

# Penguin News



## FALKLAND ISLANDS

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### Argentine newspaper falsely attribute leak to local councillor

AN article in *La Prensa* illustrated on September 1 how oil talks between Argentina and Britain continue to be subject to information leaks to Buenos Aires news papers.

In this particular instance the paper quotes Councillor Wendy Teggart as confirming a meeting between William Marsden and his Argentine counterpart Guillermo Gonzales in Miami. Councillor Teggart explained that she had not passed on the above information to the paper, as at the time that *La Prensa* had phoned her, she had no knowledge of the information

herself.

Acting Governor, Mr Andrew Gurr said that the frequent leaks to Argentine papers were problematic, in that it gave the impression Falkland Islanders were being starved of information regarding negotiations. Mr Gurr said that "the Falklands have the morale high ground", he explained that the information the Argentine papers were publishing was that which had been declared classified. The Falklands had kept their part of the bargain in not releasing the information, but the same had not occurred on the part of Argentina.

*La Prensa* in the same article, quoted Councillor Teggart as also saying "All of this belongs to us, so there is no way Argentina can collect royalties and get involved in the waters around the Falklands" and "Nobody ever told us we would have to share royalties with Argentina".

Mrs Teggart stated to *Penguin News*, that although the paper had accurately interpreted her stance on the subject of oil talks, she had not made any such statement during her extremely brief conversation with the *La Prensa* reporter.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**War Crimes Commission**  
*The Buenos Aires Herald* recently reported that an Argentine War Crimes Commission is to be set up to investigate, uncover and collect information on war crimes perpetrated by both sides. However a Radical Party consultant said that he doubts that Argentina committed any violations.

**Photographic Exhibition**  
A photographic exhibition will take place at the Falkland Islands Community School on October 7/8, 1995

### 'Hands on' research for Landholdings report by Chief Executive

IN HIS report 'The Future of Falklands Holdings Limited' the Chief Executive Mr Andrew Gurr, as part of the action plan, allowed himself three months to devise a strategic proposal for the future of the company. This proposal will now not go before EXCO until November and Mr Gurr has been visiting the settlements, gathering ideas and suggestions for the future of the company.

His report will include recommendations about the future structure of the board and whether, for example, Farm Managers should be allowed to sit on the Landholdings Board.

On a recent round trip to Goose Green, North Ann and Fitzroy, (accompanied by Councillor Birmingham for the latter two) Mr Gurr held public meetings and made door to door visits to establish what changes the employees would like to see.

Mr Gurr felt that the majority of the members of these farming communities accept that there must be changes, but changes managed by Government; they have no wish to see Landholdings sold. As regards change, he felt there was strong support for diversification into dairy, poultry and agroforestry e.g. trees for shelter belts.

On the whole, most feel that they are underpaid, suffer from a lack of facilities and that the differential in lifestyle between Camp and Stanley is too great.

#### 5% increase on basic wage for farm employee

THE Sheep Owners Association and The General Employees Union met at 3.00pm on Monday September 4, to negotiate the basis of the official Agreement pertaining to farm employees for the twelve months beginning in October.

Alterations made:

1. There will be an increase on the basic wage of 5%
2. Pressing rates will increase by 14.556%. This will bring the rates into line with shearing rate increases.
3. Painting rates for corrugated iron increase by 50% to 52.5p per square yard. Flat iron painting rates remain the same.

Both the General Employees Union and the Sheep Owners Association expressed their disappointment at the decision of Government to make no provision for the continuation of the wage subsidy for farm workers for the forthcoming year.

### A rare winter sun shines on Andrew and Georgina



GEORGINA Anderson and Andrew Smith are pictured here at their wedding in Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, September 2, 1995.

Georgina was attended by bridesmaids Lisa Jaffray, Amanda Forster, Heidi Clifton and Nadia Smith, the two eldest wearing full length lilac dresses, and the

younger two wearing white.

The bride was given away by her father Tony Anderson. She wore a white silk dress with a sweetheart neckline and a fitted bodice. The long sleeves and train were made of white lace and decorated with beads.

The Groom was attended by best man, Paul Anderson.

THE term student, conjures up many images: books, universities, hippies, drugs and groovy digs, but those regular *Viz* readers have a fairly standard image of spotty types in heavy rock T shirts, discussing in sweeping generalisations, the meaning of life. That of course is where a fairly accurate interpretation breaks down; students generally don't discuss the meaning of life. When a student occasionally strays from the all important subject of the cheapest alcohol containing beverage within 50 miles (or however far a 2CV can travel) he or she invariably moves on to the age old 'arts are more important than sciences' (or vice versa) argument. The science student will declare, "we keep you all alive" (although coming from a zoologist two thirds full of brown ale this can be unconvincing). I however, have always been inclined towards the argument, that life would be a miserable place if we could not appreciate one of those things which separates us from animals, that is, the ability to bring into existence or simply appreciate art in its many forms.

What I am building up to is a hopefully convincing argument that I am all for bringing culture to the masses. Unfortunately even I was rendered speechless a few nights ago when it was announced on FIBS that The Shackleton Scholarship Fund committee (*just one rung more to the ladder of knowledge*) were bringing us the drummer from 'Status Quo'. I appreciate of course that the man is probably an expert in that art and the Shackleton Committee may feel this would be a way to bump start a youthful interest in the technicalities of music, but quite apart from the fact that most local youths have as much interest in 'Status Quo' as they would in 'The Tremeloes' (thus already killing a rather large proportion of interest), this specific ability probably has less widespread appeal than any other in pop culture. But that of course is just an opinion, and if anyone can convince me otherwise then so be it.

The concept of improving local education is admirable, but one that deserves a great deal of thought before the mechanics of 'how', are put into action. Sending local students to study the cultures of the world, discussing arts and politics with groups of children or adults from countries around the globe are ideas to be encouraged, but importing the aforementioned artist may make the point that the committee are not culture snobs; but apart from that I cannot see any many other positive consequences.

But then perhaps my attitude stems from the real problem I have with the whole appeal: companies are falling over one another to contribute to this high profile charity. Every week we have another press release, another donation, another grateful acceptance and my patriotic self tells me I should wish it every luck (after all charity begins at home does it not?) However deep down I have an uncomfortable feeling; for in Britain and the rest of the civilised world, millions are raised for abused children, starving families, war torn countries, homeless teenagers and medical facilities for those so desperately in need and even educational development, but here in the Falklands what do we do? For that universally accepted necessity 'artistic inspiration' we import a celebrity.

During the visit from PR company 'Shandwick', we were told by the members, that there is a problem in Britain, in that the people suffer from a certain amount of envy of our lifestyle. Then again why should they not - we are well fed, housed, clothed, crime is low, cost of living is acceptable as is our education system and medical services. The Shandwick representatives indicated that it was part of their job to convince the British public that we are not indulged and pampered people and our 'generous' national income is spent sensibly. But let's face it they'll have their work cut out for them when this one gets out.

## Your letters

### 'Port' is superfluous

CSM Shelton is wrong. 'Port' should be eliminated from the name of the capital. It is superfluous, an unnecessary addition to the name Governor Moody gave to the new settlement when it was decided to move the seat of government from Port Louis.

The word began to be prefixed to Stanley in the days when sailing ships endeavouring to round the Horn became so weather-broken

they had to seek refuge. Stanley, so conveniently situated, became the natural 'port' meaning 'haven' to make for.

Thus the word became incorrectly appended.

Down the years this state of things has continued for no other reason than it had become a customary way so to say.

Mary Cawkell  
London

## YOUR LETTERS

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

### West road is not disastrous

WITH some trepidation I venture to write about the state of the West Road and the various stories which appeared to indicate that it was impassable/a total disaster/collapsing etc etc. I have just returned from a drive along what I believed to have been the worst bit. I am sure the road would have been slippery and the clay would have been rutted when wet but this was obviously superficial. It is now quite dry and I drove as far as Green Hill at a steady 30mph - this because I was looking in detail at the road and my sheep and the sun was in my eyes. I was, however able to drive back as far as Little Chartres at a steady 50mph all the way in complete safety. Not bad for a disastrous road.

There are a small number of minor faults that will need to be rectified - as might be expected - but I would like to re-assure the tax paying public, whose money is invested in the project, that it has continued to be put to excellent use and spent wisely. And before your anonymous leader and letter writers get all worked up I would just point out that at the present on undesignated Camp Roads it is quite legal to drive at any speed that you consider safe and that you can drive around in a vehicle registered in Outer Mongolia if you wish.

W R Luxton  
Little Chartres

## Stanley Co-operative Society

Port Stanley  
Falkland Islands  
Telephone 21215

The following are some of the goods which we are expecting on board the *MV Bluebird*

Gouda, Lancashire, Leicester, Double Gloucester, Wensleydale Cheese

Beef Stew and Dumplings, Thai beef, Balti Chicken, Beef Bourguignon, Chicken Korma, Chicken Chasseur, Lamb and Mint Sausage Casserole, Sweet and Sour Meat Balls, Chicken Supreme. Boil in the Bag, single portion packs.

Savoury Wheat Crackers, Apricot and Yoghurt Cereal, Swiss Style Muesli, Good Life Muesli, Oatbran with Fruit, Cornflakes, Earl Grey and English Breakfast tea bags.

Mould killer, Bin Fresh, Floor cleaner, Stain remover, Caustic soda

# Farms hit hard by winter weather

BOUNDARY, Mossvale and Port Stephens are just a few of the numerous farms to suffer relatively severe stock losses as a result of the recent snowy and freezing weather. Areas around Hill Cove appeared to have been particularly hard hit, however the East had its own problems around North Ann, with the loss of a number of hogs.

Marian and Bernard Betts at Boundary Farm had at the last count found around 150 dead sheep (out of 4000) including hogs, shearlings and young weathers. Most of these animals were found in small groups in the Boundary Hills and Herbert Stream. Marian felt that rather than being snowed in by drifts, most of the sheep had simply been weighed down by the amount of snow in their wool which had then frozen. She and Bernard had also noticed wool on the ground, where sheep had been snowed in and then managed to escape.

Although they expected to discover more loss of stock over the next month, Marian thought that those animals which had survived looked remarkably well considering that the short grass had been totally covered for 2½ months.

Neil Ford at Mossvale Farm had seen at least 130 dead sheep

including 70 ewes; the rest being hogs and shearlings around Mt Donald and Teal River West.

Neil described being able to drive a motorbike across the snow-filled valleys, the fences being completely out of sight. Like Marian and Bernard they will await lambing with trepidation, expecting their percentage to be considerably lower due to ewe losses, and the poverty of the ewes.

Peter Robertson at Port Stephens has, despite not having travelled all over the camps, found 30 to 40 dead hogs around the coast and expects to see more. Sheena Newman at Cape Dolphin also felt that the animals looked poor, however apart from paddock sheep, she had seen few dead animals and was hopeful that they had not suffered the same losses as some other farms.

Christopher May at New House, Sue Morrison of Port Louis and Lucy Ellis (farm sitting) at Port Sussex were hopeful that their respective farms had not been too badly effected by the weather, however they were all very much aware, that September and October would be the telling months.

Heather Smith at Harps Farm, was also hopeful of limited losses, although some rams and a cow

had been lost. Christine McKay of Teal River said they had lost around 26 hogs, but were still waiting for snow to clear from the mountains to ascertain the total losses.

## Lavinia Corporation wins bunkering contract

THE tendering process for the Stanley Services bunkering contract has now been completed and the contract has been awarded to the Lavinia Corporation.

Thirty-nine companies were contracted, of which twenty-eight failed to respond and two responded negatively. Of the remaining, three failed to provide additional information and one dropped out. The proposal from another was felt to be too limited, and thus four were interviewed in depth by a panel. The panel consisted of David Taylor (Chairman), Peter George and Ian Cox. All companies were assessed for operational capability, credibility, quality, financial strength and stability and the proposed market position and possible profit to Stanley Services Limited.

It was considered that a contractor with a local partner was to

be preferred if all other aspects were equal. The unanimous recommendations of the panel were presented to the Stanley Services Ltd Management meeting on the 14th June last and subsequently discussed at the SSL Board Meeting in Stanley on 20 July 1995. The board unanimously approved the recommendation of the panel.

