or driving dangerously, and added that "the accident was one which could have happened to anyone."

Mr Browning, who had returned to the Islands temporarily from his army posting in Germany following the disappearance and subsequent death of his father, Kax Browning, had already paid for the damage to the vehicle and, said his Counsel, "the knowledge of Hayley's serious condition would stay in his memory which could be the worst punishment he could have."

Having adjourned to consider their verdict, Magistrates, Jessie and Stuart Booth, told Mr Browning that whilst they sympathised with his position regarding the reason for his presence in the Falklands, they had to stress the importance of drivers being sure, not just thinking that they are insured to drive a vehicle."

"Miss Bowles must face the serious consequences of the accident without being able to bring a civil action against you", they continued. "because without the insurance it is unlikely you would be able to afford any damages which may be awarded."

Mr Browning received the mandatory sentence of a 12 month disqualification from driving and a £200 fine.

Appearing in Court on June 10th, Patrick Watts pleaded not guilty to the charges of driving a Suzuki jeep "in a manner dangerous to the public".

First witness in the case, Lorraine McGill told the Court that she had been driving along Ross Road one evening at moderate speed when Mr Watts had come up behind her in his jeep, moved out to overtake and remained alongside her vehicle for some distance before he cut sharply in front of her causing her to

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brake suddenly. He then allegedly slowed his speed down to 5 miles an hour. Her account was supported by two other witnesses who were in Mrs McGill's car at the time of the incident and they also agreed that there had been no other vehicle in the vicinity at the time.

Mrs McGill subsequently made a complaint to PC Hemingway who she spoke to some minutes later when both vehicles had arrived at their respective destinations in Ross Road West. The police constable approached Mr Watts who was parking nearby and, as he told the Court, he "formed the immediate impression that Mr Watts was under the influence of alcohol." He asked Mr Watts to accompany him to a hospital to be examined by a doctor which Mr Watts complied with. The doctor's report stated that Mr Watts "was not incapable of having proper control of a vehicle" although there were small traces of alcohol in his blood.

Giving evidence, Mr Watts told the Court he had pulled out to overtake Mrs McGill and that as he had done so her vehicle had seemed to increase in speed. After 10-12 seconds, Mr Watts said that he had seen another vehicle coming towards them both with no lights on, and had pulled in sharply in front of Mrs McGill's escort to avoid a collision with the approaching vehicle. Having done so, he said the steering of his jeep then appeared laboured and concerned that there was some fault with it, he had cut his speed back and continued slowly. He told Magistrates that he later found his jeep to have still been in four wheel drive which would have accounted for and steering difficulty.

Mr Watts strongly denied PC Hemingway's implication that he was drunk and Mr Greenland reminded both him and the Court that that issue was not connected with the charge of driving dangerously.

In summarising the Defence, Counsel Rosie McIlroy told the Court that dangerous driving was a serious charge and that for the defendant to be found guilty the Bench would have to consider him guilty beyond all reasonable doubt.

After a 15 minutes adjournment the three magistrates returned a verdict of not guilty.

REID RETURNS

Simon Reid, the Falklands' baby who was airlifted to Montevideo for specialist treatment a fortnight ago when only 24 hours old, was back home last week having returned from a 24,000 mile journey.

Grandmother, Rose Stewart who had accompanied her grandson on his flights from Mount Pleasant - Montevideo - United Kingdom - Falkland Islands said that every part of the operation had gone well. The various officials in all countries had been very kind and helpful and the only difficulty she encountered was when she had to give young Simon back in the emotional reunion with his parents Gus and Cileen Reid.

A grateful Rose Stewart asked for her appreciation to go to the following:

The crew of the helicopter who took her and Simon to Mount Pleasant Airfield, the RAF crew of the Hercules flight and Wing Commander J Kingston. The DRS and staff at the Brewster and British Military hospitals in Stanley, the British community in Montevideo, the DRS and staff at the British Hospital there and the ladies at 'Churchill Home for Old People,' Montevideo who kept them company. Thanks also to the British Embassy and Consulate of Uruguay: "to all these people there are no suitable words to express our feelings and thanks to you all." Rose Stewart and Simon Reid.

Penguin News welcomes them both home.

PARCEL MAIL NOTICE

When the Governor was in West Falklands recently the question of the delays in the delivery of parcels from the U.K was raised with him. This is the present position.

The system whereby the Ministry of Defence airlifted surface mail from the United Kingdom to the Falkland Islands was discontinued in April 1986 due to the lack

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# D.I.B REPORT

F.I.G.A.S. - Is there a problem?

Rumblings from Camp would suggest that there are some discontented people who are far from happy with our air service. E.T.A's seem to be the main complaint. Sometimes, I am told, the E.T.A. can be out by an hour or more. But just how often does this occur? Are people really dissatisfied? and does this feeling stem from the E.T.A's alone? I would like to know your views on this subject to determine how far reaching this problem is or if indeed it exists at all!

F.I.G.A.S. is important to us all especially those of you who live in Camp. IF, and I stress, IF there is a genuine problem then it must be resolved. As the name suggests it is an AIR SERVICE and if this service is not satisfactory to its customers needs then changes must be made.

NICE ONE HAROLD!

No one, I am sure, would grudge our elderly the pension increase as announced by the Hon. Harold Rowlands in his budget speech.

A long awaited and necessary increase which was welcomed by Councillors one and all. But I would ask our brave Harold (well, would you be in his shoes?) why were our pensioners not afforded the same reduction in their electricity as the rest of us? I am talking of course about the special rate of 11p that our pensioners are allowed for a fixed amount of units before they have to pay the full rate of 13p. I am sure there is a reasonable explanation why, the special pensioners rate was not reduced by the 11p and I look forward to hearing what it is.

PANTHER CASE SHELVED

Well my advice to you all in my last report has certainly paid off. NOT ONE lasagne has been reported missing in the Stanley area, but police warn..... DON'T BE COMPLACENT - THE PANTHER IS STILL AT LARGE.

And whilst it is, I for one will not be putting my feet up until I am sure that every law abiding lasagne can mould in peace on the pantry shelf and never fear the threat of abduction ever again. But to this end we must all play our part and I suggest that we follow the example of G.H. and renew all old and worn locks on windows and doors. Meanwhile.....



*My investigations continue!*

*DETECTIVE INSPECTOR BENJAMIN*

(\* ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL)



# BUDGET 1987

May 26th - 30th

## GOOD NEWS

Pensions Up  
Family Allowances Up  
New Senior School planned  
£4 million for development fund  
R/T charges abolished  
Abolition of death duties  
No increase in tobacco &  
alcohol duties.

## BAD NEWS

Government Housing rents up 6%

"We begin today what may come to be ranked as one of the most important budgetary sessions of Legislative Council in the history of this colony: a session which could initiate a long and, I hope, steady advance from the relatively frugal times of the past 154 years to an era of greater affluence: but not, I trust, a session when we shall see the traditional thrifty instincts so characteristic of Honourable Members and their predecessors cast prematurely aside."

With these words, H.E. the Governor introduced the much awaited budgetary session of 1987. Last year's budget was concerned with a figure of \$7 million; this year's was dealing with one of \$29 million. Reviewing the estimates made in the last budget for 1986/87, Financial Secretary, Harold Rowlands, said a small surplus of £2,900 had been anticipated but this was now expected to be £8.2 million: "Revenue accruing to the Government from the issue of fishing licences is responsible for this most admired disorder."

The fisheries regime has certainly made the Falklands a wealthier place but how exactly were the new found riches going to be spent?

Caution and thrift were key words in a budget which recognised that the fisheries revenue cannot be relied upon either in quantity or consistency. It is generally expected that British aid will be cut in future years and mindful of this, councillors tried to avoid committing the government to new projects of recurrent high cost, preferring one-off, capital intensive ones: an approach recommended in the Governor's opening address:

"... the advent of the fisheries zone presents Honourable Members with a new set of problems.... I know that expectations in the community are high and that Councillors must be under pressure from their constituents to support the early loosening of the Government's purse strings. There is, I acknowledge, a widespread feeling that Falkland Islanders in general have not benefitted in their own pockets from the expensive rehabilitation and development programmes of the past five years. Yet I feel that I must stress again the following for the benefit of the wider public:

"We have just one season of our fisheries zone virtually behind us. It has been a profitable and promising one. But no one can forecast reliably at this stage whether the next season and the following seasons will produce anything like the same net revenues. I believe that a span of only 5 months' experience to date is too short to provide a basis for far reaching decisions which could commit the Falkland Islands Government to new high levels of recurring expenditure or to foregoing revenues from traditional sources such as income and company tax. The prospective level of recurrent expenditure must in any case increase significantly from 1987 onwards, not least because of the opening of a new and expensive-to-run hospital and the need to pay for the maintenance of the new Stanley to HPA road;

"the future level of development and contributions by the British government must in the nature of things be subject to review in the light of the new situation here...

"Decisions on the future pattern of financial commitments are for elected Councillors, not for appointed officials to take. But I would be failing in my duty as Governor if I did not emphasise and re-emphasise the desirability

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## PENGUIN POST BOX

P.O. Box 31, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

7th June 1987

Dear Madam,

At last week's Annual General Meeting of the Falkland Islands Committee, only sixteen people turned up at the Town Hall. Included in this number were two councillors and five committee members and with the exception of three people present all were over the age of 40.

We must not forget that we have a very active Falkland Islands Committee in the U.K. under the chairmanship of Eric Ogden who carry out voluntarily our wishes to retain our British identity and self-determination.

Where were all the Falkland Islanders and recent influx of British immigrants? Only they know, but please do not forget that politically the position of the Falklands has not changed.

Shake off your apathy, support your local committee branch and help us to provide the funds and encouragement for the committee in the U.K. so they do not feel they are fighting a lost cause.

Yours faithfully,

Dave Eynon  
Committee Member

EDITOR'S NOTE : The Penguin Post Box is the page for you to air your views on any subject which you feel should concern others. The Penguin News reserves the right to edit letters and we would like to point out that the opinions expressed on this page are not necessarily shared by the editor. The post box is empty at the moment so all contributions will be welcome.

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of Honourable Members approaching this year's budget in a cautious frame of mind. You are stewards of the interests of the people. It places on your shoulders this year new and demanding responsibilities. I am confident that you will give a lead to the entire community by looking upon the Budget for 1987/88 as the foundation stone for a new level of future prosperity for the Falkland Islands."

## BUDGET DETAILS

### PENSIONS

Weekly pensions for a married couple up from £36 to £50  
Weekly pensions for a single person up from £24 to £33  
Non-contributory pensions for a married couple up from £31 to £43  
Non-contributory pensions for a single person up from £22.50 to £31.00

This increase is made possible by the one-off contribution of £1 million to the Old Age Pensions Equalisation Fund which will be invested. The Government Actuary has been asked for his advice on this move and the Financial Secretary warned there may be some future increase in contributions.

### FAMILY ALLOWANCES

Monthly allowance for a child up from £20 to £25  
Monthly allowance for a single parent from £15 to £20.

### ABOLITION OF ESTATE DUTY

Financial Advisor, Harry Ritchie, had advised the Financial Secretary that the Estate Duty should be abolished as it was unfair considering it could not be levied against absentee landlords and the sum secured by it was minimal. "Death duties should die" said Mr Rowlands and they did.

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# BOUND ABOUT TOWN

A LOOK AT THE ALTERNATIVE NEWS



## MUG SHOTS

We understand that the Stanley Special Branch has had its work cut out trying to track down the elusive and distinctly sinister Pasta Panther who daringly broke into Government House about three weeks ago and purloined a slightly used Foreign Office lasagne.

Although the investigation has been proceeding beneath a cloak of secrecy, the Penguin News can reveal that the hunt has snaked its way along the very corridors of power. It seems that even the Falklands' elected leaders may not be above suspicion, as anyone who attended the opening of the recent Legislative Council session will have noticed.

Was Detective Constable Adams really taking photos of the assembled councillors for the sake of posterity or were the frontals and profiles (dare we say mug shots?) in reality, of vital value in the investigation?

The hunt continues!

## FIC'S JAPANESE FLAVOURS

Congratulations to the Falkland Islands Company, who continue to live up to their reputation of never missing any opportunity to make another quid or two for the share holders back home. It's only natural, of course, that the good old FIC should want to make every penny it can out of the current fishing boom, so it is no surprise to learn that the West Store has been selling some very odd things indeed to the Japanese squidders.

Apparently our inscrutable friends were feeling a bit peckish and found some attractive looking biscuits on one of the shelves. The hungry visitors, with hardly a word of English between them, had hardly passed the cash desk before they tore into the box and started passing handfuls of snacks around. Presumably anything tastes better than squid after you have been at sea for a few months, and so, with no more than a few expressions of curiosity about the British diet, the box was soon emptied.

Only one of the more observant local people in the store noticed that the picture on the front of the box depicted a large and happy looking cat, and beneath it the legend: "Munchies, best cat food".

## ROYAL ENTERTAINMENT

Remember all the talk in Penguin News back in February of a Royal visit? Well, we were certainly slightly out with our timing, but I'm afraid the story will simply not die.

Of course it is not inconceivable that he may have it wrong, but no less a person than Nigel Dempster of the Daily Mail has suggested that Sarah and Andrew may be due to visit.

Actually, we have to admit that the story does get less and less credible as one reads on, but, according to Fleet Street's chief rubbish raker, Sarah has been taking top secret singing lessons from a well known voice trainer and will shock the world by taking a part in the Falkland CSE show. Just to make the story even less credible, the duchess will, according to Dempster share the limelight with Elton John and Pamela Stephenson.

Stranger things have happened, but not much stranger!

*Graham Bond*

## BUDGET DETAILS continued

### DEVELOPMENT FUND

This is to receive £4 million from local funds to be spent on the following projects:

- £1 million for loans
- £500,000 for farm loans
- £500,000 for housing loans
- £500,000 for the continuation of the land transfer policy
- £700,000 (estimated) for the purchase and installation of another generator for Stanley Power Station to cope with growing demand for electricity.
- £100,000 for navigational beacons and lights to assist growing fisheries traffic in Port William and Berkeley Sound
- £50,000 for other Port facilities in Stanley
- £50,000 for the replacement of lighting at Stanley Airport
- £52,000 to extend Stanley Electricity supply to the Public Works Centre at Megabid and Stanley Airport
- £90,000 (estimated) for Post Office improvements
- £400,000 for the purchase of heavy plant for major works (£530,00 was allocated for this in the original proposal)
- £40,000 for the conversion of the Temporary (Brewster) Hospital into living accommodation.
- £50,000 for renovation of jetty at Fox Bay Village (£100,000 originally specified in the proposal)
- £74,000 for Recreation Building at Fox Bay Village
- £20,000 for a new rubbish tip to replace the existing one
- unspecified amount for the Water Supply at Fox Bay Village
- unspecified amount for the conversion of Britannia House to a museum

The above were accepted by Councillors more or less as proposed (apart from where changes in figures have been specified). However the local development estimates received major adjustments resulting in an overall increase of £2 million, following Councillors' introduction of new initiatives such as:

- £5 million for a new senior school project (the cost to be spread over a number of years)
- Councillors felt that housing should take a greater priority with £1 million being made available in 1987-88 and a further £2 million for the following two years.
- £250,000 contribution to the construction and maintenance of a swimming pool.
- £25,000 for the resurfacing of the Senior School playground
- £5,000 donation to the U.K Falkland Islands Committee.

In the closing Move for Adjournment, Councillors made their speeches making the following key points:

COUNCILLOR T BLAKE: The FIDC report should be debated at the next meeting of Legislative Council which should have some control over its direction. Support should be given for remaining large farms.

COUNCILLOR A.T BLAKE: A general reappraisal of FIDC was needed.

COUNCILLOR C KINGLEYSIDE: The decision to raise housing rents was a contentious one but was necessary to reflect the cost of living. Concern was expressed at the increase in the number of dogs in town and they mess they cause and he raised the question of them being banned from the childrens' playground.

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COUNCILLOR J CHEEK : Fees and charges had to be kept in line with inflation. Was concerned that the session had made no mention of the Islands' political future of which he felt we should not be complacent.

COUNCILLOR L CLIFTON : A brief speech as he had made most of his points in an introductory speech when Councillor Clifton had urged that some thought be given to the long term objective of the Falkland Islands' development. "Where exactly are we heading?" he asked.

COUNCILLOR R. LEE : He felt the budget to be a good one, with the new money "not being thrown away."

COUNCILLOR E GOSS : Caution should be exercised in the issue of fisheries licences. "We must not be greedy and should guard against beggars of all forms."

COUNCILLOR T BETTS : The budget has unlocked the door to progress a sentiment which was echoed by the Financial Secretary who said he felt the budget had put the Falkland Islands on "the right platform for moving ahead."

The then Attorney General, Michael Gaiger, Chief Executive Brian Cummings and Commander British Forces Rear Admiral Layman all featured prominently in members' speeches. Councillors expressed their gratitude and admiration for the work of Michael Gaiger who had been in the Islands for four years before his departure on 6th June and who was congratulated on having done much to keep the community's legislation at pace with the rapid development.

Brian Cummings who succeeded David Taylor as Chief Executive in April was welcomed warmly to his first Legislative Session. Councillors said he had proved himself a good worker in the few months he had been here and they looked forward to continuing working with him.

For Rear Admiral Layman, Commander British Forces, this Legislative Session would be his last although he will not be leaving the Islands until July. Councillors thanked him and his wife, Kate for having taken such a keen interest in all aspects of the Islands' life and for having worked so hard to keep alive the relations between the civilian and military communities.

The bills which were passed in this Legislative Session will be included in the next issue of Penguin News.

LOOKING BACK

To celebrate our 100th Issue, the last issue of Penguin News recalled some of the earlier copies of the newspaper. This week we continue this retrospective indulgence and look at the months immediately following Liberation Day 1982.

ISSUE 21 - 16th July 1982

This issue was fired with a renewed faith in the future and enthusiasm for the Falkland Islands' future evolution:

"There is a dominant feeling around the Falklands these days that we must make sure that this is a turning point in our history. The Penguin News supports that belief," said a front page editorial.

"The colony is an anachronism and by maintaining our colonial status we will gain little support from the world", it continued "... Mrs Thatcher herself has said that she would like to see the Islands move towards self-government. We have been given a chance to make the Islands really viable and we must take it. The 200 mile exclusion zone must be transformed into 200 miles of territorial waters and every encouragement must be given to outside investors who are now guaranteed that the Islands are secure from Argentine aggression."

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"We should remember that men died so that we can be free to decide our own future. It would render the whole horrible affair pointless if we decide against change and go back to the bad old days. It would also mean the end of the Falkland Islands.

Also on the front page was the sobering reminder that "The War is over but the killing and mairing continues" with accounts of those badly hurt in the clearing up campaign: three engineers maimed whilst clearing some minefields, five men seriously injured when two sidewinder missiles were accidentally launched from a Harrier taking off and a Gurka killed when he picked up an unexploded grenade.

This was the first issue to feature some war poetry penned by those involved in the conflict. This one originally appeared in the Welsh Guards' newsletter 'The Leek':

Sir Galahad, Sir Galahad,  
My heart for you doth weep.  
You're going to die tomorrow,  
So that fifty souls can sleep.

For on a cold June morning  
Screamed madness from the sky  
Our soldiers screamed and perished  
You heard and knew not why.

You burnt and writhed and  
twisted  
And you knew all their pain,  
But you kept it all within you,  
Your memories and our slain.

Your burning funeral pyre  
Was there for all to see,  
A reminder of man's inhumanity  
And of how stupid we can be.

But when you die, Sir Galahad  
The picture God will see,  
Mankind washing its conscience  
In this cold and bitter sea.

So Sir Galahad we will sink you  
We will send you to the deep.  
Lay quiet in your watery grave  
And guard our soldiers' sleep.

For your name will stand in history  
As guardian of our slain.  
You will die with honour  
While man will bear the shame.

J. Crammy - RMAS Typhoon

Admit the continual comings and goings of military units, nearly 1000 Royal Engineers arrived to begin work on extending the airstrip for use by large planes and fighters. Some of the sappers helped Public Works Division in trying to repair water and power systems, in a bad state from the shelling. Water was rationed for a while.

The clear up was hampered by some heavy snow falls, this issue reported until the military "picked up the Kelper trait of improvisation." "Snow on the airstrip was blown off the asphalt by the double-rotor Chinook helicopters which hover low over it. The Harriers with the vertically directed jets then move in and melt the film of ice." On a more frivolous note, the snow falls had encouraged some Welsh Guards and Paras in joining locals in ski and sledge races down Stanley's hills.

There had been an air alert on 10th July when an unidentified aircraft had strayed into the total exclusion zone:

"Ships in Stanley Harbour and Port William were blacked out and army patrols on the streets urged people to return to their homes and extinguish their lights."

The aircraft however, left the zone soon afterwards.

ISSUE 22 - 23rd July 1982

The front page editorial was concerned with what it termed a 'Witch Hunt':

"There are a few people making the rounds of Stanley with yet another petition. This time the demand is that all people living in the Falklands who were born in Argentina be made to return there."

All the Argentines who really mattered; the thousands of troops, and civilians who were brought in to run our government have gone and those few Argentines that remain are civilians who have lived with the Falklanders for many years, contributing to our community and not harming it. They paid their taxes and obeyed our laws. In fact most of them were more distressed than we were when the Argentine army moved in."

"Hate the Argentine government by all means, for they are to blame for all that we went through, but don't let your prejudices cause more misery to the people here."

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of spare airlift capacity.

An agreement was reached with Hogg Robinson, the Government Freight Agents, whereby all surface mails would be carried by sea at regular intervals, departing the United Kingdom approximately every 3/4 weeks.

The system has continued since that time and operates effectively and efficiently. Parcel mails are prepared two weeks prior to the respective vessels departure from the United Kingdom. Thereafter a 4/5 week sea journey must be expected. An allowance of 8/9 weeks would not seem an unreasonable period to wait after the placing of a mail order. Surface mails from countries other than the United Kingdom consequently have a longer delivery time.

There is no air parcel service. The re-introduction of such a service is kept under constant review but is unlikely to be resumed because of the lack of spare air lift capacity.

Industrial strike action by the Customs and Excise in the United Kingdom is delaying the delivery of green label items for periods up to eight weeks.

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British Caledonian were proposing a Falkland air link and in Stanley residents had their electricity charges for the last quarter waived as there was no way of knowing how many units of power had been consumed by the house owner during the period of Argentine troop occupation.

This issue reminded readers of the importance of making sure that everything brought into the Islands by the Argentine invaders should stay for our museum.

"It is not important that we do not have room to display these items at present. At least we should have them stowed safely away for the day when we do have the room.

"Being able to see and touch the actual hardware of the Falklands War will give future generations of Islanders a fuller understanding of the most important period in our history."

In the first of the Camp accounts of their war experiences, Penguin News looked at Dunnose Head which had been almost demolished in an air raid by a British Sea Harrier which had attempted to put its air strip out of operation believing, mistakenly as it turned out, that the Argentinians were using it:

"Shortly before 9.00 am that morning the inhabitants of Dunnose Head heard the scream of jets approaching fast. They had about three seconds warning before the six 1,000 pound bombs and four anti-personnel cluster bombs were dropped."

Several of the settlement's inhabitants had lucky escapes with Tim Miller miraculously surviving the explosion of 1000 bomb just 25 yards from him but tragically losing the sight of his left eye. Shaken, the community surveyed their settlement and "found that the store, schoolhouse and carpenters shop had virtually disappeared... Ironically no bombs hit the strip.

A philosophical Tim Miller was reported as casually regretting that none of the Special Boat Service who had been watching the settlement for a number of days had got in touch with the community there: "There was a plough at Dunnose Head and had they done so, he pointed out, 'we could have ploughed up the strip and saved everybody a lot of bother'."

This issue also reported further speculation on the existence of a number of American mercenaries who had been fighting for the Argentinians and were captured after the battle for Longdon. The rumours were confirmed by several troops involved in the battle, the Penguin News reported. A correspondent in the Letters Page said he had been told by some Paras that a couple of mercenaries had been captured as proof "and the others disposed of as they deserved their fate and are not entitled to protection by the Geneva Convention. The mercenaries were mainly American and West German."

LOOKING BACK will continue in our next issue.

MOLLIE'S CORNER - 8

Whilst still on Pebble Island I saw M.V Forrest arrive and I was most pleased to be able to see the discharging of the cargo and more than interested to see flocks of sheep being taken along the jetty, ready to be loaded on the boat. Suddenly, to my surprise I saw a few sheep in the sea, swimming quite strongly for the shore. No one seemed to know how they managed to arrive in the waters. I had never realised that sheep could swim (only through the sheep dips in Britain) - maybe they didn't know it themselves? I begin to suspect there could be a lot of truth in the belief that throwing young children into swimming pools teaches them to swim. The theory is that they automatically propel their arms and legs to reach the safety of the pool side. However, I'm very relieved that I was not taught that way!

I also saw the ancient jetty used for the old Beaver float planes. I was told hair raising stories of those days; cases lost in the water and a ladder to climb aboard the plane. At Douglas, the jetty was wheeled into the water. It all sounded decidedly hazardous and I'm more than grateful that I couldn't afford to visit the Falklands in those days. I love flying but I don't expect to perform acrobatics in boarding the plane thanks!

The Store at Pebble was most impressive and seemed packed with so many necessary items, including post cards and a vast range of stamps. Such a wonderful display of goods. When I went there a second time, I was greeted so warmly and addressed by name that I was made to feel very welcome. I felt such a store deserved my custom and I bought a fair amount of items. Congratulations, Susan, it was a real pleasure to walk into your store.

Several people seemed to visit Aunt Lints' and one of them was Nobby. I thought he looked a very young version of Spike Milligan and certainly his voice seemed similar. He also had the same sense of humour as Spike and I'm sure everyone else must have spotted the likeness.

I was so pleased to be able, finally, to take a snap of a robin (a long tailed meadow lark if anyone wishes to be quite correct). Out at Newhouse there had been so many, particularly around the hen run and I had sat patiently for long periods, awaiting my chance for a good photo. The moment I moved, the birds flew away. It had been quite exasperating. At Pebble we went to look at a special plantation of trees and a most obliging robin sang me a song and then posed for me. I'm hoping it will be a very colourful photograph as it had the green background of trees and a very blue sky.

On our return flight to Douglas we stopped at Port Howard, so I was at last able to meet Arina. I was to return before long and stay for a while but it was so good to have the unexpected chance to see her at last. We had spoken to each other on two metres but now we were able to have a quick chat before the plane took us away.

My next excursion was to Port San Carlos, but I'll be telling you all about that next time. Meanwhile -

Tats for now,

Mollie

PUBLIC NOTICESANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION DAY 1987

The following programme has been arranged in Stanley to mark the anniversary of Liberation Day on Sunday, 14 June 1987.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held in Christ Church Cathedral commencing at 9.45 a.m. His Excellency The Governor and Mrs Jewkes, together with the Commander British Forces Falkland Islands and Mrs Layman will attend this service. Representatives of the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, the Falkland Islands Defence Force and the Merchant Navy will also be present. At 11.00 a.m. a short ceremony will be held at the Liberation Monument in front of the Secretariat Building. After prayers His Excellency The Governor will

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lay a wreath. Wreaths will also be laid by the Commander British Forces Falkland Islands and by representatives of the armed services; and by relatives and others wishing to do so.

Members of the community wishing to attend this ceremony are asked to arrive not later than 10.50 am. Attention is drawn to the fact that Ross Road between Barrack Street and Reservoir Road will be closed to traffic to enable the ceremony at the Monument to take place.

A civic reception will be held in the Town Hall from 11.30 a.m. until 12.45 which will be attended by His Excellency The Governor and Mrs Jewkes and to which all Residents over 18 years of age are cordially invited.

It is appropriate for medals and decorations to be worn on Liberation Day.

The Secretariat

There will also be a childrens' party in the Town Hall from 4.00-6.00pm for those aged 4-11 years old. There will be a disco, party games and the chefs from Lookout Camp will be providing lots of goodies to eat.

CATHEDRAL SERVICES FOR JUNE

- Friday 12th June - 8.00 pm Cathedral Service
- Sunday 14th June - Trinity Sunday  
 9.45 am Liberation Day Service (please note, no Sunday School today)  
 7.00 pm Evensong
- Sunday 21st June - First Sunday after Trinity  
 10.00 am Family Service  
 - preacher: Mr David Roper, Lay Reader  
 10.00 am Sunday School  
 7.00 pm Evensong  
 - preacher: Revd Andrew Willis, Chaplain M.P.A  
 (This will be a broadcast service)
- Sunday 28th June - Second Sunday After Trinity  
 10.00 am Family Communion  
 10.00 am Sunday School  
 7.00 pm Evensong

NOTICE is hereby given that ENLOGIO GABRIEL CEBALLOS CRUCES of Stanley, Falkland Islands is applying to the Governor for naturalisation and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Government Secretary at The Secretariat, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

E.O.D DEMONSTRATION

The E.O.D unit in Stanley will be holding a public demonstration on Wednesday 17th June at 10.00 am at Yorke Bay. The demonstration will show a number of features of their work and there will be controlled detonations of anti-tank and anti-personnel mines. All members of the public are welcome.

TRISTAIR TIMES

A reminder that Tristair flights now depart MPA on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 11.00 am local time and arrive RAF Brize Norton at 9.15 local time on Thursdays and Saturdays. The 'Latest to Report' time at MPA is now 9.00 am.

PENGUIN NEWS apologises for the delay in the publication of this issue which was due to a break down in some printing equipment. We will endeavour to keep to a Friday deadline and the next issue will be out on Friday, June 26th.

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## ISLANDER CRASH

Following the crash of an Islander airplane last week and the subsequent suspension of all FIGAS flights due to the lack of serviceable aircraft, a limited passenger, freight and post service by Bristow helicopter is to be introduced in an attempt to alleviate current travel and communication problems.

The accident occurred on Wednesday 24 June when the small red plane, carrying five passengers and piloted by Captain Eddie Anderson crashed during take off from Brookfield Farm. Fortunately, no one was injured in the incident but the Islander was said by the Chief Executive, Brian Cummings, to be "totally unfit for further flying." Further details of the accident are being withheld to avoid prejudicing the inquiry which is well underway.

Whilst two Civil Aviation Accident investigators have arrived in the Islands to look into the incident, FIGAS is busy working on its 'no-plane, no-flying' situation which until the recent announcement of a Bristow service, had left Campers isolated and unable to receive post.

Of the two other Islanders run by FIGAS, one had been dismantled at the time of the accident for its regular 1,000 hour inspection and the other had only a few hours left before it was due to undergo the same standard overhaul. These few hours have been put aside for vital flights, such as medical emergencies.

FIGAS pilots have joined the ground crew at the Airfield to work extra hours and weekends in order to get the dismantled plane reassembled and fully

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## TRISTAIR DIVERTS TO RIO

The last north bound Tristair was diverted to Rio de Janeiro after one of its military passengers was taken seriously ill on Wednesday 1st July.

The captain of the Tristair informed Mount Pleasant Airfield that he was seeking clearance to land in Brazil. A Government House spokesman said that they had not been involved in any diplomatic moves on the plane's behalf.

David Rose, the Press Officer at MPA, said the Tristair stayed on ground at Rio de Janeiro for only a short time before continuing on its way to Brize Norton where it arrived five hours late.

## T.B : NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

News of two suspected cases of TB (tuberculosis) in Stanley last week led to widespread anxiety both in town and Camp but local fears of an epidemic were quickly and firmly allayed by the medical department.

"There is absolutely no occasion for panic" said Chief Medical Officer, Dr Derek Murphy, "over what is obviously becoming a pressing anxiety in the community."

One of the original suspected cases proved to be a false alarm later in the week but with the remaining 'probable' one, the medical department

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airborne as soon as is practically possible. When the Chief Executive was asked how long he thought that would take, he replied; "It is impossible to say exactly but we are looking at a timescale of weeks."

Mr Cummings went on to confirm that the Governor in exercising his powers under the Air Navigation (Overseas) Territories Order 1977, had provisionally suspended Eddie Andersen's pilots licence. He went on to emphasise that "this was standard procedure in civil aviation accidents and that no view had been taken of the cause of the accident."

The crashed aircraft was fully insured and there is also a replacement fund in being for FIGAS planes. A move has already been made to secure a replacement and it is expected that this will be a more modern model.

The Bristow helicopter service will run along the same lines as FIGAS and all bookings should be made through the FIGAS office well ahead of the day planned to fly. Although there will only be flights on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Bristow has a considerably larger seating capacity than the Islander to enable it to cope with a greater demand for places should one arise. The flights are to be subsidised by the Falkland Island Government and passengers will only pay the same fare as they normally would with FIGAS.

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was taking the precaution of checking possible contacts and those who may be considered at risk. Dr Murphy stressed that TB is nowadays an "ominently curable disease" and people should not see it as the dangerous epidemic it was in the 40's and 50's.

The initial alarm amongst Falkland Islanders was fuelled further by a medical announcement on FIBS advising of a screening programme to take place in the schools.

Dr Murphy was again keen to reassure people that this was only a "strictly routine procedure":

"We used to have this school screening check as regular annual event but it recently fell by the way," he said. "Now with all the additional staff we have awaiting the move into the new hospital, we have decided to make good use of some of them."

FALKLANDS FIRST TRAWLER BOUGHT

With one successful season of fishing licence control now over, the Falkland Islands looking forward to even greater involvement in the whole fishing industry following the news that the first Falklands registered trawler was recently purchased.

The 500 ton stern trawler which has previously gone under the name of Artic Free Booter has been purchased by two Falkland joint venture companies: Stanley Fisheries, the FIDC subsidiary, and SWB, another Falklands based group.

Lord Shakleton has agreed to allow his name to be used for the renaming of the trawler which is currently undergoing a refit in the U.K to make it suitable for its work down here and the vessel is expected in the Islands some time in October. It has previously been under a MoD contract which has now expired.

The 'Lord Shakleton' will begin by catching fin fish such as hake and blue whiting until next year's squid season gets underway when its owners hope it will be able to take the Falklands' first share of these profitable catches.

John Pollard of Stanley Fisheries said that the move to buy the first Falkland based trawler was part of his company's desire to encourage "a broader involvement for the Falklands in the fisheries" and he hoped the Lord Shakleton would be the first of many vessels making up a fleet indigenous to the Islands.

LIBERATION DAY

On June 14, an icy winter's wind blew down from Mount Tumbledown and Two Sisters as a crowd of people gathered around the Liberation Monument under a sombre sky, awaiting the start of the wreath laying ceremony. It was bitterly cold.

"If they put up with this for several months in 1982, we can at least put up with it for several minutes" said one civilian, his mind, like everyone's, on those who perished in the liberation of the Falkland Islands, five years ago.

Most of those assembled on the seafront had been packed into Christ Church Cathedral an hour before for Liberation Day's first event, the Thanksgiving Service, led by Canon Murphy. He also directed the short, moving ceremony at the Monument, assisted by Father Monaghan, Rev Johnathon Cruikshank RN and Rev Andrew Willis RAF, before a bugler from the Royal Irish Rangers played the Last Post and Reveille. Wreaths were then laid by His Excellency The Governor, Gordon Jewkes, and Commander British Forces, Rear Admiral Christopher Layman before others, some of whom were personally involved in the conflict of 1982, laid wreaths on behalf of the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, the Merchant Navy and Falkland Islands Defence Force. The Girls Brigade and Boy Scouts were also in attendance. Further wreaths were laid by representatives of local government and some civilians laid their personal tributes.

During the minute's silence, many people looked west, across the rough sea waters towards the battlefields on the distant peaks to recall the turbulent events and those who suffered in them.

Sombre moods and frozen feet began to thaw when everyone moved into the Town Hall for a civic reception which the Governor had arranged in preference to the more exclusive functions at Government House in previous years.

"I couldn't have fit you all into Government House," said the Governor jovially in a spontaneous speech to the crowd, "but I think it is much better that we get as many people who want to, to come along." There was a general cheer of approval at his suggestion that future Liberation Days should see similar civic gatherings

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MID WINTER'S FANCY DRESS

It had to be a good cause, otherwise what would a fully grown man be doing on a mid winter's night, prancing around in only a nappy, 'assaulting' strangers with a teddy bear?

This particular character, who some said bore a passing resemblance to a barge master (is this what several months exile on Coastel III can reduce a man to?), certainly won the sympathy vote amongst those who gathered in the Town Hall on Friday 19th June for the Badminton Club Fancy Dress Ball but he appeared not to be looking for such consideration from spectators. Like the other participants he was obviously having a tremendous time in spite of, or perhaps because of his attire.

Such a gallant rallying to the occasion was undoubtedly what His Excellency, the Governor was referring to when he told those assembled that the "weather had kept the attendance down but certainly not the spirit" and he urged them to "keep letting your imaginations go."

While contestants cavorted around with courageous gusto, on-lookers were engrossed with the 'who-is-it-really' game. The nappy clad 'baby' was accompanied by a tall figure in a large ladies dress, exaggerated cap and carrying a petty who was said to be the vet? The very convincing tin man suggested shades of a certain hospital commissioner whilst the good fairy from the same team was quite naturally the matron from the local hospital!

Whilst a portly Henry VIII led six understandably demure wives in detailed dresses around the floor, an anonymous surgical team paraded under their banner of 'Government's Answer to Aids', producing at one point in the evening, a large dish labelled 'Government House Lasagne'.

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NO DIB THIS WEEK! Detective Inspector Benjamin did not meet with the Editor at the customary shadowy rendezvous for this issue. It is believed he is working undercover at the moment but should have delivered another contribution for the next issue.