## Simon in Bosnia

MAJOR Simon Worsley, based in Stanley as Civ/Mil Liaison Officer 1993/4 was heard speaking on the 7 am SSVC radio news on September 1. Simon is currently serving in Bosnia as acting Gunnery Commander. The Royal Artillery are part of the Rapid Reaction Force situated just outside Sarejevo on Mt Igman.

## No epitaph yet for oil talks

THE BUENOS AIRES Herald, La Nacion and the Clarin all gave an update on August 30, concerning the state of oil talks between Britain and Argentina.

In the BA Herald Di Tella was reported to have said "I wouldn't write the epitaph yet, but they are going very badly.....(Argentina's position) is very inflexible, because we don't want to compromise our rights of sovereignty the least bit".

The report says that the Argentine president's brother, Peronist Senator Eduardo Menem, has tabled a motion to ban any firm that takes part in

tendering for oil exploration licenses around the Falklands, from doing business with Argentina.

La Nacion, describes phone call conversations between Foreign Policy Undersecretary Guillermo Gonzalez, his British counterpart William Marsden and Vice-Foreign Minister Fernando Petrella briefly discussing the British rejection of Argentine suggestions regarding oil around the Falklands.

The piece ends with the words 'sources said that the research being done in the greatest secrecy to denounce a possible British decision at world courts will be speeded up in the next few days.'

## Small claims procedures

IN THE Chamber of Commerce Bulletin, August 28, Senior Magistrate, Andrew Jones, has asked the Chamber to let members know that there are procedures in place for those who need to make claims where the use of Legal Practitioners may not prove to be financially viable. People may wish to make use of them personally or they could find themselves involved in other peoples disputes.

Members may also be interested in the register of judgments which are maintained at the court. It may be used to enquire about unsatisfied judgments against any individual to whom they are thinking of extending credit upon payment of a fee of £4 per name.

Mr Jones's covering letter and the Guidance notes are available for viewing at the Chamber of Commerce office.

## Outlook for wool producers

QUOTING the Falkland Islands Wool Marketing report, August 25 1995, from Peter Marriott "the longer term outlook is influenced by a world-wide reduction in wool production on the one hand and the continued weakness of retail demand on the other. Speculation about the timing and strength of China's return to the market is adding to the uncertainty."



## Reflections Spring Sale

Reflections are now holding their spring sale  
Children's Clothing 25% off  
Ladies Clothes, 25% and 50% reductions  
Many other items at half price  
For a limited period selected videos will be sold at 50p



September's magazine has been devoted to the children's conservation supplement. However, some of our regular magazine articles are featured on this page.

## FALKLANDS COOKERY by JENNY LUXTON

HOPEFULLY at last Spring is round the corner - so all the steamed puddings and dumplings should go out the window. I am now going to try and adapt some old recipes to a more modern way of thinking, less FAT! Maybe we will all end up healthier and slimmer...

### My version of NASI GORENG

Cut left over beef (or mutton) into cubes (a variety of meats may be used ie. chicken, ham etc. and prawns)

1 large onion - chopped  
2 cloves of garlic  
1 chopped green or red pepper.

Lightly fry onion, garlic and pepper in olive oil with curry powder to taste.

To this mixture add meats and stir until well covered.  
Add meat mixture to a quantity of cooked rice (two thirds more than meat) and heat thoroughly.  
Adjust seasoning, salt and pepper (I add garlic salt)

### LEMON SAGO

1.5oz Sago or Pearl Tapioca  
1.5 tbl Syrup  
1 Pint Water  
1½ lemons

Place Sago in a pan with the water and thinly peeled lemon rind.

Cook slowly until Sago is clear, then take out rind, add lemon juice and syrup and mix well. When cool pour into a glass dish and decorate with yoghurt, cream or a cherry?!

## Looking back on August

**Deaths**  
July 31 Mr William John Davis  
Aug 4 Mr Lesley William Billett  
Aug 22 Mrs Rose Ellen Binnie

**Marriages**  
Aug 12 Julie Ann Summers and Johnathan Ford  
Aug 13 Carol Margaret Adams and Gonzalo Hobman

**Births**  
Aug 14 A son, Macaulay John Davis to Nicholas and Mandy Davis

## Information for Travellers to Chile

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, has advised that people living in the Falkland Islands who are bearers of Foreign passports, requiring a visa to enter Chile (eg. New Zealanders), should send a fax directly to the Consular Division in Chile at fax number (56-2) 696 8636 stating the following details:

Full name  
Nationality  
Means of transport  
Flight Number  
Date and time of arrival  
Port of entry into Chile

This information is required no less than 5 days prior to the expected arrival date.

It has been suggested that the adoption of this system would facilitate travel arrangements for people wishing to travel to or from the Falkland Islands via Chile

MICHAEL Knight of Montecito, Apt 6650, Franklin Avenue, Studio 1007, Hollywood, California 90028 would like to correspond with Falkland Islanders

## Coming events for September

**Fri 8th:**  
Town Hall - Disco  
(Julie Clarke)

**Sat 9th:**  
Town Hall - Disco  
(Julie Clarke)

Trough - Dance.  
Entry by ticket only,  
(bring own booze)

**Fri 15th:**  
Town Hall - Disco  
(Julie Clarke)

**Sat 16th:**  
Town Hall - Disco  
(Julie Clarke)

**Fri 29th/Sat 30th:**  
Town Hall - Victory Bar Darts  
knock-out open competition



# DARWIN SHIPPING LTD

## ANNOUNCEMENT

DARWIN SHIPPING LTD is pleased to announce that due to growing demand and for the convenience and flexibility of their many customers, there will now be three sailings from the UK in the remainder of 1995. Details are as follows:

### RECEIVING CARGO

4th - 15th September  
25th September - 6th October  
11th December - 21st December

### LOAD

18th September  
9th October  
22nd December

### ETA STANLEY

19th October  
10th November  
21st January 1996

For a competitive quote and shipping instructions please phone 27600

# The Shackleton Scholarship Fund

The Falkland Islands Fundraising  
Committee

## Press Release

DONATIONS received by the UK committee of the Shackleton Scholarship Fund from the launch of the appeal to the end of July totalled £39,615.96.

Here in Stanley we were delighted to receive a cheque for £2,000 from Bristow Helicopters Ltd.

KOSAC (Korea South Atlantic Corporation) through their president Mr N T Park have promised £10,000.

Also from Korea the Southwest Atlantic Trawl Fisheries committee chairman Mr S K Cha says that committee will donate £3,000 to the fund.

These and all the other generous donations bring our target ever closer. Our grateful thanks go out to all who have already helped and to those who are planning to do so.

## Public Notice

It is notified for general information that Government clocks will be advanced one hour to summer time at midnight on Saturday 9 September, 1995.

Government Office hours will remain 08.00 to 12.00 and 13.15 to 16.30.

The Secretariat  
Stanley

# Stanley Nurseries

## Job Vacancy

From 1st October, 1995

Landscape and general worker.

Full driving license required.

Work to include: grass maintenance, tree and shrub planting, timber fencing, path laying and general labouring.

Knowledge of knapsack herbicide spraying preferable.

Apply in writing by Friday 8th September stating age and previous experience to:

Tim Miller  
Stanley Nurseries

# 100 years young



Report by Joyce Allan

Photo: Mrs Louisa Carey - 100 years young

'100 YEARS young' would probably describe Mrs Louisa Carey when John and I dropped in to wish her a Happy 100th Birthday on the 9th August 1995. The house was full of family and friends; the phone was ringing constantly and there she was bustling about - in spite of plea's to "Sit down and let someone else do that!" She chatted to everybody and checked that they had a drink and something to eat.

A VERY independent lady is Mrs Carey! Maybe it is because she was born in the Falklands! She was actually born at the Pond House, Port Howard and lived in that settlement with her parents until she married Ray Carey in 1919, and went on to have three sons and a daughter. She moved to Southampton following her husband's death in 1952.

She lives by herself, still pops up the street to the hair-dressers - and was slightly indignant when the family decided recently that it really wasn't wise for her to go shopping by herself.

I remember her telling me once that self-reliance and hard work helped her to keep her physical and mental faculties to such a great age. She WILL admit to being a little deaf!

Her daughter Nell, and grandson Ian live quite near and call to see her every day. Sons Ted and Tony and their wives, Mary and

Gladys, live in the Falklands but travel to England regularly to spend time with her. They were all there for her birthday; so was granddaughter Colleen from New Zealand, great-grandson Martin from the Falklands and granddaughter Glynis and her family from Cornwall. Sadly her eldest son Charlie died in 1992 but his widow still lives in Southampton as does Mrs Carey's brother George (Hall), the only other surviving member of her family.

In pride of place among the numerous cards and messages she received was her telegram from the Queen, and messages from the Governor, Mr David Tatham, on behalf of the people of the Falklands and one from the Members of Council.

This quiet, unassuming lady whose pastimes include reading and cross-word puzzles - when she isn't gardening - was somewhat surprised at all the attention.

"It has been a lovely day and I have so enjoyed seeing everyone, but it's just another birthday really", she said as we all went out into the garden for photographs. And as I watched her posing patiently in the 30 degree heat that had most of us wilting, I wondered how many of us will look that good when - or if - we reach our century!

May she have many more happy returns.



## Summer Season - Opening Hours

Wednesday 2 - 4.30 pm  
Saturday 10 - noon, 2 - 4.30 pm  
Sunday 2.30 - 4.30 pm

Telephone 21509 during shop hours  
or for ansaphone out of hours

## Spring Specials

### 10% off Polytunnels until 1st Oct

	was	now
10' x 30'	£449.53	£405.58
10' x 20'	£364.62	£328.16
10' x 15'	£323.79	£291.41

## Forest Fencing Bargains

### 17½ % off all Panels

for example

	was	now
Weave	£20.95	£17.28
Lap	£20.75	£17.12
Lap	£22.89	£18.18
Weave	£27.05	£22.32

## Composts

15 litre £3.75      80 litre £10.99

## Grobags

£4.50 - J. Arthur Bowes top quality

## Garden Sheds

Proven durable quality

Treated wood 8' x 6' Apex roof £475.95  
Solar Glass Sided £599.99

# Stanley's swimming kids beat adult team

The Stanley Swimming Club were invited to participate in the Swimming Gala at Mount Pleasant. Against nine teams from the military the youngsters put up an excellent performance. Their final position was eighth with some commendable performances.

The poolside at Mount Pleasant was packed with representatives from a large number of military units. Ahead lay an afternoon of fun and competition. Though it quickly became obvious that there was rivalry between teams, it was friendly rivalry.

The last three events were aimed at giving spectators and competitors enjoyment. This objective as anticipated was achieved as cheers went up, when any canoe was capsized. Supporters from the viewing gallery adding to the increasing noise level of the event. It was marvellous to see some people from Stanley supporting the youngsters of the Swimming Club. The first swimmer for Stanley was Matthew Harding-Price in the breaststroke who beat the Hillside competitor. He was followed by Roy Goss who came second in the men's freestyle, which gave him fourth overall. Tracy won her heat of the ladies freestyle, resulting in an overall second place.

Martin Howells won the freestyle in the over 35 age bracket but was dismissed on the grounds of age. Commenting on the disqualification, team manager, Dennis Humphreys said "We thought it meant over 35 months so we entered Martin." Martin completed his individual races with a second in his freestyle heat and fourth in his butterfly heat.

Tanya Jaffray finished fourth in her heat of the backstroke, gaining fifth overall, swimming against men.

In the relay races the youngsters put up very creditable performances against stiff opposition. Kirstie Christie, Rachel Freeman, Kelly Moffat and Martin Howells came second in the canoe race. The team in the ball race was Matthew Harding-Price, Kirstie Christie, Rachel Freeman and Martin Howells.

The Falklands can be proud of the endeavour and hard work the youngsters put in. To finish eighth out of ten teams, the other nine teams all being adult teams is a considerable feat in itself.

Dennis Humphreys said "The team would like to say a big thank you to David and Christine Rhodes for their help, guidance and support in securing us a place in the gala." He added "We hope to see as many teams as possible at the Stanley

Swimming Gala on Saturday, September 23, to be held in the Stanley Leisure Centre."

Entry forms are available from Sarah Allan or Dennis Humphreys.

The team consisted of:- Kirstie Christie, Tracy Freeman, Rachel Freeman, Roy Goss, Matthew Harding-Price, Barbara Howells, Martin Howells, Tanya Jaffray, Evan Jones and Kelly Moffat. Before the gala the youngsters relaxed in the Oasis with a roll and drink, whilst after the racing the team relaxed in the NAFFI with burgers, chips and soft drinks - so much for controlled competition diets.

Thanks to Montana Short for providing transport for half the team, the Oasis for pre-race accommodation and Dennis Humphreys for organising the team's entry.

Final results:-

- 1st MTW
- 2nd GEF (points deducted for not having a female team member)
- 3rd 460 PT
- 4th JSSU
- 5th RIC
- 6th Med Centre
- 7th 78 Sqn
- 8th Stanley Swimming Club
- 9th Hillside Camp
- 10th 1312

Report and photos by David Harding-Price



Roy Goss and Evan Jones



Dennis Humphreys with the Stanley team



Kelly Moffat and Martin Howells



Tanya in a ladies race



Kelly Moffat, Mathew Harding-Price, Martin Howells, Evan Jones



Kirstie Christie



Tanya Jaffray





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Sealing at Albemarle  
by Sarah Berntsen



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Puzzle.....

# ROCKY'S WORLD

FALKLAND KIDS FOR CONSERVATION.....☺

Hi Friends

Three years ago in 1992 a very important meeting took place. It was a very large meeting of world leaders. From all over the world they came to a city called Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. They needed to talk about saving our home, Planet Earth. It was not an easy meeting. Over many many years human beings have been careless with their home.

In just over 4 years, in the year 2000, the 21st Century begins. The world leaders knew they had to begin planning a better future for Earth. They put together an agenda. As you know an agenda is a plan. They called it AGENDA 21. So AGENDA 21 is a plan for the 21st Century. It will help different people to work together and care for all the things around them. Something will then be left for great grandchildren.

When the leaders of all the countries put together this special plan called AGENDA 21 they asked for the help of children. Thousands of children then looked at the plan and decided they must help. They could not just dream of a better future. They began by caring for their corner of the world.

Our little corner of the Earth is a very special place. The people who first came here and the people around us now are special. The wildlife on the land and in the sea is wonderful. We have a lot to look after. By taking good care of the Falklands we are helping to look after the Earth.

I sure hope you enjoy ROCKY'S WORLD. Bye for now.

Rocky

## How neatly can you colour in?

The earth is our home.

We walk on it, are fed by it, drink its water,  
make our clothes and homes from its gifts.  
In fact everything we do depends on the earth.



How well do you think we are doing?



Turn over, there's more.



## THE ILLUSTRATED ALPHABET

An argumentative ape

A blue-bottomed baboon

A cosy cat

A dabbling duckling

An enormous elephant

A flapping flamingo

A gobbling goat

A high-jumping hare

An incompetent iguana

A jabbering jay

A keen koala

A litup lampfish

A mere meerkat

A nude newt

An old octopus

A pongy pig

A quarreling quail

A running rabbit

A sandwiched sardine

A tipsy toad

An ugly uakari

A vile vacuna

A wibbly wobbly wombat

A yakking yak

A zafod zebra

Sam Cockwell

## A Defender of the Planet...

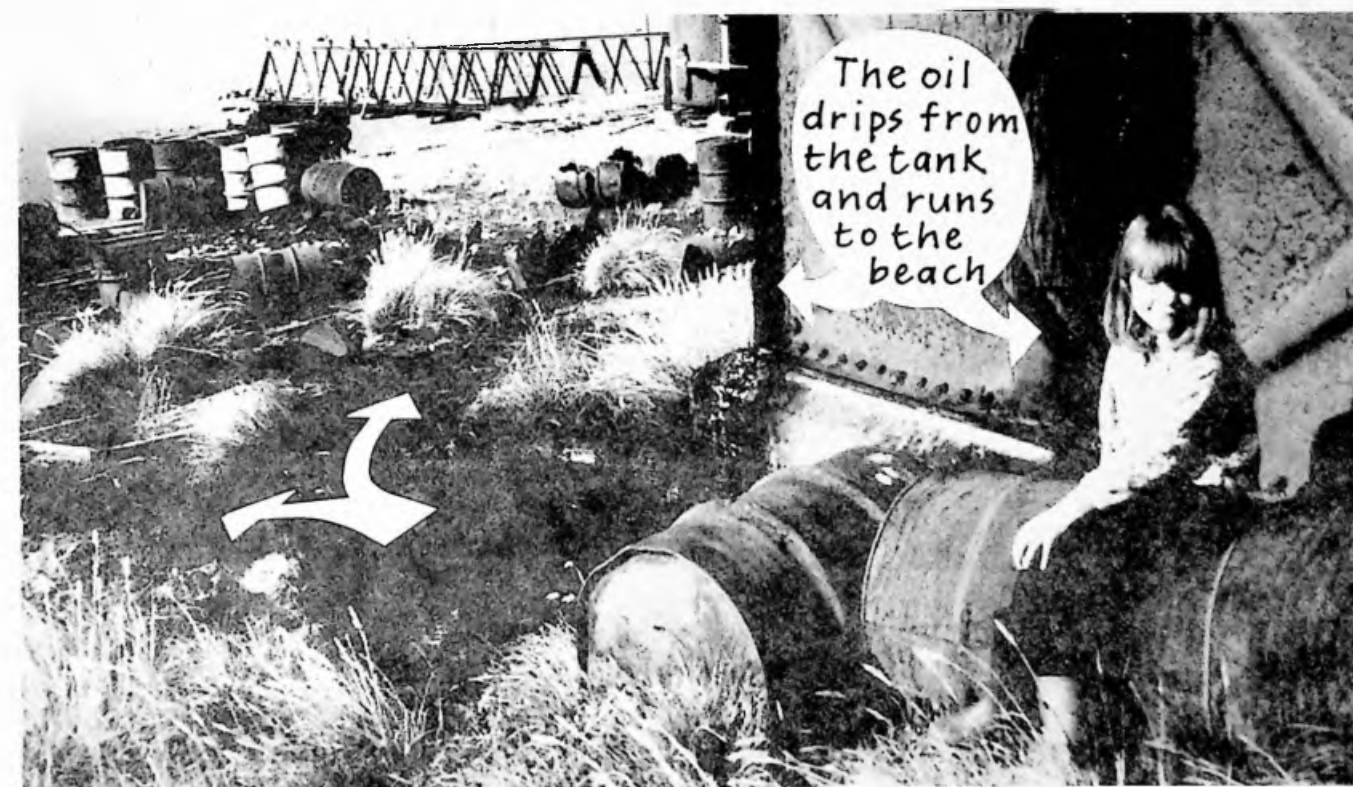
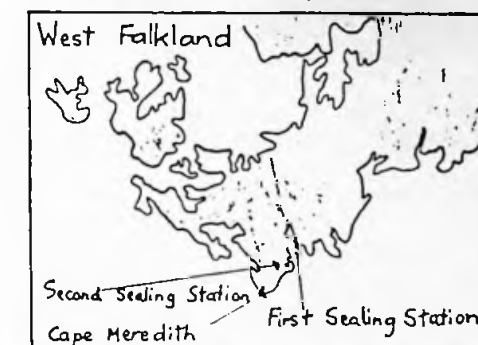
My Name is Sarah. I live with my family and pets at Albermarle Sealing Station. It is a beautiful place to walk. We've got heaps of wild life and clean air but we've got a horrible factory sitting there doing no good to wild life.

If this rusty junk stays here for too long there will not be any wild life left. That's what makes me angry.

We've got 18,000 gallons of crude oil leaking out of a great monstrous tank as big as two and a half portacabins one on top of the other.

This black sticky goo is leaking out all over the place and into the sea.

My mum and dad are trying to get rid of all the rusty metal but they can't get rid of the crude oil which is dripping into the sea. We have a penguin rookery nearby and seals and porpoise play in the sea near the factory.



### SARAH'S HISTORY OF SEALING

The first sealing station was started in 1928 at Port Albermarle. Thousands of sealions were killed to get oil. Some species of seal were becoming endangered. The factory became too expensive to run so it closed down in 1931. It opened in 1935 but could not produce much oil. Once they tried driving the seals over from Cape Meredith but didn't do this again because it was

very cruel and most of the seals died. This factory closed in 1937 for good. Twelve years later the South Atlantic Sealing Company began to operate on the place where our farm is at Albermarle. This was never very successful and lasted only until 1952 when it closed. They left everything standing as it was to rust away. Since then farmers have tried to clean it up but the job is too big.

Fur seals were hunted and killed for their skins which were very valuable. Men were landed on little islands and left there for a long time to collect as many skins as they could. Sometimes they were left there to die, if they were forgotten or their ship got wrecked. The Elephant Seals and Southern Sealions were killed for their oil. Oil was very precious in those days because there was no power.

## ANOTHER PLACE

He and she are brother and sister. He is a little older and he cares about his sister because there is nobody else to do it. Their parents got killed in war. Also their grandmother, grandfather, uncle and... the list is too long. It all happened suddenly like a short summer storm: some bad people raked their land but leaved them alive - alone, hungry and very scared. The only strength they find now is from their joint embrace. They want to wake up and find that it is all just a bad dream after which their mother will welcome them with a tender lullaby and send them to a better dream. The two of them are still waiting. A child from Serbia





# HERE TODAY . . . GONE TOMORROW?



ONCE A LONG TIME AGO IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.....

This creature became extinct in the Falklands over 100 years in 1876. Does anyone know what it was called and anything about it? Write and tell ROCKY'S WORLD.

## Wordsearch

Some species of plants and animals are in danger of becoming extinct. Find the names of the fourteen endangered species in the wordsearch.

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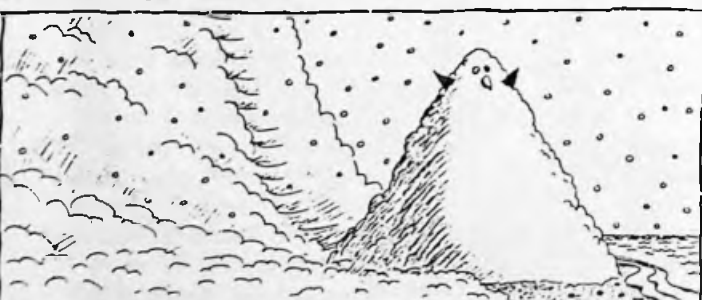
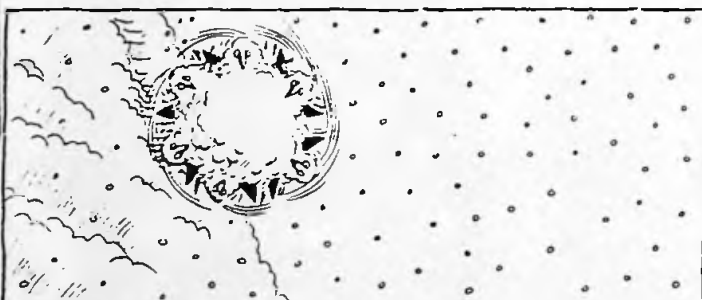
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Walrus  
Bald Eagle  
Monk Seal

## Word square

How many words can you make out of the letters in the word square?

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And what is the name of the Falkland Island animal which can be made from all the letters? Clue(5,4)

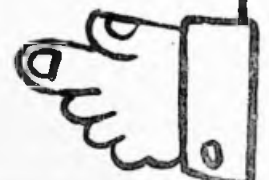


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If you care about your environment and want to write to ROCKY'S WORLD we would love to hear from you. If you have stories, ideas, letters, poems or puzzles etc about people, places and wild-life please send them to:-

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## Agriculture Department to assess winter livestock losses

WITH the improvement in weather conditions, many farmers will be starting to assess potential winter livestock losses. Fortunately, it appears that the disaster in Southern Chile has not been experienced here.

The Department of Agriculture is currently compiling a register of livestock losses and wishes to hear from all farmers who may have lost significant numbers of sheep, cattle or horses.