# BOUND ABOUT TOWN



*Graham Bond*

## KIDS RULE ON

It's nice to see that some traditions don't die in the Falklands. The first substantial snow fall of the winter is still a signal for children (often supplemented by more than a few adults) to take to the hills of Stanley with sledges and convert the arteries of the capital into Olympics standard bob-sled tracks.

And when the sledges appear, as they did ten days or so ago, so disappears the rule of law. Quite rightly, as the winter sport lovers are in the majority, the youngsters set up their own traffic control points, and direct land rovers and cars across & up the sleigh runs only when it is safe to do so. On three nights last week I was stopped by an authoritative youth and signalled to wait while two prostrate figures zipped past the intersection and on into the shadows, presumably to a heart-stopping halt feet from the Ross Road sea wall.

At about the same time, the Stanley police issued a radio announcement urging parents to control their children when snow is on the ground. It was a slightly half hearted attempt to bring the forces of parents and law back onto the streets. But they needn't have worried, because the kids had taken up their traditional winter role with panache and style and were in full control of the situation. Can't you remember doing the same thing?

## FIXMAS

With typical disregard for local sensibilities, BFBS, the military radio station, have again trotted out the boring (we have had some five years of it!) and infantile stunt of Fixmas - a pseudo Christmas which the BFBS men allege takes place in the middle of the Falklands winter. Apparently some servicemen have been so fooled by it all, that they really believe Islanders celebrate Christmas in June.

It's childish and insulting to local people, who see no reason why anyone should be unable to accept a reversal of seasons when travelling to another hemisphere. Civilians are marking mid-winter, not cynically celebrating a fake festival.

## WINNIE'S

It's very good to see another cafe-restaurant open in Stanley. Mrs Winnie Miranda's establishment on Drury Street had been re-opened with no razzmatazz but the unpretentious food is wholesome and good and the service friendly. Drop in at Winnie's as well as your other local restaurants. You won't forget it.

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## GIFTS

Periodically in the Falklands, some great and apparently heaven-sent source of wealth appears. The most recent, the Mount Pleasant airport builders, have only just packed their bags and gone home, but shortly before leaving they passed onto the local civilians some especially fine gifts.

A few examples of this generosity: A local man enquired about a 3,000 gallon fuel tank which appeared to be surplus to requirements and was duly told he could take it away for about £250. The money changed hands and it was only when the delighted man came to take (continued P. 8)

## PENGUIN POST BOX

PO Box 31, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

Robin Pitaluga  
Gibraltar Station  
Port San Salvador

19 June 1987

Dear Madam,

As usual, I found the recent business of Legislative Council as broadcast, and the follow-up questions and answers session with Patrick Watts, tremendously informative and interesting if somewhat repetitive and long winded in the dispensing of credits and gratitude.

Given the undoubted bonanza handed to the Falklands on a plate when the FICZ (Falkland Islands Conservation Zone) was established, I was disappointed that our councillors did not in this first year and before we get used to spending vast sums of money which are within our own control, offer four or five million pounds to the United Kingdom Government to assist with some of our defence costs. Such a gesture, whether accepted or not, would have had enormously valuable national and international impact.

The Falklands no longer have the much vaunted credit built up when a lot of money did flow from here to the UK coffers; any that was left over, was certainly used up in 1982 and since. We owe Great Britain and will go on doing so while she maintains our British heritage and freedom from the greedy clutches of Argentina.

Yours faithfully,

Robin Pitaluga

Dear Madam,

So the Islands are richer with a budget of £28 million. What if it had been £100 million? Have wages gone up, the taxes down or plans been made for many improvements?

If this new found wealth is spent here people will be better off, the shops and contractors receive more custom and the Government get more in taxes. Spending the money creates more money and everyone is better off.

Spending the money here would create more than if spent in the UK where it makes others, not Islanders, better off. If Islanders here receive more they can build new houses, replace their old rovers and machinery and waste less. This itself makes more work for everyone.

Where are the benefits of the fishing fleet income? If they are being hidden away in UK bank accounts the bankers benefit, not the people here. The miserly and tightfisted who hide their money in UK banks do nothing for us. The man who drinks his fill on a Saturday night does more for us by spending his money here. I raise my glass to him.

Where di all the fishing money go? Is it a fishy tale?

Yours faithfully,

'Illex'

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Penguin Post Box is the page for you to air your views on any subject which you feel should concern others. The Penguin News reserves the right to edit letters and would like to point out that the opinions expressed on this page are not necessarily shared by the editor.



PENGUIN POST BOX - continued

Miss V E M Perkins  
33 John Street  
Stanley

18th June 1987

Dear Madam,

In February of this year a group of people, owners of the '50 Acre plots' on the MPA road, got together and formed an Association.

The object of this Association was to go to the Government as a 'body' rather than as individuals, to try and ascertain a few answers to some questions that have arisen in some of our minds. As a united body we thought we may stand a better chance of getting these answers!!!

A letter was therefore written to Mr David Taylor, the then Chief Executive, asking if we could have comments on the following:-

- Clarification of boundaries, that is, fence-line from road centre.
- Who pays for boundary fence between plot and road?
- What is Government's involvement and/or interest, if any, in the 50 acre plots: e.g what is "planning permission" required for, if any.
- What is the situation regarding access to the plots from the road (most are separated by a wide ditch).

Mr Taylor did reply quickly to our letter, the next day in fact. He replied as follows:

"Your letter raises some interesting issues which I would like to discuss with the Attorney General in the first instance. After that, either he or I will come back to you in a letter, or perhaps, suggest a meeting. I will try to make sure that the matter is not lost sight of."

That letter was written to me in March. Since then there has been nothing! I can only assume that 'it' has been lost sight of! Indeed, after listening to the rather 'couldn't care less' - 'help themselves' attitude on the Questions and Answers to Councillors last evening, I really believe that the matter has been 'lost'. The attitude expressed by one Councillor most certainly answered question 'c' above - NO!

FIDC are not interested in helping the small land owner: after all what is 50 acres, compared to the vast areas that they deal with? We are only a pin-point on the map. The bank doesn't want to know us. Government have made it quite clear that they have no interest, so where do we get assistance from? Are there any rich farmers willing to lend us a couple of thousand to get a few fence posts or a couple of loads of crushed metal, etc?

Instead of calling ourselves '50 Acre Plot Owners Association', we should have just called ourselves 'The Outcasts on Fitzroy Ridge' for that is what we feel.

Yours faithfully,

Vivienne Perkins  
Secretary  
50 Acre Plot Owners Association

WHAT THE PAPERS HAVE BEEN SAYING...

The Mail on Sunday newspaper (7th June 1987) carried an article under the headline 'Queen backs Argentine polo ban':

"The Queen has entered a row raging in the British polo establishment over a ban on Argentinian players."

"They have not been allowed to play any matches in Britain since Argentina invaded the Falklands."

"The game's ruling body, the Hurlingham Polo Association, is being urged to lift the ban but the Queen has let officials know that she feels it should stay."

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A PROPOSAL FOR PEACE IN THE FALKLANDS/MALVINAS - ISLANDERS ASKED FOR THEIR VIEWS

Independent proposals on the future of the Falklands are nothing new. Only last December, Penguin News published a summary of Robert Miller's radical report, 'Liability or Asset: a policy for the Falkland Islands' which subsequently appears to have been politely ignored and to go the way of most such papers, to do dusty duty on a library shelf.

The latest report to land on the Penguin News desk however, entitled 'A Proposal for Peace in the Falklands/Malvinas' perhaps warrants more attention. Its author, Stephen Chesine, has already had three papers on the Falkland Islands considered by the Select Committee for Foreign Affairs at the House of Commons and it is believed that Mrs Thatcher will be personally looking at the proposal's summary at least, if not the whole paper which has resulted from five years' work by its author.

Mr Chesine also shows a more marked consideration for the rights and interests of the Islanders than some of his predecessors have done, as is evident from his covering letter to the Editor;

"I have been asked to have my ideas published in London, but I refused because I believe that these ideas should be considered first by both the Falkland Islanders and the British Government..."

"I have not sent this proposal to Argentina because I believe the future of the Falkland Islands is a matter for the Falkland Islanders and the British Government to decide. To ensure long term stability in the future though, I also believe that Argentina must be encouraged to offer her good will..."

Mr Chesine asks Penguin News to publish "the complete proposal for consideration of the Falkland Islanders" but unfortunately a shortage of space prevents us from doing so. However we reproduce here the Summary along with some of the proposal's key points to enable readers to understand its nature. We have omitted the historical reference to who thought they saw and landed on the Islands first as we feel these age old arguments will be all too familiar to most readers. Should anyone wish to read the paper in its entirety, they are welcome to contact the Editor of Penguin News who will gladly lend them a copy.

A PROPOSAL FOR PEACE IN THE FALKLANDS/MALVINAS  
SUMMARY

- A sanctuary shall be chosen by the Islanders in consultation with Great Britain. There shall be awareness of Argentina in the choosing.
- The rest of the land may be shared, at some point in the future, by Britain and Argentina.
- Britain, then, shall retain the Islands for a specified period, at the end of which they may be joint sovereignty or Argentine sovereignty over the land that is not part of the Sanctuary. A condition for this is that there must have been a democratic government in Argentina for a specific period up to the time of the agreed upon new sovereignty arrangements. It is suggested that this period be from the present to the time of such new sovereignty arrangements.
- If, in the future, Argentina is involved in a sovereignty arrangement:
  - Human rights shall be safeguarded;
  - Islanders or their descendants at that time or at any time in the future may move into the sanctuary; and,
  - British Antarctic claims shall be protected. Therefore one island shall be kept in perpetuity by Great Britain even if all other Islands not part of the sanctuary are transferred to Argentina.

The underlying principles are:

- The Islanders and their descendants must be guaranteed a perpetual right to self determination. The sanctuary concept best safeguards this right.

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" 'She would not like to see her son playing against Argentinians in view of what went on in the Falklands,' said a Palace insider."

"Polo loving Prince Charles, Colonel of the Welsh Guards, who suffered heavy casualties in the Falklands, has already indicated his support for keeping the ban."

"But the association's secretary, Col. Alec Harper said: 'Feelings are gradually swinging towards letting the Argentinians back. Who knows what will happen at our meeting next month?' "

In a Reuters report carried by The Times on 10th June 1987 Argentine state television were said to have broadcast a programme in which Britons gave their views on the Falkland Islands dispute "and most of these portrayed criticised Mrs Thatcher's stance on the disputed islands."

" 'I don't see the point in Britain keeping the Falklands. I think it's stupid,' one middle-aged woman on a London street said during the 'vox pops'."

"One young man said: 'There should have been at least an attempt at negotiations' during the bloody 10-week war in 1982. Others said the islands rightfully belonged to Britain and that Argentina had blown the dispute out of proportion."

A PROPOSAL FOR PEACE IN THE FALKLANDS/MALVINAS - continued

- 2) Because of the ill treatment inflicted on the present day Islanders in 1982, the Argentinians ought not to settle agreed upon Islands for a suitable period. However, should the Argentine government demonstrate its stability, the Islanders may agree to the Argentinians being given, on a pilot basis, a small settlement in the nearer future.
- 3) It is suggested that discussions regarding the ideas contained in this proposal commence immediately and that the Islanders be intimately involved in these discussions

So what does the author mean by a 'Sanctuary?': "a designated area of land, over which the Islanders will have sovereignty (as defined.. "the acknowledged right to ownership.. to do with as one pleases without intrusion") and in which they and their descendants can live with assurance of a secure future. The sanctuary and its inhabitants will not then be under the sovereignty of either Britain or Argentina..... When the sanctuary has been designated, at Britain's instigation, sovereignty over the remaining area of land may be divided and/or shared in a mutually acceptable way between Britain and Argentina..."

"The foremost consideration must be the Falkland Islanders themselves who, having lived on the Islands since 1833, have the right to remain. Innocent bystanders in the last war, they also have the right to be protected. To this end, an area of land may be chosen by the Islanders where they and their offspring may live in peace, undisturbed by present or future negotiations or possible disputes between Britain and Argentina. This land, to be called a sanctuary, must have definite and natural boundaries. It could include, for example, one of the main islands, as well as some smaller ones."

"Within the sanctuary, which will belong to the Islanders alone, they and their offspring shall have a perpetual right to self-determination, including the right to democratic elections as well as the right to determine democratically the question of administration and representation abroad and to decide upon the use of their land. They shall have perpetual fishing and navigation rights in all waters surrounding each island and the Islands in general. Neither the Islanders' and their offspring's right to determine their own future nor the boundaries of the sanctuary are to be affected by the settlement and development of the Islands by either Britain or Argentina, or by any sovereignty arrangements."

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the tank home that he realised that it was still full of diesel fuel... The tank itself was quickly resold to a fishing concern for a fat profit and £2,000 worth of fuel was retained to power the happy man's Land Rover into the 21st century.

Shortly after this, an eagle eyed local was passing the MPA dump when he noticed what appeared to be a long-wheel base Safari Land Rover sitting resplendent atop the heap of junk. Unable to believe his eyes, he decided to take no more than the spare wheel. When he told his friends in Stanley, they were more able to believe their luck and shot down the MPA road with a tow rope, intent on rescuing the prize vehicle. However, it was not to be. During the intervening few hours, competition from Goose Green had turned up and dragged the Rover off to a new home in Lafonia.

Enquiries suggest that the prized vehicle had suffered minor damage in a crash, but as Laing, Mowlem and ARC were about to leave, no one could be bothered to repair or sell it!

Graham Bound

PENGUIN POST BOX - continued

Tim Miller  
Manybranch Farm  
Port Howard  
West Falkland

29th June 1987

Dear Madam,

As an Islander and a Wester, I am appalled at the negative attitude to date and indifference by the heads of Government to the communications crisis in Camp resulting from BIGAS's problems. I am not referring to Medical emergencies: it goes without saying that they would be dealt with by military assistance and did not need a lot of waffle from the Secretariat. Medical flights ALWAYS have to be booked through doctors anyway and always have.

I am referring to the total lack of temporary basic arrangements for business travel from the West to Stanley. This could quite practically be done by M V Forrest, as it has before, if our Government leaders showed any initiative.

More importantly, I am referring to the 100% break down of mail service, including important overseas and local business mail. Perhaps the senior expatriate Administration officials forget; they can go to the local Post Office every day and how terribly awful it would be for them if they had to wait until the morning had the Post Office not agreed to sort arriving airmail in the evenings for them! If these officials are capable of reading a map they will see it is rather difficult for those of us on the West or small Islands to drive, let alone walk to the Post Office in Stanley!

We don't ask nor expect a daily service, however I can think of three or four methods Government could have used to get a basic rudimentary mail delivery service going again, which could result in a once every 7-10 days delivery instead of none at all for the indefinite future.

The label of 'uncaring' was used in the recent British Election. It is a word that aptly describes our present top level Administration.

I am also surprised at the Soviet style of censorship of the news and description of the incident which would have been publicly reported in any other democracy than ours. Rumours and stories are rampant. The blame for them lies at the top of the Government which only last month in Legislative Council voiced the need for quick factual reporting to avoid such rumours - it's memory is short indeed!

Yours faithfully,

T.J.D Miller

EDITORIAL

The tone of Mr Chesine's diplomatic proposal (P.7) is considerate and conciliatory and having read the full report, few could doubt the author's good intentions but for all that, Penguin News doubts that any Falkland Islanders will like what it suggests.

The prospect of a divided Falklands, with segments of land for sanctuarism, British and Argentine rule will be abhorrent to Islanders; surely as unacceptable as an Argentinian invasion.

What of those whose settlements did not fall into the 'Sanctuary' or a British segment of the Islands? Presumably they would be left with the unenviable choice of either abandoning their homes to set up elsewhere or staying with their homesteads but under Argentinian rule - equally unjust on those who have chosen to be part of the British Falklands.

Even if the Islands were divided up in a manner acceptable to all parties (extremely unlikely we would think), Falkland Islanders would take a lot of convincing that Argentina with its history, would be either a stable co-habitor or would not in the future, start having designs on a greater share of the Islands, giving rise to further conflict.

The proposal also makes the mistake common to a lot of the well intentioned attempts at solution by brushing aside the dispute's intractable problems with a sweep of a sentence:

"When the sanctuary has been designated at Britain's instigation," says the paper, "sovereignty over the remaining area of land may be divided and/or shared in a mutually acceptable way between Britain and Argentina."

"A mutually acceptable way between Britain and Argentina" has never been found in the history of the Falkland Islands and whilst it may be tempting and convenient to hope that there could be, whilst Britain upholds the Falklands' people there never will be.

FIXMAS - SURELY ONLY HARMLESS FUN?

The Falkland military's neo-Christmas festival around June 25th, Fixmas, has once again met with grumblings of disapproval amongst some of the local community which have been aired with greater vehemence in this week's 'Bound About Town' column.

Surely, such criticism is too hard on what is essentially a bit of frivolous fun, an excuse for some mid Falkland winter merrymaking to take the minds of servicemen and women at least temporarily off MPA's impersonal environment where there is little, if any, escape from work. Entertainment is hard to find in the drab complex which is the home for these services personnel and should we not congratulate them for making their own, on whatever premise.

But for those who still find the distant tinkle of Fixmas festivities irksome should they not have a little forbearance? These out of season Christmas cheer makers are the same people who gave considerable time and effort to provide 160 children with a marvellous Liberation Day tea party which they loved.

The two communities of the civilian and military populations have helped one another along with a good give and take relationship and their Fixmas requires only the giving of a little patience from us.

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In the afternoon, it was the children's turn with a tea party in the Town Hall organised by the Falkland Islands Field Squadron, R.E under Lt John Newsome. The Royal Engineers were apparently not daunted by the task of entertaining or feeding 160 youngsters between the ages of 4-11. Helped by members of the BMH the children had a wonderful time, playing traditional party games, disco dancing and making easy work of jellies, hamburgers, chips and sweets. Congratulations to the organisers.

PENGUIN POST BOX

Derek Evans  
Stanley

3rd July 1987

Dear Madam,

I have listened to Calling the Falklands and I heard the postal service here receiving a bit of a slating.

This evening I went to the Post Office at 8.45 pm to get my mail; normal closing time for the Post Office is 4.30pm. Where else in the world would you get a civilian post office that would stay open so long after normal closing time on a Friday just to ensure that the community did not have to go over the weekend without mail? The two viewpoints are not compatible and I, for one, am in no doubt of the Post Office's dedication to their job.

I would like to record my grateful thanks for the care and consideration and sacrifice of precious free time which the Post Office staff are giving to ensure that we are well served.

Yours faithfully,

Derek Evans

MID WINTER'S FANCY DRESS - continued from P.3

For all that there was a reduced turnout for this year's Fancy Dress, those who had made the effort had done so with obvious dedication and the commitment did not stop with the costume either. Congratulations in particular to the Indian Squaws who never seemed to tire of their war dance, the old man who never relaxed his hobbling gait and travelling teacher Catherine Farmer whose penguin impersonation was excellent. She maintained the comical rocking walk all the way up to collect her prize and all the way back.

Prizes were awarded by the judges, Grace Furneyhough, Nnette King and teacher, Dr Goodwin and presented by His Excellency the Governor. The winners were as follows:-

Individual class: 1st Bill Hills for his innovative 'Music Man' (dressed in score sheets with a square of them on his head); 2nd to Catherine Farmer for penguin; 3rd to Paula Hills for Pirate and 4th to Patrick Watts for Old Man.

2-4 people groups: 1st to the Fisheries Department (carrying with 'Gotcha, No Fishing Licence'; 2nd to 'Government's Answer to Aids'.

5-9 people groups: 1st to Henry VIII and his six wives; 2nd to Indian Chief and Squaws and 3rd to The Shotgun Wedding party.

Over 9 people group: 1st to The Wizard of Oz group.

COURT NEWS

Wednesday 24th June: Gavin Browning was in Court for non payment of fines imposed by a previous hearing. Warning Mr Browning that he could be charged with being in contempt of Court, Magistrate Jessie Booth gave him another two days in which to pay the fine.

A case of being drunk and disorderly was brought against Robert Eric Hirtle whose plea of guilty was presented in his absence by Defence Counsel Mrs McIlroy.

The Court heard that Mr Hirtle was evicted from the Globe on the evening of 12th June before then allegedly attempting to strike PC Hemingway and PC Fairfield who approached him and he was then arrested.

Presenting the defence, Mrs McIlroy said that Mr Hirtle had no memory of the incident but that he quite accepted the police version of events. The magistrates were further told of a medical report which explained that at the time of the incident, Mr Hirtle was taking a drug for a minor medical condition which combined with the effects of alcohol, could contribute towards the aggressive behaviour the police officers spoke of.

Mr Hirtle was bound over for 12 months in the sum of £200.



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On Wednesday 1st July -

Erwin Allen reapplied for reinstatement of his driving licence which had been revoked six months ago for a twelve month period. The Magistrates agreed to his request after Mr Allen had promised that the original misdemeanour would not be repeated.

Mike Hemingway appeared before Magistrates on the charge of driving a motor cycle without a helmet to which he pleaded guilty.

The prosecution told the Court that a civilian had written to the Chief Police Officer stating that Michael Summers had seen Mr Hemingway commit the alleged offence when he took a motorcycle from the front of his house on Ross Road West and drive it around to Race Course Road, to the back of his property, without wearing a helmet. It was explained that the motorbike in question belonged to a lodger staying with the Hemingways, Una McKay, who was ill at the time and unable to move it from what Mr Hemingway considered to be a hazardous position so he drove the motorbike himself.

Magistrate Jessie Booth told the defendant that the Bench accepted he had moved the motorbike "more or less in the course of his duties" but added that he should have asked for a loan of a helmet with which to do so, to prevent what she called "gossip about policemen riding without helmets".

Mike Hemingway was fined £25.

In the last case of the afternoon, Theresa Ann Clifton pleaded guilty to the charge of unlawfully and maliciously wounding Robert Short with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Detective Constable John Adams for the Prosecution told the Court that the offence had taken place in the North Arm Social Club when Mr Short, a bar man there, had intervened in an argument between the defendant and another woman, standing between the two in an attempt to diffuse the situation. Miss Clifton allegedly picked up a glass and thrust it into Mr Short's face with the impact causing the glass to break; an action witnessed by several people.

The Bench examined photographs of the injuries sustained by the victim and heard extracts from a medical report which gave details of the "multiple abrasions and lacerations" caused. Most of these were superficial, said the report, but taping was required on some of them.

Defence Counsel, Rosie McIlroy, said that the defendant accepted that a serious offence had been committed and was truly sorry for the consequences of her action which she admitted could have caused more serious injuries.

After an adjournment, the Magistrates told Miss Clifton that she had committed "a very vicious attack with intent to do harm which could have left Mr Short blinded purely through temper". It was also noted that her record showed she had received a citable caution for common assault in April this year. They told Miss Clifton who is 19 that they were unwilling to give a custodial sentence "to one so young" and in the event passed a sentence of three months suspended for twelve months. She was also ordered to pay the costs of the police flights to North Arm, amounting to £148.96.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL CONCERT

The evening of music, song and verse in Christ Church Cathedral on June 12th, provided those who ventured out into a wet cold night, an enjoyable and diverse entertainment.

Popular numbers from musicals such as Okelahoma, 'The King and I' and 'The Sound of Music' were delivered with their usual enthusiasm by the Children's Chorus under the guidance of Jean Smith, whilst classical tastes were catered for by some impressive MPA talent. Exerpts from Handel's Water Music and Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata were performed with impressive ease by Chris Beaumont whilst Rev Sq<sup>r</sup>l<sup>r</sup> Andy Willis enraptured the audience with a deft performance of three Spanish guitar pieces. Newcomer to the Islands, junior school teacher, Alison Goodman, proved equally popular with the audience who

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loudly applauded her oboe recitals of Annie's Song and the Serenade by Hayden. The stalwart Chorus, led by Bill Hills, encouraged the audience's participation in the concert's most popular event - the Sing Along. Whilst appearing at first to prefer the sanctuary of scarves and coat collars to singing, the audience were soon following the Chorus in contributing assorted musical talents. The usually serene vaulted roof of the Cathedral resounded to the strains of 'Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud' and 'I'm Shy Mary Ellen', whilst 'The Animal Fair' found pews upon pews of monkeys, monkeys, monkeys.....

The concert's humorous note was first introduced into the proceedings by Lt Commander Bushy Shrub who climbed a step ladder in the central aisle to deliver with authority, one of light hearted poetical pieces.

Sadly there is not enough room to mention individually all those who contributed to the evening's performance but everyone deserves congratulations for the effort and time they gave to providing a bit of amusement to a winter's night, particularly as the event, in aid of the Vi Robson Memorial Funs, raised over £100 towards the restoration of the Cathedral's Organ.

THE NORTH ARM WEDDING by Mrs Joy Murphy

Last Saturday, 20th June, the wedding took place of Miss Alison Denise Cross of Kent and Mr Brian David Hewitt of North Arm. The ceremony was scheduled to take place in the Club house at 3.00 pm but the bride took the traditional view of arrival and arrived thirty four minutes late. However, the late start in no way dimmed the charming appearance of the three bridesmaids, Miss Janice Jaffray, the Chief Bridesmaid, Tanya Jaffray and Lucille McMullen in summer blue taffeta, carrying posies of yellow and white silk flowers matching the flowers in their hair. The pageboys who were Melvin Clifton, Matthew McMullen and Stacy Bragger (half brother to the bride groom) looked handsome in their grey striped trousers with matching wasit coats. The best man was Mr Stephen Jaffray.

Canon Gerry Murphy encouraged the waiting congregation by suggesting a hymn practise as the guests sat eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Bride. They were not disappointed when Alison arrived to the melodious sound of 'Eidelweiss' played by Mr Tony McMullen on his piano accordion, as she came in on the arm of Mr Eric Goss who gave her away.

The Bride wore an Ivory dress of Indian silk. Her fine silk veil was skilfully attached with a pearl chain to her hair in a white renaissance band designed by an Ascot millner. The bride carried a trailing bouquet of orchids, fushia and lily of the valley, mingling with small variegated ivy.

The clubhouse was decorated in white throughout with balloons, bells and paperchains of pure white. The occasion was further marked by a service of Holy Communion during the marriage service, celebrated by Canon Murphy for the newly weds. The church scene was complete with pews and chairs for the large number of guests, many of whom had come from Stanley, Goose Green and Speedwell Island as well as North Arm itself.

The marriage ceremony was recorded throughout by a video camera kindly arranged by Rear Admiral Layman, the Commander British Forces and Staff Sgt Brodie was the photographer.

Photographs were taken at the Clubhouse and later at the Big House and the marriage certificate was signed in the presence of family and friends by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Eric Goss who loaned their home for the occasion.

The wedding music was arranged and played by Mrs Enid Dixon on her organ and recorded for the ceremony. Mr Ronnie Morrison played and worked the tape recorder during the service. The wedding supper was attended by 34 guests who enjoyed a delicious meal with wines and in candlelight. The best man, Stephen Jaffray, read out the telegrams and Mr Eric Goss made a speech. The supper was quickly followed by the reception for everyone in the settlement and the dance followed later. The dancing went on until almost dawn. A convey of five rovers set off for Stanley to Goose Green around 10.00 on Sunday morning, watched by some guests in the Big House who remarked that it had indeed been a Camp wedding to be remembered for many a day to come.



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QUEEN'S SPEECH AT RECENT OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

In her opening speech delivered to Parliament on 25 June, Her Majesty made the following reference to the Falkland Islands saying that the Government "will stand by their pledges to the people of the Falkland Islands, while seeking more normal relations with Argentina."

In a telegram from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Government made the following statement:

"The Government remains committed on the one hand to upholding its commitment to the Falkland Islanders and on the other to the goal of achieving more normal relations with the Government of Argentina. The Government is not prepared to negotiate sovereignty.

The Government believes that the restoration of more normal relations with Argentina would be in the interests both of Britain and Argentina. Since June 1982 the Government has taken a number of initiatives, including the lifting of financial and trade restrictions and offered to restore air links, cooperate on the conservation and management of the South West Atlantic fishery and allow next-of-kin visits to the Falklands or the return of the Argentine war dead. The Argentine response has been disappointing; the Argentine Government continues to impose restrictions on trade with Britain and discriminate against UK commercial interests in Argentina."

MOLLIE'S CORNER - 9

So many times when travelling in the landrover with Clara and Bill I have been amazed how far they can see and they always have field glasses ready to check on any unusual movements. They are constantly alert to spot any sheep in trouble and must have saved so many animals from certain death. I've lost count of the numbers of time we go off the track to help sheep back on their feet or pull them out of a muddy swamp. It doesn't matter to Clara and Bill if it's a work day or not, the animals are their main concern. When we arrive back at Newhouse after a day away, the horses and cattle all come to meet us and the chickens come running towards us. It's such a big warm welcome home. Even the birds seem to greet us, although I have noticed a lack of birds in the settlement: it's all very strange and quiet.

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MOLLIE'S CORNER - continued

It was decided we were going to Port San Carlos to visit Thora and that proved to be a beautiful journey. By now, I was such a well seasoned traveller by landrover that I rarely noticed any humps at all. We came to the top of a rise, having as usual stopped to rescue a lamb from a muddy, squelchy grave, and looked down on San Carlos Water. We could also see Falkland Sound and Port San Carlos nestling by the water's edge. The water was the usual lovely blue and taking. Gosh! If these slides and snaps I keep taking don't develop well, I'm going to be such a disillusioned and distraught amateur photographer!

Arriving at the journey's end, we found Thora was with Margaret and Dennis and we were invited there to lunch. I was delighted to meet them both and young Hannah and thoroughly enjoyed the delicious lunch. Thanks Margaret. By the time this gets into print I hope you will be safely home with your new baby.

I was now able to see the houses in the settlement where Arima and Clara were living, when I first started writing to them both, all those years ago. I was able to see the goice squares. I have a treasured photo of them in full bloom sent to me by Arima when we first started this long pen friendship. Now they were merely green of course with no bloom, but they were certainly a landmark. Later I met Mrs Cameron and looked round the beautiful gardens of the Big House.

Finally, we reached Thora's house and I admired her lovely large kitchen and double over, which is course a necessity with so many mouths to feed. We had a walk up in the hills looking at the well concealed sangers of conflict days. I was certainly pleased I had not been forced to live in them, I felt that all the soldiers deserved extra special medals. We saw some people attempting to water ski which proved quite entertaining. Later, when all was more peaceful a seal came close in to the shore and appeared to be enjoying itself.

Clara showed me the stretch of waters where years ago she and Bill had to cross when taking the children to school at Goose Green. They were on horse back and at one spot they went in a small boat with the horses swimming behind and so across to the other side. This all sounded quite incredible to me, especially as I was possibly feeling quite clever, at that particular time, having to walk two miles to the village shop, pushing a pram up the hill!

More next time  
Tats for now,

Mollie

SCOUT NEWS

On 14 June 1987, the 1st Falkland Islands Scout Group were proud to play a role in the Memorial Ceremony at the Liberation Monument and to pay our respects to those who lost their lives. Our representative Andrew, who laid the wreath did so, not only on behalf of the group but our worldwide organisation.

After the ceremony, the Venture Scout unit led six parties to lay flower wreaths on the memorials on Sapper Hill, Mount Tumbledown, Mount Harriet, Two Sisters, Mount Longdon and Wireless Ridge, braving the westerly winds and rain showers. Amongst those in the parties were Andrew and Gerrard to Sapper Hill, Geoffrey and the Harris family to Tumbledown, Karen and Sandra to Mount Harriet, John and Kath to Two Sisters, Boyd and Mike an Longdon and Phil, Stella and Dan to Wireless Ridge.

The mission was accomplished though the peak at two Sisters was partly obscured by mist making route ascent difficult. The last party returned in the dark at 17.30 hours. Our thanks are due to those who took part but more importantly, we wish to remember those who were in the fore front of action and who gave their lives to secure Port Stanley and our Islands

PUBLIC NOTICESDARWIN SHIPPING COMPANY LTD

Darwin Shipping will shortly be changing their export packers. Please do not consign goods for containerisation to T.W.F at Writh. We will advise the name and address of the new packers as soon as possible.

FALKLAND ISLANDS CRAFT FAIR

The Falkland Craft Fair will be held in Stanley on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July 1987.

Exhibits should be taken to the Gymnasium between 1 pm and 6 pm on Friday 10th July 1987. Remember that you can enter as many times as you like and that there is no charge for exhibits. The Craft Fair will be open to the public between 2 and 5.30 p.m. on Saturday 11 July and 2 and 4 pm on Sunday 12 July 1987. Exhibit should be collected from the Gymnasium between 4.30 and 5 pm on Sunday.

We are hoping to have lots of new entries this year - if you haven't started work yet then there is still time to produce something that could be a winner.

There are lots of good prizes to be won - books for section winners and cups for overall winners and runners-ups. This year there are cash prizes for all childrens' classes. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the Craft Fair with 5 super prizes to be won. So come along to the Gymnasium on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July and see for yourself.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL SERVICES

The services planned for the month of July are as follows:-

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| Sunday 5th July    | - 8.00 Holy Communion<br>10.00 Family Communion<br>10.00 Boys and Girls Sunday School<br>3.00 Baptism<br>7.00 Broadcast Service or Evensong   |
| SUNDAY 12th July   | 8.00 Holy Communion<br>10.00 Family Communion - Members of the Girls Brigade are due to attend this service.<br>10.00 Boys and Girls Sunday School<br>7.00 Evensong - conducted by Father Monaghan - Farwell Sermon                     |
| Sunday 15th July   | 10.00 Family Service - conducted by Mr David Roper - Lay Reader of Norwich Diocese.<br>10.00 Boys and Girls Sunday School<br>7.30 Evensong - conducted by the Rev. Andrew Willis, Forces Chaplain, MPA. This service will be broadcast. |
| Thursday 23rd July | (To Observe and Celebrate St Mary Magdalene Day)<br>7.00 Holy Communion   |
| Sunday 26th July   | 10.00 Family Service - conducted by Mr David Roper<br>10.00 Boys and Girls Sunday School<br>7.00 Evensong - conducted by the Rev. Johathon Cruikshank, Royal Navy   |

Please note:

1. A meeting of the Cathedral Council is planned to take place in the Deanery at 8.00 pm on Monday 6th July.
2. Any who may be interested in joining a bible reading and light study group - please contact the Deanery. Tel: 100
3. Any who would like to consider confirmation, please contact the Deanery. Tel: 100
4. New choir members are needed. Please come to Choir practice on Thursdays at 6.30 pm in the Cathedral.
5. All who belong to the Cathedral are encouraged to support and join in the weekly services.

STANLEY BENEFIT CLUB

Founded in 1859 the Stanley Benefit Club continued its roll of benefit to members until 30th April 1983, when due to the lack of support, found it impossible to operate any longer under these circumstances. It was then decided by a general meeting of members that the club be wound up and all assets be distributed amongst its members who have five or more years' membership with the club. Due to rules having no provision for this, application was made to the Attorney General for a petition of disillusionment, this having now been obtained, work has commenced on preparing all club assets.

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## GOVERNOR EXPLAINS WHY NO PASSENGERS FOR FIGAS

First came the news that the efforts of FIGAS engineers had produced one airworthy Islander ready for full service, but this was quickly followed by the announcement that although the small plane is to be used for mail and cargo drops, passengers will not be allowed on its flights for the indefinite future.

When asked why this was, H.E. the Governor told Penguin News that "a number of operational aspects, in part legal requirements, which seem not to have been fully recognised in the past"

had resulted in this move. He went on to explain that these oversights had been brought to his attention by both the Civil Aviation Association (CAA) and, informally, by the two accident investigators who visited the Governor for a brief talk after four days of enquiries into the crash which resulted in a suspension of the government air service. Mr Jowkes stressed that the two men, who have yet to produce their report, did not discuss the crash or its likely causes with him before they left the islands.

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### HOSPITAL MOVES IN

The long awaited move into the new King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEMH) is finally underway following the surprise go-ahead given to medical authorities at the start of last week.

Two teams connected with the FSA and Ministry of Defence arrived in the Falklands last week to carry out further tests on the hospital's ventilation system, believed to have been the main obstacle facing the hospital move. The Ministry of Defence had previously rejected the existing system and there have been talks in Whitehall over the past few months in an attempt to resolve the problem.

Although MFCPL, part of the FSA group, was said by a medical officer to have still had some reservations about the system, the important bacteriological tests carried out in the new hospital had shown a markedly low count to everyone's satisfaction.

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The Governor went on to explain that the matters which had been brought to his attention and which need to be rectified before FIGAS can resume a full service mostly concerned documents such as an Air Operators Certificate. However, the main obstacle for a resumption of normal flying was said to be an Operations Manual which is a statutory requirement for an air service and which must be drawn up in accordance with local conditions. "Once that has been agreed then we should be able to go ahead", he added.

Was FIGAS under review then, the Governor was asked?. "Well, the accident has concentrated the mind on FIGAS's operation," he replied cautiously, "and yes there are some areas which we are looking at" but would not elaborate on what areas these were.

Meanwhile, it has been announced that the order for a replacement Islander with the firm Britain Norman has been confirmed and delivery is expected in September/October.

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The other problem concerning the windows in the new hospital's operating theatre has been cleared with them now reported by Dr Murphy to have been "thoroughly sealed up".

Following the UK teams' visit, the Hospital Management Committee, representing both civilian and military nursing staff, convened to consider any further potential delays for the move but found them to "be all soluble." "There are no problems that we are aware of down here" added the senior medical officer.

The move begins on Friday 31st July when sick patients from the temporary Brewster hospital will be moved to the British Military Hospital (BMH), whilst its residents will be taken to two Shelter accommodation units until the new hospital is ready to receive them. There will be nursing staff to look after them. This coming weekend will see the Brewster hospital's dispensary and all equipment necessary for the running of clinics, moved to the KEMH in preparation for Monday's normal surgery hours. Monday's patients should go to the new hospital's main entrance on St Marys Walk, although, bearing in mind the pressure which will be on the nursing staff in the early days of upheaval the public have been asked by Dr Murphy to "restrain their curiosity".