They would also like to hear from any farmers who feel they may have surplus animals for sale, so they can facilitate liaison between the two groups.

In addition, there have been enquiries from various farmers and tanning groups in Punta Arenas who wish to purchase sheep to replace the estimated 200,000 lost this winter.

For further information, please contact Greg Scott at the Department of Agriculture.

## Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government invite applications from suitably qualified persons to fill the part time post of supervisor of the special Employment Programme.

The successful applicant will report to the Assistant Secretary and be expected to organise and run the workforce as directed and liaise as necessary with the Public Works Department.

The successful applicant would be expected to work 20 hours per week and would be paid at the rate of £4.04 per hour. Unless circumstances dictate otherwise the 20 hour week would be worked from 8 am to noon, five days per week.

A valid driving licence is essential to the efficient operation of the programme.

Application forms are available from the secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Chairman Appointments Board to reach her on or before Thursday 14 September 1995.

Further details of the tasks involved may be obtained from the Secretariat, Stanley, during normal office hours.

## A record cold and snowy month for August

Another record cold and snowy month, with near average rainfall and sunshine. The end of the month saw a return to more average conditions.

Average maximum and minimum temperatures were the lowest August values recorded at MPA (2.4 and -2.1°C respectively). Temperatures were just under 3 degrees lower than normal over the month as a whole.

The rainfall total of 34mm was just a shade below average, and almost in the middle of the distribution through the years.

Snow fell on 18 days during the month, compared to the average of 13. The total was equalled in 1990 and exceeded in 1988 when snow fell on 23 days during the month. Snow was recorded lying on 27 days this year however, three times the normal and over twice as much as in any previous year. The total number of hours of sunshine was 82.8, against an average of 92.2 hours. Way behind August 1989, with 127.7 hours.

The average wind speed during the month was 13.8 kT, a little less than average, but not extreme. Only one gale was recorded late on the 31st.

*This summary of last month's weather is by courtesy of MPA Meteorological Office. Long-term averages for Stanley (1962-81) are shown in parentheses. Temperatures are in degrees Celsius, wind in knots, rain in millimetres, sunshine in hours.*

Highest daily max temp	8.4 (14.0)
Lowest daily min temp	-7.8 (-7.9)
Mean daily max temp	2.4 (5.2)
Mean daily min temp	-2.1 (0.0)
Total rainfall	34.0 (42.3)
Total sunshine	82.8 (100.0)
Days with rain	21 (17)
Days with snow	16 (11)
Days snow lying at 1300Z	27 (7)
Days with fog*	9 (4)
Days with air frost	26 (14.9)
Days with hail	3 (1)
Days with thunderstorms	0 (0)
Days with gales	1 (4)
Days with gusts 34KT+	10 (17)
Highest gust	47 (76)

\* Includes reduction in visibility due to heavy or blowing snow.

# Report on the Meeting of Executive Council Held on August 30 1995

THIS meeting of Executive Council was unique in the sense that we had the honour of the presence of two Commanders British Forces - Air Commodore Peter Johnson made his last appearance at Executive Council and his successor, Commodore Sandy Backus, was also present. This fortunate situation created a great opportunity for an ideal transition as far as the military Commander's presence on our Councils is concerned.

Absent were His Excellency the Governor on leave, Councillor Halford, who was replaced by Governor Goss and the Government Secretary, who was unfortunately ill.

There were over forty items dealt with and thus the pace of the meeting was brisk. But it was particularly noticeable that the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held the previous day was most useful in shortening discussions where there had been a clear unanimity of purpose between Councillors and, subsequently, officials.

## Penguin Crossings

Councillors discussed the Zebra Crossings (Regulations) Order 1995 and whilst accepting that the Order be made, agreed to change the name to the far more appropriate Penguin Crossings (Regulations) Order. This will mean that the crossings in John Street and in Reservoir Road will be validated and marked out in a clear manner and that we have the option of placing other penguin crossings in necessary locations as appropriate.

It was decided to commemorate Her Majesty the Queen's seventieth birthday.

## Airstrips

The matter of the problem caused in the more remote reaches of the Islands caused by the inability of the last man off to man his own airstrip was discussed and it agreed that a paper providing complete details should be submitted to a future Executive Council.

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## Postage Rates

There was a paper presented to Councillors recommending that postage rates should remain the same but that the first weight step for airmail letters and small packages should be reduced thus increasing charges. This proposal was rejected and there will be no change at all in the existing postage rates.

## Information Security

Two Bills were then discussed relating to security of personal information, one being the Access to Health Records Bill 1995 and the other the Access to Personal Files 1995. These are both particularly pertinent in the light of increasing computerisation of records within the Islands and both were approved for introduction in Legislative Council.

## Offshore Petroleum Licensing Regulations

The second largest mass of paper before Executive Council was The Offshore Petroleum (Licensing Regulations) 1995. These Regulations relate closely to the existing Offshore Minerals Ordinance 1994. Members accepted the recommendation that the Regulation be made.

## Tendering

A brief paper which had been prepared by the Chief Executive was accepted. This clarified the inability of any individuals who may be capable of benefiting from a tendering process to take any part whatsoever in that process.

## Oil Management Team

We then had an oral presentation on the work of the Oil Management Team and it was stated that the launch due for 3 October is still in the course of preparation but remains very much on track. The legal and financial work is up to date. The environmental baseline survey tenders have now been reviewed by the Tender Board and a recommendation of the company to carry out the survey was made to the Council which was accepted.

It was future agreed in view of the considerable difficulty that many people had in 'phoning in', that another one would be held at some time before the public meeting on 19 September so that those still wished to ask questions may have the opportunity of doing so.

## Fisheries Policy

A paper was presented by the Director of Fisheries on Fisheries Policy for the coming season and was agreed, as well as the Licence Types and Fees for the First Season of 1996.

## Hydrographic Survey

It was also agreed that a hydrographic survey in the Saunders Island area should be carried out in the next two years. This was the result of a special offer which has been made by HMS Endurance and gratefully accepted by Councillors.

## Graduate Management Training Scheme

The possibility of bringing forward the graduate management training scheme so that it would operate in the current year was discussed. It was agreed that provision would be made for training two or three graduate Islanders in this way.

## Government Insurance

It was also agreed that the review of Government insurance business by re tendering would be deferred for at least a year.

## Garbage Disposal

The garbage disposal situation in Stanley was then discussed. It was felt that the traditional steel drums should remain where the disposal of ashes is still necessary, in addition to the "wheelie bins".

## Data Protection Bill

The Data Protection Bill 1995 was then approved for passage to Legislative Council. This particular Bill reflects the 1984 Data Protection Act in the United Kingdom, which protects individuals in relation to data recorded on

computers and other automatic processing equipment in relation to them.

## Cable and Wireless

Land to the west of Reservoir Road was approved as a site for the new Cable and Wireless earth satellite station.

## Financial Position

Councillors were pleased to note the Information Paper on the financial position at the end of the year 1994/95, which revealed a growth in the overall balancesheet of some fourteen million pounds from the previous year.

## The Draft Town Plan

We then moved on to discuss the thickest file - the Draft Town Plan and the number of objections that had been raised to it by members of the public. It was agreed that all the thoughts of the Planning and Building Committee on these objections should be crystallised into a single document which would become, in reality, the Second Draft. This should then be brought back to Executive Council for approval before the plan itself became the subject of detailed cartographical work.

## The National Stud Flock

The Monthly Report on the National Stud Flock was received and it was agreed that the comment with regard to early shearing be referred to the National Stud Flock Management Committee for advice to Executive Council.

## Any Other Business

Under Any Other Business it was confirmed that legislation will be drafted in the near future to ensure that all motor vehicles imported into the islands have fixed seat belts.

## Postal Frank Changed

The Chief Executive was instructed to confirm with the Postmaster that the name on postal franks should be changed from Port Stanley to Stanley. It was established that the legal name has always been Stanley and it is only in the franking of stamps that the name Port Stanley has continued to the present day.

In spite of the workload, the meeting finished around 4pm and concluded with sincere thanks being offered to Air Commodore Peter Johnson for his considerable contribution towards the work of Executive Council.

We are grateful to Acting Governor Mr Andrew Gurr for the summary of the report on the meeting of Executive Council.

  
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## The times they are changing 1963-1995

HAVING approached Mr John Smith of the Stanley Museum for 'something of historical interest' to include in this week's paper, he kindly provided us with a number of Falkland Islands Colony Staff Lists with pay scales. To give an idea of how wages have changed we have compared some salaries from three of the years, with present day wages. The lists include many familiar names.

In 1963, at one end of the scale, Governor Arrowsmith received £3,350, whilst at the other, Miss R Rowlands (Clerk at the Customs and Harbour Department) received £165.

The youngest employees recorded in the 1963 list were all age 15, those being D Hardy (Learner W/T Operator), T J Anderson (Office Messenger) and B V Peck (Clerk, Treasury) earning between

£165 and £195 per annum.

With regard to salary scales, in 1995 a school leaver at the bottom of the scale now earns 37 times more than a 15 year old clerk, 32 years ago. The poor messenger however did not even make it on to the bottom scale (J) and on a separate line it was noted that the messenger received £150-£200 per annum.

The good news is that in 1963

a person at the lowest end of the scale earned comparatively, an amount which was 4.9% of that earned by the Colonial Secretary; however in 1995 a Junior Clerk earns an amount which is 15% of that earned by the Chief Executive.

So cheer up Junior Clerks and remember, the Chief Executive only earns 19 times more than he would have done in 1963.

	1963	1968	1975	1995
Colonial Secretary later Chief Executive	£2100	£2080	£3720	£40464
Senior Medical Officer	£1950	£3030	£3600	£30396
Medical Officer	£1620	£2530	£2880	£22752
Superintendent of Education	£1470	£1930	£2640	£30396
Superintendent of Post and Tel's	£1310	£1630	£2256	£19260
Superintendent of Power and Elec	£1250	£1630	£1632	£19260
Registrar General	£1070	£1520	£2256	£15684
Police Superintendent	£1020	£1080	£1872	£22752
Income Tax Officer	£825	£1020	Not available	£19260
Nursing Sister	£800	£1050	£1392	£13320/15684
Electrician	£730	£920	£1392	£10908
Camp teacher	£640	£670	£1300	£13320/15684
Police Constable	£450	£790	£840	£10908/11244
Clerk Post and Telecommunications	£225	£350	£600	£10908

Salaries are Per Annum. As 1995 salaries are taken from pay scales and exact amounts are not available, we have shown the lower end of each scale. The table gives 1963 job titles, thus the 1995 column shows the appropriate equivalent.

## Diary of a Farmers Cat by Baldrick Wilkinson

# Multi-coloured language filtering through from the kitchen

OKAY, so I'm sorry. I've said I'm sorry. How many more times must I say it??

How was I to know that being rude about new cat Bimbo would make her ill?? No sooner had the poor animal settled into her new home, than she started staggering around like a drunk, all glazed eyes and no co-ordination, so the Missus got a bit panicky and whizzed her off in the dreaded cardboard box to see the long suffering vet. All flashing lights and sirens it was. Well - practically.

One extremely cheesed off moggie is now back with us, with nothing much to show for her adventures other than some ear drops (which she hates) and a lot of FIGAS air miles to her credit. Her temper is possibly worse than before, perhaps due to the ear drops, and she's forgotten her manners in the house, which pleases me no end. Instead of using her tray provided by the Boss, she started her whoopsies secretly behind the arm-chairs in the sitting room. Sadly for her, the Boss has a hooter which could earn him a fortune as a sniffer dog. Bimbo found out pretty quickly that dropping whoopsies is NOT the way to win friends, though it can certainly influence people. So influential were her whoopsies, I'm happy to report, that she's rapidly been reduced to the rank of Outdoor Cat, along with the rest of us common

moggies...

Apart from locating offensive pongs, the Boss has been busy the last couple of days, putting a strange looking contraption into the Rayburn to make it burn oil. It's because the Missus can't carry peat buckets any more (lazy moo), and the Boss can't leave her on her own with a peat stove to feed. Since he badly needs to escape from her clutches occasionally - and I sympathise entirely - he's had to bite the bullet and accept that life will be more expensive from now on.