All casualties and emergencies will be directed to the BMH which has undertaken to deal with such cases until their civilian counterparts have completed their move and the arrangement will remain in force until further notice.

Once the civilian nursing staff are fully settled in their new home, then the PMH will begin its move with the administrative wing and non-essential equipment being shifted first. "Then at last minute and high speed, we will bring down all their essential equipment. Ours of course will be fully operational by then to ensure that we have full cover" said Dr Murphy.

Preparation for the move and the final event will prove a logistical headache for the nursing staff who will have to familiarise themselves with the new environment whilst carrying out their usual duties. Dr Murphy also pointed out "that the original design brief for the hospital foresaw a staff of 98 when in fact we will have 62 or 63 in all. When only the civilian hospital is in the new hospital and the BMH are awaiting their move, the pressure will be on because we will have only thirty or so staff there."

Aware that any talk about completion dates is like putting a jinx on the hospital, Penguin News only tentatively asked Dr Murphy when he hoped all the upheaval would be over. "Obviously as soon as we can make it," he replied with a wary laugh, "but our target is to have the whole move, including BMH down, by the last week of August. It might be earlier but experience tells us that there are always unexpected hangups and gremlins, so I think the best answer is just as soon as we can!"

"MPs WARN OF FALKLANDS BUDGET CUT" - so ran the headline of an article in The Times on 10th July which went on to say:

"A warning that financial stringency could lead to a dangerously under-strength garrison in the Falkland Islands was issued yesterday by the all-party defence select committee.

"In a report, the Tory-controlled committee states: 'If it is considered necessary to maintain a sizeable garrison in the South Atlantic, we believe that force levels should be determined by operational need rather than by financial considerations.

"It would not be right to seek to defend the islands with resources insufficient to meet the actual or perceived threat'."

"The committee accepts the assurance of the Ministry of Defence that present force levels are appropriate to the threat, but notes that the £100 million costs of the garrison are to be absorbed into the overall defence budget after 1989-90.

"This would lead to 'the risk that as defence expenditure is squeezed, Falklands costs will suffer the same 'salami-slicing' effect as other elements of the programme."

"There was little scope for savings in the garrison budget. The committee notes that Argentina is still claiming sovereignty over the Falklands."

(Article by The Times' political reporter, Michael Fletcher - The Times 10.7.87)

PROBLEMS FOR POWER STATION

One of the two large electricity generators supplying Stanley blew out, a few weeks ago, leaving the town with the possibility of future power cuts and the power station with an added headache following the problems they have already been encountering with increasing demand on a limited supply.

It was 5.30pm on Saturday 18th July when the generator in operation suddenly broke down and watch keeper, John Lennon, leapt into action to keep the town with electricity. "He did a splendid job" said Power Station Superintendent, Les Harris, "and his very quick reaction prevented there being more damage. There was a very small blackout in one area of town but he managed to attend to the crisis and keep everything going at the same time."

Mr Harris warned that the possibility of power cuts still exists and he asked for people to carry on trying to conserve power to forestall such measures. The military camps at Lookout and Hillside have been put on their own independent generator systems which Mr Harris said would release a considerable amount of power to boost the town's supplies and help ease the situation a little.

"It is a serious problem", said H.E the Governor when asked about the crisis. "We can just about cope with the peak demand but must hope that we don't get a very severe cold patch which will push demand up. If there is a malfunction in the existing generator then of course we will have no back up, which is worrying."

Moves to have the broken generator repaired are well underway. Mr Harris said that the manufacturers had been "very helpful"; spares were on the way and it is thought that an engineer will be sent down by the company to help with repairs. It is hoped that the generator will be operational again by the end of September.

The Chief Executive, Brian Cummings told Penguin News that on a recent trip to the United Kingdom he had talks with some electrical consultants who have undertaken to do a quick study to determine what the expected growth in electricity demand in the Falklands will be.

BRAZILIAN INTEREST IN FIPASS REJECTED

Two Brazilian companies who had expressed interest in purchasing FIPASS were unexpectedly denied permission to visit the Falkland Islands by the port and storage service's present owners, the Ministry of Defence.

Councillors and Government House had been told that a small cessna citation executive jet would arrive this Sunday, direct from Brazil, carrying around eight businessmen who, it was anticipated, would inspect FIPASS before returning to Brazil the following day.

However, a MoD spokesman at MPA said on Wednesday that he understood "the request will not be granted since the Ministry of Defence is not yet ready to make a decision on the disposal of FIPASS"; a move which seemed to take government officials in the Falklands by surprise. It was confirmed on Thursday that the Brazilian approach had been rejected.

It is known that the Falkland Islands Government and FIDC have been involved in negotiations with the Ministry of Defence, interested in buying FIPASS to provide fuel, water and provision amenities for the numerous foreign jiggers which visit Port Stanley at the height of the squid fishing season. Brian Cummings, the Chief Executive, confirmed that offers had been made to the MoD.

FIDC LAUNCH ITS 1986 REPORT & ACCOUNT

A buffet lunch at Montys on Thursday 30th July heralded the Falkland Islands' launch of FIDC's 1986 Report & Accounts with the glossy brochure being handed out to the guests who included councillors, members of FIDC's executive board and members of the local community.

In a speech to those in attendance, the Acting Governor, Brian Cummings thanked all the FIDC staff for working so hard and spoke of the "tremendous progress made in major areas"

"FIDC has, of course, in the past been criticised and doubtless will be in the future", he continued, "I would make one comment, simply as a man of 25 years in public service; the only people who don't get criticised are those who do nothing."

"It is important, I think - and I hope everyone in the Islands realises this - that FIDC is an arm of the government. It gives advice to the government but in fact it reacts to government policies. I know its got a separate structure and separate staffing but nevertheless, through myself as Chief Executive and the Governor as chairman of the Corporation, the link is right through to government."

Turning to the area of fisheries, Mr Cummings said that dealing with fishing matters had taken up a "colossal amount of staff time" and warned that "FIDC will have to restructure to take account of changed priorities. It is proposed that an additional appointment at Assistant General Manager level will be made to ensure that other important areas (besides fisheries) are not neglected."

In conclusion, the Acting Governor said: "I think what fishing will do for the islands is to give us possibly one of the biggest challenges - certainly in economic development terms - that has ever been faced. Its coming at a time when the UK is looking at its overall aid commitments and whilst we don't know the outcome yet, it is pretty clear that the Falkland Islands will be standing on its own feet for its future funding and that is why the fisheries are absolutely crucial"

"Everyone in the islands is going to have a chance to shape their own future and I hope FIDC will help to meet that challenge."

Meanwhile, 8,000 miles away in the UK, His Excellency the Governor and FIDC manager, Simon Armstrong presented the London launch of FIDC's 1986 report to keen press interest. The launch coincided with a two page article on FIDC's achievements and goals in The Times, written by a journalist recently in the Islands at FIDC's invitation.

A TURN OF FAVOURS AT PORT STEPHENS

Port Stephens and the crew of HMS Penelope were able to do one another favour recently when the frigate hosted a christening of the settlement's latest member before the local community came to the aid of some stranded crew members later on the same day.

In the morning of Sunday 5th July, Sarah Jane Berntsen was christened by the ship's padre, Jonathon Cruikshank on the bridge of HMS Penelope with nearly all of Port Stephen's community and some of the ship's company in attendance. Honouring naval tradition, the ship's bell was turned upside down to be used as a font and in recognition of the occasion Sarah Jane's name will be later inscribed on the bell.

In the afternoon, after a 'fun run' around the settlement by the ship's company, a sudden turn in the weather brought problems. A group of nine officers found themselves in difficulties in the rough sea when a rogue wave swamped the small whaler ferrying them back to the ship, filling it with water to waist level.

After several attempts to board the frigate failed the group, by now wet through and still bailing water fast, allowed the strong winds to blow them back to the shore where the soggy seamen were met by people from the settlement who took them in, lent them some dry clothes and put them up for the night.

NEWS IN BRIEF

A recent traffic census carried out by the Public Works last month on the Mount Pleasant Road returned some surprising statistics.

Despite the armed forces now being almost entirely based at Mount Pleasant, military traffic is shown to still account for 64.2% of road use with civilian vehicles contributing 38.8%.

The census which was carried out between 8 am and 7 pm on Monday 8th June classified the traffic into different groups, according to weight and found that 95% of civilian traffic could be classed as light goods whilst in contrast, 51% of military traffic were trucks.

Because of the heavier type of vehicle involved in the military's contribution to road use, the report showed that in the road damage and wear assessment, 22% is civilian and 78% Ministry of Defence

There is to be an inquest into the death of Alice Duncan who died on 25th June of bronchial pneumonia. David Lang, the Coroner, said that because Mrs Duncan's death was sudden, there would be an inquest to afford a "public explanation" of the circumstances leading to it.

55 pupils of the Junior School, aged between 7-11 braved a cold, overcast morning and went for a jog through Stanley on a sponsored event to raise money for the Hospital Incubator appeal. The youngsters' spirited effort raised over £700.00.

A soldier based at Mount Pleasant was killed on Saturday 18th July when a landrover he was travelling in, overturned on the airfield's internal road system.

The dead man was named as Signaller Charles Cook who was on detachment from 21 Signals Regt based in Germany. Two others in the vehicle at the time of the accident were admitted to the BMH with injuries whilst another two were treated for shock.

The accident occurred after a severe frost had followed a heavy snow fall turning all roads to ice rinks.

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# BOUND ABOUT TOWN



## BIG FORT, BIG PROBLEMS?

It was gratifying to learn that earlier this year the busiest port in the Southern Hemisphere was not Sydney, Cape Town or Buenos Aires, but Berkeley Sound. Strango but true!

I did not find that too difficult to believe, though. Because a month or so ago I had the enjoyable experience of flying low over Berkeley Sound on my way to Salvador on a FIGAS aircraft. The one thing that struck me then about the vista stretched out ahead me, was not the number of ships, but the number of oil slicks emanating from them. They were minor, to be sure, but any one of them would pose an unpleasant problem for the Rockies, Gentoes and Jackass penguins which call the area home.

It was a useful reminder of the serious damage that may be inflicted on our wildlife by careless fishermen. Controls are needed.

## BOUQUET TIME

The Penguin Bouquet (metaphorical you understand - fresh flowers can't be had for love or money in Stanley at the moment), goes this week to the Post Office staff. For some weeks now the ladies and gents of that seriously understaffed department have stayed open until late on Tuesday and Friday evenings in order to distribute the incoming air mail.

I hope that the endlessly complaining citizens who nag about slow surface mail (it doesn't seem to take any longer than before to me!) are now prepared to give the Post Office some credit.

## WHY NOT COUNCIL HOUSING?

Apologies for reviving this old issue, but even without my help it won't go away.

Driving around the south side of Stanley the other day, I noticed the number of people who have been forced to make their homes in cast off portacabins from Mount Pleasant. The people concerned have done remarkably well and transformed the moniescript boxes into adequate residences.

But who do the government think they are in forcing our people into such desperate measures? Government says that it has no responsibility to provide housing and effectively does nothing to relieve what everyone recognises as the islands' most serious problem.

Virtually every other civilised country (including the UK, which we delight in emulating) provides council housing. But our government is apparently content to let people double-up in inadequate houses, live in mobile homes, Portacabins and generally make do with whatever shelter can be found.

We should ask why our government, whose only responsibility is to look after our interests, so neglects us?

*Carman Bouch*

## PENGUIN POST BOX

P.O Box 31, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

Superintendent  
Philatelic Bureau  
Post Office  
Port Stanley

9th July 1987

Dear Madam,

May I use the 'Penguin Post Box' to reply to the wildly inaccurate statement made by T J D Miller in issue number 102, concerning a 100% break down of the mail service.

This is simply not so. Wild allegations on a recent Calling the Falklands interview accused the Post Office of unnecessarily delaying the mail, but not of creating a 100% breakdown.

The fruitful discussions by the Chief Executive with various parties short lived Mr Miller's grossly inflated accusation as a Bristow helicopter service has been in operation since Tuesday 7th July - only nine days since the serviceable Islander befell an unfortunate accident,

Post Office records confirm the following despatches of mail by air to Port Howard: 22 June, 23 June, 24 June, 29 June, 3 July (included the Barbara E surface mails received in Stanley on 1 July), 7 July (despatched but returned as not delivered) and 9 July.

A second opportunity was available on 9th July by the Mensunen - but the Post Office had NO mail to send.

How then, does Mr Miller justify his wild statement of a 100% breakdown in the service? Does Mr Miller also think that civil servants are incapable of assessing problems of communication resulting from the Islander accident?

Outrageous statements by the thoughtless - and into this bracket I place Mr Miller - do little to encourage the Post Office staff to provide many out of hours service to the Camp community.

It is pleasing to note that townsfolk have been pleased with the late night Tuesday and Friday mail service. Perhaps, Mr Miller may soon, too, thank the Post Office, as he is seen to be a temporary resident of Stanley, who has demanded that his mail be forwarded to an address other than that indicated on his inward correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

Superintendent  
Post & Telecommunications

Mrs F J C Saunders  
Great Britain Hotel  
Mount Pleasant

6th July 1987

Dear Madam,

With reference to the letter from Miss V Perkins in your 3rd July edition, I would like to give an idea of what it is like to develop a fifty acre plot and also put the record straight over rumours about the Great Britain Hotel.

When I first came here, two and half years ago, a very rosey picture of development was being painted. After discussions with Falkland Island Development Corporation and the Public Works Department and other government

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departments. I agreed to help Fred Clark with the hotel project. I do not want to go into long lists of delays and problems encountered as soon as the project became a reality rather than a piece of paper but a few examples may give an idea of why the plot holders feel the need to make their presence felt.

Apart from the painful operation of actually getting the equipment that we had been promised that we could hire, waiting three weeks for deliveries of crushed metal etc., we soon found that there was no one to back up against the very large concerns we were up against. It was just two of us at the sharp end.

We had difficulties with LMA/PSA over landscaping, reseeding and access to the site, culminating in the closure of the road for surfacing just a few months after we had opened. The only compensation for the loss of trade was to be allowed to open on Sunday evenings. We did hope that at least the road would be good enough to encourage more people to visit us. Well, the less said about the road surface now, the better, I think!

We are still trying to get compensation for the damage done in transit from the UK of the building panels; this has slowed progress considerably. It is unfair to say that FIDC are totally disinterested, as they loaned us part of the initial finance to get started. However, their only back-up was to suggest further loans to get finished more quickly. We turned this down as we felt it uneconomical to invest more when we should already have been covered by the insurance. In view of the number of tourists last season, we feel fully justified in our decision. Their only other suggestion was to buy the Hotel but at what we considered an unrealistic price.

We have also had difficulties with military personnel insisting that our land is theirs, to use as they wish. The latest in this saga concerns a court case over two containers.

In spite of everything, work on the building has continued. The bar has been open for nearly two years, the accommodation is virtually finished.

If I may make reference to another letter in your last issue, many more drunk their fill here on Saturday nights. About 80% of our trade is from MPA. This is money that might otherwise have been spent in duty free bars and so lost to the Islands' economy. In spite of our acronym, GBH, we have a reputation at Mount Pleasant for being a bar where a peaceful drink can be enjoyed.

The Hotel is now up for sale. We hope to continue with other parts of our original project but the incentive is hard to find. We were prepared for what has been termed the 'Falklands Factor' but what has made it really hard to carry on at times was the feeling that we were supposed to fail.

Whatever happens now, no one can dispute the fact that we have built the Hotel and developed a fifty acre plot. It can be done, but is it worth it?

Yours faithfully,

Mrs F.J.C Saunders

Port Stanley

14th July 1987

Dear Madam,

Would you please publish the following letter. I sent copies of it to the Clerk of Councils and the Financial Secretary on 29th May.

Dear Sir,

During the forthcoming years (many, we hope) of bonanzas from fishing licences, would Council Members consider a proposal.

Leading up to it, our grateful thanks must go out, forever, to Britain and the brave Task Force members for releasing the Islands and people, at a great cost, from the Argentine invaders, and I feel that we owe more than mere thanks to them.

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My proposal is that 10% of gross fishing fees annually should be offered to Britain for one, or all, of the following:-

- as a small contribution towards the cost of maintaining a British protection force in the Colony: or
- as a donation to the close relatives of those who lost their lives in removing the Argentines: or
- as a donation to those who were wounded, and are incapacitated, in the Falklands conflict.

Yours faithfully,

W. Hirtle

Rear Admiral C H Layman, DSO LVO  
Commander  
British Forces Falkland Islands

29 July 1987

Dear Madam,

As Kate and I prepare to leave the Falklands, we look back on our year here with very happy memories. We would like to thank all those who have looked after servicemen and women here during that time, and made us welcome with true kelper friendliness and hospitality.

It has been a real privilege and a pleasure to be here. We are both sad to leave, but we have had a fascinating time in these marvellous islands and made many firm friends. We will try to keep in touch - and I'm sure we'll be back some day.

Yours faithfully,

Kit Layman  
Commander British Forces

Bill Hills  
Public Works Dept  
Stanley

Dear Madam,

As my tour as Director of Public Works comes to an end, may I through your paper, record a few things.

First to thank the PWD superintendents and all the employees for their service to the Government and the public and particularly to thank the stout-hearted core who have been with the Department many years and continue to serve, however difficult the circumstances.

When I first came here, the Liberation Monument was half completed. Now there is a long list of finished works and a plan, proposals and a collection of development ideas for the future. The Islands have a huge, secure income and the future offers development, prosperity and independence.

May I thank so many people in Camp and Stanley who have made me and my family welcome and made my time with you so worthwhile.

Yours faithfully,

Bill Hills

All contributions to Penguin Post Box are welcome. We reserve the right to edit letters and would like to point out that the views expressed on this page are not necessarily shared by the editorial staff

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The Commander British Forces, Rear Admiral Layman and his wife Kate leave the Falklands on Wednesday 5th August at the end of their year long tour. The new Commander British Forces, who arrives in the Falklands on Tuesday's Tristar is Major General Carlier.

A sleek and silent visitor to Mare Harbour recently was the submarine ONYX which dropped in for a couple of days whilst on patrol of the Islands.

The ONYX was here in the conflict when it spent much of its time slipping SAS and SBS men ashore behind enemy lines. An unusual distinction earned by the submarine when in the Falklands in 1982 was to win that year's Periscope Photography Competition with its panoramic shots of West Point Island and Weddell Island settlement!

HMS Penelope, RFA Green Rover and the Stanger Sea Spread joined together for a 'Sea Day' on 25th July when a collection of civilian and military guests were invited to see the various ships in action.

Watching the exercises and manoeuvres, the guests of HMS Penelope saw how the frigate was fed fuel from Green Rover whilst both ships kept a parallel course at close quarters. The cheeky display by the ship's Lynx helicopter was a popular event, as was the firing exercise when the ship's guns were used on flare targets. In between the assorted amusements, small groups were taken on tours of the ship by members of the ship's company.

NEW FISHERIES SEASON OFF TO A SLOW START

The recent fisheries season which began on July 1st has got off to a quiet start, due mainly to a new restriction concerning the catching of squid in the month of July.

Because of concern at possible over-fishing of stocks of illegal squid, ships have been instructed to fish for other species and to throw back any squid they may catch. This ruling will be suspended for the month of August and September but in the meantime it has resulted in the majority of Spanish ships leaving the zone to fish outside the zone where the restriction will not apply. Only a few Polish jiggers and one Japanese one remained in the zone where they were fishing for blue whiting. Berkeley Sound which in the height of the last season was cluttered with scores of jiggers, in July played host to only a few reefer ships.

Fisheries spokesman, David Noble, who was captain of the Falklands Decire when she first arrived in the Islands but who is now based in the fisheries office in Stanley, said that the start of August would show a marked increase in the number of ships visiting the zone.

INQUEST FINDINGS ANNOUNCED

After a number of lengthy sittings amounting to a total of seventeen hours, the Inquest into the death of Kelvin (Kax) Browning on Lively Island in May, was finally closed on Monday 27th July when the Coroner, Attorney General David Lang delivered his findings.

In his introduction, Mr Lang said; "I determined that an Inquest should be held because I suspected in the circumstances surrounding the deceased's disappearance there would be concern in some people's minds that if certain action had been taken, which they might think should have been taken, Kelvin Browning would not have died."

In turning first to the question of whether steps should have been taken to bring Mr Browning back to Stanley for medical treatment when the medical authorities had first been told of his condition, Mr Lang supported the

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the medical department's decision not to send an emergency flight. "An emergency flight, to my mind is called if a) either the life of a person concerned is believed to be imminent danger or b) if there is imminent danger of deterioration in the health of the person so as to seriously affect the person's health. Neither of those conditions applied on the morning of 11th May", he said. "It was agreed that the deceased should come to the hospital for treatment, but that that could await a normal flight on the following day. I am firmly of the view that that decision was the right and proper decision... even if the medical authorities had been made aware that Kelvin Browning had been found after first going missing, there was still no emergency that would have justified an emergency medical flight to pick him up, flying in the dark to an airstrip not equipped with lights or navigational aids."

The other question which the Coroner examined was whether the search for Kelvin Browning should have been abandoned when it was, at dusk on 12 May, or whether it should have continued. "I would expect a search for a missing person, in the circumstances applying in this case, to continue whilst there was the slightest hope that the missing person might be found alive" said the Coroner. "In the light of the evidence I have heard I am satisfied beyond doubt that the deceased was dead by nightfall on 12th May and that he may well have been dead long before then. Any further search would have been for a dead body and it was reasonable, having regard to the resources available in these Islands, that that search should be postponed until the following weekend."

In looking back over the last days of Mr Browning's life when it is believed he was suffering from alcoholic withdrawal symptoms and in a confused state, Mr Lang said, "the people of Lively Island, and in particular Mr and Mrs Davies, did everything they could to help him. They did try to get him medical treatment" and added "that there was no neglect or lack of proper action by the authorities in any way."

Reaching the Inquest's conclusion, the Coroner said "I find that Kelvin Browning died by misadventure and the medical cause of death was hypothermia."

GOVERNOR TALKS OF MAIN POINTS OF THE LAST EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The main item before the Executive Council at its last meeting was the sale of Brewster Houses, which, as the Governor explained, was a difficult subject to decide upon:

"In the community there are very mixed feelings about various aspects of the government's housing policy", said Mr Jewkes. "The government does listen to seriously to all the strands of opinion, some of which conflict with each other and has to come down on what it regards as the common sense solution which balances needs and I think everything has to be seen in that light. It is very easy for someone to stand up and rear against the government for doing something or not doing something but you can bet there is always somebody on the other side of the fence and whatever we do, we won't get it right as far as everyone is concerned. We don't always go down the middle, that's the coward's way of doing things, but we decide what we conscientiously think is right; so when we come to the Brewster Houses - those houses are some of the best housing stock the Falkland Islands Government has at the moment. The FIG has taken a decision to sell off quite a lot of its houses because it finds them difficult to maintain - difficult in manpower terms mostly. That process of selling some stock is going on."

A proposal was made that we should sell some of the Brewster houses off but last week we decided against this, for two reasons really. First of all because there is an increasing need, I fear, to house people from overseas that we have to bring in to do key jobs and that's not getting easier; and the Brewster houses being probably the newest property owned by the government are in the best state of repair.

"There are two needs that we can see: first the need for key workers and secondly the need to reduce PWD's problem if we sell off other houses that require more maintenance"

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The Governor appreciated that the housing situation is "an issue which is quite an emotive one". He added that the current housing policy "won't last forever but it is the policy as it is today."

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHSBIRTHS

- 19th May - To Margaret and Dennis Humphreys of Port San Carlos, a son, Bruce Adam.  
 14th May - To Linda and Adrian Lowe, a daughter, Katrina Louise.  
 12th June - To Toni and Richard Stevens, a daughter, Caris Kirsten.  
 16th June - To Irene and Colin MacDonald, a son, Alexander Colin.  
 6th July - To Christel and Giles Mercer, a daughter, Megan Casey.

MARRIAGES

- 23rd May - Yvonne Malvina Stewart to Eric Ernest Albert Jones at Port Stephens.  
 20th June - Alison Denise Cross to Brian David Hewitt at North Arm  
 25th June - Malvina Mary Coutts to Lawrence Gordon Blizzard.

Our congratulations to all.

DEATHS

- 8th May - Basil William Biggs aged 69  
 6th June - Archibald McLeod aged 84  
 16th June - David Smith Emsley aged 59  
 25th June - Alice Duncan aged 69  
 16th July - Catherine Whitney aged 66

and we have been informed that Bernard Noel Biggs (known as Noel) died peacefully after a long illness, at his home in Eire, aged 71.

Our sympathy to friends and family,

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MOLLIE'S CORNER - 10

We set out on a Saturday to go to Lorenzo and arriving at Kings Reach we stopped for smoke. We had to stay in the land rover because the weather was having a test run on rain, hail, sleet and snow; all at the same time. For a while we could hardly see a thing, but soon the sky was clearing and the sun came out to greet us. I thought Lorenzo House was idyllically situated by the side of the lake. It reminded me of places in the Western Highlands of Scotland where houses are perched at the lochside. I didn't see any monster - so this couldn't be Loch Ness!

Continuing on to Sand Point, I saw my first Falkland penguins as I mentioned in an earlier episode. I was quite surprised to see the Jackasses sliding into their holes in the ground and they are so noisy too! The smell has to be experienced to be believed. Phew! In spite of all this, they are still such fascinating creatures.

I think it was during this trip to Lorenzo that I first saw 'operation bridges'. Bill got out of the rover, jumped up and down on the ground to test how soft it was underfoot, summed up the situation and produced his own sturdy corrugated bridges to place across the ditch. I thought all this was quite amazing. The rover proceeded gently on its way and the bridges safely stowed away in the back of the rover. All very ingenious.

Another time, at a different location, we were approaching a very sticky soft piece of ground and Bill merely leapt out and pulled up what I thought was a most inadequate bunch of diddle dee bush, stuck it in a vital spot in the soft boggy land and we drove across with no problems at all. I would never have thought that such a small clump could have given enough grip. Quite amazing.

I listened in to the Doctors on the 2 metre one morning and decided that if I were suffering from some embarrassing complaint, I'd have to write a letter explaining it all and hope I didn't die before the reply arrived! No way could I think of everyone listening in to all my terrible symptoms. Joking apart, I'm quite sure the system works extremely well but when one has been used to complete privacy on medical matters it would be difficult to get used to the Falklands way, I'M sure.

Having been living the settlement life for so long, I begin to feel part of it and I have the greatest admiration for the female population. Not only do they work hard on the farms but also in the house, constantly cooking, cleaning and preparing for visitors. It just seems never ending. Everyone is greeted so warmly and there are always tins full of cakes and supper magically stretches just that little bit further! They all cope quite brilliantly in spite of the fact that there are no "Shops just around the corner", where one could purchase an extra loaf of bread or box of cakes. I can't imagine what it must be like during Sports Week with every available space in the house filled with bodies - asleep and awake! As my house can only accommodate as many visitors as I have beds which is eight, and I'm exhausted at the end of two weeks. It's all great fun before I collapse though and I do enjoy cooking. I am a collector of recipes - any offers?

It was a great day for me when I finally went to Port Howard to stay with Arina and Ken - but that's for next time.

Tats for now

Mollie

HOTEL SHOPS

FIDC has introduced a new assistance scheme for hoteliers and guest house operators. The scheme, which started on 1st July 1987, is an accommodation improvements scheme.

Any bona fide hotelier or guest house operator who has more than five guest bedrooms will be eligible for this loan. The loan will be charged at fully commercial interest rates and will be for a fixed four year term. There will be a two year deferment of both capital and interest payments. Loans will be available for 70% of the cost of approved improvements including en suite bathrooms, improved central heating, double glazing etc. Further details are available from FIDC on Stanley 29 or 268.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Penguin News has received a letter from Laing - Mowlem - ARC with regard to an item in the last edition's 'Bound about Town' column in which there was a light hearted item about a landrover retrieved from the MPA dump. Laing-Mowlem-Arc has asked us to point out that the vehicle in question belonged not to them but was the property of Brightside Mechanical Engineering Services, a subcontractor to Wimpey Taylor Woodrow South Atlantic Joint Venture. Laing Mowlem ARC went on to confirm that they are not about to leave but are currently Maintenance Contractor to PSA at MPA. Lastly, they ask us to explain that it has always been LMA's policy to offer surplus equipment and materials which are not being returned to the UK, for sale locally and that that policy will continue.

Penguin News regrets any offence that the article may have caused Laing-Mowlem-ARC

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Section E - EMBROIDERY & TAPESTRY	Mrs Alison Howe
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Section G - RUGMAKING & MACRAME	Mrs Barbara Green Mr & Mrs Brook Hardeastle (Darwin)
Section H - SHEEPSKINS	- Mrs Eileen Hardeastle (Darwin)
Section I - HORNWORK, GEARMAKING & LEATHERWORK	Jeff Butler (Waimea)
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#### OVERALL WINNERS AND RUNNERS UP:

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MRS EILEEN HARDCASTLE (DARWIN)

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Falkland Islands Development Corporation Challenge Cup and miniature for adult runner up: Mrs ALISON HOWE

Falkland Islands Company Ltd Challenge Cup and medallion for children's runner up: GLYNIS NEWMAN (Gosse Green)

Standard Chartered Bank Rose Bowl and miniature for exhibitor with most points in Sections A,B and C: MRS EILEEN HARDCASTLE (DARWIN)

We apologise to all the other Craft Fair winners who we cannot mention here for lack of room but congratulations to all.

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## WEST FALKLAND FURY

West Falkland was in uproar with one of its councillors threatening to resign last week following the news that two Camp children who needed prompt medical attention could not be evacuated to Stanley when required but would have to await a routine flight the following day.

A child at Fox Bay who was suffering high temperature and vomiting over the weekend of August 15/16 eventually began to make an independent recovery during the delay but a young girl who broke her arm on Sunday morning did not receive hospital treatment until Monday afternoon: and then not until she had made the last leg of the journey to Stanley by road having been dropped off at Mount Pleasant.

When families of the two casualties made their initial request for a medical evacuation using the Bristol helicopters which have been providing a limited passenger service in the absence of the Government Air Service, they were told that the duty crew had finished for the day and that it was too late to call them out again. The only possible alternative, a RAF Search and Rescue sea king could only be called out in a life-or death emergency which neither case warranted.

For the people of West Falkland the failure to attend to the medical cases confirmed their fears about the inadequacies of the interim measures for air travel arranged by the

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### UK PRESS: FALKLANDS IN "U TURN"

The UK press sprung a new surprise on the Falkland Islands last week with its largely sensational reports of Councillor Blake's alleged comments in the United Nations, where he was attending a meeting of the Committee of 24 on Colonialism.

"Falklanders do a U-turn on talks with Argentina", proclaimed the front page article in The Observer on 16th August. "Falkland Islanders, reversing their previous intransigence towards Argentina, have proposed talks on common problems with the Government of President Alfonsín", it went on. "Their new attitude, announced quietly at the United Nations last Friday, marks a radical shift by the Islanders who previously had been bitterly opposed to the idea."

The article, written by Hugh O'Shaughnessy, continued "Bolstered by unexpectedly high revenues from fishing

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administration and the radio waves around Camp reverberated with their indignation and anger.

Councillor Robin Lee at Port Howard telegraphed the Governor saying he was "appalled at the present FIGAS medical service." He urged that the M V Forrest should be stationed in Falkland Sound between West and East Falkland and that "there should be a guarantee of medical flights at all times. If government continue to ignore my advice I intend resigning as councillor."

Before long every settlement had called in with its support with Campers talking of the "present intolerable transport situation." Robin Pitaluga of San Salvador spoke of the "indifference from the administration.... which can be cut with a knife and which will only change when officials are also inconvenienced by the current mess for which they are responsible."

In a radio broadcast on last Monday's News Magazine, the Governor, Mr Jewkes, replied to the stinging criticism expressing sympathy for the concern aired by Campers and adding that he "was not surprised by the frustration, and to a degree, anger, arising from the situation last Sunday." He remained firm however on the point that the administration was doing all it could in the face of circumstances which were not the fault of the present administration but which had accumulated over past ones; "We're trying to make the best of a bad job. I know that it is thought in many quarters that the problems arise out of a dereliction of duty of the present administration but nothing could be further from the truth. The present administration is trying to put right problems accumulated over the years under previous administrations." He went on to reiterate that the FIGAS could not resume a full service until the Civil Aviation Association and the insurers of the planes were satisfied that all the statutory requirements necessary for the Air Operators Certificate had been satisfied.

By Wednesday 19th August, the Governor announced that the existing arrangements for medical evacuations had been reinforced by two break through. Firstly by the announcement from BFFI, made in response to the Chief Executive's request a fortnight earlier, that the government had been allocated a further ten hours of flying time for August.

But the major achievement was the agreement by the insurers of FIGAS aircraft to allow the Islanders to be used for the conveyance of doctors, patients and accompanying persons. This dispensation does not however cover any fare paying passengers.

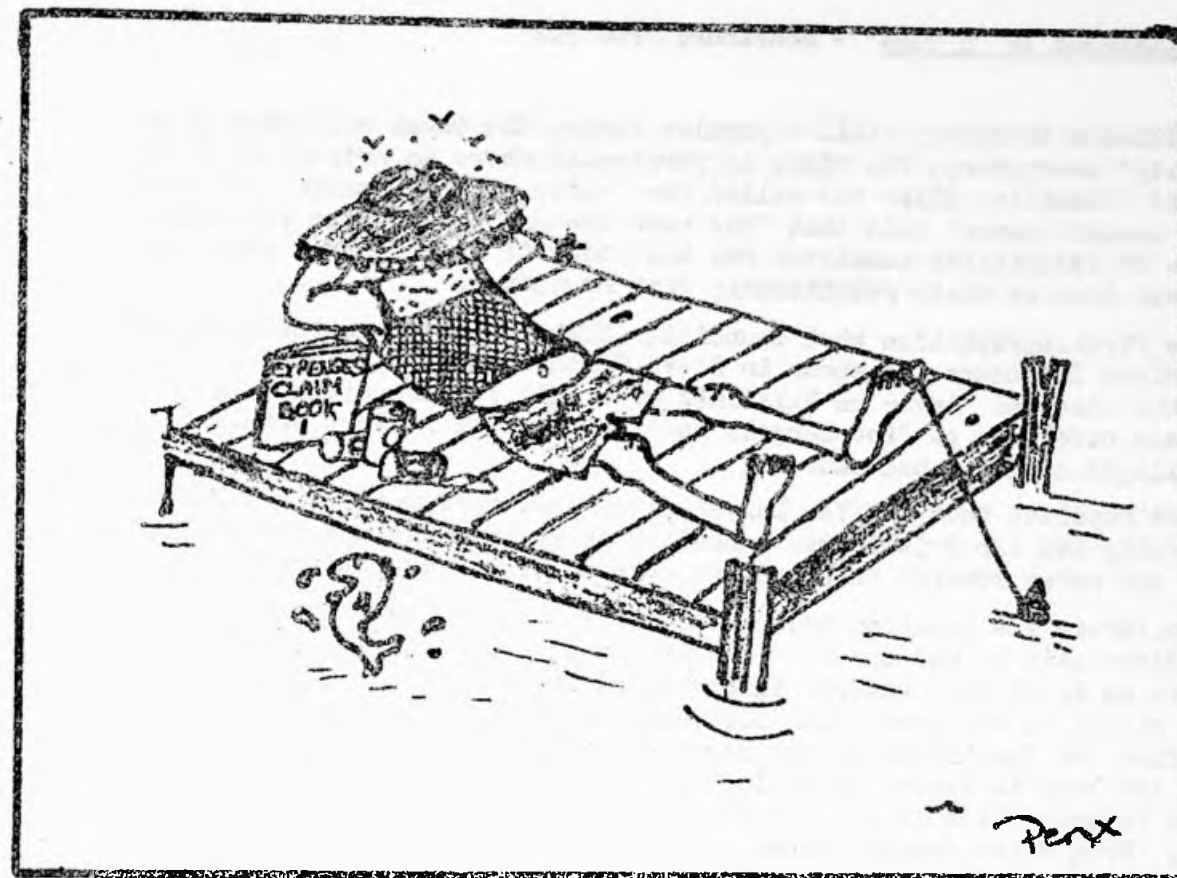
The two improvements to the interim arrangements were outlined in a letter to West Falkland councillors which was delivered to them in person by Colin Redstone, the new Government Secretary, on his first trip to Camp. Mr Redstone said he had received a friendly welcome from Campers and that he felt that councillors Tim Blake and Robin Lee were "broadly satisfied with the existing arrangements". He confirmed that Councillor Lee had raised again the question of MV Forrest being stationed in Falkland Sound and Mr Redstone said that the possibility was currently under discussion by the Governor and himself.

The UK company Loganair has been in charge of drawing up the operations manual needed before FIGAS can obtain the necessary Air Operators Certificate for a resumption of flying. Speaking last week, Mr Jewkes said that with the Falkland Islands Government's approval the work on the manual had now been passed to a Senior Pilot, Captain Ken Foster who will be able to work on it full time. Captain Foster is expected in the Islands next week.

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licenses, the 1,800 islanders are now openly saying that they want increased independence from Britain, including the right to talk with their neighbours."

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FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL STUDYING FISHING TECHNIQUES IN NEW ZEALAND

## AIDS CAMPAIGN FOR FALKLANDS

The Falklands is about to join the rest of the world in the fight against the deadly Aids virus, with the medical department poised to begin a thorough and intensive public education campaign to ensure that everyone on the Islands is aware of the facts surrounding what has been tagged the "plague of the '80s".