This oil burning thing was a bit of pig to fit, judging by the multi-coloured language filtering through from the kitchen to us moggies in the porch. We half expected a spanner or two to come sailing through the window, and were ready to take evasive action. No such excitement, though. He finally got the thing working properly, or so he thought, and there was great jubilation on the part of the Missus when she boiled her first kettleful of water by oil power. Not to mention huge joy when she fried eggs on it that night - in the pan, I hasten to add...

The daft woman got carried away today, of course. Never one to leave well alone, she tweaked the stove up to full power when the Boss was safely out of the way, and he returned to find the thing smoking and diesel seeping out on

to the kitchen floor...

When he'd come back down off the ceiling, he set to work to put things right, and now it all seems tickety boo. Shame really. Things needed living up around here...

Oil slicks aren't the Boss's only problems. He's got the water tank on the hill to sort out, 'cos the water coming through the taps at present is 'disgusting', according to the Missus. She doesn't half whinge about it, too. I reckon the Boss won't get any peace until he plods up that hill and cleans the water tank out. Meanwhile he's pumping water from the ditch, through the bathroom and into the bath. The Missus collects it from there in jugs and boils it. All that palaver, and all they need do is go and drink direct from the ditch, fussy beggars. And who needs baths when they've got tongues?

While the Boss has been scratching his head over the stove, the water supply and the state of the nation, the Missus has been happily at work churning out squares on her knitting machine, with music blaring out to keep her happy. 'Phantom of the Opera' is her current favourite, alternating with some noisy stuff by 'Guns 'n' Daisies' (or some such stupid name). It's enough to make a cat leave home...

The Missus gets fifty pence for every square she makes, apparently, and where once she just

reckoned prices in good old pounds sterling she now thinks in terms of squares:

"Only another two thousand four hundred squares and I could buy that electronic knitting machine" she enthuses, crouched over a hot calculator "and knit even more squares! And only one hundred and twenty thousand would buy us a house in town for the winter months..."

Sheesh. Even I can work out that knitting one hundred and twenty thousand flamin' squares would take her nearly ten years, assuming a forty hour week and no holidays. Fat chance of that happening. I know the Missus too well. No staying power...

Ah, well. Let the silly moo dream on. Let her hitch her wagon to a star, even if it is a shooting one. We all need our dreams. Mine is of discovering a cache of Whiskas somewhere on the farm. But knowing my luck, if I did find one it would end up being declared Crown treasure trove, and forfeited. Life's like that...

Never mind, back to the real world. The Boss appears to have struck oil in the kitchen, so I guess I'll mosey along and watch the fun.

Cheers, chays -

Baldrick

## Farming Phobia An irregular column

I RECENTLY had the chance to travel along part of the West Falkland Highway and found that apart from a few nuts that it was in very good condition. Needless to say I then had to tackle my spies who had told me otherwise, but I am assured and have seen photos to prove it, that a month or so ago it was a different story. The general opinion is that the grader will sort it out for now, but that in the long term it will need capping.

I read that John Cheek intends that Landholdings land will always have free access, no matter who owns it in the future. He obviously knows nothing about farming or he wouldn't say such rubbish. There is no way that a farm can be managed properly with people and vehicles roaming around all over the place at their leisure. Perhaps he will issue an open invitation for all and sundry to have

the freedom of his business premises whenever they wish.

I notice that the Post Office registered mail stickers have always had Stanley and not Port Stanley printed on them, so I was glad when the decision was finally made to call the Town by its proper name. Anyway whatever "they" say, surely if anyone wants to call it anything else they have the freedom to do so, I certainly wouldn't have started calling it Port Stanley. I was tempted to suggest changing the name to Puerto... something or other, but decided against it.

Have only just received last week's Penguin News so Gail Steen's comments will have to wait until later to get analysed properly, but would suggest that for now she contacts the DOA for the information she requires and perhaps a few reports, she might get lucky and learn something she

doesn't already know. If she does, I hope that she will let us know. I wonder how much money has been put into such as whitegrass research over the years, which really only results in telling us what we already know. I expect that by now we have all got our copies of the draft dogs ordinance. I'm sure that this will also merit further comment, but unless I'm thick, I would think that it will take the next couple of weeks to decipher and understand. A pity it wasn't constructed according to the English language, but at least we got a copy this time. Let's hope that when the welfare proposals come out these will be easier to understand, or perhaps the idea is to baffle us with bull and then try to get it passed quickly before anyone even knows what it is about. If these papers are an example of the

norm that goes through LegCo, then either a lot of stuff gets through unnoticed or our councillors are brighter than what I credit them for.

The accolade this week is a joint award and goes out to both Nigel Knight and Tony Heathman for organising and running their respective "shows" during the Christmas holidays. I have only had the good fortune to attend one of these events, (which I take an active part in every year), but I believe the other one to be as equally well organised, so thanks to Tony and Nigel.

Well I seem to have been rambling on and run out of space, probably a waste of time to propose any changes to Landholdings anyway, but possibly next time, along with Colin Smith.

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### Falklands Landholdings Ltd Job Vacancy

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### FISHERIES PROTECTION VESSEL - FALKLAND ISLANDS

#### INVITATION TO TENDER

The Government of the Falkland Islands seeks tenders from suitably experienced ship operators, for the provision of a vessel for Fisheries Protection duties. There will be no requirement for a scientific/research fishing capability.

The vessel must be British registered or entered into British Registry for the duration of the Charter, which will be for a period of 98 days commencing 24 February 1996.

Vessel owners and operators are invited to submit their bids, based on the draft Charter Party and required specification, which may be obtained from the Fisheries Department, Stanley, Falkland Islands. Telephone 500 27260, Telex 2426 or Fax 500 27265. Bids should be returned to:

The Chairman of the Tender Board  
The Secretariat  
STANLEY  
Falkland Islands  
Fax 27212

Tenders must be received by 1100 local time (GMT - 3 hours) on 13 October 1995.

The Falkland Island Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest, or any other bid, and reserves the right to give preference to a tender from a Falkland Islands resident, business, company or organisation.

It is the Falkland Islands Government's policy to publish, where appropriate, the names of tenderers and the amount in which they tendered. Tenders will be considered only on this footing.

Enquiries concerning the Tender and draft Charter Party should be directed to the Director of Fisheries, Fisheries Department, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS  
IN THE MATTER OF VANDA JOAN JOHNSON, a Bankrupt

Certificate of Appointment of Trustee

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT DANIEL NORMAN STEWART BLACK of c/o Standard Chartered Bank Ross Road Stanley Falkland Islands has been duly appointed and approved in place of GRAEME GILL as trustee of the property of Vanda Joan Johnson who was adjudged bankrupt on the 26th day of May 1993. DATED this 31st day of August, 1995

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### PERSONAL

Mr H. J. 'Binnie' of Fox bay would like to thank all his family and friends who have supported him during his recent sad loss, and to all those people who sent messages, cards and flowers. A special message of thanks should go to Robin and Patricia Marsh, Gavin and Deirdre Marsh, Leon Marsh, Bill Porter, Mike Sackett, Dr. Fisher, Dorothy Wilkinson, and Canon Stephen Palmer for their kindness and support. Also to FIGAS for their support during this sad time, especially the pilot, Mr. Derek Clarke.

Happy Birthday David from Sharon, Abigail, Matthew and Charlotte

### PRISCILLA MORRISON

Happy 18th Birthday for the 6th September Have a great one.

Lots love, Mum, Dad, Marcus and Owen, also Nan & Grandad Lang

Congratulations to Leeann and Ralph on your engagement.

Love Mum, Dad, Christopher and Gran, Neil, Glenda, Ben, Paul, Lisa, Jacob, Paul, Ruth and Dominic.

### Public Notice

The Fisheries Department has a vacancy for the unestablished post of Fisheries Observer, commencing as soon as possible. The period of appointment is negotiable.

Scientific observers are responsible for the collection of biological data from a range of commercially important species during the fishing season. Observers can expect to spend periods between 3 to 4 weeks onboard vessels of the fishing fleet, sampling and analysing catches at sea.

Ideally candidates should process a degree in Biology or a related subject and have experience of sampling techniques, basic computing and statistics. Candidates with an interest and aptitude for biological fieldwork will also be considered.

Salary ranges from £9,228 per annum in Grade G2, to £15,204 per annum in Grade G4, the starting salary being dependent upon age, qualification and experience. In addition, a Seagoing Allowance of £21.20 will be paid for each day spent at sea.

Further details of this position are available from the Senior Scientist at the Fisheries Department.

Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Establishments Secretary, Secretariat no later than 4.30pm on Friday, 8th September 1995.

## Postscript from the Baha'is

THINKING for yourself can be very hard work and we don't always need to be "re-inventing the wheel", so there are times when it is not only easier but also more expedient to follow someone else's lead. If you are thinking of buying a personal computer and you don't know a great deal about them, it may be more sensible to simply run with the herd.

But there are times when it may be critical, even essential, that one think for one's self. Not to do so could result in incalculable loss.

If, in the Day when all the peo-

ples of the earth will be gathered together, any man should, whilst standing in the presence of God, be asked: "Wherefore hast thou disbelieved in My Beauty and turned away from My Self", and if such a man should reply and say: "Inasmuch as all men have erred, and none hath been found willing to turn his face to the truth, I, to, following their example, have grievously failed to recognise the Beauty of the Eternal", such a plea will, assuredly, be rejected. For the faith of no man can be conditioned by anyone except himself. (Baha'i Scriptures G1 LXXV)

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# We will remain until the enquiry is finished say Devon and Cornwall Police

DETECTIVES of the Devon and Cornwall Police have now arrived in the Falklands and have established themselves in an incident room at Stanley Police Station. The purpose of the visit is to investigate the disappearance in 1980, of Royal Marine Alan Addis.

Operation 'Lioness' as the investigation has been named, is headed by DCI Pennington under the command of the Chief Police Superintendent Greenland. They have brought with them sophisticated equipment enabling direct access to the best computerised detection system available.

All four team members are from CID backgrounds, and have been involved in the investigation of serious incidents including deaths, and drug related operations.

DCI Pennington explained that the reason for coming to the islands to continue the investigation was because 'the time was right'. He said that after the 1982 conflict, the investigation had been pushed to one side, however, interviewing of all Royal Marines who had been in the Falklands at the time of the incident had been completed



DCI Pennington, Senior Investigating Officer recently. This information combined with that received from islanders and ex Falklands residents in UK (who responded to an appeal

suspicion, but were questioned as witnesses.

When asked if there were specific suspects, DCI Pennington said that 'we have certain individuals we will be focusing on'.

He added, "We already have a number of interesting lines of enquiry to pursue and we will remain here until the enquiry is finished. We intend seeing numerous people who, I have good reason to believe, have information quite relevant to the enquiry, but have for whatever reason not come forward yet. These members of the public now have the facility to ring a confidential police line number 22222 which between the hours of 5pm and 7pm will be personally manned until Thursday 14, by the Devon and Cornwall Police. It will then have an answerphone facility.

It was also felt by DCI Pennington, that 'there are also one or two individuals who were close to the incident, and without doubt it has been playing on their minds.' He made the appeal that these people come forward and explain the situation prior to a visit from the Devon and Cornwall team.

## A boiler suit full of tussoc makes all the difference to Leon

LEON AND Frank Marsh spent a cold night on Sunday 10 September, when they became marooned on Flat Island near Rincon Ridge Farm.

Having set off to cut tussoc from the Island in an inflatable dinghy, Leon discovered that something had gone wrong with the outboard motor. They were unable to fix the motor so attempted to row around the Island in the hope of rowing the relatively short way home. Unfortunately the wind got up and they soon found that the inflatable was continually forced sideways due to the wind. Fearing that the vessel would flip over, they rowed back and went ashore on the island.

Despite an attempt to build a shelter from tussoc and bags, a freezing and draughty night was experienced. Leon made the best

of the supply of tussoc and stuffed his boiler suit full of the grass.

Around 6.45 the following morning a SeaKing helicopter, having been alerted by Leon's wife Sharon, landed and rescued them. Neither suffered any ill effects, despite the cruel weather they had been subject to.