So what has brought about this move, the senior medical officer, Dr Murphy was asked. "Well, questions were being asked by councillors in Executive Council some time ago about various aspects of the Aids problem", he replied, "and because in the UK and all over the western world there has been a vigorous programme of public education, it was felt we would be doing less than is necessary if we didn't do the same."

"The UK government has endorsed the position taken by the World Health Organisation that in respect of Aids there is no point trying to screen and test all international travellers because it would bring trade and everything else to a standstill", he continued. "What's more, the human and laboratory resources to do that, just don't exist. The only way to try and prevent the spread and development of Aids in any society is by education."

"There is a tendency to be somewhat insular about that kind of thing down here because we haven't had a case so far," Dr Murphy continued. "But because of the international interest and activity in the Falklands which brought 11,000 people through Mount Pleasant last year and which will continue bringing trawler crews in, we must accept that sooner or later, somewhere along the line, we are likely to collect a case of Aids."

Did Dr Murphy consider the Falklands to be at any particular risk from the virus? "Not a particular risk," he replied, "but we must be realistic as this thing is spreading so far and fast. People have to realise that Aids is no longer a condition affecting only homosexuals and drug addicts: it has got through to the general population and is now a heterosexual disorder."

The education programme will be projected mainly through a concerted FIBS and BFFS radio campaign and Aids is to become a topic of education at the Senior School. "The school is about to go over to the GCSE exam system and Aids is on that syllabus so there is nothing unusual about that," he commented.



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With the Falklands obviously still a popular topic, the theme was taken up by other 'quality' newspapers, The Times in particular where an article by Steve Smith claimed Councillor Blake had called for "talks with Argentina" and the newspaper's Leader comment said that "the mood amongst Falklanders is changing and when the UN colonialism committee met last week it learned that they are taking a fresh look at their relationship with Argentina."

However, the first appreciation that Councillor Blake may have not been speaking for all Falkland Islanders was shown in Steve Smith's article which was carried by the headline 'Anger un Falklands over call for Argentina talks' and which made reference to "the largely hostile response in Port Stanley" which the alleged comments had caused.

Mr Smith also reported that "Mr Tam Dalyell, the Labour MP wrote to the Foreign Secretary asking how far Britain was consulted about the Falklanders' attitudes and how far any moves towards independence were under consideration."

Amid all the furore the question being asked here was what exactly had Councillor Blake said in his speech? Looking at its content (Penguin News has reproduced it on P. 12 for readers' information) it is difficult to see where journalists picked up the particular reference to talks with Argentina or where they could find the justification for comments such as "Now some of the Falklanders are keen to extend licensing to a stretch of the South Atlantic, north of the Islands which is not patrolled by either Britain or Argentina at present". From other remarks reported to have been made by Councillor Blake it would seem that our Falklands representative may have done some talking on the issue away from the official committee forum:-

"My proposal is that there should be multilateral talks involving Britain, Argentina, Uruguay and possibly Chile on fishing. Falkland representatives would be included in the British delegation" he was reported to have said in Steve Smith's article in The Times.

When Penguin News asked the Governor, Mr Jewkes for his response to the portrayal by the Press of Councillor Blake's speech he would only reply; "Read what Councillor Blake said. Don't believe everything you read in the press." (!)

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#### FIRE IN STANLEY

The Stanley fire siren wailed out just before midnight last Sunday, 16 August, sending the fire brigade speeding to where a storage shed at the east end of town was ablaze close to the YPF fuel depot.

The building was already engulfed in flame by the time the fire fighters arrived on the scene and the team fought to contain the blaze and reduce its threat to the large deposits of fuel and gas at YPF.

"The wind direction helped us," said chief fire officer Marvin Clarke "as it blows the flames and sparks just off the fuel depot but obviously it was our major worry."

The shed, once the old butchery, was being used for the storage of fishing equipment and the fuel housed there caused added problems with one oil drum exploding through the roof 60 metres into the sky before falling towards the fuel depot. Another drum rocketed through the side of the shed, narrowly missing two firemen and spreading a trail of burning fuel.

By 1.30 the fire was out and little left of the building. Firemen remained on site moving and damping down debris but an area of melted plastic ignited again around 5.00 am requiring more attention.

By late Monday morning some of the crew, with blackened faces and weary grins, were still working after a sleepless night, tending to the equipment and preparing it for the next call out, whilst other volunteer members had gone to their normal day time jobs after a night of little, if any sleep.

The Chief Fire Officer said it was their first major fire for a long time and he was pleased with the way men and equipment had responded to the event. The cause of the fire is not known.

#### COURT NEWS

A young Polish seaman, Bogdan Jastremsky, appeared in Court on Thursday 13 August, on four charges of common assault following an incident which occurred at the Globe a week earlier. The Pole, who had come ashore to receive medical treatment for a minor injury, was alleged to have entered the private rooms of The Globe and struck the landlord's two children in their beds before then allegedly assaulting first Mr John Teggart and then Mr Les Biggs.

Detective Constable John Adams told the Court that the Prosecution could not present evidence for the cases of assault against the two children and the hearing proceeded only on the two allegations of assault against the adults.

First witness, John Teggart, told Magistrates how he had been in the Globe bar on the night of August 6th, after closing time, helping the landlord, Ron Buckland, clean up. Hearing a noise in the back room he went to investigate and said he was struck in the face with what he thought to be a whip at the time but which was later alleged to be a kettle flex with the plug attached at one end. Ron Buckland and Les Biggs joined John Teggart in searching for the assailant and looking outside, Mr Biggs saw the accused lying under Mr Buckland's land rover. The Pole refused to come out from his position and began throwing stones at Mr Biggs, one of which Mr Biggs later told the Court struck him in the face.

Mr Teggart said he took a stick and started prodding Mr Jastremsky, telling him to come out. "Did you kick or hit the man under the rover?" Mr Teggart was asked. "We couldn't get near him" the witness replied. "Ron Buckland came running out of the Globe screaming that the man had hit his two kids," continued John Teggart. "When Ron dived for one end of the vehicle, the Pole's legs appeared at the other so I grabbed them. When he was out from the rover Les Biggs and Wendy Teggart had to restrain Ron Buckland who went for the Pole. I was left alone with this fella, he's a big fella, so I sat on him."

The next witness, Les Biggs, confirmed John Teggart's evidence, adding only that Ron Buckland threw one pinch at the accused before he was restrained.

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#### SOVIET AND BULGARIAN INCURSIONS OF FISHING ZONE?

Rumours that Soviet and Bulgarian fishing vessels have been making night incursions of the Falkland Islands conservation zone were treated cautiously by government officials last week.

His Excellency, the Governor, explained that Soviet and Bulgarian fishing vessels, operating in agreement with Argentina, are definitely known to have been fishing in the segment\*, i.e. outside the fisheries conservation and management zone but within the defensive protection zone.

"Fishermen being fishermen, they do chase fish and there may have been incursions but we have no positive proof," said Mr Jewkes. "Soviet and Bulgarian vessels have an international right of free passage through the water adjacent to the Falkland Islands but they don't have a right to fish there and we have to draw a careful distinction between vessels doing something legal and those doing something illegal."

(\* the sector is the small slice which has been lopped off the South West edge of the otherwise completely circular fisheries zone. This was done to honour international agreements regarding the sharing of waters between two national coastlines).

#### 35 MILE BED PUSH

A sponsored bed push from Mount Pleasant to the new King Edward Memorial Hospital in Stanley, organised by the Devon and Dorset regiment was a great success with over £500 already collected towards the anticipated final total of £1000.

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35 MILE BED PUSH ? continued

Organiser, Second Lieutenant Rupert Gibb said the bed push had been initially organised as a challenge to the other services but that only the Navy had accepted "the white glove". In the event, the Navy had problems finding a suitable bed for the occasion but undaunted, a group of seamen from the Stena Seaspread joined the Army party in pushing the bed, to the final destination in an amazing 5½ hours. The speed at which the feat was completed took some well wishers by surprise; when they turned out to cheer the event they found it had finished and everyone had gone home!

The bed, complete with a lady on top of it, was prepared for its trek by the addition of some trailer wheels from a 4 ton truck and disaster was averted at one point when one came loose, by a REMI supporter who wadded it back on.

All the money raised by the imaginative event is to go to the KEMH's Incubator fund.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON WORLD TRIP

Brian Cummings recently left the islands for several weeks of business meetings around the world, in his capacity both as Chief Executive and Chairman of Stanley Fisheries.

After a few days London where he is to have more talks with the Ministry of Defence to find an acceptable price for the purchase of FIPAS and sign the new fuel agreement, Mr Cummings will then go to New Zealand to examine its government's handling of the well established squid fishing and licensing operation there. Peter Derham and John Barton from Stanley's fisheries office are also to visit New Zealand.

From then on Mr Cummings will be looking at the purely commercial aspects of the squid market with visits to Japan, the biggest market for the fish, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Korea.

PENGUIN NEWS LOOKS FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Penguin News is currently negotiating with the Falkland Islands Government and Development Corporation to secure a deal by which the islands' only newspaper may be able to benefit from some modern printing equipment.

The talks were initiated by a letter from the editor of Penguin News to the Chief Executive and leading members of government, highlighting a crisis which threatened to bring about the paper's closure.

The letter's proposals called for a micro computer to replace the antiquated roneo duplicator and tempermental typewriter currently used and suggested some form of financial subsidy or salary for the editor to ensure a future for the newspaper.

Having discussed the appeal at a meeting on Friday 7th August, the Standing Finance Committee agreed to provide funds for a word processor which would remain government property and to help with the cost of paper. The need for a high speed photocopier capable of reproducing the hundreds of copies needed per issue, was also discussed with FIDC but talks have been suspended whilst all parties await advice from the proprietor of several small Scottish newspapers, on what sort of technology would best suit such a limited publication.

In the meantime, Penguin News will continue to come out as regularly as its recurrent crises allow, with flippers crossed that the elastic band holding the duplicator together will last for a few months yet. Who knows, one day we may be able to offer our readers a completely legible, pristine sheet of newsprint....!

PENGUIN POST BOX

P.O. Box 31, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

Tim Millor  
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West Falkland

30 July 1987

Dear Madam,

I heard with interest the aim of starting a new political party, The Dosiro The Right Party. I sincerely hope that it will get support and come into being.

I hope that the party's ultimate objective will be independence within the British Commonwealth, in an appropriate form according to our size and defence needs. I feel that this is easily possible if we work at it and that to achieve independence by the year 2000 is not impossible.

With independence many things would be possible: control over our own internal government, development and off shore economic wealth for starters. It is also the ONLY and ONLY way we will ever rid ourselves of the 'Argentine problem'. Defence guarantees would not be impossible to arrange (look at Belize) and the United Nations will then be on our side. Argentina will probably continue to push her claim but she will be in a minute minority. Even Argentina supports Britain over Belize against Guatemala because the principle of self-determination is involved and that principle is a basic of the United Nations Charter. Self-determination in wanting to remain a colony is not an argument in the imperfect world of today, but self-determination to run your own nation, however small, certainly is.

To continue, regardless, as we are, would be foolish. It would come as no surprise to me if sometime in the next four years, Britain said to us 'look we are continuing to stand by you - isn't it time you tried to stand by yourselves a bit and take some responsibility and thus HELP us to continue standing by you, instead of just expecting to do it all for you'. We must not forget that present British policy is largely due to just one person and Prime Ministers don't live for ever, however much they may hope to go on and on!

We should also remember that at the moment we are wealthy, government wise, thanks to the fisheries licensing BUT it remains official British Government policy to negotiate a multi-national fishing zone with Argentina and others, even now secret (Ed: indirect) talks are going on between Britain and Argentina. We have the present zone thanks to Argentina's belligerence. If she becomes more moderate and agrees to participate in a multi-national zone, what would happen?

For a start we would be lucky to get more than a pittance in revenue for our share and would thus be forced to go grant-in-aid for the first time ever and would lose ALL control of our local taxes, FIGAS fares etc to UK civil servants. Far more significantly however, would be the fact that with a more moderate Argentina participating in an economic agreement, we would find it impossible to resist the then inevitable move towards a multi-national political agreement over the Islands, and you don't have to be a genius to see where that would very quickly lead to! If Britain and Argentina did agree a multi-national fishing zone, I am prepared to bet anyone that within ten years we would have an Argentine Governor.

Another problem coming, if we don't somehow change our constitution, is that with the rapid population increase over the next ten years resulting from the fishing industry and spin-offs, it is quite likely that we, the Islanders and people who have settled here for good, will become outvoted in our Council by a large immigrant population who may not have the same beliefs as ours nor be long term residents. We could become a minority in our own country.

The proposed new party needs support from all of us who want to see a future Falklands, which we are in control of. Obviously people will have different ideas of how the party should be brought about but there is a need for you to express your support initially with individual points of view then put across at any meeting which may be held.

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PENGUIN POST BOX -- continued

It is, after all OUR future that is at stake and if we continue to do and say so little about it we can blame nobody but ourselves in future when someone, be it a future Labour primeminister, international fishing company, United Nations or whatever comes along and says 'This is how it will be; like it or lump it'.

Let's support the party idea - or at least form an opposition one if you don't agree!

Yours faithfully,

Tim Miller

EDITOR - what do other readers feel on the independence issue? We would be interested to hear more views.

Tim Miller  
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Port Howard  
West Falklands

18th August 1987

Dear Madam,

I must correct the wildly inaccurate and false allegations made by Mr Clifton in the last issue of Penguin News.

If Mr Clifton had properly read my letter he would have realised I was referring, at the time of writing, as regards mail deliveries. It should have been obvious that my criticism over the whole communications breakdown was aimed at top level administration and the Governor - not the local post office whose staff and operations I have NEVER EVER criticised. In fact I admire the work they do. It is the Administration's job to ensure provision of a delivery service for the Post Office to use.

I have never 'demanded', as Mr Clifton alleges, for mail to be temporarily held in Stanley and I challenge Mr Clifton to prove his accusation or publicly apologise for it. As other Campers do, I have at times ASKED the Post Office to hold mail whilst in Stanley and been appreciative of the service.

Sorry, Mr Clifton, it is you who is thoughtless, not me, and I hope your practical knowledge of Falkland life outside Stanley, improves.

In light of the continuing overall Camp communications shambles I reiterate my accusations of indifference and bungling at the top of Government. The recent fiasco over an injured young girl in pain on West Falklands is an utter disgrace and those in charge deserve every bit of criticism - they deserve to be kicked out of the job and the Islands.

Yours faithfully,

Tim Miller

Major R A J Gardner  
Military Civilian  
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8th August 1987

Dear Madam,

Concerning the RAF's South Atlantic Tristar schedules and facilities at RAF Brize Norton, I thought your readers would be interested in an explanation of recent changes to the Tristar schedules and why they were made.

On 1st June this year the Tristar timings were changed with the aircraft now leaving just after midnight on Mondays and Thursdays and arriving at Mount Pleasant around 1400 hours on Tuesdays and Fridays. Instead of a three hour  
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PENGUIN POST BOX - continued

turn round at Mount Pleasant, there is an overnight stop and the aircraft departs for UK on Wednesdays and Saturdays at about 1100 hours. The arrival time in UK on the return leg is 0915 hours (UK time) on Thursdays and Sundays.

There are complex reasons for these changes but two predominate. The first is an operational one. The new timings which incorporate a transit through Ascension Island on the southbound leg in daylight hours, reduce the risk of unfavourable weather conditions and allow a larger payload to be carried. The arrangement ensures the best possible scheduled air transport service to the Falkland Islands, a factor which assumes added importance now that traffic justifies only two flights per week.

Secondly, the new timings have been devised to allow passengers from all parts of the United Kingdom to travel to Brize Norton on the day of departure. Similarly, on arrival in UK, passengers have a full day to reach their final UK destination or catch connections to the Continent or other parts of the World. In the Falkland Islands context the schedule allows passengers to travel to Mount Pleasant airfield during daylight hours for departure to UK and gives them 1-2 hours of daylight in the worst case winter period, to travel to their homes on return from UK.

Of interest to passengers who wish to arrive at RAF Brize Norton well before the normal outbound reporting times of 2315 hours is a description of the facilities available at the Gateway Hotel at RAF Brize Norton. The facilities are available to all passengers who wish to use them and can definitely help take the edge off the early morning departure. Apart from extensive accommodation facilities and a 24 hour catering service, the hotel offers a full range of amenities including licensed bars, television lounges, a games room, video machines and a childrens play room and play area. Moreover, costs are very competitive compared to commercial hotels. Charges are presently £12.39 for a room, 68p for breakfast, with lunch and dinner at 97p each. These prices are per person. Advance bookings for hotel accommodation can be made with the receptionist on 0993-842551, extension 321. Booking is available. Call forward to the air terminal is by means of a Tannoy service and transport is provided from the hotel to the terminal.

Another recent development which affects passengers on the Falkland Islands route and all passengers travelling from RAF Brize Norton, is the withdrawal of the movements detachment at Swindon Railway Station, an action stemming from manpower economies. The most significant effect of the change has been the cessation of the coach service from Swindon to RAF Brize Norton on security grounds because of the lack of Movements Staff. The coach service from RAF Brize Norton to Swindon continues to operate. To reach RAF Brize Norton from Swindon Railway Station it is now necessary to take a taxi at an approximate cost of £17.00. Some travellers have found this arrangement more convenient although rather more expensive than previously. However, in an effort to reduce costs MOD are currently attempting to negotiate a taxi contract.

The MOD is most conscious of its responsibilities to its passengers on the Falkland Island route and has attempted to balance their requirements with operational considerations and the continuing need for economy. The sum of the changes is a service, which while inevitably not satisfying everyone, seeks, nevertheless, to provide a high standard of support to the Falkland Islands community.

I hope the above information will be of help to all the civilian community on the Islands who travel on the Tristar in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Major Gardner

PENGUIN POST BOX is continued on P.10. This page is for you to air your views on any subject which you feel should concern others; Penguin News reserves the right to edit letters and we would like to point out that the opinions expressed on this page are not necessarily shared by the editor.

PENGUIN POST BOX - continued

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3rd August 1987

Dear Madam,

We in F.I.C London Office had a wry smile at Graham Bound's article "F.I.C's Japanese flavours" in PN 101 - perhaps our friends were feline hungry!

Our smile was wry because of the somewhat barbed insinuations in the opening paragraph, but don't ever forget Graham, that for each quid the good old F.I.C make, the good old F.I.G get 52 pence of it!

Some might say that is a 'cat-astrophy'

Yours faithfully,

David Britton

Robin Goodwin  
Greenfield Farm  
Falkland Islands

14th August 1987

Dear Madam,

FISHING AND WHAT IT IS DOING TO THE CAMP

Once again fishing has been the main topic of ~~discussion~~ recently and seems to feature pretty much in every form of government interviews. It seems that anything else doesn't matter any more.

There seems to be a dreadful fishing fever spreading in the Islands and like the days of the American Gold Rush, everyone wants a slice. I also look on this new field of revenue as a very welcome source of additional development but having seen so many past blunders by our administrations we should be very careful how fast we jump. For example, the very costly Ajax Bay is now in ruins. The 'New' Stanley School Hostel which never even opened, ending up as a military H.Q and now also derelict and even several kilometres of road leading into the middle of nowhere. From these and other costly blunders it is no wonder that some of us are wary. Should not this new nest egg be preserved rather than eaten as newly laid?

Such is the intensity of the fishing industry in the Islands, all else has taken a back seat. Even, dare I say it, tourism has now got a second place. Once the main source of revenue for the Falklands was wool and this was exploited by the Administration and virtually ploughed into the Town. Without this source of revenue the Town would have died.

Now, after all the Camp community has contributed we have been shut out from a taste of real development. True, Camp has received some aid in the form of some very old and derelict R/T sets and three Britton Norman Islander planes which, due to an accident and the fact that the Administration were not doing their job correctly, it seems we cannot even use.

Yet the new budget was naggled over and again 90% of the revenue will be ploughed into STANLEY. The administration tell us that they do a lot for the sheep farming industry in as much as they make land available for sub division. This is just not true when in fact the people making the land available are the large absentee ~~man~~. The Administration acts as a profit making agent, making its gains in the form of loans and interest.

Unless some money is set aside from the fishing industry now, the whole nest could have the bottom knocked out of it. If this golden revenue were to stop suddenly how would the Administration fund all its Stanley development programmes? Would they revert to the wise, old and tired Camper?

Yours faithfully,

Robin Goodwin

UK PRESS: FALKLANDS IN "U TURN" - continued from P.4

The ~~reference~~ made in all of the recent articles about a possible extension to the fisheries zone sent Penguin News back to Government House. Was there any truth in the reports or were they just more attempts at sensationalism by the UK press, the Governor was asked?

In reply, Mr Jewkes referred back to the foreign secretary's original statement on the fisheries zone in October 1986 when he declared the right of the Falkland Islands to extend control over a distance of 200 miles from the Falkland Islands coastline, "something permitted under international law," he added. "In the event, we then restricted the zone then largely covered by the FIPZ (Falkland Islands Protection Zone)."

"In short, we reserved the right to extend the zone to the 200 mile limit. My belief is that some councillors would be in favour of such an extension but it is something that would have to be carefully considered, not least on conservation grounds, i.e we may have to consider whether the present conservation zone is affected by the lack of conservation outside the zone."

A councillor confirmed to Penguin News that the question had been raised in meetings but agreed with the Governor that there are no current moves afoot to extend the current zone

EDITORIAL : POT HOLES ON THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE?

Suggestions of independence for the Falkland Islands have begun to bubble to the surface again, borne, it would seem on a surge tide of confidence in our fisheries revenue, but before we get carried away with such ideas it may be prudent to stop and fully consider the implications of such a move.

Defence is obviously the vital issue for any proposals of independence. If Argentina coveted the Islands before, how much more of a prize will they now appear with our modern airport and new found wealth. Whilst democracy seems to be holding its ground in Argentina, it would be foolish to ignore the possibility, however remote it may seem now, that the military may get tired of their barracks and look again for the amusement of political power.

Talking of defence, it is easy to refer to the convenient precedent of Belize but the arrangements there, as with many areas of British military presences, are products of extraordinary circumstances and we must not merely presume that the Falkland Islands would immediately earn such a set-up.

As we have found to our cost, and as recent events have emphasised, the Falkland Islands have to be extremely careful how we present ourselves to the rest of the world. Such is the intensity of the international gaze on the Falklands, the slightest shift in our stance sends journalist bounding off to premature and presumptuous conclusions. Some mutter about "greater autonomy" and the UK headlines shout "U turn on talks with Argentina".

Bearing in mind the generally unreliable UK portrayal of our deeds and thoughts, we should at least for ourselves, get our thoughts on independence in order. How many people support the idea of a 'Desire the Right' party. Is independence a feasible alternative to our present situation? It is something which perhaps we should fully discuss before the UK press start doing it for us.

THREE GO OFF TO NEW ZEALAND

In one of the classical Greek legends, the god Perseus, on his quest to find Medusa, meets the Graeae; three sisters who have only one eye between them and take turns in using it. It would seem the legend has repeated itself in modern day Falklands, or rather New Zealand, as it appears to take no less than three high ranking officials, all with considerable responsibility here in the Falklands, to "have a look" at the Kiwi's squid fishing .....

And so our best wishes to the new face at the Secretariat, Colin Redstone, who within five days of taking up his new job as Government Secretary found himself Acting Chief-Executive with all the extra paperwork that post merits, and then a few days later was despatched to West Falklands to placate the seething discontent there. Welcome to the Falklands!



As Penguin News continues to lurch from one production crisis to another it has the following people to thank for the eventual arrival of its ~~this~~ issue:

Graham Bound for the supply and fitting of a new elastic band when the old one holding the duplicator together snapped in crisis 1;

Phyllis Rendell and Camp Education for a loan of stencil cutter when the one usually used failed in crisis 2.

Maria Strange for patience and sympathetic noises when the harrassed editor took her frustration out on Maria's office telephone, following crisis 2.

To Maggie and Ben Claxton for loan of screwdrivers late on Friday night following crisis 3.

To Michael and Margo Smallwood for helping with crisis 4 on Saturday night.

And thanks as well to Alison Robson, Emma Reid, James Butler, Robert Coombe and Dik Saule for their invaluable assistance in the stapling of the previous issue.

#### COURT NEWS : POLISH SEAMAN - continued from P.5

Mr Buckland did not appear in Court as he was reported to be ill but his statement was read out in Court before the next witness, PC Fairfield, took the stand to give evidence. He told Magistrates that when he arrived at the Globe, having been called by Mr Buckland, he found the accused acting in an aggressive and violent manner and arrested him on the suspicion of assault. He added that Mr Jastremsky resisted arrest and had to be pulled up from the ground and handcuffs were used to restrain him.

The Court then heard a medical statement from Dr McNeilly who was called to examine Mr Jastremsky after his arrest. Because of the Pole's violent behaviour, the doctor was unable to carry out a detailed examination but stated that the accused was "clearly drunk, very agitated and possibly violent." He did note that Mr Jastremsky had dried blood about his mouth and obvious discomfort in his right leg although he was able to walk with a limp.

The following morning, the Pole underwent a detailed examination by Dr Lang who found him to have a black eye, pain and swelling to the jaw, bruising and ten inch grazes to his chest. Because of the continuing discomfort he was still suffering, Mr Jastremsky had his right leg X-rayed.

Throughout the court case, Mr Jastremsky who speaks little English, had all the exchanges translated into Polish for him by a Polish employee of Crown Agents in the Falklands who also translated the defendant's testimony back into English for the Court.

Through the translator, Mr Jastremsky told the court that he had never intended harm to anyone and was confident that he had never hit anybody. His last recollection was of leaving his lodgings on John street and being hit before he claimed he next came to under the landrover. In cross examining the defendant, Detective Constable Adams asked him how he came to get from outside his lodgings to the rover, over 300 yards away. "I can't remember," the Pole replied.

Returning their verdict after a twenty minute adjournment, magistrate Jessie Booth told the court that they had considered the case carefully and "found there was no evidence to prove assault as charged." Addressing Mr Jastremsky, she added, "indeed it would appear that you were more the victim of an assault." The magistrates said they accepted the evidence that the defendant had been agitated and resistant "because he was confused and afraid" she added before dismissing the case.

The verdict came as a surprise to a number of people in the local community and there was popular speculation that the case against the Polish seaman had not been fully pressed because of the political implications that may have followed. A suggestion vehemently denied by the Attorney General, David Lang, when put to him. "The Pole was charged with every offence he appeared to have committed," he said, "and it would be absurd to suggest that he would have been let off

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#### POLISH SEAMAN IN COURT - continued

because he was a foreigner, particularly when there appeared to be evidence of an assault against children. Foreigners and locals are treated the same" Mr Lang added that before charges were brought against the Pole "there was a request by the local agents of the Polish ship (the FIC) for the Pole to be released and allowed to rejoin his ship to sail home." "This request was rejected on the basis that alleged common assaults are of a serious nature," he said.

Why were the charges concerning the alleged assaults against the children not pressed, the Attorney General was asked? "For any children under the age of about 14, their evidence has to be corroborated and supported by independent evidence," he replied. "There was no independent evidence available in this case and I am unwilling to call children to appear in cross examination in a criminal court unless absolutely necessary."

One aspect, highlighted by the Polish court case was the dubious matter of immigration control when it transpired that Mr Jastremsky's presence in the islands was not known to police until his arrest.

The ship's agents, the FIC, honoured their obligation by providing the police with a list of crew names for the ship in but there would appear to be no control over how many, if any, of the seamen come ashore and how long they stay there. Mr Jastremsky had been in Stanley for three days before his arrest brought him to the attention of the authorities.

#### UNITED NATIONS - COUNCILLOR BLAKE'S ADDRESS TO THE COMMITTEE OF 24

Made on 14th August 1987

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

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

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

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

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

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

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COUNCILLOR BALKE'S UN SPEECH - continued

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

"This new and vibrant exenery has allowed us to improve and extend our social services. Our educational institutions are offering new courses in business fields and a new secondary school is being planned and budgeted for.

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

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

What, Mr Chairman, of our political development?

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

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

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

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

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DESIRE THE RIGHT PARTY - FALKLAND ISLANDS

There is encouraging interest amongst the voting population and some councillors for forming a political party in the Islands.

If you are interested in being a member of the proposed new party, if you are interested in the future of the Islands and in having a greater say in the formation of the policies and manifestos, if you are interested in becoming an active member of the Party Executive or an ordinary subscribing member, then please contact either Brook Hardcastle at Darwin or Robin Pitaluga at Salvador, preferably in writing. In the first instance, we are taking the initiative and acting as unofficial registrars.

If there is sufficient enthusiasm and response to the proposal to form an active party, then in due course a meeting of interested people would be called to elect a Party Chairman, a Secretary and other Executive Members and to finalise the long-term and detailed aims and objectives of the party, which would include, amongst others :-

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

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

To ensure the security of the Falkland Islanders' birthright, to name but a few.

The formation of such a party in the Islands would have a considerable impact on local politics, bringing, it is hoped, some cohesion of policies and ideas and giving councillors promoted and elected under the Party banner, a broad base to act upon.

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

So, Ladies and Gentlemen, do not delay. If you wish to register your interest and have a greater say in our rapidly developing country, then drop either of us a line now. We must keep up and get ahead in these momentous times.

Signed Brook Hardcastle and Robin Pitaluga

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON FIGAS : 14th August 1987 (Released before the provision for a medical service by FIGAS had been arranged).

Following the investigation by the Accident Inspectors from the Department of Transport, His Excellency the Governor has received an interim report. The report makes no reference to the cause of the accident at Brockfield and the final report is not expected for some months. A considerable number of recommendations have been put forward for the Governor's consideration and as a result FIGAS operations will continue to be affected. Since the Islander accident at Brockfield on 24 June, FIGAS flying has been restricted to carriage of mail and freight. Passenger flying to Camp has been provided by Bristows under an arrangement made with the Ministry of Defence. The hours available to the Government under this arrangement have been limited and it has therefore been necessary to restrict scheduled services. The Government has negotiated a further contract with the MOD for the month of September and Bristows will continue to provide a limited passenger service. Government will ensure that satisfactory arrangements are made to enable Camp children to travel home and return to Stanley after the September school holiday.

During the past number of weeks, FIGAS pilots and engineering staff have been working with Government on the preparation of a number of documents related to compliance with statutory requirements under the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 1977. FIG have also been assisted by the United Kingdom airline LOGANAIR and presently Ian McFee is with the company. Further work

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on the preparation of these documents is necessary and when Ian McPhee returns he will be accompanied by a Senior Pilot, Captain Ken Foster. Captain Foster will be undertaking further work locally to complete the documents. On satisfactory completion of this process, probably towards the end of September, His Excellency the Governor will have to consider, in the light of further advice from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), if it is possible for FIGAS to resume passenger flying.

One of the recommendations of the Civil Aviation Authority was that the responsibilities of Director of Civil Aviation and Manager of FIGAS should be split. To meet this recommendation and in the short term, FIGAS will operate under the management of Captain Foster following his arrival in the Falklands. Gerald Cheek will continue with his other responsibilities for the present.

THE CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Services have been arranged as follows:-

SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST -

10.00 am - FAMILY SERVICE led by Dik Sawle, Jill Doyle, Derek Evans and Donna Newell

7.00 pm - EVENSONG AND HOLY COMMUNION - conducted by Rev Andrew Willis - MPA Chaplain

THURSDAY 27th August- For St Bartholemew the Apostle Day

6.00 pm - Holy Communion

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST -

8.00 am - Holy Communion

10.00 am - Family Communion

10.00 am - Sunday School

7.00 pm - Evening Service of Songs of Praise - with questions about the Christian faith. This service is broadcast

Please note the normal Sunday Services are :-

8.00 am - Holy Communion

10.00 am - Family Communion

10.00 am - Sunday School

7.00 am - Evensong

On the occasions Canon Murphy is visiting Camp, please listen to the radio announcements for details of the services.

NORMAL MEETINGS ON WEEKDAYS :-

Holy Communion on Saints Days

Sunday School Preparation (Infants) 2.30 pm on Wednesdays

Fellowship on Wednesdays at 8.00 pm

Choir Practice on Thursdays at 6.30 pm

Sunday School Preparation (Juniors) 4.00 pm on Saturdays

Penguin News has been short of space in this issue so we've been forced to leave out a number of our usual features and other items. In our next issue Bound About Town and Mollie's Corner will be back, along with details of the recent Susan Whitney Awards, Darts News, a museum update and much more...

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## MAJOR CHANGES FOR FIGAS

The arrival in the Falklands of two aviation consultants heralded the start of the transformation of the government air service (FIGAS) and already there are signs of the firm moves being made to remould it back into a shape demanded by the weighty manuals which govern aviation world. The irregularities and irregularities which FIGAS has acquired over the years, often as a result of the heavy demands made on it, are to be tolerated no longer and whilst passengers can expect to see the resumption of at least a limited service at the end of the month, there is apparently still a long way to go before it is up to standard.

The much quoted Air Operators Manual which frustrated would-be passengers had previously been told was the main problem now turns out to be just one of many afflicting the service. The condition of airstrips, the working environment of engineers and, in particular, the whole structure of the administrative side have proved inadequate for the regulations and in the shake-up about to be effected in the air service there are few areas, if any, which will remain intact.

A key difficulty for FIGAS has been that it has been required to meet UK standards whilst its organisation

has not been structured or sophisticated enough to do so; something which struck one of the consultants, Captain Kenneth Foster, in particular:

"In the UK, the 'head authority' which all the manuals refer to, has been an expert organisation able to spread the load of work and responsibility amongst qualified aviation experts with lots of people to dot all the 'i's and cross all the 't's,' he said, "but down here the 'head authority' is the Governor and of course he isn't an aviation expert!"

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## MINEFIELD PENGUINS ATTACKED

An outing to Penguin Walk by some military personnel allegedly resulted in an incident which angered the local community when it was reported that three visitors from MPA were found in a minefield, chasing and kicking the gentoo penguins which live there.

Brian Summers, out on a family stroll in the area, saw a group of about 15 people standing by the clearly marked minefield fence whilst three of their companions ran about the sand dunes approximately 50 feet beyond it. "I wasn't particularly

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concerned about them being within the fence" Mr Summers said later. "Quite honestly if they wanted to blow themselves up that's their business but it was their attacks on the penguins which I objected to."

Following his intervention the group made a hasty departure in a military truck and Mr Summers then reported the incident to the local police. The matter has now been passed to the MPA military police who are making thorough investigations. Commander British Forces, Major-General Carlier and the Station Commander, Group Captain Drew were said by a military source to have been horrified to hear of the incident and are taking a personal interest in the subsequent investigation.

Mr Summers said that one of the group involved in the incident had told him that the actual minefields were further down the beach, a suggestion which was strongly rejected by the officer commanding of Stanley's E.O.D detachment. Records show that mines, both anti-tank and anti-personnel, were laid in the sand dunes in the area of Penguin Walk," said Captain John Watkinson, "and with their exact location now virtually impossible to determine as the wind will have moved the sand dunes, there could be mines anywhere."

Local indignation over the outrage against the wildlife was exacerbated by the rumour that as Mr Summers reported the incident to the police, another military person present allegedly offered him money if he would keep the matter quiet. Speaking to Penguin News, Mr Summers later explained that the soldier was apparently drunk and in police custody and he believed him not to have been making a serious attempt at bribery.

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ALLEGED RAPE AT MPA

A St Helenian, Arthur Charles O'Bey, a contractor working at MPA, appeared in Court on 21 September charged with the alleged rape of a St Helenian woman on 18th September.

Mr O'Bey was arrested on the morning he was due to fly to the UK and following his court appearance he was remanded on bail, conditional on him depositing £3,000 and his passport with the authorities and remaining within the confines of Stanley.

Because the nature of the crime is beyond the jurisdiction of the Senior Magistrate, should the Attorney General decide to proceed, the Chief Justice will be required to come to the Falklands from the UK to hear the case which would be a trial by jury.

SENIOR MAGISTRATE'S WARNING

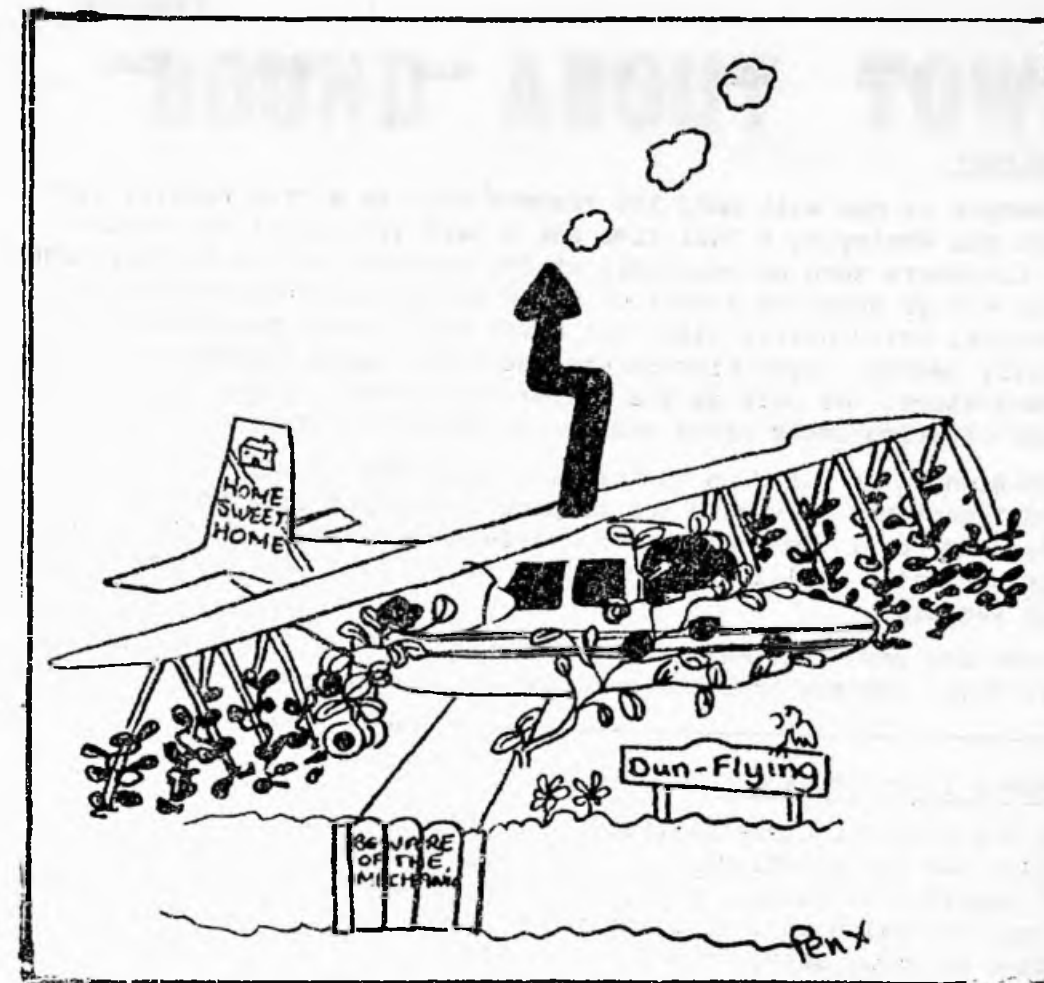
The new Senior Magistrate, gave a stern warning to the public in his first Court appearance since arriving in the Falklands, saying that any cases of assault, particularly those against police officers in uniform, would not be treated leniently.

Mr Bowran was presiding over the case against Darrel McGill who was charged with assaulting P C Berntsen on Sunday 20 September. Mr McGill forfeited the bond of £100 from a previous binding over and was given a month's sentence suspended for two years.

STRAY MINE FOUND AT PENGUIN WALK

A C38 anti-tank mine which is thought to have been washed up by the tide was found outside the minefield fenced areas of Penguin Walk on 31 August by Private Game from Mount Pleasant who had been walking there.

The mine which was found on a rocky beach was destroyed in a controlled demolition by the E.O.D (Explosives Ordnance Disposal). Captain John Watkinson warned that mines can be washed up on any coastal areas and that the public should keep their eyes open when walking there.



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Captain Foster attributes this as the reason why, in his words, "so many parts of the law regarding aviation having been ignored: not being ignored from a law-breaking attitude but merely because the laws are often highly technical and have required expert interpretation."

As for the post of Director of Aviation, it is one which currently covers duties normally divided between three distinct bodies: one to cover the airline, another to look after the aerodromes (airstrips) and the last to act as a regulatory body to keep a check on the other two. "The airline and the aerodromes have to meet the regulatory authority's standards," said Captain Foster. "The regulating body needs to have teeth so it can bite FIGAS if it has been doing something wrong and of course it enables the passenger to complain to an independent watchdog should they feel the service to be deficient."

The restructuring of FIGAS will see that in future the three main responsibilities fall to different posts of employment. "As FIGAS has run so far, the Director has too many jobs resulting in a clash of professional interests."

When I visited Captain Foster in his office, his most immediate concern appeared to be the condition of the airstrips which he had been visiting all week. The airstrips should be governed by another volume of regulations, The Licensing of Aerodromes which covers, in detail, the technical specifications of the airstrips. There are strict provisions for a slope leading in to and out of the landing strips, safety strips on either side and firm guidelines on the distance of any obstacles from the landing areas.

"Flying around yesterday, there were all sorts of things poking up around the airstrips," said Captain Foster. "The runway should run through the middle of a strip but in many places the strip doesn't exist and the runway is the total landing areas. As for the slopes required - well that's a joke. There's up and down dale on them. I thought my fillings would fall out!"

Having flown over and visited the majority of airstrips he added that he was "disappointed that a greater effort had not been made in meeting the requirements for marking out the runways and for levelling out the surface. Too many of them

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CRAb FACtORY UNDERWAY

The old Beaver Hanger is now well into its resumed role as a crab factory with Falkland Seafoods now employing 4 full time and 3 part time staff to process the crab meat. Customers turn up regularly at the premises to buy the prepared meat in 200 gr or 400 gr packs at a cost of £2.00 and £4.00 respectively, but factory manager, Brian Harvey said that moves had already been made to supply the recently opened Lloyds Fishmongers and there was a possibility of supplying the West Store. As well as the prepared meat, Falkland Seafoods are also offering whole crabs and cooked sections for sale.

Stocks are now beginning to build up but problems with the factory's refrigerating equipment has prevented the company from being able to freeze stock as quickly as needed. An engineer has arrived from the UK to attend to the fault and is currently awaiting a spare part to be flown down before the situation can be remedied.

The company's crabbing vessel at Mare Harbour is catching the crab at a rate of approximately three quarters of a ton to a ton every other day.

MRS JEWKES RESPONDS TO PETITION PLEA

Bernard Peck of the Philamel Store initiated a petition at the start of September, calling for the administration's intervention into what it called the miss-use of hospital vehicles. Based on allegations that the old people's bus and ambulance were being used to transport hospital staff to parties etc and were not being properly serviced the petition read "It's time that the administration's attention was drawn to this before the public are told that funds are required for replacements.... Both these vehicles were donated to the Islands people, not for glory riding and partying by staff and friends."

Mr Peck also wrote to Mrs Jewkes, who was instrumental in getting the vehicles donated to the hospital, asking for her assistance. Mrs Jewkes visited Mr Peck a few days later to tell him that the old people's bus had been taken for servicing in future and that in future a log book would be kept in it. Mr Peck said he was pleased that the matter had been cleared up and was impressed by Mrs Jewkes' action.

SHEARING DISPUTE RESOLVED

The deadlocked negotiations between the Sheep Owners Association (SOA) and the shearing gangs over the cost of living awards were finally resolved after the SOA had taken the unprecedented move of putting the Falkland shearing contracts out for tender.

In accepting the SOA's offer, the shearing gangs won only a third of the amount they had previously demanded. Gavin Short, Chairman of the General Employees Union which acted as arbitrator in the issue, said that the shearing representatives were disappointed with the outcome and felt their hand had been forced by the threat of the contract going elsewhere.

BUTCHERY BLAZE: ARSON NOW SUSPECTED

Police investigating the blaze in the old butchery building in the early hours of 17th August have said they are now certain that the cause was a case of arson. The suggestion made soon after the fire, that the materials being stored there may have spontaneously combusted has now been completely ruled out.

Mr Olof Sjeldrup, the Cool Carriers representative, who returned to the Falklands after his company in Sweden had been informed of the blaze said the cost of the damage to the cargo gear being stored in the warehouse was estimated to be in excess of £100,000. Both the warehouse and the stored items were insured.

Despite the set-back, Mr Sjeldrup said that Cool Carriers would continue with their transshipping activities in the Falklands during the next squid fishing season.

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# BOUND ABOUT TOWN

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There are a few things that strike me as interesting about the communications mess which we find ourselves in.

Firstly, I am not sure that I like the official tendency to pass the blame back along the line to previous administrations and sideways to the staff of FIGAS itself.

Government has now taken on the role of benevolent and responsible re-organiser, insisting that despite the inconvenience to Camp folk and the bill in excess of £500,000 building up with Bristows helicopters, the process of reorganisation cannot be rushed. The task will take as long as is required to ensure that the new service is totally safe and legal. That is very laudible but it is in stark contrast with the previous attitudes of the same administration who took precious little interest in FIGAS until the accident at Brockfields. The rot may have started several years ago, but it was never as bad then as it was in the year or so before the accident. The irony of it all is that when the new-improved (and, few can doubt that it will be better) FIGAS is rolled out onto the tarmac, the government will get nothing but praise.

THE SHARP END

There has been a subtle move to put some of the blame onto FIGAS staff through implication rather than outright statement. The suspension of a pilot's licence (not just his grounding by the airline) and the appointment of an expert from UK to oversee the day-to-day running of the service who will be assisted by the previous senior executive, illustrate this. It has not been adequately pointed out that the staff are civil servants operating under instructions from the government to ensure that the only real means of inter-settlement communication works. The administration gave them this heavy responsibility and then dis-associated themselves from it until something went drastically wrong.

FIGAS staff were given a supremely unevitable task - one which essentially meant keeping everyone happy all the time. Had the senior staff been overseas recruited personnel, Falkland Islanders would long ago have been told "no, we cannot satisfy your demands." As it was, FIGAS was totally Islander run and this meant that the staff understood how important the service was. They consequently pulled out all the stops to make sure that the inevitable isolation of Camp life was relieved as much as possible. Perhaps they pulled out one stop too many, but before that happened our Executive councillors and administration should have taken an interest, acted upon the report they commissioned and relieved the Air Service of its fearsome burden.

I have a vivid and slightly poignant memory of flying across East Falklands a few months ago. Sitting in the co-pilot's seat I was able to talk to the pilot, and when we had taken off from one settlement, I commented that the strip was rather rough. He shrugged his shoulders and said that what I had seen was nothing. There were strips that were much worse but FIGAS were at a total loss about what could be done. The people at the farms wanted to improve the runways but did not have the resources and in the meantime, passengers and supplies had to get through. The despairing shrug eloquently conveyed the pilot's frustration. One has to ask the question: why had this administration not learned of the problems, given the required guidance and support to FIGAS, and offered the farmers practical assistance with the improvements to their airstrips?

Graham Bound

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### ENQUIRY?

One Councillor, Robin Lee of Port Howard, has said that he would like to see an enquiry into the issue. That is a good idea, although the government may not support it. An enquiry should not be a witch hunt, but would ensure that responsibility is allocated fairly and not shunted back to silent past councillors and administrators or in the direction of the people at the sharp end; the equally mute staff of FIGAS.

Following such an enquiry, some people may be surprised to learn that we all share some blame. After all, we are the ones who made the demands which FIGAS tried to satisfy. And it should not be forgotten that a government - even one which is criticised at a time of crisis such as this - is an accurate reflection of our own attitudes and shortcomings.

Graham Bound

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### HILL COVE SUB-DIVISIONS

The sub-division of the Hill Cove settlement was completed following the interviewing of prospective candidates for the nine sections. Seven of the nine were allocated as follows;

Teal River East to Frazer McKay; Crooked West to Richy McKay; Mount Donald to Neil Ford; Hill Cove to Tim Blake; West Lagoons to Peter Nightingale; Shallow Bay to Paul Peck and Moin Point to Ian Hansen.

The last two sections, Teal River West and Port North, had unsuccessful applications and Councillors will have to decide what is to be done with them.

### LAND ROVER FIRE

A military land rover caught fire on the MPA road near Poy's Pass. The driver and two passengers escaped unhurt as the rover became engulfed in flame, it is thought due to a electrical malfunction. A radio call made from the quarry at Poy's Pass brought the fire and police services to the scene where they extinguished the fire. The rover was said to have been completely gutted.

### VANDALISM OF NAVIGATION LIGHTS

The leading navigational lights for guiding shipping through the Narrows were smashed up in what Les Halliday, Harbour Master, called a "stupid act of vandalism which could have endangered vessels and crew". The lights, positioned south of the Airport road are essential for indicating the safest route through the narrow entrance to Stanley harbour, particularly for the foreign fishing fleets, ignored to the harbour.

Shipping traffic was notified of the problem but prompt work by power station employees had the lights working again before nightfall.

### MYSTERY AIRCRAFT IDENTIFIED

There were reports of a mystery light aircraft buzzing Sea Lion Island in the early morning hours of Sunday 31st August. The fly past was reported on at least one settlement and unconfirmed reports said that other settlements had been disturbed by a similar aircraft.

Five days after the first report, military authorities replied that the aircraft was a C130 Hercules operating on normal duties. A response greeted with some scepticism by some civilians, one of whom told Penguin News that he didn't consider a Hercules to be a "light aircraft" and wondered why it had taken military authorities five days to verify the flight.

Major General Carlier, Commander British Forces, thanked the public for their vigilance, saying that it helped his task.

### PENGUIN POST BOX

P.O Box 31, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

Kitty Bertrand  
11 Ross Road East  
Port Stanley

31st August 1987

Dear Madam,

Reference your Editorial in the last Penguin News, POT HOLES ON THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE. I do NOT agree with the idea of independence: not only are there pot holes, there is also a very large boulder which I believe is 1,079,965 sq miles in area and is called Argentina. Surely, we have been told that Britain could not guarantee to defend us if we decided on independence. If Mrs Thatcher's Government says that (and I do not blame them) - what hope would we have with any other Party? We have been insisting we keep the Falklands British and nothing will convince me that we can do better by independence.

I also do not agree with the political party as suggested by Brook Hardcastle and Robin Pitaluga. I think it is a dangerous idea and anyone inclined to join it should think very hard indeed. You may find that you have joined something that turns out very different from your dream - remember the Peoples Progressive Party?

I would say that if we want anything changed we should write and/or speak to all our Councillors and make sure they present our views to the Governor. Provided we hang together over vital issues it should be possible to get our wishes through. I do NOT think any Councillor should go to the United Nations and state his views; that is not what he is elected for.

In the case of Mr Blake, I think he must have said something at some gathering other than the official speech he gave..... In fact, I thought the gentleman did protest too much!

Yours faithfully,

Kitty Bertrand

Sydney Miller  
21 John Street  
Port Stanley

Dear Madam,

Quite a considerable number of Islanders recently, and perhaps not so recently, have, in conversations, expressed their worry about the very poor standard of Administration from which the Colony suffers. We have plenty of Heads of Departments, some of them rather new on the ground but there seems to many of us that there is a poor standard of getting jobs done.

Fortunately, we have some enterprising and hard-working citizens who are very busy setting up and going well ahead with their own schemes and all praise to them, but looking towards the end of my fairly long life, every day I go out, I get so dispirited by the state of the roads, including the disgraceful state of litter on them. It would seem that the people whose departments should be concerned in this, do nothing effective.

No one in the higher scales of administration seems to be bothered.

What the large number of tourists whom we hear may be around us next summer, will write about the utterly disgraceful state of Stanley may unfortunately bear expression in foreign newspaper stories.

This apparent lack of administrative effectiveness recalls to mind a small paragraph in a Memorandum issued by the Sheep Owners in 1935 which said:

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"In a small Colony of our type, the Governor cannot stand outside the system of Administration, as he necessarily must in the Great Colonies, but should be its real working head. In no other way can he have adequate work. He should therefore in general, be his own Colonial Secretary and that separate post should be abolished."

That was written 52 years ago.

Yours faithfully,

Sydney Miller

Rana Anderson  
P.O Box 178  
Port Stanley

15th September 1987

Dear Madam,

The news regarding malicious behaviour by several military personnel this past weekend at Penguin Walk absolutely disgusted me. I was shocked that anyone could act so abominably.

Not only did these mindless people frighten and disturb wildlife, they also endangered their own lives in the process. The damage goes unmeasured, possibly irreparable.

This type of behaviour should be severely punished, and may I suggest that any further trips to wildlife areas by the military be escorted. Such conduct only makes it worse for other visitors, both civilian and military, who seriously care and take a keen interest in the virtually tame wildlife we have here.

Yours faithfully,

Rana Anderson

Tim Miller  
Manybranch Farn  
Port Howard  
West Falklands

30th July 1987

Dear Madam,

I read with interest and not a little scepticism, Mr Chesine's ideas on our future (Penguin News 102). He makes the mistake of many in looking at what he regards a simple paper problem and solving it in a paper problem way of tearing it up and giving everybody some bits of the paper.

It apparently has not occurred to Mr Chesine that there are people, human beings, living here and their ancestors settled here, long before modern day Argentina came into existence having waged a war of genocide against the original and indigenous population of that country.

Instead, he suggests that we be treated in the same way the Spaniards did the surviving Argentine Indians - put into a little reservation for future tourists to come and gawk at! I agree with him in only one aspect - that the Islanders have a right to self-determination.

Yours faithfully,

T.J.D Miller

PENGUIN POST BOX - continued

We reproduce here a copy of a letter recently sent to Mr G Foulkes, MP from Robin Pitaluga:

R M Pitaluga  
Gibraltar Station  
Falkland Islands

18th August 1987

Dear Mr Foulkes,

I heard your interview on 'Calling the Falklands' and this evening in which you stated that Brook Hardcastle and I have set up a political party in the Falklands.

In view of other remarks you made at this time you should note the following:

The Party is not yet set up and to date only 17 people have written to us expressing interest in the idea.

It may never get off the ground but if it does, our exploration of increased autonomy/independence will be with the firm intention of further spiking Argentina's avaricious guns.

Should the party get off the ground and there is subsequently within it a suggestion that we should make any approach to Argentina, other than to repel her illegal claims to sovereignty over these islands, I will leave the party immediately and do my best to bring about its dissolution.

Long live Mrs Thatcher and at No.10 for the foreseeable future!

Yours sincerely,

Robin Pitaluga

David Rose  
Public Information  
Officer (Jan 87-  
July 87) BFFI  
13th July 1987

Dear Madam,

I should be grateful if you would allow me a few column inches to express my thanks to all those Falkland Islanders who have made me feel so welcome during my six month stay here.

Like most everyone who only knows these islands through what has been relayed by the media, I admit to having arrived with some very erroneous preconceptions

Fortunately, I would like to think that I return to the UK with a much better idea of who the Islanders are and what makes them tick!

I am deeply indebted to the many who have welcomed not only me but my military colleagues over the years. In particular, the people of West Falkland will always hold a special place in my memories.

My sincere thanks to all.

Yours sincerely,

David Rose.

WEDDING BELLS IN SOUTHAMPTON

The marriage between Julia Thain and Claus Jakobsen took place at The Avenue St Andrews Church, Southampton on Saturday 18th July 1987.

Julia looked beautiful in a gown of white sparkling embroidered voile, with a traditional length scalloped veil, held in place with a pearl and diamante tiara. She carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. Julia was given in marriage by her brother David. Diane Thain, sister-in-law of the bride,

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Following the news that a mysterious J J Fields has been writing from the Falklands, criticising the BBC, Penguin News has now received a letter which purports to be from the notorious grumbler. To save us from the accusation of being presumptuous enough to write 'Mr Fields' off as a "crank or nutcase" (or to save the higher authorities!) we print his letter.

P.O Box 007  
Stanley

Dear Madam,

I would like to complain about a number of things that are obviously wrong in a very big way. I am not normally the sort of person that complains very much. I don't even squeak when doctors or dentists stick needles into me! However, a lot of things really do need to be said in a fairly voluble sort of way.... I mean, what do they think they are playing at, after all's said and done?

If you decide not to print this letter, then I know that you will have written me off as some sort of crank or nutcase and you may rest assured, madam, that I shall take my case to the highest authority in the land and get it thoroughly aired in public, whatever obstacles may be put in my way;

I mean, what did Peter King think he was talking about the other night on 'Calling the Falklands'? He had the temerity to suggest that I was "nitpicking" or some such trivial nonsense. Heck, can't the man be man enough to take just a little it'sy bitsy bit of criticism about his 'gung-hp', 'cheers-chay' programme. It's not even as if I'm shy about publishing my name or my address (both are openly supplied with this letter). I simply feel that it is the moral obligation of every upstanding citizen to correct these broadcasting types on any errors they make. After all, if nobody did it, then they would never know where they were going wrong, would they? I am proud to be known as John J Fields. I don't hide behind anonymous typewriters like some ghost writers for an appalling video script - which reminds me that I would like to complain about some of those as well sometime.

Anyway, to get back to the point, which is, after all, very important and certainly newsworthy now that these BBC chaps are onto it.... My point is this, that all I have said so far is absolutely right and just. The world would be a lot better place if people would just climb down off their horses and listen to the ordinary man in the street. In other words, what I mean is, people like me. I may not be much to look at or much to write home about in one or two ways, but I do know my own mind and am not scared to say what I think. If more people picked their feet up and got moving with me we could all voice our complaints with no fear of retribution or of being labelled outcasts. Let's be positive about our complaints!

So, to all of those of you who have read this, I say why not write to me (better make it care of Penguin News). Air your complaints and I'll make sure they get published in true style. Join the revolution now!

Yours sincerely,

John J Fields (known to my friends simply as J J for short)

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was Matron of Honour and Carol Stewart, a good friend of Julia's was bridesmaid. Both Diane and Carol were dressed in aqua coloured taffeta, 80 Peep style gowns, with aqua flower head-dresses and carried posies of pink and white carnations.

The groom looked handsome in a light grey suit. Peter Simmons, a friend of the family was best man. The ceremony was conducted by the Reverend Tony Spring with the Reverend Lionel Thomas, a friend of the family, presenting the sermon. Robin Beck, who travelled down from Scotland for the happy occasion, with his kilt and bagpipes, piped Julia from the house to the waiting car and also at the church. The bride's mother was dressed in a very attractive red two piece with matching hat.

The wedding breakfast and reception were held at the British Sailors Society in Southampton where guests from Wales, Scotland, various parts of England and

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not forgetting the Falkland Islands, sampled the delicious food and toasted the happy couple with champagne. The three tiered heart shaped wedding cake was decorated with Danish flags and their initials in icing. During the course of events many photographs were taken.

Many thanks from the bride and groom as they leave to make their home in Denmark to everyone who made their day such a memorable one.

Stephanie Robson

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were badly drained and neglected."

This neglect has, to his mind, directly contributed to the problems of damage to Islander planes. "What has happened in the past, is that people have been saving shall we say, £1000 on airstrip maintenance and costing the airline £5,000 or £10,000 on repairs to damage caused by that lack of maintenance. Then, of course, new parts takes ages to arrive so you're left with a very expensive machine sitting idle in the hangar. The cost of repairs is very many thousands of pounds, whereas the spreading of a bit of soil on the surface, a bit of rolling and a few drains across would have prevented all that. I object strongly to the airplanes being damaged due to lack of maintenance."

The condition of surfaces wasn't the only shortcoming of the airstrips which concerned Captain Foster. The provisions for crash rescue and fire fighting, laid down in the regulations had been almost totally ignored by most of the airstrips, with for instance one having only 90 litres of water available instead of the stipulated 230 litres. The regulations being imposed on FIGAS will see each settlement in future providing at least two able bodied adults who will need to be in attendance at each landing and take off. These crash rescue representatives will have to undergo a medical examination, a training course and be certified as competent. Once qualified they will be provided with protective clothing, rescue equipment and first aid kits.

"If the plane in the Brookfield crash had caught fire there were no fire services, no crash services, no rescue equipment or first aid kit to have helped the passengers get out or attend to their injuries" added Captain Foster.

With so much work to be done on getting the airstrips alone up to standard, would this cause further delays in getting FIGAS back in service, I asked him?

"No, not really," he replied. "We'll try to have as near a normal service as possible but some airstrips may have to restrict the number of passengers or landings coming in. But I haven't found an airstrip yet where I've had to say 'no, not on any account.' The Air Navigation Overseas Territories Order 1977 is currently being updated and will be replaced soon but whilst we are still operating under its present form we have a small loop hole because it discusses aerodromes without specifically referring to the requirements. Basically, all it says is that if the Governor, as Falkland aviation's head authority, is satisfied that the person in charge of an airfield is fit, has sufficient equipment and the airstrip is safe with regard to its physical character, then a licence can be issued, providing the authority is convinced that something is being done to correct the problem areas. The service will then be adequate if not to standard for the meantime but a start has to be made on the improvements."

What sort of response had Captain Foster received from Campers on his visits to their airstrips? "Most of the people in Camp who I've spoke to are recognising their responsibilities and are anxious to do a proper job but complain that in the past all sorts of people have come along, given their opinions on what needs to be done, without any reference to what the regulations say should be done. There have been a few adverse comments but the majority of people seem anxious to get the job completed."

Captain Foster said that FIGAS staff had also been very helpful and he hoped that the new look service would improve morale which he recognised as being low, particularly amongst the engineers, when he first arrived:

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"The engineers should be working in a normal working environment but the hangar at Stanley airfield isn't insulated or heated so they've working through the winter, repairing a plane that was damaged by other people's neglect out in Camp - that is what it boils down to, and of course, an engineer with cold fingers won't do a good job. Their morale was rock bottom - why should they put up with it? Now we have plans to restore Stanley airfield to a proper little airport and a contract has already been put out for heating the hangar and insulation will be put in in the next few months. Pilots will also see that they're being backed up. The engineers and pilots are good - I would be happy to employ any one of them in any company of mine at any time."

Lastly I put to Captain Foster the worry expressed by some that stringent UK regulations would tether the service with red tape and prevent it from offering the flexibility needed to cope with the demands made on it. A suggestion which Captain Foster rejected outright:

"Flying in the Falklands is kids stuff compared to the Islander services in the Orkneys or Shetlands in Scotland. They've got all sorts of added problems there - dangerous mountains, few grass areas, the weather is worse, the winds stronger and the snow lies longer. Yet with all that the Islanders take a pride in their airstrips and there are continual flights into the Islands all day with an average 20-35 flights a day. They've been meeting all the regulations in Scotland for twenty years and there's no reason why the same standards shouldn't apply here."

Speaking to Captain Foster there can be little doubt that he intends to see FIGAS transformed thoroughly and fairly with a clean sweep shaking every cobweb out of every corner and if the energetic consultant has his way the Falklands' Air Service will even be acquiring a new corporate image with perhaps a new name, logo and there was even suggestion of uniforms for the pilots.

"This is the way forward," he said in closing the interview. "It's past the time for recriminations and scapegoats. The momentum must be kept going until everything is done. It's a heck of a big job but once everything is in order it will have been worth it."

Captain Foster will remain titular head of FIGAS until mid-November when an inspector from the C.A.A will arrive in the Falklands to look at the changes made. Following Captain Foster's departure, appointments will be made to fill new posts within the air service.

THE 'ST MARY' AND 'SNOWSQUALL' ARE ALIVE AND WELL - Joan Spruce

Quite often the question of shipwrecks, hulks and parts of ships being bought by people or organisations outside the Falklands, poses problems. Not all ventures have happy endings.

We thought readers might be interested to know of two Falklands wrecks which have had parts of their hulls living anew.

The 'St Mary' wrecked near Whale Point, Fitzroy in 1891, was an American ship on her maiden voyage, with a cargo which included toys. Part of the hull of 'St Mary' was taken to the U.S.A a few years ago, to be refurbished and placed in the Maine State Museum. This Museum is well worth a visit and we were really impressed with the 'St Mary' exhibit, which comprises a large model of the 'Mary' and the section of hull transported from the Falklands. With clever lighting, cargo in the hold and scrubbed decks, the whole atmosphere is of a remaining Falklands' portion of the wreck!

The 'Snowsquall' has been in the news quite a lot this year, when the bow section was taken back to her home in Portland, Maine in America. The Snowsquall Project has been in operation for a few years now, with portions of the wreck being rescued from under the F.I.C jetty. We were taken to Portland regulated drying out stages. The bow section sits in its net in a temporary perspex dome, being carefully hosed with water so that it will not dry out too

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rapidly. The excitement in Portland was very intense when 'Snowsquall' arrived home on board the 'Asifi'. A project sponsor paid a large sum to have the 'Asifi' sail direct to the U.S.A, rather than risk damage the precious cargo in transhipment in the UK. Portland authorities pulled out the stops and waived charges for tugs, cranes and general disruptions to get the hull positioned on Portland soil! Telephone lines and electric cables had to be cut, traffic stopped and all number of complications overcome before it could be safely said 'mission completed'. The 'Snowsquall' shed and dome is a hive of activity of volunteers, all working to restore something they are all very delighted to have saved from ruin.

Near the 'Snowsquall' there is a beautiful, spacious restaurant which the owner has named in honour of the ship. He supports the project with enthusiasm and generosity, as well as serving delicious meals. We have to thank Nick Dean for treating us to lunch, as well as showing us the 'St Mary' and 'Snowsquall'

Joan Spruce

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FALKLAND ISLAND MUSEUM - by Joan Spruce

Phase one of the Museum project in Britannia House, is progressing very well so far and we aim to have part of the house open to the public and tourists this Summer.

This phase has to be the most complicated of all, involving a lot of hard physical work and planning. We seem to have had a lot of what comes first - the chicken or the egg" situations! Nevertheless, an enormous amount has been achieved; firstly with all the packed and unpacked same items from various locations being at last under the one roof, various bathroom furniture and plumbing being removed from the house, getting the heating boiler turned up, unpacking exhibits, sorting them into categories and making an inventory - in fact, getting our house in order.

To date, Curator John Smith has worked wonders in achieving order out of chaos, as well as inventing and putting into action a superb filing system, inventory and cataloguing system as well as starting on the renovation of some exhibits. His radio up-dates have created a lot of interest locally and members of the public have been wonderfully supportive in bringing along useful and valuable items for the Museum. His radio plea for an old rocking chair and rag mat is for a planned 1900's Kitchen Diorama, not the Curator's office!

Until funds were allocated for the setting up of the Museum by the Falkland Islands Government, nothing could really be achieved either in preparing exhibits or the house. Now, thanks to Standing Finance Committee, we are able to go ahead with ordering lights, a fire alarm system, fire proofing and safeguarding materials, display cases, photo and picture mounting

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materials, frames and a hundred and one other expenditures. Items large and small still have to be allocated or paid for, even between Government departments, not to mention works that will have to be done by private contractors, such as the foundations for the LMA Units, the building of them, installation of spotlights, giving Britannia House a facelift on the outside and lining rooms.

Here, I think, we would like to pay tribute to our willing helpers who come and shift, lift, heave and push when necessary. For those of you who have offered help, be warned, your turn will come!

Our committee is small; Shirley Hirtle, Mike Rendell, Lewis Clifton, John and myself, but being of small number, we can manage to meet a least twice a month, sometimes more if necessary to pool ideas, thrash out problems and each member has a fair share of tasks to perform out of committee meeting times.

The Islands' many friends overseas have curators and historians among its numbers; not least Nick Dean, the Snowsquall Team and the Heyburns in the USA and Mike Stammers in Liverpool. They all ensured this particular committee member got her requested information about setting up museums. Tricks of the trade were revealed, display cases taken apart to show construction methods, spot lights were investigated and reams of information photocopied.

At the present time, John is busy beginning to assemble for what we term 'temporary display' until the LMA units (large exhibits, plus two aircraft will go in these) are ready for use. This will be phase two, a general move round of exhibits into their permanent rooms and areas, which we aim to finish by Summer 1988/9. So work will continue for a long time yet, assembling all the different aspects of the Falklands' life, in show cases or picture frames on walls or special containers, so that it is all neat, safe from light fingers and most of all, interesting to everyone who comes to visit.

There is a lot of work to do, but we are determined to have a presentable Museum which has been locally made.

Joan Spruce, Chairman, Museum Committee

## MOLLIE'S CORNER -11

Before the day came for me to visit Port Howard, I nearly saw the sunrise one morning. We were at Newhouse and Clara knocked on my bedroom door at 5.00 am calling out, "Come and see the natives of Cape Dolphin." Bleary-eyes, I obligingly crawled out of bed and stumbled into the kitchen to meet Leona, Keith and Tyrone. I discovered I'm not in my most sociable mood at that time of day, but I did my best. A 'cuppa' worked wonders to start the brain ticking over. I'd missed the sunrise but I'm sure it's the nearest I'll ever get to seeing it in the Falklands. The Whitney family were on their way to Port Stanley and didn't delay their journey too long. It had been good to meet them.

The great day arrived when I set off to stay with Arina and Ken. I was thrilled when Ian the pilot said I could sit beside him. Wow! The closer I would ever be to my ambition to fly a plane. Putting on the ear phones made me feel I was almost a co-pilot - goodness help the passengers! I felt so excited. I'm more than surprised I didn't shout with sheer joy. Ian kindly pointed out many interesting places and we landed at San Carlos. The camera was very busy that journey. Thanks Ian, you really made my day by allowing me to sit in that seat.

How wonderful it was to be with Arina at last. I think we were both rather overcome by the event and neither of us could really believe we were standing in the same room together after those twenty years of letter writing. Nan had already been there a month and gave me a guided tour of the house and garden. I knew Arina was a gardener but had not realised the full extent of her expertise. I doubt it there is much she cannot encourage to grow, Ken's garden is also quite prolific.

Port Howard seemed to have an indescribable magic about it. Clean, tidy, well organised and situated in such a beautiful location. I'm sure many snaps have

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have been taken of this settlement. We did go to see the site of the old settlement but I'm sure it must have been exposed to all weathers and very cold at times.

The more I got to know the people during my six week stay, the more aware I became of the camaraderie amongst them. I could be wrong, but they seemed generally to be fairly contented with their lot. Perhaps it helped that the owners were on the spot to hear any grievances aired. It must be very difficult with an absentee land lord who appears out of the blue for a short visit and hardly understands any conversation anyway! Surely one should understand farming to own one?

We set out for a picnic and it was good to be travelling on well renovated tracks. So many hills came into view that some seemed endless but there were six particular ones which seemed to be standing like sentinels guarding the surrounding land. Unfortunately one of the springs faltered (wasn't my fault-honestly!) just as we arrived at Rosalie House so we had to turn back. We had our picnic by a bridge across the river and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves in the lovely sunshine.

On our way back, we had a peep around Manybranch House. I am always interested in house designs, possibly because we planned and built two bungalows and later converted two houses into one back at home. All the Falkland houses seem well designed and it is sad to see so many empty in the various settlements.

It was Sports Week during my long stay and I was interested in hearing the commentary of events on the radio. Arina produced photos of a previous Port Howard Sports and gradually I began to understand more about the various events. It all seemed great fun and certainly everyone seems to enjoy it all. I'm sure most people attending the sports this year will recall the terrible gales at the end of that week with the wind so rough and most unfriendly. The mats did a dance of the floors and when I climbed into bed it felt as if the earth tremors were vibrating through it. It was quite frightening, I had visions of waking up next morning - if I ever managed to sleep - to find all the Port Howard houses in a long line gradually sailing out to sea! I hope there aren't too many gales like that!

Tats for now

Mollie

NEWS ON DAVID TAYLOR - FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The former Chief Executive, David Taylor, has informed the Falkland Islands Government Office that he is returning to the Booker Group (from which he was seconded to the Islands in December 1983) later this month. He will become a director of Booker Agriculture International which runs a number of agricultural operations in the Third World in such varied locations as Kenya, Somalia, Papua New Guinea, and Sri Lanka.

David told Alastair Cameron that he had been glad of the opportunity to take a break for a few months after his very pressured three and a half years in the Falklands but he was now anxious to start work again. He said he was much looking forward to remaining in the development field and to the worldwide travel which the job would entail.

David will retain his involvement with the Falklands through his membership of the South West Atlantic Group, the Falkland Islands Foundation and the Falkland Islands Association. Since his return to the UK he had made a point of seeing as many visiting Islanders as he can and he takes 'Penguin News.

Asked if he had any message for Islanders he said; "I have missed the Islands far more even than I had expected, both the people and the place. The Falklands are still very much a part of me and I am sure this will always be so, I certainly intend coming back when opportunity permits."

Penguin News has had yet further problems with machinery break downs with our typewriter now totally defunct. Many thanks to Bonita Fairfield and Eileen Davis for the loan of one to finish this issue. If anybody knows of an idle typewriter sitting somewhere which could be loaned to Penguin News we would be delighted to hear from them. Thanks also to Shane Wolsey, Colin Redstone and Phyllis Rendell for also assisting with the various crises - Bee Caminada



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## SHIP BLAZE

The dangers inherent in the fishing industry which have already caused the deaths of a number of foreign seamen visiting Falkland waters, proved themselves again in probably the most dramatic of incidents to date when four men were killed in a fire which raged through five decks of a Polish refrigerator ship, Pormorze.

The fire broke out on the main deck of the 13,000 ton vessel, anchored in Berkeley Sound, at 10.10pm on Wednesday 30 September. Feeding off empty cardboard cartons used for

storing fish, it spread rapidly into the aft accommodation section, filling it with smoke and fumes and sending the crew rushing to their fire stations.

The Pormorze's mayday call to Stanley went unheard as neither the harbour nor fisheries office operate at that hour, but other ships in the area responded immediately. Two Polish trawlers and the Mare Harbour tug, Oil Mariner, went to assist with the fire fighting. The Falklands

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The announcement that FIDC General Manager, Simon Armstrong, is to leave the Falklands because of "an irreconcilable conflict of personalities" has been met with demands by a number of Islanders that there be a public inquiry into the matter which since the official release has been drawn back under the familiar cloak of secrecy which shrouds many governmental issues these days.

As usual, in the absence of firm fact or full public explanation, rumour is rampant through Stanley as to the true cause of Mr Armstrong's 'resignation' with the result that the Attorney General had to make a radio announcement warning people that the scurrilous suggestions of financial mishandling on Mr Armstrong's part were tantamount to slander and prosecutions would be made if they continued.

That rumour is only the ugliest and most far-fetched of many on offer in the streets of Stanley Stanley and Penguin News' ears are buzzing with the busy whisperings. Its a difficult task to

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Dessaie and Falklands Right also made their way to Berkeley Sound, arriving a few hours later although their repeated offers of assistance were rejected by the Pormorze's captain, even when it was stressed that the Falkland Islands Government would not be asserting salvage rights over the stricken vessel. A crew check made immediately after the outbreak of the fire, found four of the 140 ship's company to be missing. Two bodies were recovered within an hour and the other two the following morning.