## Letter of warning to oil companies from Argentina

A NUMBER of oil companies have received a letter of warning from the Argentine Government.

The letter informed them that the Government will attempt to frustrate the oil round set to begin on October 3.

Acting Governor, Mr Andrew Gurr, described the letter as 'sabre rattling', he said the oil round will continue as planned.



Private David Crowie of the FIDF receives his cup for Best Recruit at the passing out parade (see page 8 for further details)

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WITH the recent arrival of the four members of The Devon and Cornwall Police and the renewed interest locally in the case of the missing Royal Marine Alan Addis, many relatively faded memories of Naval Party 8901 have surged into the combined public consciousness.

I myself have suddenly acquired vivid memories of Sunday afternoons at my (maternal) Grandparents house, of the arrival of bleary eyed 'bootnecks' begging cups of coffee, cake (and in extreme cases of post Saturday night bingeing) 'hair of the dog'. My Grandmother's 'boys' were pretty much a permanent Sunday afternoon fixture. Having left Glory Hour at the Globe or Victory, they would wander up Philomel Hill in (in my Nan's eyes) endearingly wobbly little groups and droop around the house bemoaning the end of the weekend and the need to return to a sober state to face another week. Being of a young age, I had the enviable position of 'fly on the wall', and would settle myself down amongst the red eyed and Johnny Walker smelling, to eavesdrop on the sometimes hair-raising stories of the weekend past.

Apart from the occasional exciting visits to Moody Brook for children's parties and fireworks in the form of flares (and wasn't it a triumph if you managed to retrieve one of the little parachutes), this is about the sum of my memories of the Marines. The older generation however will have many more, and will no doubt have exchanged a few in the past few weeks.

It was suggested to me only a few days ago that, this being my last editorial before John's return, I have a perfect moment to say something highly controversial and then retire behind my role of assistant editor. However on the subject of Marine Addis, it is, I think, almost impossible to take a controversial stance. I think it is true to say that the community almost as a whole have remarkably similar feelings regarding the subject, and the emotion that really stands out in those I have talked to is that of helplessness. This emotion stems from the deeply felt wish to see the case resolved, and if there are guilty parties, for them to be apprehended; however many of us are only too aware that we cannot help.

On a number of occasions, *Penguin News* have been phoned by media in Britain and asked to comment on the Islanders feelings regarding the case of Marine Addis. The first question asked is "Do the Islanders resent the 'reopening' of the case?, or something similar which had an underlying suggestion that we may wish to 'protect our own'. What these people obviously do not understand (and my initial description of my memories was to illustrate this) is that although Alan Addis may not have been in the Falkland Islands long enough to become an individually known face, he was part of something we Islanders had adopted into the physical and mental structure of our community. He was our own, and perhaps what makes it so difficult and so deeply personal to all of us is that we were unable to protect him.

As I have already said, I have no controversial opinion to state, my feelings are only too similar to everyone else, the only thing I have to add is that if anyone does help the police, and it leads to an arrest, then they need not fear condemnation from the community only gratitude; and because no one need fear condemnation, in some way we are being of help.

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## YOUR LETTERS

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

### Access to some parts of the islands - a need for future generations

'FARMING PHOBIA' is correct in that I am not an expert on farming. However I do know a little about the Falklands and can see how fast it is changing. What I would like to see, particularly for the future generations, is some form of guarantee that they will have access to at least some part of the Islands.

I know most farmers allow access now, but that is not a guarantee for the future.

At the moment the people of the Falklands effectively own Falkland Landholdings and may impose conditions on the sale of land. Additionally I would like to see certain

Landholdings areas set aside as nature reserves with access available to the people of the Islands. I have my own favourite areas in mind, but would be interested to hear what areas others might suggest for such purposes.

In the past Falkland's Governments gave little thought to the need of future generations and sold off most of the land. We now have the opportunity with Landholdings to do something - let us not waste this opportunity - it may be our last.

John Cheek  
Stanley

### Don't let the opportunity to debate a national issue slip quietly by

IT is disappointing to see there has been no further response to your efforts to stimulate some debate on impending amendments to the constitution. I have sympathy with the views expressed by Tim Blake that the Select committee of the Council who have received comment from the public should be recycling those views, and their own thinking to date (all not attributed of course), and making much greater effort to define the issues and stimulate debate.

It is not sufficient to have one phone-in and part of a public meeting on a matter of such critical importance and claim that it is proper public consultation. The discussion should be interactive with views and options flowing both ways.

What happened to the public sessions of the Select committee? Was it not intended that the Committee should take evidence in public, or if it was not perhaps it should have

been. This is a great opportunity for Councillors to debate in public a truly national issue which affects everyone, and which will shape the future political direction of the Falklands. To let it slip quietly by would be a national crime.

I am one of those, apparently few, who have written to the Chairman of the Select Committee with my views on the Wallace proposals, and am perfectly happy for them to be made public if it would help the debate. I would prefer the Select Committee took that initiative however.

What really concerns me is that we have commented on Wallace proposals, but what are the councillors now proposing? I think we should know.

Mike Summers  
Stanley

### Falkland Islands Penpals wanted

MY NAME is Zoltan Koncsok. I'm a 22 year old man from Hungary and I would like to have penpals from the Falklands aged 16-50; so please write to me.  
Zoltan Koncsok  
Jeszenszky 19  
2660 Balassagyarmat  
Hungary

I am a young man from Indonesia.

My name is M Syukur and my hobbies are, correspondence, collecting banknotes, coins, caps, photos, patches, pens, pins, postcards, phonecards, stickers, keychains, magazines, maps, emblems, envelopes etc.  
M Syukur  
P.O. Box 36  
Duri, Riau 28884  
Indonesia

## ●Late Letter Congratulations Bill

I HAVE just retruned from a drive to Little Chartres Bridge (10th September).

If you drove from Green Hill to Little Chartres at 50mph then

congratulations on being the biggest nutter on the West.

Robin Smith  
Harps Farm

## Court News

ON Wednesday 6, 1995, Mr Jason Morris was fined £300 and disqualified from driving for 18 months after pleading guilty to drink-driving. Mr Morris had, whilst driving a Fiat Panda car, misjudged a turning and driven into a ditch.

A breath test was later carried out at the hospital and a further two samples were taken at the Police Station, with the lower reading being just over twice the legal limit.

Mr Kenneth Stewart was granted unconditional bail after Mr Andrew Jones requested a Social Inquiry report on him having pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle while being unfit to do so through drink. The proceedings were adjourned until September 20.

Miss Deborah Ford pleaded guilty to an act of Common Assault committed against Mrs Lucinda Pitaluga in the Beauchene Shopping Centre. Mr Andrew Jones, Senior Magistrate imposed a conditional discharge for a 12 month period.

Mr Jones said that although Miss Ford was acting at a time of deep distress, due to the end of a relationship, her actions were not acceptable.

Mr Kevin Ormond was sentenced to three months in prison after pleading guilty to the theft of 105 items, amounting to the total cost of £472.73, from the Ministry of Defence. (Mr Ormond was formerly a Forces Sergeant Chef)

Bryn Rozee of Stanley was fined £200 after pleading guilty to a firearms charge. Following argu-

ments with his girlfriend, Mr Rozee went to her house carrying an unloaded 9mm pistol, which he threw down and which was kicked under a bed. The Senior Magistrate described it as immature posturing. Mr Rozee was given a £200 fine plus £35 court costs.

A British Serviceman working with the Postal & Courier Troop at Mt Pleasant, and who has the responsibility of conveying civilian mail to and from Stanley, was fined £150 and charged £35 court costs after pleading guilty to exceeding the 40mph speed limit on the MPA road.

Sgt Richard Clark of Hillside Camp pleaded guilty to an offence under the Road Traffic Ordinance. A Police Officer, while on foot patrol on the 23rd August, observed Sgt Clark drive at speed across the junction of Fitzroy Road and Hebe Street ignoring the stop sign situated on the corner.

In fining Mr Clark £75 with £35 costs, the Senior Magistrate ordered an endorsement of the Serviceman's driving licence.

We sadly report the death of  
**Mrs Jane Lucacia Clarke,**  
Age 96  
on September 10,  
1995

### Public Notice

THE Falkland Island Government invites tenders from suitably qualified persons for the removal of a quantity of oil and scrap located at the old sealing station at Albemarle. The oil, estimated at between 70 and 90 tonnes of furnace fuel oil is situated in a Braithwaite tank at the old Albemarle Sealing Station and is to be transferred to 205 litre drums and transported to a designated site near Stanley. Part two of the contract is for the removal of scrap and general tidying up of the area.

Tender documents are available from the Secretariat and tenders endorsed "Removal of oil and scrap at Albemarle" should be returned to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat, Stanley to reach him on or before Monday 25 September, 1995.

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

The Secretariat, Stanley  
12 September, 1995

## FALKLAND ISLANDS OIL THE TALKS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA

AS these lengthy negotiations enter the crucial pre-oil launch stage, a meeting was held in New York on Saturday, 9 September at which Mr William Marsden lead the UK delegation.

Due to issues having arisen

which require further consultations with councillors, His Excellency the Governor will return today, Wednesday 13.

A meeting with Falkland Islands councillors will be held on Thursday morning.

### Relatives of Argentine Airmen to visit Islands

THIRTEEN dependant relatives, including wives and children, of Argentine Airmen shot down over Pebble Island during the conflict in 1982 will visit the Falkland Islands on October 31st this year.

The group will fly with Aerovias DAP from Chile to MPA then be transported by helicopter to Pebble Island. Once there, they

will attend a Service of Consecration at the new war cemetery.

They will stay overnight at Pebble Island before travelling to the Darwin to visit the Argentine Cemetery, returning to Chile later that day.

Several Argentine journalists who hold dual citizenship will accompany the group.

## Stanley Swimming Club

### OPEN SWIMMING GALA

Date: Saturday, 23rd September  
Venue: Stanley Leisure Centre  
Time: 10.00am

#### Events:

U13- 25m freestyle, 25m breaststroke, 25m backcrawl, 50m freestyle

U16 - 25m freestyle, 25m breaststroke, 25m backcrawl, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backcrawl

OPEN- 25m freestyle, 25m breaststroke, 25m backcrawl, 25m butterfly, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backcrawl, 100m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 100m backcrawl

OVER 35yrs - 50m freestyle

RELAY EVENTS - Individual 25m medley (teams of 4)- Team 25m freestyle, Team 50m medley, Team 25m ball push, Team novelty race.

Entry forms are available from Stanley Leisure Centre and should be returned to either Dennis Humphreys, Infant/Junior School, or Sarah Allan, Stanley Leisure Centre, on or before Wednesday 20th September.



Press release from the Fisheries Department

# Fisheries policy to be reviewed

THE FISHERIES Advisory committee have announced that they intend to undertake a review of the Fisheries Policy with any revisions to take effect in 1997. The Fisheries Policy is often regarded as being synonymous with licence allocation policy and it is this issue that usually attracts most interest. It is intended that as well as reviewing licence allocation policy, the process should encourage a more general review of how the local fisheries sector should progress in the medium to longer term.

The reasons for undertaking the review at this point are two-fold. Firstly, access to catching *Loligo* squid, which is currently the most commercially attractive fishery is pretty much limited to vessels which already have what are referred to as long-term licences. These licences of which there are 17 for the first *Loligo* season (February - May) are of five years duration. Eight of these licences expire at the end of 1996 which gives scope for reviewing policy for 1997 and making changes. Secondly, it seems highly probable that fishing will be the main economic activity occurring

around the Falklands for the short to medium term. This could easily be the case for the long-term if the pace of any oil development is slow. Hence fishing could be the main economic activity throughout a significant proportion of the working lives of many recent and future school leavers.

Whilst 1997 may seem to be some way off, it is proposed that the review should be concluded by around April 1996. This will hopefully ensure that the policy is in circulation for some six months prior to licence applications being submitted in September 1996, for the first season of 1997.