Efforts by the crew to cool the fire's boundaries prevented it from spreading, particularly to the engine rooms and when the blaze had burnt itself out, 19 hours later it left steelwork exposed, bulwarks damaged and five decks of blackened debris.

Although the Pormorze was offered the facilities of Stanley's new hospital, the ship's own medical team, one doctor and one nurse, managed to cope with injuries but even those crew members physically unharmed by the disaster were found by investigating police and fisheries personnel to be in a state of profound shock.

The aura of trauma and exhaustion was as palpable as the odour of fish aboard the Pormorze even two days later. Dazed survivors wandered around piles of charred debris on unsteady feet and the air was heavy with an unnatural silence. One seaman who rallied a weak smile of greeting explained that it was the deaths of their four friends which had naturally distressed them the most. "They were all married with many children" he added slowly in broken English, before adding after a reflective pause, "but we live and are lucky. If the fire had broken out later when we were all in bed then we would have lost many more lives...."

Survivors lost all their possessions and clothes with their cabins and an appeal made on FIBS for donations of spare clothing brought about a prompt and overwhelming response. The fisheries office which put aside a large room for the collections, soon found it swamped with trousers, jackets, suits, shirts, jumpers and even two Union Jack T-shirts. Donations, big and small, tumbled in and it took several trips by the Warrah, with some help from the Seagull, to ferry all the bulging sacks out to the fire blackened ship. The Poles appeared almost embarrassed by the amount of donations received but their gratitude was sincere. Local companies also made donations of money to buy basics such as shavers etc.

On the Sunday following the blaze, four crew members came ashore for a special service held in St Mary's church in memory of those who died, at the invitation of Monsignor Agreiter.

Following the successful appeal for clothing, the authorities turned their attention to the task of repatriating a large percentage of Pormorze's seamen. Of the 140 crew, a minimum of 80 would be needed to run the ship and it was decided that in face of the shortage of accommodation onboard, the surplus of men should return to Poland.

As the Eastern bloc nationals had lost their passports and papers, there was a fear that there would be difficulty in clearing them for transit through Mount Pleasant and the UK but in the end the ship's crew list was accepted for immigration purposes and the repatriation went ahead without trouble.

On the morning of 7th October, a week after the blaze, the Falklands Right collected 57 men and 1 female nurse from the reefer ship at 4.30 and delivered them to FIPASS. Two coaches, provided by Bob Stewart, took them to Mount Pleasant with a police officer escorting. Despite speculation that the aircraft was said by a Government House spokesman to have gone to Brize Norton as normal where they caught a connecting flight.

The Inquest into the deaths of the four seamen opened on 9th October. Five of the ship's crew, including the captain, attended, along with two representatives of the Polish company, Transocean which owns the Pormorze. Jozef Filipcyk, an employee of Crown Agents in the Falklands, assisted with the translation of proceedings whilst the Coroner's Court heard the grim details of the fire and medical reports on the bodies.

It was at the Inquest that the first suggestion was made of a rumour on the Pormorze that some crew members had gone back into the blazing accommodation section to try and recover belongings. Captain Kazimierz of the Pormorze

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admitted he had heard the rumour but no one could confirm either that it was true or that any one of the victims had died as a result of such an action.

The Court heard how one of the dead had been noticed soon after the fire alarm had sounded, calling for assistance from an upper deck where he was trapped. Two of the fire fighters managed to reach him after fetching a ladder but as they tried to drag him to safety he fell onto the deck below which was full of smoke and fumes, where he subsequently died. It was thought by the doctor aboard Pormorze that all four victims died between 10.20 and 10.30 pm.

The Coroner, Mr. Bowran, ruled that all four - Jozef Zagorski, Andrej Zojan, Sanocki, Henryk Stala, and Zbigniew Gryb had died as a result of asphyxiation due to the inhalation of smoke with two of the deaths accelerated by shock caused by body surface burning. The ruling was death by misadventure.

The Pormorze is still anchored in Berkeley Sound awaiting a final decision from Poland as to its next move. It is believed she may sail to Cape Town for repairs.

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sift the truths from the untruths but from talking to a number of reliable sources, Penguin News has heard things which it sincerely hopes are not true but which it believes should be publicly investigated by an independent body.

Is it true, for a start, that Simon Armstrong has been made a scapegoat for some inscrutable fisheries mis-dealing which he challenged?

Is it true that the matter has been hushed up to prevent the important allocation of fisheries licences being undermined by the possible controversy?

These are just two of the many questions being asked by a large number of people and until reliable and independent answers are found, the prevailing suspicion directed at much of the fisheries establishment will continue to undermine even the best efforts of its most dedicated officials.

If as we fear, the calls for a public inquiry go unheeded by the Administration it will be the Administration which will suffer by it. Were it really just a case of an unhappy Mr Armstrong wishing to go elsewhere after a personality clash, then it would be understandable to be told, as we probably will be, that the reasons for his move are none of our business. But suspicions are heightened when a high ranking official of three years standing in the Falklands abruptly pulls out from an arena which is already viewed dubiously by many Islanders. It should be in everybody's interests to have the matter put in the open. Suspicions need to be allayed and names unfairly tainted must be cleared.

As one person said a couple of days after the FIDC announcement: "The whole thing stinks to the skies and I can't see why the Administration thinks we can't smell it."

The Falkland Islands Development Corporation announcement, released 16 October:

"Because of an irreconcilable conflict of personalities, Simon Armstrong has asked to be transferred from the Falkland Islands to another development post abroad under the auspices of ODA.

"Until this transfer, Simon Armstrong will continue to act as General Manager of both the Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) and Stanley Fisheries Limited (SFL).

"He has been asked to produce a report on the long term future of SFL and recommend the structure best suited to achieve the desired end. During the production of this report, Shane Wolsey will temporarily take on much of the day-to-day responsibility for SFL, whilst Simon will continue to look after FIDC."



CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORTS ON WORLD TRIP

The Chief Executive, Brian Cummings, returning from his seven week trip to the UK, Far East and New Zealand said that his busy schedule of business meetings had been "very worthwhile."

His first stop, in London, involved a long succession of meetings, one of which secured ministerial consent for the sale of FIPASS by the Ministry of Defence to the Falkland Islands Government. Mr Cummings refused to be drawn on the exact price apart from saying it was within the bracket councillors had said they were willing to pay. The figure is believed to be around the £2.5 million mark, compared to its original cost of £25 million when built in 1983/84.

Another area of progress was with the telecommunications system which has been awarded to Cable and Wireless. The exact terms of reference are yet to be agreed but they will provide the company to provide, operate and manage the new system which it is anticipated will be in operation by February 1988.

Leaving London, the Chief Executive flew to New Zealand on a government sponsored visit where he spoke with fisheries authorities there on matters such as licensing arrangements, and management and with commercial bodies. With New Zealand considerably advanced in the establishment of their fisheries regime, Mr Cummings said he felt his visit there to have been particularly valuable as officials there offered him the benefit of their mistakes and sound information.

"I was also able to see at first hand the various onshore facilities than can emerge out of a successfully run fisheries: right from the very large scale fish processing plants, through the small ship repair yards, down to one and two men businesses, all providing the various services a major fishing fleet requires. Some of them are very much what the Falklands should be looking at."

New Zealand's licensing fees were said to compare broadly with the Falklands'. "Japan, Korea and Taiwan told us that ours were more expensive than New Zealand's but in practice we found that not to be the case.", Mr Cummings explained. "In fact, the New Zealand fees for the coming season will be higher than ours."

The rest of Mr Cummings' travels were entirely of a commercial nature and undertaken in his capacity as Chairman of Stanley Fisheries to talk to joint venture partners

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HOSPITAL'S OFFICIAL OPENING

The King Edward Memorial Hospital will be officially opened on the afternoon of Battle Day, Tuesday 8th December by Timothy Eggar MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, who is to visit the Falklands between 4 and 9 December.

Distinguished visitors who have accepted invitations to attend the ceremony as guests of the Falkland Islands Government are Sir Jack Hayward and his son and the Bailiff of Guernsey, Sir Charles Frossard and Lady Frossard. A similar invitation is also being extended to Mr and Mrs Chick, whose daughter, nurse Chick, was one of eight people who so sadly died in the hospital fire on 10 April 1984.

It will be recalled that Sir Jack Hayward generously donated the sum of one million pounds towards the cost of the sheltered accommodation associated with the hospital and a further £100,000 was donated by the Government of Guernsey (Government House Press Release)

An Argentine fishing vessel strayed into the Falkland Islands Conservation Zone (FIGZ) on 7 October after its engines were reported by the Captain to have failed.

The Dornier fisheries protection aircraft first spotted the vessel outside the zone but a later inspection by a C130 Hercules revealed that the ship had apparently drifted into the south west area of the zone. The Hercules aircraft continued to monitor the ship until it left the zone on the Thursday morning.

"Any Argentine fishing vessel which enters the zone would immediately become a matter of military interest," said the Public Information Officer at Mount Pleasant.

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"We reviewed the 1987 season from their point of view in every aspect, i.e. charges for licences and prices obtained in the Japanese market. It also gave us the opportunity to assess the profitability of these companies which will help us in setting licensing fees in 1988."

Mr Cummings also reported that he found the foreign companies to be keen on onshore facilities being made available in the Falklands for their fleets.

"Their interest in the idea of say, local stevedoring etc, was encouraging and it is something we should look into for the next season. They all said they could be prepared to use local services provided they are good ones and the price is right. For instance, if we had an engine repair service here it would save visiting vessels from having to sail to Uruguay for assistance."

With his trip completed, how did Mr Cummings respond to the criticism aired in the Falklands, that much of the trip was unnecessary?

"There is no question in my mind at all about the value of the trip and I think it will prove its value in the next season and bring several million more pounds into the coffers. There is also a clear need to develop the fisheries for the long term and it is important to get to know our long term partners."

"Besides, you really do have to go to the market place itself to learn and see how it works and in fact I don't think any of us fully appreciated the scale of the industry before we went, nor the importance of the Falkland Islands fisheries to the world market, particularly the Japanese one."

"40% of the world's squid is met from the Falklands, or what they call the South West Atlantic. 240,000 tons of illex squid went to Japan alone last season at a cost of (US)\$1,500 a ton and if anything, the demand is likely to be higher this year."

Having realised the value of the particular Falklands' squid to the world market, the visiting officials are now considering the possibility of perhaps marketing the species as Falklands squid but such a move would be gradual.

What about the criticism that if fisheries officials were going on the trip there was no need for him, as Chief Executive, to go as well?

"I think it is important that the top man in an organisation is seen by people, particularly when it is a case of explaining government policy on something. Although, quite clearly, the trip to the Far East was commercially sponsored there were times when questions were asked on what the Falkland Islands Government policy was on some area and it certainly helped to be able to say 'It is, whatever, because I know...'"

On the matter of job responsibilities, I asked Brian Cummings about his recent move in becoming Director of Fisheries, the position previously held by Peter Dereham who has now returned to the UK. I asked him first what had brought about the move?

"Really it was a restructuring of the fisheries department. Mr Dereham was down here for six months during a critical period of establishment for the fisheries. He got the system up and running. It is the Director of Fisheries who ultimately issues the licences but for the 1988 season those licences will be issued in accordance with the wishes and policies of the Falkland Islands Government itself and the Executive Council will approve them."

Is there not an argument that by being Chief Executive of the FIG, Vice Chairman of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation, Chairman of Stanley Fisheries and now Director of Fisheries, he is overstressing his responsibilities? Won't certain areas get neglected by others, particularly by the fisheries which seems to be overshadowing a lot of domestic affairs?

"We'll see how it works out in practice," Brian Cummings replied. "Although I'm Director of Fisheries, we have a chief fisheries protection officer, John Jackson who will see to the overall management of the department and I will make whatever executive decisions that may be needed."

Finally, I asked the Chief Executive that with one person holding all these various positions, if he agreed that there was a need for a complete restructuring of all the various activities?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORTS ON WORLD TRIP - continued

"I think the structure of the whole administration, both internally, within the Development Corporation and, in particular, Stanley Fisheries has to be looked at", he replied. "Stanley Fisheries is a very major commercial company dealing with million of pounds of expenditure and we would need to have an organisation that matches that. I would hope that we could find a structure which would make my personal involvement a lot less, with me perhaps continuing as a paper chairman of Stanley Fisheries but not being involved in the day-to-day running of it."

On October 17, Brian Cummings left the Falklands for the start of a month's trip to the UK and Poland. His main task is to be the supervision of fishing license allocation for the next season and to meet with representatives of joint venture companies, in London. A four day trip to Poland will involve him in more meetings with fishing companies there.

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A brief meeting of Legislative Council on 7 October elected three new councillors to sit on Executive Council in the coming year. The Honourable John Cheek was elected as Stanley representative with 5 votes; the Honourable A T Blake was elected as Camp representative with 5 votes and the third councillor, who can be elected from either town or Camp was the Honourable T.S. Catts with 6 votes.

In a short introduction to the voting session, the Governor thanked the previous elected members of Executive Council for their twelve months of hard work. "I don't think the general public realises the amount of work councillors as a whole and Executive Council in particular, give to their task" he added.

HMS SHEFFIELD REMEMBERED

The memorial to HMS Sheffield which stands on a rocky promontory of Sea Lion Island was the scene of a simple and poignant ceremony on Sunday 27 September when about forty people gathered for the dedication of a plaque in honour of those killed in the attack by an exocet missile on the warship in 1982.

On a morning of bright sunshine and strong winds the group gathered around the wooden cross for the service which was led by the Rev. Terry Maze from HMS Diomedea, with readings by H.E. The Governor, Mr Jewkes and Commander British Forces, Major General Carlier.

Standing directly before the memorial were three survivors of the attack on the Sheffield who are currently in the Falklands on further tours of duty, one whom lay a wreath in memory of their 21 colleagues and friends who died. A bouquet was also laid by Doreen Clifton, wife of Terry Clifton who with his brother Ronald, built the memorial last summer on its present site, believed to be the closest landmark to the warship's resting place two miles out to sea.

The plaque, made and secured to the memorial by the crew of M.V. Stena Seaspread, read "In loving memory of the brave men of HMS Sheffield who were killed in action off the Falkland Islands on 4 May 1982."

After the roll of the 21 names, it finishes "At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

News from Tristan de Cuna of its Ratting Day on 22 June: "It is an all hands day when men and dogs unite in scouring the walls and environs of the Catches", reported the Tristan Times. "It is a day of digging, tunnelling and upending boulders, culminating in the serious task of counting and measuring the gruesome relics of the chase."

"The Medical Officer, Dr Paul Holliwell reported that a total of 657 tails were counted (an average of 8.9 per man) before he continued; "The prizes were presented in the evening in the Prince Philip Hall. The presentation was well attended in spite of not having a dance afterwards. Prizes were given for the top three highest catches per man, the longest tail (the Farm team) and the booby prize of a rat catching stick (complete with dead rats) for the lowest catch per man"

(Report courtesy of the Tristan Times)

PENGUIN POST BOX

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Bill Luxton  
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West Falkland

10 October 1987

Dear Madam,

May I please, by means of your letters' page, hope to begin a constructive debate within the Islands on future internal transport.

I enclose a copy of my letter to Shane Wolsey of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation, which I hope you will print. If so, I will not add much else as it covers fairly completely my own views on the subject.

I would just like to say that I believe no country has ever succeeded in development without an all weather road system and hasten to explain that this letter was specific in applying to an East-West ferry. Before the odium of the people of Stanley is heaped on my head, I firmly believe that the reconstruction and new building of our roads should perhaps commence both at Stanley Power Station and proceed east, and at MPA proceeding west with appropriate diversion to the North of East Falkland and of course the Republic of North Arm. I believe we should aim for not less than fifty miles per year so that hopefully a complete system would be in place by the time M.V. Forrest and M.V. Monsunen are ready for scrap and ideal vessels can be purchased without need for an expensive stop gap.

(The following is taken from the letter Mr Luxton asks to be reproduced:-)

I DO FEEL MOST STRONGLY THAT THE START OF A CAMP ROAD NETWORK SHOULD AND MUST GO HAND IN HAND WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FERRY.

I cannot stress too strongly the necessity, for once, in the Falklands to take a very long term view and for all concerned to begin planning now if waste and duplication are not to eat away at our precious funds even if they are larger than could have ever been dreamed of a few years ago. Therefore, I suggest the following sequence of events:-

1. A rationalisation of the operation of Monsunen and Forrest and the addition of public funds to cope with present demand and maintain, or even reduce slightly, current freight rates as long as necessary. This should be until a suitable substitute is available - BUT - the ideal future solution should not be amended just to cope with a short term necessity.
2. An immediate invitation to tender for the first stage of a colony road network - MPA/Darwin/East Ferry Landing/West Ferry Landing and so on, according to the Prynn Report. This should not be a question of mucking about with PWD in the manner of the Estancia track fiasco, but an invitation to the companies who have already had experience in the Falklands. As I assume this would be done using our own money we should be able to avoid the Crown Agents and becoming stuck in the glutinous mire which surrounds ODA projects.
3. The identification and purchase of a suitable ferry vessel.

This is the most complicated subject as we must consider the provision of as good as, or better than, present service to the outer Islands, East and West. Assuming that with almost immediate effect, Port Howard, Goose Green and Fitzroy wool would go by road and ferry, there would then be a vast over-capacity in shipping, thus further driving up costs for the remainder.

Should we look at a situation where a subsidised freight rate is provided only to outer islands and those who do not have reasonable road access to the ferry, i.e. at least Port Stephens for a start and probably others?

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Should we look at running down the use of the two vessels, eventually disposing of them with Monsunen going first?

Should we look at using a smaller vessel than the Forrest, to be efficiently crewed and serve the remaining Islands after the completion of the whole road network?

Future fuel deliveries also require careful long term planning. How will this be achieved? I believe the ultimate aim should then be to have all produce and freight both ways for West and East farms and others, carried by road and ferry.

The most efficient vessel should eventually be purchased, designed to carry all required freight for other islands and nothing else. It should be of a size and speed to be fully occupied doing this, as far as possible, with consideration for a good sheep carrying capacity too.

In the very long term, consideration may be profit given to construction of a warehouse at Port Howard or Fox Bay for storing enough wool to make it economically advantageous to collect the wool for direct shipment to the UK.

FIDC should take the lead in identifying problems and encouraging parallel development, e.g a haulage contractor will be essential. With the changes in the farming industry to date, the possibilities are limited only by the confines of the imagination of the people involved - fencing contractors, builders and mechanics. All sorts of development can be brought to the farmer 'on demand'.

Yours faithfully,

W.R Luxton

Major R A J Gardner  
Civilian/Military  
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British Forces  
Mount Pleasant

20 October 1987

Dear Madam,

I would like to take this opportunity to reply to Rana Anderson's letter of 15 September 1987. The military share her concern and were also much angered by the behaviour of these two young men: both have been severely punished. To the rest of the servicemen in the Falklands and elsewhere, cruelty to animals is abhorrent, not just for the obvious reasons but also because it tars all of us with the same brush.

Happily, despite the large number of servicemen in the Islands and the high turnover, such incidents are very rare and certainly do not merit the proposal for an escort for the military visiting wildlife areas. We do our best, through briefings and handouts, to ensure that everyone understands the unique quality of Falklands' wildlife and our duty to preserve it. A measure of our concern can be seen in the speed with which the military police moved to apprehend the culprits and the personal interest taken by Major General Carlier and the Station Commander.

I assure you that we will continue to do our best to protect the Falkland Islands' wildlife.

Yours aye,

Major Dick Gardner

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Penguin Post Box is for you to air your views on any subject which you feel should concern others. Penguin News reserves the right to edit letters and I would like to point out that the opinions expressed on this page are not necessarily shared by the editor.

PENGUIN POST BOX - continued

Sydney Miller  
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Stanley

21 October 1987

Dear Madam,

The announcement that came over the air on the evening of October 20th shook me considerably. It is now 37 years since the Government Air Service first flew from paying passengers and over those 37 years, passengers have always correctly paid their fares as soon as the Air Service delivered the bills.

When I heard the announcement which more or less demands cash down before a flight, it made me think that even though we residents of the Falkland Islands hope to see progress and development coming to the Falklands, we do not expect to be treated as though we were trying to dodge paying our dues.

I can only think that with the considerable presence of expatriates now in the Falklands and many of them largely in senior positions where some can adopt attitudes common in authority in Britain; it is for that reason that we Islanders would seem to be regarded as of doubtful credit-worthiness.

A few years ago, passengers going to and returning from Camp used to travel on R.M.S Darwin. On going up the gangway to board her we never found anyone at the rail demanding cash for the voyage: we got our bill later in the mail.

Yours faithfully,

Sydney Miller

Furta Arenas  
Chile

16 September 87

Dear Madam,

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. In view of the fact that a member of our family has spoken at the United Nations, supporting the Argentine claim to the Falkland Islands, I consider it necessary to make clear the following:

My brother Julio, my mother Natalie Bertrand and I, do not share any of the opinions issued in her statement to the United Nations and whatever her reasons may have been they do not justify the nature of her behaviour. Although my brother Julio and I lived in the Islands only for a short time, we share a deep love for the land and its people and we look forward to going back every summer. Likewise, we are always ready to defend the issue against the unjustified claim made by Argentina. As far as I am concerned, they do not have any rights over the Falklands and they never will.

Isolated attempts like this will never achieve anything and it is my belief that as long as there is one true and honest Falkland Islander alive, the Islands will remain British.

Yours faithfully,

Rene Bertrand

FALKLAND JETS THREATENED BY ARGENTINE MISSILES - continued from P.6

Officially, naval headquarters should have turned for orders to the civilian controlled defence ministry, which in turn would have consulted the foreign ministry - a cumbersome chain of decision making deliberately designed to refuse any potential incident.

"If this boat was on the edge of the exclusion zone, it was because someone ordered it to be there. And if it got ready to fire, it's because it received higher orders (to do so). That's what happens in these cases," said a former Argentine naval commander".

"Forces in Buenos Aires believe that Britain agreed to keep the matter secret to help President Alfonsín prevent the armed forces using it as an opportunity to raise tension and increase their freedom of

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FALKLAND ISLANDS THREATENED BY ARGENTINE MISSILES - continued

action. The bad relations between the armed forces and the government and the increasing pressure within the Argentine navy for 'action' over the Falkland fishing zone, make it all the more likely that the military were being deliberately provocative."

"The incident occurred in the middle of the political campaign for the mid-term elections early this month, when Alfonsín suffered a serious defeat by the Peronist opposition in congress. Politically, he is weaker now and in no position to discipline his military commanders." .....

The Sunday Times 27 September 1987 - by Maria Laura Avignolo in Buenos Aires and Robert Tyrer and James Adams

HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

Housing has returned to the news recently, firstly with the announcement of various projects being initiated to alleviate the current shortage of homes

Government sources say that they are ironing out the last few details on a contract for the thirty houses to be built on the Jersey Estate with units ranging from four bedroomed, three bedroomed and single bedroomed units. The project is expected to take eighteen months to be completed.

Work has also just begun on the plot near Lookout Camp where 26 houses are to be built following the placing of a contract worth £2.6 million, by the Housing Corporation Ltd, a company formed by a consortium of Stanley Fisheries' joint venture partners. Fourteen two bedroom, nine three bedroom and three large dormitory units will be erected by June 1989. Sadly, it won't be of direct benefit to the sixty or so names languishing on the housing list as the new estate, called locally the 'fishing village', is to be built primarily to house fisheries employees. However, Shane Wolsey of FIDC added that it was hoped that the building of these new houses would prevent fishing personnel from buying up local property. Asked if there was any likelihood of local people being able to buy or rent these new properties, Mr Wolsey explained that the houses would be the sole responsibility of the companies making up Housing Corporation Ltd and it would be entirely up to them how the properties were used.

THE HOUSES THAT MERCER IS TRYING TO BUILD....

Even those inclined towards the self-help approach to solving the housing shortage could be forgiven for having been deterred by the publicised impasse reached by Giles Mercer after months of efforts to buy property for house building.

The indomitable Mercer, a self-confessed "muck stirrer" refused to be defeated by a succession of seemingly unnecessary obstacles as he meandered his way through a tortuous path of application. Finally in customary vociferous style, he took to the air waves of FIBS' local announcement slot to publicise his plight and put pressure on the government to process the application which he alleges they "lost three times" and then shuttlecocked through a variety of departments with no progress made.

"Wanted: one honest government answer as to why it takes over eight months to purchase land. Reply Mercer." read the first announcement. "What was considered by and approved in March and May? Approved and reaffirmed by the Building Committee in May and October and still isn't in my possession?" read another.

Whilst the government made no response to the announcements, Stanley residents chuckled and asked Giles Mercer, as Penguin News did, for the story behind them. Hauling out a bewildering array of plans, proposals, letters application made in January this year to buy 4.4 acres of land to the east of Stanley to build houses upon. The dwellings were to be two or three

THE HOUSES THAT MERCER IS TRYING TO BUILD... continued

bedroom bungalows, double glazed and fully insulated and competitively priced. His first plans were rejected because they were said by the Building Committee to be 'out of line' with the rest of Stanley. Back to the drawing board for the Mercers and a second application was filed.

The original price of land was thought by Giles Mercer to be £1,000 an acre, an assumption made from the cost of land around Snake Hill nearby, and as the property he was after was further away from the essential services, he thought it may be cheaper. "Suddenly, I was told that the price had gone up to £2,500 an acre. I was surprised but agreed to it and said let's go."

Although the application to buy the land was approved, no further development on it was forthcoming. After months of chasing his application, of being passed from one official to another and being asked to make a number of amendments, Mr Mercer discovered that the new Housing Corporation Ltd, a consortium of Stanley Fisheries and joint venture companies had also applied for land east of Lookout Camp, with their plans overlapping the ones he had filed several months earlier by eight metres.

When an irate Mercer confronted government officials on this he was informed that he had told them he no longer wanted the land; an allegation the American denies vehemently.

The battle continued but it wasn't until his provocative announcements went on air that real progress was made and on 22 October, Mr Mercer paid for the land and is now ready to move ahead with building, although as he added wryly; "We aren't there yet. Government have committed themselves in writing to supply water, electricity and sewer services to the boundaries of the plot. Until they do that, I've not no idea where I should be building to."

Giles Mercer accepted my suggestion that his radio announcements were facetious and cynical. "They were meant to be" he agreed. "I see them as a form of passive, non-violent demonstration against the general incompetence of the Falkland Islands Government. With all this chasing around after my application, I've lost money through loss of earnings and I've been charged rates on the containers storing building materials because I've had no land to build on!"

"Like a lot of people I've become more and more disillusioned with local government since 1982, which treats the local people like second class citizens, even when we try and help ourselves. The local government and FIDC are no longer concerned with anything but the big fisheries outlook."

If Giles Mercer does ever get his housing estate completed, the achievement will hopefully be of benefit to people like Charles Grocock, who is just one of those whose lives have been severely affected by the housing problems.

Mr Grocock says it was the shortage of accommodation in town which drove him and his wife to move 22 miles out of Stanley to set up 'house' in two portacabins on a 50 acre plot of land off the MPA road.

"Then money got very tight and our rover broke down and was off the road for four months" Mr Grocock explained. "We couldn't get into town to find or even keep a job and yet had no means of supporting ourselves out on our plot. We went to see the housing people, wrote letters to the Government Secretary but were told there was very little they could do because of the shortage of housing."

What they hoped would be a temporary arrangement is still in force despite 3 1/2 years on the housing list and they see little chance of being able to move back into town at the moment. The Grocock's situation has improved now since their landrover is back on the road and Mr Grocock is able to commute to his new job at the petrol station. "The cost of fuel for commuting though takes up a fair amount of my salary," he explained, "so we're still waiting for something to come up in town."



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When I spoke to Captain Foster he was perturbed at the delay in government considering his proposals which he had assumed the Executive Council meeting in October was to discuss. However, Government Secretary, Colin Redstone

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The Johnnie Walker win back in May was probably the most exacting and exciting of the four victories. Beating contractor Bill Haveron, himself a champion, was probably the most difficult task that Colin faced this season, and the match itself was memorable for the excellent exhibition of dart playing by both players. The Governors Cup victory was not easily obtained as Lenny Ford had opportunities galore to win the match but couldn't find a finishing double and Colin Smith exposed this.

## DARTS NEWS by Patrick Watts - continued

deficiency to good effect with clinical finishing himself.

The third leg of the quadruple, the Individual Knockout Tournament, produced the final everyone wanted to see; the champion against Gary Hewitt who won most of the legs in the Kendall Cup competition throughout the season. Once again, Colin produced the goods and despite a ragged second leg came up again in the third to triumph. The Three Bars tournament played under B.D.O rules, giving a straight start as opposed to the double start, was tailor made for the champion to display his prolific scoring ability. Hundreds were commonplace and the 300 spectators had plenty to enthuse over. However, the top class scoring was not confined to the winner. The runner-up for the second year, Colin 'Tootie' Ford, also rattled up some big scores, particularly in his semi-final against Bernard Peck who surprisingly gave the big man a good competitive match. Last year's winner, James Lang, made it to the semi-finals but went down to Colin Smith who seems to have the Indian sign over him these days.

All the experts agree that Colin Smith is the best all round darts player the Falklands has ever produced. He can go winning indefinitely, it seems but surely he must soon ask himself if this challenge is demanding enough. If the answer is no then we may see the quadruple champ trying his luck overseas.

Team honours went to the Rose 'B' and the Sidewinders. The Rose won back the Kendall Cup leaving the Sidewinders as runners-up. The winning team members, Bernard Peck (captain), Gary Hewitt, James Lee, Mike Luxton and Stewart Morrison, all featured very highly on the individual list. Terence Summers again led the Sidewinders, supported by Colin 'Tootie' Ford, Nick Bonner, Mike Goodwin and Lenny Ford. The late Lars Smith played when Lenny was unable to make the journey from Fitzroy. The sudden death of Lars leaves a big gap in the local darts scene. On his day he was a match for anyone and was one of the most reliable and steady league players over the last 25 years.

The Sidewinders outplayed the unfancied Globe Trotters in the final of the Team Knockout, winning 12-3. Viv Perkins was the only winner for the losers, beating Mike Goodwin 2-1. The Fleetwing Fliers took the Challenge Shield with Chuck Clifton and Don Bonner being the main inspirations.

Gary Hewitt topped the individual lists with Colin Smith second and Tootie Ford third. Gary must win one of the major individual tournaments soon.

## ROBIN PITALUGA ON THE SHEARERS' DISPUTE - F. Caminada

The recent dispute between the shearers and the Sheep Owners Association (SOA) over the cost of living award may have seemed like a bit of a storm in a tea cup to those not involved in farming, but the problems resulting in the disagreement are in fact symptoms of a malaise affecting the Falklands' wool industry which even if the fisheries has become the flavour of the year, has always been the mainstay of the Islands' economy.

Although an agreement was finally reached between the shearers, General Employees Union (G.E.U) and SOA in September, the essential differences of opinion have not been fully resolved and lie dormant until the occasion of next year's Agreement hangs over the industry, along with the remote but conceivable possibility of Falkland sheep not being shorn at all. "If the tenders put in asked too much, that would be the situation we would face," said SOA Chairman, Robin Pitaluga.

The main grievance of the Sheep Owners is that they feel they have been led, either deliberately or accidentally, into already paying excessive shearing rates at a time when all Falkland farms are suffering the effects of several years of poor wool prices and escalating costs of production.

"Back in 1983 we were told by the General Employee Union that local shearing rates were too low compared to New Zealand rates so we agreed to match their prices to enable us to attract good shearers", said Robin Pitaluga. "In 1983 we increased shearing rates by 20% and the next year made a further increase of 9%. Admittedly we didn't check the figures were given by the G.E.U but then we saw no cause to."

Then in a newspaper article this year the Sheep Owners learned that Falkland Islands rates for shearing were allegedly 50% higher than current New Zealand ones, a disparity which they felt ill able to afford. Figures presented to the G.E.U

## ROBIN PITALUGA ON THE SHEARING DISPUTE - continued

by the SOA state that New Zealand shearers and shed hands rate for 1985/86 were equivalent to £21.06 per 100 compared to the Falkland £33.28 per 100. By September, the time of the heat of the dispute, the difference in rates was estimated to be 56%.

It was against this background that the Sheep Owners decided that the cost of living award, an automatic increase to keep wages at pace with inflation, should be applied as usual to wages and some other specific items, but not to shearing rates because of the high rates the SOA felt they were already paying. It was a move which would not cut the existing rates but which would cancel the automatic increase for the coming season.

"In view of the severe financial difficulties affecting the industry as a result of several seasons of less than adequate wool prices, we asked the Union to accept that consolidation would not apply to shearing contracts in the agreement and with off-farm contractors", wrote the Chairman to all SOA farm members and independent farm owners on 29th July. "Evidence that farmers, especially those employing full time labour are struggling for survival while still endeavouring to maintain standards, was presented to the Chairman in written and verbal form and accepted by its Chairman."

However the proposal was thrown out with contract team leaders insisting there still be 100% consolidation of the cost of living award on the next year's rates.

"The shearing gang leaders argued that they had overheads to meet as well" Robin Pitaluga told Penguin News, "i.e. provisional insurance and medical services levy etc. So we said, allowing for that, how about an award of a third of the cost of living award as your shearing only covers one third of the year?"

Still no good. "If your organisation thinks that inflation increases for four months of the year only, you are ..... labouring under a serious misconception" retorted the Chairman of the G.E.U in a letter.

The next development was the suggestion made to Robin Pitaluga that the shearers might settle for a 50% of the cost of living award. After some consideration the SOA agreed but only on the condition that stud ewes were to be shorn at flock rates. The existing difference in shearing rates for stud ewes and the flock had become of concern to the sheep owners who felt, in the words of their Chairman, "that instead of shearing stud ewes more slowly and carefully because they were special sheep, because the rate is higher the shearers were in fact shearing faster to get more of the extra money!"

The shearers rejected the SOA's offer and the negotiations became deadlocked until the exasperated SOA decided to take the unprecedented move of putting the shearing contract out to tender. Once the shearers realised the farmers were serious in their intention, they reluctantly agreed to accept a third of the cost of living award to be consolidated on shearing rates.

After what sounded like a bitter dispute had not the relationship between the Sheep Owners and the shearers become irrevocably soured, I asked Robin Pitaluga?

"No, it's a very amicable agreement now" he replied. "I think the shearers in the main, apart from a few individuals, were happy to follow in but it was the GEU which didn't want the cost of living award to be messed about so they encouraged them to stick out. One shearer supported the GEU but I think the others just wanted to get on with shearing."

What about the crisis facing farm owners? Did he feel that shearers had now accepted the problems and were trying to co-operate in the face of them? "I'm not sure about that" he replied slowly. "It's very difficult to convince them that the farms are in a difficult financial situation. We show the profit and loss figures to the people at the GEU and they say they accept them but beyond that they aren't influenced any further and merely say that their members' standards must be improved."

The problems facing the sheep farmers were acknowledged back in 1983, the year of the first substantial increase in shearing rates, by Derek Wilkinson who visited the Falklands as an arbitrator. In a memo to the GEU and Sheep Owners Association on November 16 1983 he wrote, "I am in no doubt at all from all I have read, heard and observed and from perusal of the financial figures that I have been shown in confidence that the sheep farming industry in the Falkland Islands is in serious financial difficulties and that profitability, where it exists is far below the level required to enable proper maintenance, let alone development



ROBIN PITALUGA ON SHEPHERDING DISPUTE - continued

and improvement to take place or for new investment to be attracted for the future. It is undeniable that the wages bill accounts for over 50% (on some farms significantly more) of production costs. The concern of the Sheepowners about the future, as expressed at our meetings, is in my view justifiable, as are their statements about the effects on the employees in the industry if profitability does not improve considerably."

In the four years since that statement, the poor price of wool and rising costs have compounded to bring the farms to a critical state with the seeds for further dispute still lying between the various camps. Recognising this, both sides have agreed to seek the advice of an independent consultant who will be asked to look into the sheep farming economy generally and also the wages and conditions of employees. "He wouldn't be an arbitrator in a sense but obviously both the GCU and SOA will use his arguments, probably against each other!" said Mr Pitaluga. "But he will be someone acceptable to both sides, whose terms of reference will be jointly agreed by both sides. I hope we will be guided by his findings but not bound by them."

Mr Pitaluga agreed that there was need for some speed in recruiting this consultant to ensure that both sides had the findings to hand when October 1988 came round and a new agreement needed to be found.

Members of the SOA were said by Chairman, Robin Pitaluga to have been unhappy with the press coverage their part in the dispute received and Mr Pitaluga argued that the interview on FIBS with Terry Betts was incorrect in many areas as well as unnecessary, Mr Betts no longer having any official connection with the General Employees Union. "He argued that the 23% differential between farm hand contract rates and outside contract rates would be finished following our agreement with the shearers. That's not true as the one third of the cost of living rate would also be applied to farm hand shearing rates as well. The differential is now 50.4% now. It's already gone haywire and needs to be brought into line."

RANGES INFORMATION

The resident Rapier Squadron will be using Hookers Point 62 AD Range on the following dates:

5 November 87; 6 November 87; 7 November 87; 8 November 87; 9 November 87;  
10 November 87; 11 November 87; 12 November 87; 13 November 87; 14 November 87.

(no firing on 7, 8 and 14 November but ranges will be open for equipment maintenance)

The Hookers Point 61 LLAAAD machine gun range has been booked for use from 27 November 1987 and 5 December 1987

B.A.S NEWS

With the 1987/88 Antarctic Season season approaching, the British Antarctic Survey (B.A.S) ships have begun their trip down from the UK. The RRS John Biscoe left Grimsby on 16 September and is scheduled to arrive in Stanley via Bird Island and South Georgia on 31st October. Further calls to Stanley by the John Biscoe are planned for 19th November, 8th December and 10 February 1988.