The policy review will look at what changes should be made in that part of the Fisheries Policy which is commonly referred to as the 'points system'. This system has been used for ranking and selecting the successful applications particularly for long-term and *Loligo* licences. The system was devised to encourage the development of the local fisheries sector concentrating on mainstream fishing activities. It gives point for: turnover from fishing and supporting activities, level of company tax paid, number of FI resi-

dents employed, level of local management, sale of catch, nature of joint venture or charter arrangements, fishing plan, and the ownership, flag and age of the vessel involved etc.

It is also proposed that the policy review should look more widely at how the fisheries sector should develop over the next 5-20 years. There are a considerable number of issues which require consideration of which the following are a few:

Local companies may need to attain a 'critical mass' i.e. a particular size which allows them to progress and to cope with the risks inherent in the fishing business. This may result in the industry becoming focused around a smaller number of large companies. This will not preclude other companies from developing although they may find access to the most attractive species more difficult. They may displace the larger companies should any of these falter.

Whether there should be greater investment in infrastructure and improvement of port facilities and services to assist the fishing industry. Should this in-

vestment fall to FIG or to the private sector or both?

Should finance be made more readily available to local companies seeking to progress in the fisheries sector?

Clearer definition of which activities local companies wish to be involved in and their feasibility. For example it is possible to process fish or squid on a small scale locally or in some speciality areas, whereas large scale processing would run into problems of labour supply. Should processing be encouraged elsewhere?

Whether a different approach needs to be adopted with regard to *Illex* squid which is largely destined for the Far East, in contrast to finfish and *Loligo* where European interest predominate.

Industry representatives have been invited to submit their views on the fisheries policy review by mid October. These views will be considered by the fisheries advisory committee who will eventually make recommendations to Executive Council.

For further information, contact John Barton, Director of Fisheries, Fisheries Department.

## Chilean fisherman swept overboard

ON Friday 1st September at 9am Mr Gabriel Silva from Punta Arenas was swept over the stern of the vessel *Gramplan Fury* by a large wave.

Mr. Silva was in the water (30 miles east of Stanley) for 45 minutes during which time was he not only subject to the cold sea but also Giant Petrels attacking him.

Dik Sawle of Polar Ltd told *Penguin News* that Mr Silva's survival was due mainly to three factors, the first being, that when he was swept into the water, not only was he wearing a life jacket and was passed a rope which he tied around himself but also because

he kicked his waders and socks off, and curled himself into a ball to protect himself. Secondly the crew of the ship followed the correct procedures during and after the rescue and finally because of the assistance from 78 Sqn's Sea King.

Mr. Silva is employed by Polar Ltd and has been working in Falkland waters for three seasons. He is now back on board his ship after being treated at K.E.M.H. for hypothermia.

Polar would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the staff of the K.E.M.H., Fishops, and 78 Sqn for all their help during this incident.

### In memory of Mrs Madge Biggs

*A well known and respected member of the Falkland Islands community, Mrs Biggs sadly passed away on Friday, September 8, 1995. Mrs Biggs involved herself in many community activities and was awarded both an MBE and a Papal Declaration.*

### Sheila's

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## Abattoir consultant visits Stanley



Brian Spurr

BRIAN SPURR, Managing Director of Carl Bro Food Ltd, arrived in the islands recently to advise FIDC on the sizing and through-puts of the proposed new abattoir. Mr Spurr is an acknowledged expert in the design and construction of such structures which are built to EC standards.

Mr Spurr feels that such upgrades in the abattoir standards are absolutely necessary if the Falklands are to find new selling markets for mutton and beef, that is, to the British Forces in the Falklands and eventually to Britain: where he has been advised there is such a market.

The abattoir would be built to

third country standards (any country outside Great Britain) and would be inspected by vets from the EC. Such a structure he said, would be able to convert offal and bone into fertilizer high in nitrogen. The structure would use far less water than the present abattoir.

Mr Spurr will also advise on the most efficient and cost effective way of transporting livestock around the islands to the abattoir, so that the cost of bringing livestock from areas further away from Stanley will not cost a great deal more than bringing it from closer areas.

### Public Notice

The King Edward VIII memorial Hospital in Stanley will require the services of a qualified Hospital Engineer to commence duties in late February 1995.

The Hospital Engineer with the help of the Assistant Engineer, is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the hospital buildings, machinery and plant. This includes electrical equipment in the kitchens and laundry and electro-mechanical and specialist equipment in the following sections: theatre, pathology, laboratory, physiotherapy, pharmacy, dental, ITU and X-ray wards, outpatients and casualty.

The post requires a practical "hands on" person in possession of an HNC or technicians's certificate in Engineering (preferably Electrical Engineering) with at least ten years' experience in the operation, maintenance and repair of hospital buildings and services. A willingness to train subordinate staff and to work unsocial hours is essential.

The successful candidate will be required to be on call on a rota system.

Salary is in grade G5 which ranges from £15,684 to £18,648 per annum.

Further details can be obtained from the Medical Department Administrator on telephone number 27415. Application forms and a job description can be obtained from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Chairman, Senior appointments Board, Secretariat by 4.00pm on Monday 18th September 1995.



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# 1927: A community united in a stunning stage production


THE 'stunning production', was a musical revue produced by His Excellency Arnold Hodson in 1927. The programme (centre) was one devised for a later production (the Governor being so enthusiastic about his extravagant musical, repeated it on a number of occasions over the years he spent in the islands). Perhaps what made it so totally unique, was the enormous amount of participation by the community, although there is a noticeable majority of ladies in proportion to gentlemen in the photographs.

Museum curator John Smith, wrote in his book 'Those were the days', "There were over fifty in the cast, backed up by almost as many people in the role of assistants, committees, producers of scenery and stage effects. The programme was packed with names, some of which are still very much in the fore today while others are sadly only memories: Summers, Kings, Berntsens, Lellmans, Pitalugas, McAtasneys, Turners, Blyths, Hooleys, Creamers, Shorts, Newings, Atkins, O'Sullivan, Aldridges, Coutts, Fleurets, Roberts, Hannafords, Pecks, Gleadells, Binnies and Osbornes along with a good many others'. 'Zachariah Fee' was a truly remarkable production in every respect showing the wonderful closeness and pulling together of the small community in those happy days when contact with the outside world was by the steamer once a month."



Above: A line up which would not look out of place on a West End stage. *Revue Chorus girls* including, D Atkins, D Hardy, E Berntsens, B Newing, M Pettersson, M Miller, I Lehen, G Wilson, M Duffin, V Riches, M Mercer, K Smith. *Light-on-Toes and Partner* (centre) Miss E Atkins and Mr M Robson. The identities of the *Tambourine Dancers* below, are not made clear in the programme, but older readers may be able to recognise some of the girls





A Photographic Record  
of  
**The Zachariah Fee Revue**  
(A musical pot-pourri in three acts.)  
Produced and Conducted  
by  
His Excellency Arnold Hodson, CMG.  
given in honour of  
HMS Ambuscade, June 1928  
HMS Amazon, June 1928  
HMS Despatch, February 1929  
HMS Durban, July 1929  
HMS Caradoc, August 1929  
HMS Delhi, March 1930  
HMS Dragon, July 1930  
HMS Danae, December 1930  
HMS Despatch, February 1931  
In The  
Town Hall, Port Stanley  
Falkland Islands  
Photographs taken by the Hon. G. Roberts, Port Stanley.



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& National Trust**  
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Sunday  
10.00 - 12noon



Below: Apache Dance - Mr M Robson and Miss E Atkins



The Governor followed the gala performance a few weeks later in the January of 1928 by giving a Ball in the Town Hall, to thank all those who had taken part in the production of his pantomime. This was another Hodson spectacular. Furniture, rugs, fittings, candles and even bowls of goldfish were brought down from Government House to make the Town Hall more comfortable for the guests. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock and was in full swing by eleven when supper was served from tables arranged around the sides of the hall decorated with Government House silver and flowering plants specially taken from the conservatory.



Above: The Downfall of Zachariah Fee. *Zachariah Fee*, Mr A W Beardmore  
Below: The Schoolroom Scene



Below: Maidens of the Yard





## FIDF Best Recruit for David Crowie

FOUR members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force swapped their recruits hats for badged berets on Sunday September 10.

Privates D Crowie, C Plumb, J Halliday and M Carey completed their 6 month training which culminated in Exercise 'new badge' over the weekend of September 9/10. The exercise involved practising all aspects of their training during difficult weather conditions.

During the ceremony held in the drill hall on Sunday afternoon Captain Marvin Clarke paid tribute to the recruits and force instructors for the effort put in over the months of the training.

The recruits were then presented their force berets by Acting Governor Mr Andrew Gurr, who in his speech to families and members of the FIDF, who were present at the proceedings, emphasised the importance of the FIDF in the Falkland Islands community. The Best Recruit cup was awarded to Private David Crowie, the runner up was Private Geoffrey Halliday. There then followed a social buffet and drinks in the FIDF Club.

It was a busy weekend for the FIDF. The March and Shoot hosted at Mount Pleasant was held on Saturday 9 September. The FIDF team finished a credible 3rd.

Report and photographs by Paul Riddell



Above: Best Recruit, Pte. David Crowie (holding cup) Runner up, Pte Geoffrey Halliday  
Left: recruits drilling (L-R) Derek Clarke (instructor), D Crowie, C Plumb, J Halliday, M Carey

Below: recruits and training instructors



## Penfriends

We wish to receive letters from people in the Falkland Islands. Here are our particulars:

Yvonne Afua Smith, P.O. Box 897, Cape Coast, Ghana. age 26, female, hobbies are cooking, reading, letters and travelling.

Rita Cusmos, P.O. Box 897, Oguaa Town, Ghana. age 24, female, hobbies are travelling, gospel reading, romance and meeting new and honest friends.

Paa Kwasi, P.O. Box 1309, Oguaa Town, Ghana. age 22, male, would like to exchange gifts and likes the movies and photos

Agnes Lovely Acquah, Apartment 1, P.O. Box 989, Cape Coast, Ghana WA, age 26, female, hobbies are travelling and cooking.

Ishmael Acquah, P.O. Box 989, Cape Coast, Ghana. WZ, age 20, male, hobbies are travelling, watching football and videos and exchanging letters and ideas.

I am a German business man, married, aged 63 and am interested in philately, please write to

Hans David Binzer  
Postfach 16 01 20, 63033 Offenbach/Main  
Germany

Wednesday  
September 27th



Stanley  
Leisure Centre

WE probably all know someone who has had a heart attack, someone who suffers from angina and many people who risk heart disease from smoking. The British Heart Foundation funds research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease.

The British Heart Foundation recommend skipping as a form of regular exercise to help the heart, lungs, other organs and muscles to work together more efficiently. In fact, boxers use skipping as a regular part of their training.

Here is an opportunity for you to get together with a few friends and relive your childhood skipping memories. You could help raise money for the British Heart Foundation and also for Stanley Running Club, by taking part in a 'Skipathon' on Wednesday 27th September, 5-7pm at the Stanley Leisure Centre.

Come along and skip for as long as you can, or take turns with up to 5 others. Sponsor forms are available from Stanley Leisure Centre or contact Sarah Allan (tel: 22119) for further details.

## AS I SEE IT by Gail Steeen

### If it's imported it must be better ?!\*

IT'S a happy state of affairs if you are in tune with your editor. Reading last week's editorial I see that on this occasion me and mine are shaking our heads to the same beat. My first reaction to the forthcoming visit of Status Quo's drummer was - 'It's not the 1st of April, is it?'

But I guess it's for real. One man, and his drums, who has come up with a brilliant idea (and good luck to him) on how to travel around doing what he does best, at the same time parting the gullible from their money.

Yep - I guess that's culture for you! This is what it's all about - what we've been missing all these years! Apart from the theories that often persist in these islands - if it's imported it must be better, or, like what you get in the UK - this visit certainly reflects some of the trends and values of today's society.

Concepts of morality, honesty and doing the right thing often seem to come out fairly low on the chart of values the world lives by, so I get some comfort from the moral high ground the Government are hammering their stake in at the moment with regard to the oil talks. But with the not so moral nibbling away at the roots of our precarious perch, let us hope we do not get toppled off this lofty platform of dignity, and fall in the muck.