The RRS Bransfield is scheduled to leave Grimsby on 18th October to arrive Stanley on 29th November with further calls into Stanley planned 21st February and 26th March 1988. The three BAS Twin Otter aircraft have been flying South via South America with one of the pilots being Andy Alsop who previously served in the Falklands with FIGAS).

(News courtesy of Myriam Booth)

A BIG THANKS to all those who responded to Penguin News' last plea for the loan of a typewriter, particularly Myriam Booth who uncomplainingly delivered one model to the door and even hunted down a few ribbons. Thanks as well to the patient staff of the Secretariat who always kindly take time out of their own problems to help with Penguin News' innumerable production ones. Gratitude to Bernita, Eileen, Colin, Candy, Maria and Nicky.

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## NEW ISLANDER FLIES IN

The brave 5 hour, 38 minute flight of the small red Islander aircraft and its safe touchdown on Falkland's soil, firmly resolved three weeks of frustrating international politics which had made the last, and probably the shortest leg of the airplane's long haul from the United Kingdom seem the longest.

After a 12,000 mile trip which had taken the Britten Norman Islander from the Isle of Wight to Iceland, Canada, USA, West Indies, Panama, Ecuador Peru and to Chile, the last hop from Punta Arenas to Stanley in normal circumstances would have been the easiest. But between the friendly assistance of Chile and the warm welcome of the Falklands, Argentine pride and no one in the Islands was surprised to hear that their old adversaries had successfully pressurised the Chileans into prohibiting the aircraft's departure for home.

In fact, the surprise expressed locally was that the Foreign Office in London had believed it possible to get the Islander to the Falklands without Argentine interference. However, the Governor, Mr Jewkes stressed that the Foreign Office had carefully considered the option of a flight down against the other choice of dismantling the aircraft and shipping it to its new home; a slower and dearer means of delivery. From the soundings made by London, Mr Jewkes said there had been no reason to believe that the flight would encounter difficulties.

"In accordance with standard aviation practices, there was no reason why the flight should not have been allowed to go ahead", said the Governor. "The flight plan filed would have taken the aircraft through Chilean and international airspace and it would not have impinged on Argentina's."

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However, there are Flight Information Regions, FIRs, which are areas of airspace divided into blocks with various countries having administrative responsibility but no jurisdiction over them. The Islander's flight would take it through a FIR overseen by Argentina and in prohibiting the aircraft's passage through it, the Argentines were said by the Governor to be using the information region in "a totally inappropriate way".

When asked if he thought the Argentine action was retaliation for Britain refusing Argentine aircraft access to Falklands' airspace, the Governor replied that it was a possible interpretation but that he was unable to speculate on such things. Asked further about rumours that Argentina had threatened to intercept the aircraft should it attempt to fly without clearance, Mr Jewkes said he had heard of no such suggestions.

It was a policy of "prudence and patience" which he said had been adopted towards the sensitive issue and one endorsed by Falkland Islanders. Whilst everyone was anxious to see the new airplane in service around the Islands, it was fully appreciated that the issue was not a matter worth straining further Anglo-Argentine relations. There was also the complication of Chile's relations with their neighbour which could have been damaged if officials in Punta Arenas had been seen to be too helpful.

The days in Punta Arenas were long ones for pilot Nick Scott who said later he had been itching to complete his journey but he too adopted the softly, softly approach which effectively cooled the situation and as the weeks passed the Islander's profile became less significant. Then the message came through to Captain Scott to file the flight plan again which he did and several days later took the aircraft soaring into the skies towards the Falklands.

Nearing the Falklands, the Islander was greeted by military aircraft with a welcome that was reinforced when Nick Scott taxied to a halt at Stanley Airport to find members of FIGAS and the Chief Executive popping champagne corks on the tarmac.

"The trip was one of a lifetime, even with the problems in Chile" Nick Scott said. "I was just relieved that the waiting is over and the job done."

Unfortunately the full story of the behind the scene helpers who assisted the Islander in successfully completing its journey, cannot be told but to those nameless people, Penguin News thanks them for their invaluable assistance to the Falkland Islands.

BACKBENCHERS VISIT FALKLANDS

The sensibilities of many Falkland Islanders were ruffled recently when a member of a group of visiting MPs took to the airwaves of FIBS to speak on the Falklands' position and his idea on their future direction.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, MP for Workington, was just one of ten parliamentarians sponsored by the Ministry of Defence to make a brief visit to the Falklands to see their military defences. He was previously known to Falkland Islanders as the Labour MP who they had heard on a Calling the Falklands interview advocating that Islanders should be offered £10,000 to settle in the United Kingdom and by the local reactions to his two radio interviews, his popularity in the Falklands was not improved by his visit.

Whilst stating his sympathy for "the horror of what happened in 1982" it seems that it was Mr Campbell-Savours' firm belief in the inevitability or advisability of a rapprochement between the Falkland and Argentina which angered local feeling. To many Falkland Islanders it was the another case of a three day visitor telling them what they should be doing and how they should be reacting and whilst the majority of them are more than happy to exchange views with visiting officials

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EDITORIAL

Few will be surprised to learn that Penguin News' request for a public inquiry into the departure of Simon Armstrong has been ignored by the Administration which obviously trusts that the speculation will die down and other matters will divert the local attention in due time.

No doubt that will be the case but unfortunately the damage has already been done and, as we warned in our last editorial, it has been inflicted upon the Administration itself at a time when, for a variety of reasons, faith in it is rapidly approaching rock bottom; not only as far as the man or woman in the street is concerned but also with some of its own employees.

With the Falklands' immediate economic future looking healthy and development projects coming to commendable fruition, it should be asked why general morale in the Falklands is so low?

The cause rests simply with the fact that the majority of government employees who work extra hours and do all manner of additional tasks to overcome the widespread problem of manpower shortages, feel their efforts are not even being recognised let alone sufficiently rewarded. As for those who are not employed by the Falkland Islands Government but who have to live by its rule there is increasing exasperation that the whole apparatus of administration is paying little, if any, attention to their growing unease over some key issues.

Mosie McIlroy, for example, has resigned her position as Crown Solicitor, a move she was unwilling to make because it will leave future defendants without any legal representation when they come to Court. With her work load estimated by the previous Attorney-General, Michael Gaiger, to have increased 30% since the start of the fisheries regime, Mrs McIlroy asked the Administration to increase her salary but they refused. Yet at the same time the Justice department has been instructed to pay for two lawyers to fly into the Falklands on a Friday afternoon for a meeting with the Chief Executive, before flying out again the following morning, at a cost of £1600 for fares and fees reported to be in excess of £200 an hour, not to mention hotel rooms and of course, the inevitable meal in Montys.

If the five resignations in the police force are anything to go by, morale there is also at a serious low. The Police Annual Report of last year warned that the effects of low pay and under staffing were seriously sapping morale amongst the officers but with no steps having been taken to remedy it, the force is dwindling which of course results in an added strain on those left in. Whilst Stanley may not be rife with serious crime, it is important to remember that the police still do a lot of duties few of the rest of us would care to turn our hand to at any price. It was two police officers who had to handle and label the charred and mutilated remains of the Polish seamen tragically killed in the recent fire at sea. If we are to ask these government employees to do these jobs, we must recognise their value and pay them the salary they deserve.

Staff of many departments appear similarly exasperated at the difficulties they encounter when trying to pursue changes they feel would improve the services provided to the public. They despair of the amount of time it takes to meet with senior government officials, let alone the time it takes to have their ideas ratified by the various legislative bodies.

Yet amongst all this discontent and with a mounting backlog of proposals awaiting government consideration, we hear that the Chief Executive recently spent a week in Spain at a hotel owned by one of the major fishing companies; attending a conference so we were reliably informed. When it can take weeks for a Head of department to see the Chief Executive in the Falklands why does one fishing company merit a week's attention? The fact that one of those responsible for the allocation of fisheries licences stayed in a hotel owned by a company with vested interests in such licences does little to reinforce either the public or the government's employees' faith in the administration and it merely heightens the suspicion with which many local people view the whole fisheries industry.

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One of the saddest aspects of this spreading mess is that contrary to the opinion of some Falkland Islanders, most of the Administration's employees work extremely hard and with the best interests of the Falklands in mind but even the best of their efforts are being constantly undermined by the few who fail to show the same allegiance to either their desks or their environment, causing the sinking morale to be as apparent in the offices of the Secretariat and amongst heads of departments as it is in the streets.

The spread and depth of the malaise must not be underestimated and steps should be taken to allay the concern of the public and the despair and resentment of some hard pressed government employees. It is generally appreciated that the Falklands' main problem is lack of manpower: if something is not done soon the Falklands may lose some of their best friends and the manpower problem become a severe crisis.

The exclusive club of Penguin News stapling assistants recently enjoyed the addition of Ann Clements and Andy Dolphin who kindly gave up some of their spare time to help with one of the world's most boring and time-consuming jobs. Many thanks to them and everyone else who has proved willing to lend a hand.

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RAPIST JAILED

Mr Charles O'Bey, a St Helenian working at Mount Pleasant charged with rape was found guilty by a jury of seven on Friday 20 November and sentenced to three years imprisonment by the Chief Justice of the Falkland Islands, Sir Wren Davis.

The case had lasted approximately 2½ days with the Attorney General, David Lang prosecuting and the then Crown Solicitor, Rosie McIlroy defending.

It is believed that the accused has expressed a wish to serve his sentence back in St Helena but there has been no official confirmation yet as to whether this will be possible.

THE 'BOAT HOUSE' DOING WELL

Stanley's new tea shop, The Boat House, opened officially last month with free tea and biscuits on offer to a stream of interested visitors on the first afternoon.

The tea room, situated in a converted boat shed opposite the Cathedral marks the culmination of nearly two years' labour for Carol and Dave Eynon who also intend to make the Boat House the centre for water sport facilities in Stanley in the future, as well as a refreshment room.

Inside, the Boat House is decorated in white and brown with a spacious elevated eating area and plenty of light streaming in through the windows. On one wall Derek Evans is working on a large painting which, when finished, will depict Stanley harbour in the 1920's.

Carol Eynon said that business had been steady since they opened with a good mix of local customers and visitors from Mount Pleasant. With the tea room being open on Sundays it is proving a welcome refreshment stop for the MPA visitors who often can only visit Stanley on Sundays and previously had nowhere to eat.

Customers are able to enjoy snacks such as rolls, toasted sandwiches and hamburgers from 10.00am-5.00pm on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11am-4.00pm on Saturdays and 11.00am-3.00pm on Sundays.

# BOUND ABOUT TOWN

SMILE WITH FIGAS

From the clouds of gloom surrounding FIGAS emerges a ray of light; a sign that in spite of all the little airline's trials and tribulations someone is retaining some wit and humour. Perhaps good humour is a prerequisite for anyone trying to fly in the Falklands.

Yes, it was a pleasant surprise to hear this story recounted. Apparently, someone recently turned up in the FIGAS booking office with a friendly dog poised obediently at his feet.

"You can fly but the dog can't" the client was informed. "He can't read the Warsaw convention"

With today's legally hobbled FIGAS, the story almost rings true.

ONLY "LADIES" GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE CRAB FACTORY?

Am I alone in thinking that a recent radio advertisement was exceedingly disparaging to women? Perhaps I am, but I will mention it anyway. The ad in question emanated from the processing plant in the old FIGAS Beaver hangar and said something like this: "Ladies! Would you like to work in the crab plant?". Anyone fitting the gender requirement and willing to spend days dismembering crabs was invited to contact the fishing company.

But why "ladies"? Is the work not good enough for men, or are men no use for the job? However you interpret it, it's discrimination. And why the somewhat patronising term "ladies"? "Women" is a much more respectful word.

Complaints? Maybe, but such an ad in the UK would raise more of a complaining mention in a local paper. Recourse to the laws on sexual discrimination would be much more in order.

END OF A HAPPY EVENT - AND A WARNING

We are reliably informed that Lester and Laura, who occupy a spacious if well-ventilated residence on the north side of Ross Road opposite the Secretariat, are about to become parents.

It seems that Laura is even now in the maternity ward, a cosy spot in the Government House area. Lester can frequently be seen keeping a sly vigil on the sea wall. If he wasn't a logger duck, he'd be in smoking.

It is, that any time now we may all be blessed with the charming of half a dozen or so little bundles of joy. Lester and Laura or their duck will be delighted.

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The point is, though, at some stage these ducklings must make the short transit between Government House grounds to the sea - one small stroll for a man but a heck of a waddle for a duckling. So take when you're driving down Ross Road; the Logger family may be on the move.

Graham Bound

(EDITOR'S NOTE: I apologise for the quality of printing on P.5 which is beyond my control I'm afraid. The first words on each line on the left hand margin are: advertisement/but/crab/something/plant/days/But why/no use/And why/more/Small/than/on sexual/NEWS/We/spacious/opposite/It seems/the/lonely/chain/Word is/sight/Logger Duck. The order for Penguin News' new equipment has been made and when it eventually arrives, hopefully we will see the end of the do-it-yourself-Penguin-News editions!)

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they are less content to hear lectures. Quite apart from the message Mr Campbell-Savours was endeavouring to put across and its particular value, it seems that his manner was irksome to a number of people who heard him on air.

At a Press Conference in Government House on the afternoon of 18 November, Mr Campbell-Savours was joined by Conservative MP, Mr William Walker who represents the Scottish constituency Tayside North. It was Mr Walker who spoke first when asked what their group hoped to achieve on its visit.

Mr Walker: "I'm always looking at good value for the British taxpayer. The other thing which one wants to find out at first hand, is what has happened since the war and what changes have taken place and ought to be taking place to benefit the people living here..... At the end of the day it will be a continuing problem for the UK, of how we can help sustain these Islands 8,000 miles away without it being a permanent strain on the UK taxpayer and also upsetting and concerning the people living here."

When asked what he felt about the United Nations suggestions that Britain should enter talks with Argentina, Mr Walker replied "I'm not a great disciple of the United Nations. I think its remarkable that in an organisation where less than 20% of the nation states are democracies and over four fifths are not, that we even get anything out of the UN which is in the least bit complimentary to the democracies..... However we must always continue to talk, with whoever it is essential to talk to and that includes Argentina because it is in the interests of Britain and the world that we talk. I think if a nation stops talking it is liable to run into trouble. What we must not do is to think that because you commit yourself to talking that that is a prior commitment to enter into any kind of deal or negotiate away that which you are not prepared to deal on or negotiate away."

MR CAMPBELL-SAVOURS : "My view is that one day there will have to be dialogue between the people of the Falkland Islands and the Argentinians. Those discussions and that dialogue must be in conditions of trust and those conditions don't exist today and what has been brought home to me in the course of our short visit here is the strength of feeling of the people here towards the excesses of the Argentinians when they were here in 1982: unforgiveable acts. I want you to understand that the Labour Party understands that and knows it happened and if we are seen to be talking about the need for discussion we do so in the knowledge that Falkland Islanders never again want to see Argentine military people strutting down the road and that will never happen under a Labour government. I know that the comments of some of my colleagues have been interpreted as suggesting that

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PENGUIN POST BOX

Cpl P R Milne  
Ex Stanley Police Post  
Stanley

November 1987

Dear Madam,

By the time this letter is published I will have left the Islands and returned to my family in cold West Germany.

May I take this opportunity to express my thanks and say goodbye to everyone I met during my stay in Port Stanley and who have helped make that stay a memorable one.

Special mention must go to Bunty and Charlie Porter, Graham Bound and Rana Anderson; four special people who have made my stay in Stanley one I will never forget.

Although I am glad to have returned to my family, I am also sad at leaving these Islands which have provided me with some great photographs and memories.

Yours faithfully,

P.R Milne

Penguin Post Box is in the need of some attention so if you have anything to say which you feel should concern others, drop Penguin News a line. Penguin News reserves the right to edit letters where necessary and would like to point out that the views aired here are not necessarily shared by the editor.

FISHING LICENCES ALLOCATED

A recent press release from the Secretariat said that the Falkland Islands Government had received over 500 applications for licences for the 1988 first fishing season but added that for conservation reasons the number made available had been limited to 200. Companies were informed of their allocations on 16 November and have until 1 December to confirm their acceptance. Details of the allocations were said by the statement to be commercially confidential.

John Jackson of the Fisheries office said that many potential applicants had been disappointed this year but that the needs of conservation had necessitated a overall reduction of the licences being made available. The reduction in one area was as much as 60%.

Few could have been more disappointed than Dave Eynon of South Atlantic marine Services (SAMS) who paid £1000 deposit to apply for 5 fishing licences but who received none.

A frustrated Mr Eynon told Penguin News that despite all the Falkland Islands Government's talk of local people getting involved in fisheries enterprises, he believes he has been discriminated against and he is determined to seek out the true reason for his application's failure.

With five hundred applications made for a limited 200 licences available, was he just perhaps unlucky? He doesn't believe so. Bearing in mind, FIG's declaration that 10% of the licences available would be put aside for local applicants there should have been 20 on offer overall, inclusive of the 14 available for the particular class of squid licence Mr Eynon was in pursuit of. One recently formed Falklands' company is known to have received the majority of licences it applied for, so what has happened to the remaining ones and if that concern received such a large proportion of its application, why did Mr Eynon receive none? Little wonder that he feels he has been unfairly treated.

FISHING LICENCES ALLOCATED - continued

Mr Eynon's suspicions are reinforced by the manner in which he feels Stanley Fisheries and the Chief Executive have repeatedly evaded his persistent attempts at clarifying the application procedure and their failure to respond to his joint venture proposals.

It was after some experience as an agent for Marr Seafoods (a joint venture with Stanley Fisheries) in 1986 that Mr Eynon decided to expand on his involvement with the booming business by applying for licences in the coming season. His proposal was supported by fellow shareholders of SAMS; his wife Carol and Simon Armstrong who represented FIDC's 10% interest in the company.

While recognising the personal gain he would have made had his application been successful, Mr Eynon also feels strongly that the Falkland Islands community must become involved in the new fisheries regime, a point he stressed in a letter to the Chief Executive on 14th August:

"For its future funding, the Falkland Islands will be standing on their own feet and everyone in the Islands should be given an opportunity to help shape its development and take part and gain the necessary experience in the fishing industry and other future industries. We have been given the right to determine our own future but if we are not allowed to exercise that right and take part, how can we succeed and prosper in a competitive world?"

Mr Eynon set about satisfying the criteria attached to the application procedure, most of which was clear, apart from the necessity of forming a joint venture partnership with Stanley Fisheries. It was in his repeated efforts to establish such a partnership that Mr Eynon began to feel he was coming up against a brick wall.

"I sent them one proposal for investment and then, after a visit to the UK where I followed up my ideas, I submitted a second, more detailed one in September. I had meetings with Stanley Fisheries and we exchanged numerous letters. I was willing but they never responded fully to my initiatives nor committed themselves to them without telling me why."

With the closing date for applications nearing, Mr Eynon repeatedly sought reassurance from the Chief Executive that his application would not be prejudiced by the lack of a joint venture partnership; a shortcoming he still felt was not of his making.

"I would like to be assured that whilst I do not presently have a joint venture with Stanley Fisheries Ltd, my application for fishing licences will be treated equally with other applicants who already have a joint venture agreement with SFL", he wrote on 15th October; the fourth time he had sought such confirmation. It was Stanley Fisheries however who replied three days later in a letter which told Mr Eynon that he had been previously reassured "that a joint venture company could be established following the award of licences. It is the principle that a joint venture company would be set up and a joint venture agreement signed that has needed to be established prior to licence allocation. I hope this clarifies matters for you."

As far as Mr Eynon was concerned, it clarified nothing as to his mind the previous two sentences contradicted themselves. He visited the Stanley Fisheries office to ask for clarification of the letter. "I still didn't get a satisfactory response and the whole matter of joint venture partnerships and their bearing on licence allocation is obscure. I think its been deliberate" he said bitterly.

In the 1986 season, the first, none of the fisheries companies had joint venture agreements with SFL until after the licences had been allocated but John Jackson of the Fisheries Office told Penguin News; "It has been stated in the past that preference would be given to companies holding a joint venture with Stanley Fisheries and to British applicants." He added that no company without such a partnership already established had received a licence this year.

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MR CAMPBELL-SAVOURS (continued): that might happen at some time in the future but it will not happen. I don't speak for the Labour Party but I know my Labour colleagues and I've spoken to many of them at great length. I've talked to George Foulkes at great length as well and I have to say that I feel George's views are being misrepresented down here. It might be the way he very aggressively and provocatively puts his case but he would endorse my statement when I say to you that we will never ever countenance the intervention of Argentina in these Islands again, in the form that it took in 1982.

"Let's look forward, let's look forward to the millennium, let's think into the next century. Let us imagine the leaders of this community and the people of stature who inevitably will surface to argue the case for a more liberal view of what is necessary in the context of that time at some stage in the future.... someone here has got to rise over the next decade, someone to put their heads above the parapet and start spelling out what the implications are of adopting a very conservative (and I don't mean that in a political sense) approach to these matters. One of the arguments that person will have to address is the position of the Falkland Islands in the context of South America. Some South American politician might try and use the Falkland Islands. Now I understand that there are some people here who would not be too concerned about that because they don't really want outsiders to come in. There are some people here like that, I've talked to them. It's not a general view but its a perfectly understandable one."

Mr Campbell-Savours went on to say that if in the future the Falkland Islanders decided they wanted to expand and develop into other areas, such as "becoming part of the whole, vast potential which exists in the Antarctic" it would be necessary for them to have found "at least some form of accommodation within the wider context of South America." He also pointed out that even European countries such as Italy, Spain and Portugal would feel compromised if they were seen to be coming to the Falklands and using whatever facilities exist here and developing ties because they would not want to upset their friends and political colleagues. "These sort of considerations have got to be taken into account by people down here and its going to take a very substantial politician to get up, argue these points and not get shot down."

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160 CANADIANS CALL IN

The Falklands recently played host to a group of 160 friendly Canadians who despite being in the Islands for only six hours enthused that the brief stop-over was the highlight of their whistlestop world tour.

The group, consisting mainly of retired school teachers and principals arrived aboard a Worldways DC8 airliner, the first commercial airliner carrying tourists to land here since the conflict) on 4th November. Sandwiched between Rio de Janeiro and Punta Arenas in Chile, the Falklands was the third destination on a 34 day itinerary which will take the passengers right around the world calling in at other locations such as Easter Island, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, New Delhi and Cairo before they return home on December 3rd.

From the moment they stepped on Falklands soil, the visitor's excitement was obvious. Many were almost speechless with delight at having arrived and one lady in recounting how two Phantom jets had escorted the airliner in on its final approach was crying tears of joy whilst another sighed that "it was like a dream come true".

Waiting to meet the welcome visitors were five couriers led by Graham Bound and Rana Anderson of Falklands Tourism who had spent weeks arranging the intensive Falklands itinerary to ensure the Canadianz flavoured as much as the Islands as

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FIDC is considering sponsoring a series of business training courses to be held in the Falklands in March/April 1988.

Amongst the courses to be given would be:

- Starting Your Own Business
- Exporting For the Small Manufacturer
- Financial Management And Banking for The Small Retailer and Banker
- Personnel Management
- Farm Book-Keeping and Accounting

It is envisaged that most courses would be held in Stanley except the farm book-keeping course which would be held at a number of venues around the islands. The courses are likely to be of between two and five days duration. They will not require any pre-knowledge of the subject.

At this stage, FIDC needs to assess the level of interest in these courses or any other business course which a group of people might be interested in attending. The level of response will determine whether FIDC proceed with these courses or not.

If you are interested please write to Simon Armstrong at FIDC as soon as possible

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was possible in the very short time available to them. In the event, the schedule's tight timings were thrown completely by the late arrival of the airliner and the extra time taken by the visitors in disembarking and clearing immigration but neither visitors nor organisers seemed too concerned.

Four buses, two provided by Bob Stewart and the other by the military took the tourists along the long dusty and bumpy road to Port Stanley. Couriers explained, with some embarrassment about the state of the road and one bus had to stop at one time to allow the dust to clear. Excitement mounted again at the first sight of Stanley lying in sunshine as the buses swept in to deposit the passengers at the Town Hall. There they were greeted by a large turn out of scouts, cubs and members of the Girls Brigade, all dressed in neat uniforms who escorted the Canadians inside where the visitors began to distribute flags, pins and badges to all in the vicinity.

Inside the Town Hall, the visitors found a handicrafts display where local spinners and weavers were at work and a superb buffet which had been prepared by the Hawksworths of the Woodbine Cafe.

The Governor, Mr Jewkes welcomed the Canadians to what he called "the tiny corner of the great commonwealth", adding that whilst it was "a long way to come to lunch we are thrilled to have you as it makes us feel less isolated when you come to visit." His reference to the shared allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen was greeted with warm applause by Falkland Islanders and Canadians alike.

Members of the Canadian delegation presented the Governor with two maple trees, three Canadian flags and several pots of maple syrup whilst in return Mr Jewkes donated an oil painting of a Falklands scene to the tour's organisers, Travelguild which was received by the company's President, Mr Nierop.

In an interval after the presentation ceremonies, I asked Dorothy Cross, one of Travelguild's own couriers why the Falklands had been such an important feature of the group's itinerary which included so many other glamorous and exotic locations. "It's difficult to say exactly why," she replied. "Part of it is the Falklands' association with Britain but more particularly, it's because of what the Islands must have gone through during the war. We felt so much for the Falkland Islanders at that time and were thrilled to be here now to see the Islands as they should be."

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#### 160 CANADIANS CALL IN

Two of the Travelguild group who followed the Falklands' fortunes during the conflict particularly closely were Mrs Maxinne Barker and her husband, Harry of Port Stanley, Ontario.

Mrs Barker showed me a T shirt which her home town had printed in 1982, depicting the whole American continent with the Canadian and British flags flying from the opposite reaches of it with the wording 'Port Stanley's Stick Together'. Port Stanley of the northern hemisphere lies on the north shore of Lake Erie with its own clapboard houses and even a Christ Church church to match its Southern twin.

By the time the visitors had been bounced back along the road to MPA and had taken off for Chile, the Falklands had gained 160 firm friends and the bond forged by the brief but immensely successful visit merely reinforced the message the Falklands had received in a telex from the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada:

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Notwithstanding the confusion over the important point, Mr Eynon persisted in his application, believing it to be completely valid as no one had advised him otherwise.

On Monday 16 November, the licence allocation was finalised in London but it wasn't until four days later, after Dave Eynon had chased his application up that he was told officially of his unsuccessful outcome.

"Councillors and government officials I have spoken to have all offered me sympathy but I didn't spend that much money and effort applying for that!" he said bitterly. "I'm frustrated because no one has offered me any valid reason for my application's failure but I'm determined to get to the bottom of it."

#### SOCCER NEWS by Patrick Watta

The 1987/88 League Season in Stanley is now well underway with fifty players having registered and three teams, namely Redsox, Celtic and Dynamos now competing for the League title. As is customary, the Committee sit down and endeavour to allocate the registered players as evenly as possible into the three teams. The Stanley first team is then selected from the three sides and representative matches played throughout the season.

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SOCCER NEWS by Patrick Watts - continued

It is encouraging to see that a new batch of young players are making their presence felt in the local League and the future of Falklands football is very much in their hands now that many of the recognised first-teamers over the past ten years have hung up their boots. However, it is the youngsters in particular who are worried about rumours that the pitch may be used for building purposes in the future.

With the return of HMS Endurance to the South Atlantic after her re-fit last season which left the coveted Shield unplayed for, the players will this season have an added incentive to impress selectors in the League fixtures and hope for a regular first team place. Hopefully the very successful Knockout Competition which last season involved twelve military units, will be played again after Christmas and the local side will be aiming to go one better this time and reach the final.

Looking after the Club affairs this season are Aiden Kerr (Chairman), Shay Mahoney (Treasurer), Patrick Watts and Derek Pettersson (Joint Secretaries), L Ross, D McCarmick, A Steen, N Mulligan, R Evans.

RESULTS: Redsox 2 G. Hobman, R. Miranda (pen)  
Dynamos 1 D. Ford  
Celtic 3 A. Kerr, L. Ross, J. Teggart  
Dynamos 1 J. McEachern (pen)  
Celtic 4 J. Teggart 2, K. Alazia, T. Morris  
Redsox 2 S. Mahoney 2  
Dynamos 2 Luxton, Edwards  
Celtic 0

LEAGUE TABLE

	Played	Won	Draw	Lest	Fr	Agst	Points
CELTIC	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
DYNAMOS	4	2	0	2	9	8	6
REDSOX	3	1	0	2	7	10	3

Leading goal scorers: S Mahoney - 4; J Teggart - 3; D Ford - 3

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS

BIRTHS 19th August 1987 to Sharon and Mario Zubic, a son, Zoran Mario  
20th October 1987 to Alison and Paul Howe, a son, Alexander Luke Desmond

MARRIAGES 18th July 1987 Anya Evelyn Smith to Mark Robert Alexander at St Marys in Stanley

1st August 1987 Lindsey Olga Coutts to Christopher Raymond May at St Marys

8th August 1987 Ann Green to Albert John Reid in Stanley

24th October 1987 Celia Joyce Turner to Robert Stewart at 44 Allardye Street

Congratulations to all

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS - continued

DEATHS : 16 July 1987 Catherine Margaret Rebecca Whitney, aged 66 in Stanley  
 3 August 1987 Albert Hatch, aged 59  
 22 August 1987 Rose Louisa Grace McKay, aged 81  
 24 August 1987 Peter Lars Smith, aged 4  
 3 October 1987 James Middleton aged 80  
 1 Nov 1987 Thomas Nathaniel John Braxton, aged 91  
 We have also heard from Christopher Bonner in New Zealand that Jack Reid died there on 8 September 1987. Jack came to the Falklands in 1954 as a farm cadet for San Carlos. He was later Manager at Douglas Station for a number of years before returning to New Zealand.

It is also with regret that we learn of the death of Mrs EVE McATASNEY at the British Hospital in Montevideo on 28th October at the age of 87. Eve left the Falklands with her late husband, Joe, in 1953 and settled in Montevideo. She had many friends and was very well known in the days of the monthly sea link. Her last visit to Stanley was in 1979 when she spent Christmas with the late Buss Aldridge, her twin brother.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of the above.

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POPPY APPEAL

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal was said by Mrs Sissy Barnes to have raised £468.25 from house to house sales of poppies and £23.24 from collection tins on display in Falkland Supplies, Penguin Snacks and the West Store. The Appeal sends its gratitude to the children and Miss Smith of the Infants and Junior School, Miss Coward, Mr Browning, Mr Fiddes and the proprietors of the shops who accepted collection tins.

The Poppy Appeal is still open should anyone wish to make a last minute contribution

PIGEON ASSISTANCE

Plans by local pigeon fancier, Harold Watson, to breed racing pigeons in the Falklands, suffered a major set-back recently following an incident aboard the ship, A.E.S, when a coop of cock pigeons been shipped down from the UK fell 'fowl' of the curiosity of Mr Watson's new dog who was also aboard.

When the ship was well out of the English Channel, the dog chewed through its lead and got into the coop, unfortunately killing one of the birds and letting the other three escape. True to their famous homing instinct, one of the birds made its way back to its original home in Yorkshire whilst the other two have not been seen since and it is feared that they may have been injured in the attack.

Yorkshire man, Mr Watson who has been left with 6 mate-less hen pigeons said he was extremely disappointed on hearing of the accident but now it appears that help could be on the way.

Fellow members of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association, of which the Queen is patron, heard of the story and according to an unconfirmed report, have taken it upon themselves to replace the lost birds with six new ones.

Mr Watson who is still awaiting confirmation of the report told Penguin News that if it is true, the gesture would be typical of the generosity of the RPRA which he said, was the biggest contributor to needy causes in the UK last year.

CRAB CATCHES DOWN

A sudden reduction of suitable crab catches forced the Falkland Seafoods company to suspend its fishing activities for a month with the bright yellow crabber, Laura J, lying idle at anchor in Stanley harbour and her two man crew sent home.

Manager of the Seafood's plant, Brian Harvey explained that the fishing concentrated on the male or cock crab as they were of a practical size for the processing of meat, whereas the females or hen crabs tended to be too small. He said that catches of cock crab diminished in late October with the Laura J landing an average of 300 kilos as opposed to the normal figure of 700-800 kilos. As well as the shortage of cock crabs, Mr Harvey added that many of those which were caught were soft shelled, being in the middle of moulting the shell for a larger one and as such were unsuitable for processing.

Mr Harvey said that the crab catching had not proved as plentiful as his company had previously anticipated, although he added that the Laura J had been limited to a small catchment area being based only at Mare Harbour.

With crab catching currently an unregulated year round activity, I asked Mr Harvey whether the sudden shortage of crabs was not an argument for future controls before crab stocks became depleted as squid stocks have in the past?

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CRAB CATCHES DOWN

"I don't think so", he replied. "The Laura J has been fishing quite intensively in a small area up to now and it is probably that we've just exhausted that particular patch. What we may try in the future is to move around from area to area to allow each one to make up the stocks we take but we're quite sure the current shortage is only seasonal."

The Laura J resumed her crab catching on Monday 20 November and Mr Harvey reported her first catches to be encouraging.

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MR DALE CAMPBELL-SAVOURS (continued) - "What disturbs me is when Falkland Islanders say to me, 'There is no compromise, there is no way we could ever do a deal without forseeing the possibility of an alien culture.' They're wrong when they say that there is a compromise position and it doesn't mean that you have to lose all the traditions which you have grown to love in these communities. They will always remain and Labour will not sell them out

MR WILLIAM WALKER: My line and my position on this is quite clear and I can certainly say that it represents the view of the majority of my colleagues in Parliament, on the Conservative side of the House of Commons: we take the view that self-determination is not negotiable. As long as people of the Falkland Islands say very clearly that they wish to remain British then we would not consider it to be negotiated away.

"However, I have to say that a lot of what Mr Campbell-Savours has been saying is a realistic view of the world we live in rather than the world we would like to live in and the world we live in means we must continue to talk to people, we must continue to find accommodation but we must also make it clear that when we do so that self-determination is not up for negotiation.

"I wish we could get away from the business of the ownership of the Islands and all these other things and get down to what really matters. We're talking about democracy, the rule of law and freedom in a democracy. And as long as the people of these Islands make it quite clear what their views are, that view will be applied through our democratic institutions. But what we can't give an unqualified pledge on is that in the future at some stage, the people of the Falklands might not change their minds on what they want."

Patrick Watts asked Mr Dale Campbell-Savours about the suggestion made on Calling the Falklands that Islanders be given £10,000 and resettled in Britain. "Wasn't that something of an insult to the people of the Falklands?" asked Patrick Watts.

MR CAMPBELL-SAVOURS: "Well, no because exactly what happened was - if you've got the interview you would do well to listen to it - it wasn't £10,000, it was substantially more than that. The proposition was this: people here want to feel secure, they don't want to feel that the values of a society to which they feel they have no loyalty, should be imposed on them. My view was that there might be people here who in the longer term, if they were assured that those values would not be imposed on them, then they might be willing to accept a sum of money to help them consolidate their position in this society, to develop businesses and give them a deeper rooting. It wasn't a buy off; it was a way of trying to ease the passage into a period of co-existence which we might be able to develop in 10/15/20 years time and the proposition was put in that context. Now, if there are people down here who interpreted it in another way, then so be it upon them."

Penguin News apologises for the quality of printing on some of the pages of this issue and the last which unfortunately we are unable to improve on.

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## MINISTER'S VISIT

Under Secretary of State, Tim Eggar, who visited the Falklands between 4-9 December told residents of Port Stanley that although indirect contacts with Argentina had been going on for the past nine months, Britain had resolved never to give way on the question of sovereignty as long as the islanders wished to remain British.

Eggar, on a six day visit during which he toured Mount Pleasant, spent a night in Camp with The Blake at Hill Cove and looked at a number of FIDC and ORA backed projects, told a town meeting:

"We do wish to normalise relations with Argentina but there is one clear condition - the islands are under British sovereignty as long as you islanders wish to stay in your relationship with the UK. There are signs that the Argentines are beginning to accept the logic of the situation."

During his visit to the Falklands, the first since he took office, Eggar took the salute at Battle Day and in

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## PENGUIN NEWS FEATURE: SOUTH GEORGIA

by Belinda Casinada

Anyone who sets off from the Falklands for South Georgia does so with high expectations; their ears ringing with enthusiastic accounts of the dramatic scenery, the wonderful wildlife, and the famous ghost towns of the deserted whaling stations. Infact any visitor might wonder during the 2½ day voyage south whether by expecting so much they might be disappointed on arrival?

It is unlikely that they could be. To an eye accustomed to the low lying stretches of the Falklands, the first sight of South Georgia, particularly on a bright summer's day, is unforgettable: a spectacle of sheer black mountains, marbled with ice and snow, rearing thousands of feet out of the bright blue seas where icebergs idle all year round.

A visit to the numerous bays and coves will find the promise of majestic beauty fully matched by the magnificent glaciers radiant in the sunshina, the low lying coastal areas where reindeer graze and the dark shingled beaches strewn with bleached whale bones and the slumbering bulks of elephant seals.

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highlight of his tour, officially opened the new King Edward Memorial Hospital.

Also present at the opening ceremony was Sir Jack Hayward who generously donated £1 million to the cost of the hospital's sheltered housing accommodation, and his son Richard. In a speech to those who attended the opening, Sir Jack told Falkland Islanders: "People always thank me but I thank you. As the minister said, you are unique people, very special. You always make me feel very welcome and at home. You are the most friendly and hospitable people I have ever known throughout the world and I've travelled most of the world. You are wonderful. Remain that way. Don't be spoilt by the progress and prosperity which is coming your way."

Other honoured guests included Sir Charles Frossard, the Bailiff of Guernsey and his wife Lady Frossard who represented the fellow islanders of Guernsey who so kindly donated £100,000 towards the sheltered housing. Marion and John Chick of Bristol and their daughter Mary were also present. Mr and Mrs Chick's daughter, Barbara was one of eight who died tragically in the 1984 fire which destroyed the old hospital.

In introductory speeches both His Excellency the Governor and Commander British Forces, Major General Carlier paid tribute to the work which had gone into the construction and setting up of the 12 million pound hospital. They praised nursing staff, both civil and military who had ensured that patient care had not suffered during the difficult transition period between the closing of the two separate temporary hospitals and the opening of the new, uniquely joint operated one.

The day before the official opening of the hospital, Governor Jewkes said he had signed an agreement which provided for the Falkland Islands Government and the Ministry of Defence to jointly run the hospital. The agreement which runs for twelve months is subject to constant mutual review and lays down modalities for staff posts, shared costs and policy decision.

Since the King Edward Memorial Hospital admitted its first patient on 10th August this year, it has handled 150 in-patients, 1200 out patients and 61 operations.

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DISEL SPILL IN HARBOUR

A fuel pipe under Ross Road ruptured late on the night of 15 December sending thousands of litres of diesel spilling into Stanley harbour.

The leakage was first detected around 11.00 pm by PC Fairfield who whilst on patrol noticed a strong smell of diesel around the junction of Reservoir Road and Ross Road. When he went to investigate he found a large amount of fuel in the water and called Chief Fire Officer, Marvin Clarke to help him trace the source of leak. It was eventually found to be in the main pipe line which runs from the fuel tanks by the Power Station to the end of Government jetty. The supply from the tanks was cut off and the fisheries protection vessel at FIPASS was warned of a possible fire hazard as the prevailing wind direction pushed the slick along the shoreline.

Repair work has been hampered by the amount of fuel still in the pipe which could flood further into the harbour if the pipe is completely dismantled. Mr Stephenson, Supplies Officer at the Central Store which is responsible for the pipe said it had ruptured as a result of old age and an apparent shifting out of line. It is estimated that around 10,000 litres of diesel has been lost.

# SOUTH GEORGIA

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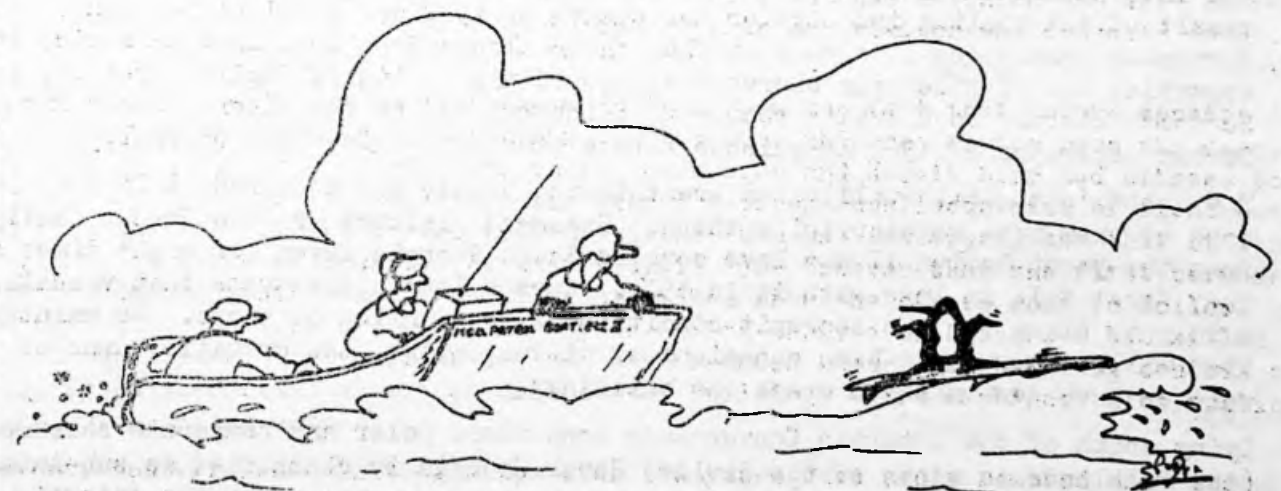
Although some might doubt it to be possible, the wildlife of South Georgia is even more tame than that of the Falklands. This year's elephant seal pups, scarcely three months old would often not even stir when we presumed to scratch their soft stomachs as they lay on their backs sunbathing and one deck hand from the MV Steena Seaspread who bent down to say hello to a seal pup frolicking in the shallows of Cumberland Bay was greeted with a kiss on the nose by a whiskered snout. Similarly, the thousands of King Penguins and their drumpy fur-coated chicks who share St Andrews Bay with the ubiquitous elephant seal carried on their shuffling routines of colony life, totally unperturbed by any sympathetic human presence. In fact, it often had to be asked, who was watching who when delegations of curious King Penguins waddled up to investigate any visitor who crouched down to find an equal height to them.

Part of the island's captivating charm derives from the fact that nature appears so much in charge and man's influence so minimal. Not that this has always been the case. The old whaling stations of Grytviiken, Leith, Strassness and Husvik bear sad witness to South Georgia's burst of commercialism when the prosperous industries of first sealing and then whaling brought to the island visitors who saw its appeal and that of its wildlife, in terms of profit. It wasn't until 1904 however that the first permanent onshore whaling station was founded at Grytviiken with the others soon to follow. Almost exactly sixty years later, the industry which had thrived on slaughter had killed itself by its own greed. The years of neglect have reduced these once bustling centres of activity to deserted clusters of dilapidated buildings where machinery lies rusting and doors swing in the wind.

Souvenir hunters from visiting ships over the years have sadly removed many items from these historic sites which could once be compared to the legendary Marie Celeste; everything left neat and ready as if the workforce had merely popped out for a tea break and would be back any time. Now there are few rooms which haven't been disturbed or even ransacked but even if such of the evidence of that age is no longer in an orderly state it is still there; requisition forms and invoices lie strewn across the board floors of a stock room, neatly cut porthole glass sits nearby and the large vats for the melting of blubber lie cold and inert.

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Cartoon by Rifleman Edwards of the Royal Green Jackets - South Georgia



"SIR, This is patrol launch. Alpeg, you're not going to believe this."



### NEW OFFICES FOR CAMP EDUCATION

After three years of being housed in a cramped portacabin without many facilities, Camp Education is celebrating the completion of its new offices.

The new complex, housed in a neat white building on the site of the old squash court by the Junior School, offers the department facilities and space which for many years seemed only a pipe dream. Decorated throughout in a soft yellow colour, Camp Education's new home comprises a library for educational videos, a large light general work area for the secretary and office staff, a small radio room, stock cupboard, a separate office for the department's supervisor, Phyllis Rendell and even the luxury of a toilet which means no more trekking off to find basic amenities elsewhere for the department's staff.

At a small party hosted on the evening of 22 December, primarily as a thank-you for the FWD employees who had conquered their manning problems to complete the project, Phyllis Rendell said that she and her staff were delighted with their new work environment and that she believed the new facilities would improve the education service for Camp.

### SPECIAL FLIGHT TO FALKLANDS

A RAF VC10 aircraft recently completed the fastest recorded flight from the UK to Mount Pleasant, landing late on 19 December after a 15 hour, 45 minutes, 40 second journey.

The airplane carried two six man crews and was twice refuelled in air during its 8,000 mile haul.

The VC10's arrival was particularly good news for mail-hungry Falkland Islanders and servicemen, as it delivered all the Christmas post still awaiting delivery to the islands as well as collecting the surface packages and letters which were awaiting transshipment to the Falklands later in the New Year.

### SOUTH GEORGIA - continued from P. 3

The international influences which came to bear on the remote island either as a result of the whaling industry or the events of 1982 are still to be found. A Norwegian hymn sheet lies on a kitchen chair alongside a Scandinavian comic; an Argentine can of pilchards shares a sideboard with a tin of English treacle; a Scottish library book awaits return to Edinburgh and on the floor a sheet from a Durban newspaper of 1962 languishes with a page from a Japanese journal.

The island's magical quality and breathtaking beauty has endeared it to many people some of whom make regular trips there. Seasoned visitors are the Poncet family from the yacht Damien II who have come to South Georgia seven or eight times since they first fell in love with it in 1971. Jerome Poncet disagrees that vandalism is mainly to blame for the decrepit condition of the whaling stations. He maintains that whilst there have been occasions of wilful damage, the dramatic turns of weather have done more to wreck the buildings.

Lying south of the Antarctic Convergence zone where polar and temperate seas meet (the Falklands is north of the divide) South Georgia is classified as sub-Antarctic and as such prone to many of the weather extremes experienced by the Antarctic peninsula 800 miles to the south. Just before our ship, MV Stena Seaspread reached South Georgia we were warned that it was under a foot of snow and experiencing

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PENGUIN POST BOX

P.O Box 31, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

Robin Goodwin  
Green Field Farm  
26 November 1987

Dear Madam,

Listening to a recent discussion between some councillors and one of the visiting parliamentarians, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, prompted me to respond to the comments made by the visitor.

We Falkland Islanders are proud of our heritage and for Mr Campbell-Savours to suggest that some of us could be bribed to ignore it, is laughable to say the least. From his speech, it would seem that he is quite ready to bargain some sort of cash deal and in return we are expected to open the door to the Argentines.

Well done Councillor Cheek for your replies and efforts to shoot the brave fool down in flames.

I wonder how Mr Campbell-Savours would feel if he was to find himself on the receiving end and he was asked to forsake his sovereignty or even open his arms by bribe to say, the IRA. He mentions that a lapse of some forty years could and must see the Islanders and Argentina coming together and forgetting what happened. He went on to say that in spite of the great world wars, countries have forgotten their past. Why then do we still have a Berlin wall? Communist Russia has not forgotten what Germany did to her. The same will happen in the Falklands; we will never forget and neither will our children's children.

It was interesting to hear Mr Campbell-Savours go on about the enormous costs to the British tax payer in keeping our Islands safe, but he does not mention the equally enormous sums of money retained in the UK over the past hundred or more years from sales of Falkland produce there. People forget too quickly the generosity but never the little costs incurred.

Another important factor is Antarctica. Britain could only operate successfully in Antarctica through the Falkland Islands; without them and their dependencies Britain would have to look to South American countries for assistance.

I am sure that if ever there was an occasion to help our Mother country, the people of the Falkland Islands would pull every resource to do just that and five years later would not be bickering about the lost revenue or whatever.

We take pride in what we do and we are proud to be what we are; very much British.

Yours faithfully,

Robin Goodwin

We reproduce here a letter sent Graham Bound of Falkland Tourism by David Phelan the Project Manager of the Around The World 1987 tour by Worldways Airlines of Canada; Toronto, Canada:

Dear Mr Bound,

On behalf of Worldways Airlines of Canada, our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to you and your associates at Falkland Islands Tourism, the Royal Air Force and of course, the people of Port Stanley for such a warm reception and a memorable afternoon on November 4th 1987.

Our crew was most delighted to have been included in the programme at Port Stanley which proved to be a highlight in our global journey.

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The kind remarks by His Excellency the Governor, Gordon Jewkes, C.M.G, made the afternoon a very special one for the passengers and crew.

I understand that you recently met Worldways' President and owner, Roy Moore during a visit to London. He and all of us who were fortunate to have been crew members of our company's firstworld tour, extend to you and all the wonderful people we met at Port Stanley and Mount Pleasant, our best wishes for Christmas and the continued success and growth in tourism in the Falkland Islands during the coming year.

With our best regards and fond memories,

Yours truly,

David Phelan

Project Manager, Around the World 1987, Worldways Airlines of Canada

Sydney Miller  
Lois Cottage  
John Steett  
Stanley

22 December 1987

Dear Madam,

We have seen an apparent reluctance over recent years, by members of the Legislative Council in passing on to the public, information regarding what is going on in the Administration of this colony.

The disagreeable truth is the decline of local government within these Islands which is upsetting far too many citizens. We need the opportunities which can and should arise if the proposed formation of a political party can be brought about without too much delay. Members of such a party going into Council as vacancies occur (and it is not unlikely that some current Council members will become members of this new party), should greatly improve the present deplorable state of government.

Because of the lack of information being passed on, one can only guess that what is referred to as the 'Administration', consists of possible two or at most, three recent newcomers to these Islands.

Two or three months ago we were told through the local news broadcasts that labour was to be brought in from St Helena, where they are all British citizens, to help with the dreadful lack of labour here, especially, we are told, in the Public Works Department.

Since that news was broadcast, there has been a complete and deathly hush: maybe no St Helenians are to come but either way, we should like to be advised.

The Falklands is becoming a country of permanent official silence; even the Governor flew off to Britain to have his Christmas there, without so much of a farewell broadcast, but from the BBC yesterday evening in the usual Calling the Falklands programme, we had a splendid Christmas address by our previous Governor and, as we did last year, we again enjoyed a splendid address from the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher as well as others by several well known persons to us here, in the same programme.

Yours faithfully,

Sydney Miller

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Brian Harvey  
Falkland Seafoods Ltd  
Port Stanley

2 December 1987

Dear Madam,

I imagine that Graham Bound must be alone in thinking that my radio advertisement for staff was disparaging towards women as I made no mention of gender at all. The advertisement actually began with the words 'Do you want to earn money for Christmas and after'

I would ask Mr Bound to make sure of the factual worth of his articles before making a point, valid or otherwise.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Harvey  
Manager  
Falkland Seafoods Ltd

c/o Goodwins Guest  
House  
46 John Street  
Stanley

16 December 1987

Dear Madam,

Through the medium of Penguin News will you please convey our sincere thanks for the hospitality given to us during our visit to these beautiful islands.

The Battle Day ceremonies and the opening of the King Edward Memorial Hospital, with the sheltered accommodation, will provide us with some wonderful memories and photographs.

Our best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Marion and John Chick and Mary Harvey.

#### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**ENGAGEMENT NEWS:** Shiela Evans and Ross Chaloner are pleased to announce their engagement on 27th November 1987 in Sisley, Nr Stockport, Cheshire. Ross worked for the PSA at Mount Pleasant as a surveyor for some 18 months.

From Dennis Whitney at Fitzroy: "Contrary to the yarn that has been put around. Dennis Whitney at Fitzroy wishes it to be known that his ash heap was no higher than the others and that he was not man handled by the boiler suit" !!

#### JERSEY ESTATE HOUSING PROJECT

The Falkland Islands Government has awarded a contract to the Laing-Mowlem-ARC Joint Venture Company for the construction of a housing estate in Stanley adjacent to the area known as 'German Camp'.

The contract is for the construction of 30 houses of various types between 1 and 4 bedrooms. The scheme will be complete with all services, roads, footpaths and

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streetlights etc. The contract is valued at £2.65 million and is expected to be completed in March 1989. This is the first major housing project initiated by the Falkland Islands Government since the conflict and represents the first phase of a major housing drive by the Government.

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blizzard conditions. A day later we found it basking under clear blue skies with a fierce sunshine melting the patches of snow fast and not a breath of wind. The wind however has been known to surge from flat calm to 70 knots in less than two minutes.

It is in this dramatic environment that a detachment of the Royal Green Jackets are currently serving their four month duty as part of South Georgia's continued military presence.

This far flung posting, considered to be the most isolated in the world, evolved after the events of 1982 when a group of scrap metal merchants, led by Argentines, made an illegal landing at Leith whaling station with nationalistic bravado in the opening scene to the subsequent Falklands conflict.

At a distance of five years those events seem all the more ludicrous and alien to the island's aura of peace and back water exclusion. In a land where any suggestion of threat seems manifest only in an irritable fur seal or the falling rooves of the whaling stations, some might ask if there is still a need for a military presence in South Georgia; particularly when there are those in the UK who are questioning the cost of the defence of the Falklands and their dependencies. The Falklands have a civilian population whose right to self-determination is being fully vindicated by the British government and the Falkland forces but with no indigenous civilian presence on South Georgia, the island cannot so easily claim that right on an individual basis and is protected only by its position as a Falkland Island dependency.

Major David Brown, the officer commanding of the Royal Green Jacket garrison, had no doubt about the value of the island's role however when I asked him how he would respond to those who doubted the requirement for it. "It's very important to have a presence here, to validate and reinforce the sovereignty of the island", he replied. "South Georgia is an attractive island both economically in the future and politically at the moment and I think our role here, particularly in military terms, as a deterrent, is very important."

While the rusting remains of the whaling stations may appear as little more than sad junk heaps to most visitors, to the eyes of an experienced scrap metal merchant, South Georgia still has as much to offer as it did to the notorious dealers of 1982. Many smaller items may have been mangled to ruin by the elements but there are still larger, intact bodies of machinery lying in the abandoned buildings offering a scrap metal value believed to be around £7 million. The cost of shipping such scrap to another destination could be high but if it were to a nearby country there would still be a healthy profit left over. Remote as the possibility may seem now, without the military deterrent there, most of the ingredients for a repeat of a 1982 landing remain on South Georgia.

International politics aside however, the garrison plays a more mundane perhaps but equally valuable role as friendly ambassadors of the British administration and caring custodians of the island. In the absence of any other permanent presence, it is the eyes and ears of the Falkland Islands Government, 800 miles away and the medium through which the authority of that government can attempt to protect the island's wildlife, beauty and history from the more unscrupulous of its visitors.

Since the early days of sealing and whaling, followed by the extensive activities of the British Antarctic Survey (BAS), South Georgia has had a more or less continued human presence, albeit a small one, for nearly two hundred years. Just prior to 1982 however, most of BAS's work on the island had finished and the organisation

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DRINKING and DRIVING by Superintendent K D Greenland

The recent announcement that future drink/driving charges are to be based on breath analyser machines in place of the current examination by a doctor has caused some concern amongst members of the local community. People have asked why blood tests will not be taken to confirm the machine's findings when they believe this to be policy in the UK and there are fears that the system will be prone to interference.

Penguin News asked Chief Police Officer, Ken Greenland to explain more about the workings of the new machines and to reply to some of the fears being expressed :

When a person consumes an alcoholic drink, it takes from 30 to 90 minutes for the alcohol to be absorbed via the liver into the blood stream. Once in the blood stream, the alcohol quickly affects the central nervous system and leads to loss of balance, poor co-ordination of eyes and limbs, tunnel vision and the inability to judge speed and distance. It also depresses the capacity for self-criticism so that the drunken driver genuinely believes himself to be driving better and more safely than he really is.

It has been in offence in Britain since 1972 to drive with more than the permitted amount of alcohol in the blood. In order to establish the blood/alcohol content, however, it is necessary to take a sample of blood which requires the services of a doctor and induces discomfort and sometimes pain for the person providing the sample. It also requires expensive and time consuming pathological tests.

Since 1972, however, technology has made significant advances and it is now possible to make an accurate analysis of the breath/alcohol content. This level is directly related to the blood/alcohol content, since the air which is exhaled will have been in immediate contact with the blood capillaries in the lungs. Following extensive research and evaluation, the British Home Office approved a small number of electronic devices for breath testing and in 1981 created a new offence of driving with more than the permitted amount of alcohol in the breath. A similar law has now been passed in the Falkland Islands and two types of testing devices have been procured.

The first of these devices is known as the Lion Alcolmeter and is intended to be used at the roadside by a police officer who suspects that a driver is under the influence of drink. This device is so accurate that it is accepted in some countries for evidential purposes. It is not accepted here quite simply because it does not produce a printed record of the analysis. The device is about the size of an average 2 m hand held radio. The suspect provides a breath sample by means of a disposable tube and the results of the analysis are shown on a digital display within 30 seconds. If the result is greater than the permitted level of 35 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath, the driver is arrested and taken to the police station where he is required to provide a further sample to be analysed by the second separate device.

This second device is called the Camic Breath Analyser and it works on the principle of infra-red analysis. It is a large machine and follows automatically a complex sequence of events including calibration checks, self purging with clean air and the analysis of two sample breaths. On completion of the process, the machine produces three printed records of the analysis which are supplied to the suspect, the court and to police records.

The whole system is laced with measures to protect the suspect from wrongful conviction as a result of inaccurate analysis. To begin with, two entirely different modes of analysis are used on the principle that should a fault arise on one of the systems it will be highlighted by discrepancies in the two sets of readings. In order to avoid the risk of an unnaturally high reading being given as a result of alcohol in the mouth, an interval of twenty minutes is mandatory between the test and the time of the last alcoholic drink.

Both devices begin the test sequence with a calibration check. In the case of the Alcolmeter, the operator starts the process by taking a sample of clean air and the

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device must show a zero reading. If it does not do this, the operator will not proceed any further with the breath/alcohol procedure, but will revert to the clinical examination procedure provided under the existing law.

The Alcolmeter will also be checked frequently by a supervisory officer by passing a gas sample of a known alcohol concentration through the device. In the case of the main machine, the programme requires a calibration check to be carried out, again using a sample of a known alcohol concentration. If the machine fails to calibrate, the test sequence closes down automatically and will not accept a breath sample. It is stressed that it is this machine alone which provides evidence for the courts.

In the interests of hygiene both devices are supplied with disposable mouthpieces which are used once only.

The effect of the introduction of breath/alcohol legislation will be to remove the inevitable grey areas which surround the old clinical examination procedures. The analysis of breath is a scientific process using devices which have been rigorously tested, use control samples for calibration which meet the Home Office standards and which contain built in security measures to prevent abuse by the operators.

Ken Greenland  
Superintendent  
Falkland Islands Police

STANLEY SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY : 12th December 1987

For the first time since 1981, the Senior School was able to organise a Sports Day, thanks to the generous donation of equipment from a Japanese fishing fleet received last year. For the purposes of the competition the pupils were divided into three age groups - under 13, under 15 and under 17 years of age. Each age group was further subdivided into boys and girls, making six entry groups in all.

There were ten events in all: the high jump, long-jump, 100 metres, 400 metres, discus, shot, triple-jump, javeline, mile and half mile. In order to increase the competitiveness of the day, a mini pentathlon which included the high jump, long jump, 100 metres, 400 metres and discus was incorporated into the events.

Entries for all of the events and also for the pentathlon were excellent until Saturday when the plague of Stanley schools, the mumps, struck. Unfortunately this meant a decrease in the amount of pupils able to participate. Furthermore, the weather was bad in the morning, making the high jump a slippery business on wet grass and spoiling the carnival atmosphere of the occasion. However, those who were able to attend came and entered into their events with creditable enthusiasm, producing some excellent results in what were often very poor conditions.

In the pentathlon, the six winners in the various age groups were:

Under 13 girls - Eva Clarke; Under 13 Boys - Owen Betts; Under 15 girls - Dorothy Wilkinson; Under 15 Boys - Stephen Dickson; Under 17 Girls - Emma Edwards; Under 17 Boys - Phillip Nutter

Each of these have received a shield for their performance and in addition, the Evans Shield for the best athlete (supplied by the sports equipment manufacturers Evans) went to Phillip Nutter for the best overall performance of the day.

Phillip jumped 1.30 metres on the high jump, 4.41 metres in the long-jump, threw the discus 20.31 metres and ran the 100 metres in 13.4 seconds and the 400 metres in one minute and 3 seconds. This was a creditable performance in the pentathlon events in bad conditions.

Although Philip's performances won him the best athlete award, many of the performances of the other pupils were very good indeed. Boyd Watson ran a mile in

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in 6 minutes, 54 seconds; Jamie Simpson in 7 minutes 12 seconds; Javier Lajo jumped a height of 1.32 metres; Stephen Dickson ran the 400 metres in 1 minute and 6 seconds; Dorothy Wilkinson won three of the five pentathlon events and only just beat Heather Nutter whose performances were also excellent. In the under-13 age group, Beccy Edwards and Alison Alazia provided some stiff competition and were only just beaten by Eva Clarke, the overall winner in the girls' group. All the other entrants did well but individual performances are too numerous to mention here.

Dik Sawle

Many thanks must go to all the staff of the Senior School and also to Peter Felton, Melody Betts and Celia Short for their help throughout the day. The provision of Stanley racecourse facilities by Stanley Sports Association eased many of the logistical problems encountered.

Finally a special mention must go to Dik Sawle from the Senior School as the overall co-ordinator of the Sports Day programme. Dik spent many hours both in preparation on the day to ensure that the pupils could take part in an enthusiastic, competitive and professional manner.

I am sure that this event will become a permanent fixture on the Senior School calendar.

J Mahoney, Headmaster, Senior School

(News of the Tumbledown cross-country race in the next edition)

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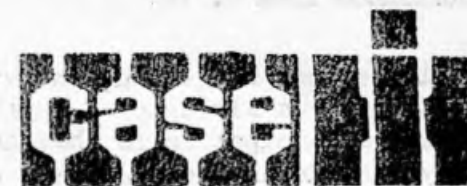
was planning to demolish part of its base at King Edward point (still intact and now the headquarters of the garrison) and evacuating the permanent presence there with occasional visits planned in the future to work on specific projects. With that withdrawal made and just a small party of scientists now working on Bird Island at South Georgia's western extremity there would have been no one left on the mainland to keep an eye on the island's well being, nor to check the activities of the foreign fishing fleets who make regular visits there, let alone the designs of any scrap metal entrepreneurs.

Now the garrison is there; not merely sitting with weapons ready for any future act of aggression against the island but as agents of the administration of the Falkland Islands Government. As well as commanding the detachment, Major David Brown carries a number of civilian responsibilities, ranging from customs and harbour master, through immigration officer to acting post master and magistrate. He also briefs all visitors whether they be Eastern Bloc fishermen off rusting trawlers or wealthy American tourists from the luxurious cruise liners which make elegant probes into the Antarctic: warning them about the perils of the capricious weather, the unsound structures in the station and the dangerous substances, such as asbestos, still stored there. They are advised of what stage the wildlife have reached in their breeding cycles, how the various species will respond to human curiosity and asked, politely, to respect South Georgia and to refrain from removing souvenirs from the whaling stations.

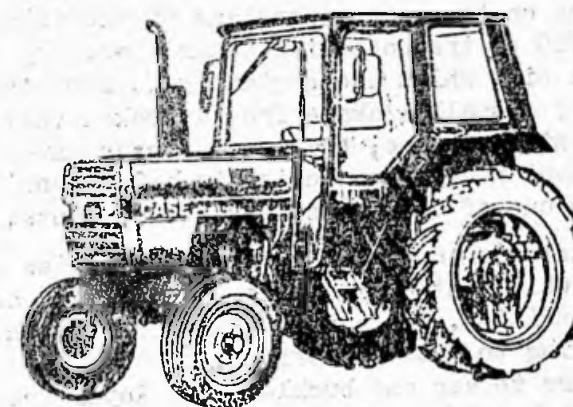
The liaison with the variety of visitors is apparently part of the novelty of the posting for the garrison and a feature appreciated by all ranks. "We see ourselves very much as advisors and helpers to people coming here, rather than dictating what they can or cannot do" said Major Brown and it is probably this constructive and amicable approach which has contributed to the impressive record of harmonious relations between South Georgia's military and its guests.

Back in March, a group of Russian and Polish fishermen landed at Grytviken to find the garrison, then manned by a company of the Royal Irish Rangers, celebrating St Patrick's

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Chartres Sheep Farming Co Ltd have recently been appointed Falkland Islands dealer for Case International Tractors.

In the first instance, we shall deal with the well known '85' series which covers a range of two and four wheel drive machines from 45 hp to 82hp which we consider will satisfy the requirements of most Falkland customers. This will enable us to satisfy the stringent requirements of CASE IH in taking care of the owners needs for the life of the tractor - not just selling it to him in the first place. Not that we anticipate a heavy demand for parts - Mr Pitaluga of Salvador writes.....

"Apart from oil and filters that came with it, we have not required any spares for our 785 since she arrived and those on order are for the shelf. Our 30 year old LTD-6 is still going strong as is a 22 year old 5-460".

Along with his 744, Mr Pitaluga describes CASE IH Tractors as "the Rolls Royce of tractors and down time is minimal. We have never regretted avoiding them and other makes."

A complete range of maintenance products such as filters will be stocked for every tractor and also the recommended range of 'SAFEGUARD' LUBRICANTS to ensure the very best performance from your tractor. Many other items are already on order and the range of spares will be continually expanded. All independent Falkland farmers should have recently received a brochure covering the CASE IH '85' Series with basic quote prices.

Please do not hesitate to contact W.R Luxton at Chartres for a speedy quotation for your exact requirements.

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day. Cultural and linguistic differences forgotten, the visitors were bestowed with shamrock which had arrived by the previous air drop of supplies and were invited to share in the celebrations including participating in that great British sport - the throwing of the welly. Similarly, the Royal Green Jackets were training for a football match against the crew of a Polish research vessel expected in the harbour soon. "Once you get south of the Antarctic Convergence zone it becomes a bit of a club and you tend to forget who people are, what they are and what country they come from," said Major David Brown. "You just recognise fellow human beings in a remote, inhospitable environment and you get on as best you can."

As envoys of civilian and military interest in South Georgia, the garrison makes regular reports to Government House on anything they feel should concern the Governor such as the condition of the fuel tanks in the whaling stations. With the leases to the stations still held by the last whaling company on the island, Christian Salvesson Ltd, the condition of the ghost towns is certainly not the military's responsibility but as the on-the-spot custodians of the island's welfare, it was the military who advised FIG of the potential hazard posed by the tanks, some of them still full of furnace fuel oil, which are beginning to show their age. So far there has only been one report of a small leakage from a broken valve but with the problem set to worsen with the passing of time, the armed forces have made appropriate recommendations to Government House, and action is being considered to prevent an ecological disaster should one of the tanks leak its contents.

Set back from the main cluster of derelict barracks, factories and store rooms at Grytviken, sits the small white Lutheran church, conspicuous as the only structure there in any reasonable condition. As a mark of respect, each garrison has attended to the weather board building to stem the effects of the elements which have caused so many of the others to sag and buckle. The Royal Green Jackets had just finished repairing the church doors again when our ship arrived and following their example, a party of naval crew from the M.V Stena Seaspread spent an afternoon tidying the graveyard further along the coast where the famous explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton was buried following his death in 1922. It was a gesture appreciated by all on the island at the time, apart from the hefty elephant seal bulls who persist in crashing through the low wooden fence to sprawl their 4 tonne weights across the headstones.

Considering the amount of attention the garrison seems to pay to their environment I asked Major David Brown if he agreed that the detachment's role was as much one of custodian of the island as of armed defenders. "Well, we do try and look after South Georgia as much as we are able to. No one could ignore this environment; it is so beautiful and special, it grips you and yes we do care deeply about it. That said, at the end of the day, my prime aim for being here is not actually to mend the doors of Grytviken church but to do something else and if I was asked to make a decision on what our most important role was, then it must be providing a military presence."

Because of its unusual situation and degree of isolation, South Georgia offers the garrison unique training opportunities which the Royal Green Jackets, being the summer garrison, make plenty use of. "We spend a lot of time out on the mountains of live firing" said Major David Brown. "The training is hard but it is also very stimulating and we have a fantastic time with the fabulous opportunities presented to us."

The value of the training was a bonus of the South Georgia posting which the Commander British Forces in the Falklands, Major General Carlier also reinforced. "The one thing about putting a group of people like that in such isolation by themselves is that it brings out all the necessary leadership skills you need to have at every single level" he told Penguin News. "Right from the man who is boss, down through all the ranks, he'll have to think of many things and as a result will come away from the posting a much better soldier. That sort of responsibility is reflected all the way down the line through his second in command, right down to the section corporal who

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who takes out a patrol. They have to have total control and total responsibility." The degree of isolation is a major contribution to South Georgia's unique character and I asked Major Brown whether he thought the garrison had been prepared for it. "We did a lot of research and psyching ourselves up before we came down here with lectures from 'experts', slide films etc but although we were told how remote we would be, it is another thing getting accustomed to it," he replied. "A lot of men brought transistors down but of course you can tune into any wave length and hear nothing - just an eerie silence. Also, when we saw the boat which brought us down going off around the corner, it was a funny feeling, it was then that it began to sink in."

Kept busy with patrol, training and recreational activities such as quizzes and sports competitions, the garrison have become accustomed to the isolation and their officer Commanding anticipates the next problem being having to readjust to the normal world when they are relieved by the next garrison. "It's so beautiful and peaceful here and we all know what we're doing here. I think our return to the stricter, more rigid military life will be quite difficult because without becoming anti-social we have naturally become quite insular. The entrance to South Georgia was quite difficult and I think the exit will be as well."

What about the future of South Georgia and the garrison's posting there. Is there any change of a staged withdrawal of the military presence, I asked Major General Carlier at the Forces headquarters at Mount Pleasant. In reply, he referred to the history of civilian presence in South Georgia before adding "that civilian presence has never returned. If one day it did return then maybe that would be sufficient for us to say well we have a presence on the islands so the military don't need to be there."

Major David Brown thought that if the garrison does come under reconsideration it would do so within the context of a major look at the whole area, perhaps when the Antarctic Treaty comes up for renegotiation in 1991. "If it is decided then that there is a future there then I think we could see a withdrawal but any move would be in terms of a bigger future for the whole region."

"In the meantime the military presence in South Georgia is a sympathetic one, valuable to the island's conservation as an unspoilt retreat and one which should be seen in context of all the island's facets; a point Major David Brown eagerly agreed with:

"The military are an integral part of South Georgia in that they are linked into the governmental side. They are the presence. Beyond that I think the military presence can be over exaggerated and and it is important not to get our role here out of context. The British Antarctic Survey have a number of projects here and there are also a number of regular visitors who come here simply to appreciate the isolation, the wildlife and the natural beauty."

"I think BAS and the visitors would agree that the military have got it about right, we do care for the environment, we don't overstep the mark in any sense. We're as aware as anyone that South Georgia's natural beauty is breathtaking and are conscious not to turn the place into a military base per se. The military are part of South Georgia but we approach it in a sensitive way and I think people who come here find it surprisingly inoffensive."

FOOTBALL NEWS by Patrick Watts

The Stanley first team remains undefeated following the latest series of matches and has now the proud record of four victories in a row. Their first ever 'away' trip resulted in a 3-1 win over the contractors at Mount Pleasant Airport. Travelling up by coach and taking more than 20 supporters with them, the local side had the delight of playing on an even surface for a change as opposed to the not so gentle slope which prevails on the Stanley soccer field. However, another traditional hazard, the strong wind, was very obvious and it was not uncommon to see goal-kicks regularly end up on the adjoining rugby pitch. Jamie Peck and Ramon Miranda scored

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FOOTBALL NEWS by Patrick Watts

With close range shots for Stanley and Jamie McEachern put the result beyond doubt with a penalty in the closing minutes. The contractors entertained the local side to food and drink following the match.

The local side's first encounter with a Royal Navy side was a nail biting affair and after being 4-1 ahead at one stage, Stanley finally ran out winners by 4-3. HMS Apollo played some <sup>poor</sup> delightful approach football but found the conditions against them, while Stanley took every advantage of the wind and scored three times while it was on their backs. An Apollo defender put past his own goal keeper in the first minute, Dale McCormick seized upon another defensive error for number two and Gonzalo Hobman curled in a free-kick for the third. Just after the second half started, Jamie Peck stooped low to head number four from a corner. The visitors tried hard to get back on level terms but young Alan Steen, Shay Mahoney and Jamie McEachern in front of goalie Tony Sykes held out.

THE QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 1987

Sooner or later we all become aware of the passing of the years but every now and then we get a sharp reminder that time is moving on rather quicker than expected. This happened to me last month when we celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary. I was very touched that so many of you were kind enough to send messages of good wishes.

There is no point in regretting the passage of time, growing older is one of the facts of life and it has its own compensations. Experience should help us to take a more balanced view of events and to be more understanding about the foibles of human nature.

Like everyone else, I learn about what is going on in the world from the media, but I am fortunate to have another source of information. Every day hundreds of letters come to my desk and I make a point of reading as many of them as I possibly can. The vast majority are a pleasure to read. There are also sad ones from people who want help there are interesting ones from people who want to tell me what they think about current issues, or who have suggestions to make about changing the way things are done. Others are full of frank advice for me and my family and some of them do not hesitate to be critical.

I value all these letters for keeping me in touch with your views and opinions but there are a few letters which reflect the darker side of human nature. It is only too easy for passionate loyalty to one's own country, race or religion, or even to one's favourite football club, to be corroded into intolerance, bigotry and ultimately into violence. We have witnessed some frightening examples of this in recent years. All too often intolerance creates the resentment and anger which fill the headlines and divide communities and nations and even families.

From time to time we also see some inspiring examples of tolerance. Mr Gordon Wilson, whose daughter Marie lost her life in the horrifying explosion at Enniskillen on Remembrance Sunday, impressed the whole world by the depth of his forgiveness. His strength and that of his wife, and the courage of their daughter, came from their Christian conviction. All of us will echo their prayer that out of the personal tragedies of Enniskillen may come a reconciliation between the communities.

There are striking illustrations of the way in which the many different religions can come together in peaceful harmony. Each year I try to attend the Commonwealth Day Inter-faith Observance at Westminster Abbey. At that service all are united in their willingness to pray for the common good. This is a symbol of mutual tolerance and I find it most encouraging. Of course it is right that people should hold their beliefs and their faiths strongly and sincerely, but perhaps we should also have the humility to accept that, while we each have a right to our own convictions, others have a right to theirs too.

I am afraid that the Christmas message of goodwill has usually evaporated by the time Boxin Day is over. This year I hope we will continue to remember the many innocent victims of violence and intolerance and the suffering of their families. Christians are taught to love their neighbours, not just at Christmas but all the year round. I hope we will all help each other to have a happy Christmas and, when the new year comes, resolve to work for tolerance and understanding between all people.