If we were at all worried or did not fully trust our negotiators to get us the best deal. Or wondered how high the price will be and set at whose level. And could not get

answers. We could always give our 'friend' Guido a call. Given their style of democracy he may well let us know the state of play and what agreements or otherwise are being made on our behalf. Perhaps he should be invited to link in and take part in the next phone-in? Could make for interesting listening.

In the future when it will finally dawn on us just what we have got into, when the Government is issuing demands to oil companies to clean up their act, clean up the sea, or are waving signed and sealed weighty documents as proof of what should be done, of what is right and proper behaviour. Then, if met with silence or long delays in complying, where will the moral high ground be?

The Falklands are as prepared for oil, as a virgin in a castle of vampires is prepared for initiation. And when the rest of the world has sucked all it can, they will move on, leaving us with their questionable values engrafted onto our values of today. Then we will be prepared - but by then; what will we have left?

You may well wonder what gives me reason for such a pessimistic view. Look around you, what do you see? Listen to councillors talk. Think of the decisions made in the recent past. Think of the decisions and policies that are not being made, that need to be made, now.

Yes, we have progressed in certain areas, but at times I think it is more by good luck than good management. The Falklands are not

just Stanley, yet all the development is centered in one small area.

What of the whole? In all these 150 odd years we have never really developed as a country in the fullest sense, we are still in many respects like an outpost, we have no strong fabric on which to build our own picture.

The rural road system is a welcome luxury, but an empty road going where? I am pleased that Bill can enjoy driving along that stretch of road in the 'lawless west', but I wonder how much traffic he passed?

I suppose it could be described as a chicken and egg situation - you have a large number of people scattered about so you build a road, or, you have a small number of people scattered about and you build a road hoping to encourage more settlers. All very well in theory, but where are these people coming from? What will they do?

You know I like asking questions, and one of the best things about writing this column is being able to do so without spending hours reading dusty reports that lead you all around the houses before telling you what you already know. Or, that intensify the frustration when you realise nobody acted on the report anyway!

This way, if someone takes umbrage at the question or its implications, they soon enough say so, and then we are all enlightened. Sadly, more often than not, no answers appear (in print anyway), so I have to assume I struck the right chord, nobody read it or nobody cares. Therefore I was pleased.

antly surprised to read (Farming Phobia Sept. 6th) that someone is going to analyse some of my comments. I await the analysis in gleeful anticipation and just to add another comment before interest wanes, I will tell you of a response to a question I put to Ronnie Sampson while he was Chief Executive.

I asked what would happen if the farms failed? He gave a very diplomatic answer, but tuned into body language as I am, the real answer was in his expression and the eloquent shrug of his shoulders! If he had been of lesser intellect and a user of commoner vernacular I am sure he would have said, 'Tough shit, chay.'

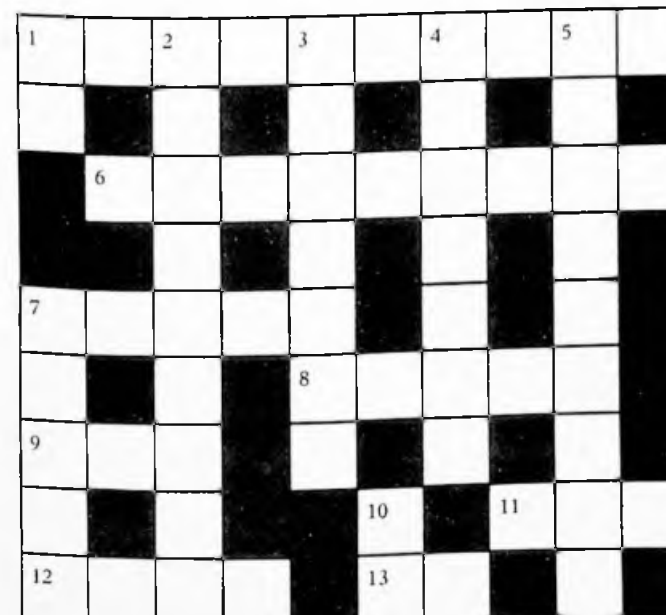
And that my intrepid farmers, is what you should be aware of (in case you aren't already). The only ones who really care is yourselves, and maybe others like me who can see what could be ..... if only.

We should all be seeking to close the differentials between Camp and Stanley. We are one country, if we want to make it better, we can only have one people.

Andrew Gurr certainly appears to be more committed to rural development than the previous Chief Executive and I wish him, and whoever else is involved, every success. The crunch will come in November when proposals go before EXCO. Then we will see if the concept of one woman or man beating their own drum can significantly change the perception and whether we can all march to the same tune. Now that, my friends, would be - Culture!

## Conservation Crossword

by Mike Bingham



### ACROSS

1. These penguins now number only one eighth of their 1930's population size (10)
6. Eggs and chicks are at risk from this if adults are scared from nest (9)
7. A twitcher does this to birds (5)
8. Marine fish excrete them, river fish conserve them (5)
9. A part of sunlight which damages cells, and is absorbed by ozone and sunscreen (3)
11. Tall freshwater vegetation (3)
12. Unprocessed information (4)
13. Initials of organisation with rockhopper logo (2)

### DOWN

1. Initials of seabird which nests on ledges (2)
2. King with blue eyes (9)
3. "What a difference a day made" to this bay (7)
4. Tube-nosed Giants (7)
5. Life-forms, their habitats, and interactions, in its entirety (9)
7. Important to FI Treasury and penguins.
10. Initials of more common name for Cassins (2)





## Spinning Around

A PICTORIAL look at recent goings on around the islands shows Dave Eynon's vessel *Penguin* being towed to the public jetty after it came adrift recently during a gale. Dave would like to thank everyone who helped or phoned at the time of the incident.

Holiday activities at the Stanley Leisure Centre give parents a respite from bored offspring.

Sullivan Shield Indoor Football League was won by 'Grabbers', consisting: R Short (Captain), D Hall, N Clifton, D McConnick, P Riddell, D Peck, J Jones.

A wonderful display of photography by Peter and Shelley

Nightingale has made queuing a pleasure at Standard Chartered Bank.

Despite the hardships involved in farming, Peter and Shelley give a glimpse of the colour and variety which makes Camp life worthwhile.

Jamie Robertson's actress wife Kerry Fox who starred in 'A Village Affair' also appears in film 'Shallow Grave' in Fleetwing shop.

Thank you to Nina and Fiona for all their help at *Penguin News* over the past few weeks.

Having had a taste of journalism we shall be expecting regular up-dates on 'Life at Peter Symonds'.



Left: Daniel Ford shows off an impressive technique at softball rounders.

Top right: The *Penguin* during its recent rescue.

Right: The ever popular Aqua run is brought out during 'Crazy Hour' at Stanley Leisure Centre



Dave Hall receives the official trophy for 'Grabbers', winners of the Sullivan Shield Indoor Football League



## STANLEY RUNNING CLUB

### Forthcoming events:

**Skipathon Wednesday September 27,**  
Sponsored skip in aid of the British Heart Foundation and Stanley Running Club - Venue: Stanley Leisure Centre - Time: 5-7pm.  
Further details and sponsor forms available from Stanley Leisure Centre

**Snakes and Ladders Race Saturday October 14,**  
2 mile race around the Stanley streets - Venue: Monty's Car Park - Time: 10.30am. Entry fee £1 (under 15's 50p). Enter on day.

**Moody Brook Challenge Saturday November 11,**  
6 mile race to Moody Brook and back - Venue: Whalebone Arch. Time: 10.30am. Entry fee £1 (Under 15's 50p). Enter on the day.

**Cape Pembroke Half Marathon**  
**Saturday December 9,**  
Annual multi-terrain race to Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, finishing on Victory Green - Venue: Totem Pole, Stanley Airport Road. Time: 10am  
Entry forms available from Michelle Jones, Split Endz Hair Salon, Brandon Road, Stanley, or from Stanley Leisure Centre. Entries must be in by November 30, 1995

For further details of the above events, contact Michelle on tel: 21450, or Sarah on tel: 27291

## Health Matters, this week by Emma Dilnutt, Health Visitor

# Healthy Eating

WITH spring weather, hopefully, just around the corner this is a good time to stop and think about our health. Has the long winter allowed us to become sedentary and to develop eating patterns which, in the present may cause us to feel unfit and lethargic and in the long term adversely affect our health?

Research shows a strong link between what we eat and our health. In the UK many serious disorders are caused, at least partly, by eating too much food or the wrong types of foods. Because many of us eat too much fat and sugar and not enough dietary fibre, we are likely to be overweight. Heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity, constipation, tooth decay, diabetes and cancer are commonly related to diet. Certain changes in eating patterns may help to prevent long term consequences.

The changes recommended by the Committee on Medical Aspects of food policy (COMA) are as set out below.

1. Increase amount of starchy foods and dietary fibre, for example

- Bread, especially, wholemeal,
- wholemeal breakfast cereal - porridge oats, 'weetabix', unsweetened muesli, 'shredded wheat'.
- Wholemeal pasta, whole grain rice, potatoes.

Even if you are overweight these foods should be a main stay of your diet. They are relatively low in calories unless you add fat to them.

2. Eat more fruit and vegetables, for example:-

- Fruit - fresh, dried, stewed or tinned in natural juice. Try to eat three portions each day.
- Vegetable - fresh or frozen. Try to eat a variety of green and root vegetable two portions each day.

3. Reduce the amount of fat eaten, for example:-

- Choose lean cuts of red meat, poultry fish.
- Avoid fatty sausages, fatty meat,
- Generally use semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, low fat yoghurt,

low fat cheeses, low fat margarine.

d. Obvious fats include butter, margarine, lard, dripping. Less obvious are mayonnaise, salad creams and dressing.

e. Pastry, cakes, sweets, cream or chocolate, biscuits, these should be eaten on a limited basis.

f. Cooking methods can help to reduce overall fat in take, grilling, baking, boiling and stewing are better than frying.

Remove all visible fat from foods. Do not fry meat and vegetables for stews.

g. If you do fry use an oil containing poly-unsaturated fats such as corn, sunflower, safflower oils, poly-unsaturated fats help to keep blood cholesterol down.

4. Eat less sugar and salt.

**Sugar:** Of the sugar we eat and drink almost half is taken in our tea, coffee, breakfast cereals and smoko. The remainder turns up in sweets, cakes, jams, soft drinks and fruit flavoured yoghurts. It is advisable to eat these in moderation only.

**Salt:** One way of reducing your salt intake is to not put salt on the meal table and to add as little as possible to your cooking.

Examples of foods which have higher salt contents are:- pickles, cured meats, bacon, ham and cheeses. Try to eat these only two to three times per week.

**Alcohol:** Alcohol can be used socially. However moderation needs to be exercised. The safe limit for alcohol intake is twenty-one units for a man and fourteen units for a woman. One unit equals the following:-

half a pint of average beer, one standard glass of wine, one small glass of sherry or port, a single pub measure of spirits.

Following the above guide to healthy eating, combined with regular exercise, should result in you feeling fitter and more able to enjoy your life.

This should also help to protect your future health.

## Diary of a Farmer's Cat by Baldrick Wilkinson

WHOSE bright idea was it to put the clocks forward? Come on - own up! I have a bone to pick with you, sunshine. Summer time, forsooth. Who're you trying to kid? Snow, hail, gales, ice, chilblains...

At this rate we'll meet ourselves coming back, 'cos it'll be 'winter' officially again before we've had so much as a taste of that elusive 'summer'.

Me, I'm emigrating if things don't improve soon. I'll send you a postcard, shall I? Palm trees, warm sun and a tasty pussycat draped over a beach towel? Huh. Dream on. My personal piggybank's got one peseta, a chocolate coin and a couple of Monopoly notes in it. Similar to the Missus's piggybank, in fact, except that she eats anything made of chocolate.

Boy, that wind's been howling round the place these last few days. Bits of the farm I've never seen before have come whistling past the house, bound for horizons new. The coloured ewes that live around the green look pretty cheased off with the situation - they're all ancient, decrepit old bags (and note I resisted the temptation to add 'Like the Missus') - and the lambs with them are losing interest in life. One little chap (christened 'The Milky Bay Kid' 'cos his Mum was chocolate but he was white) snuffed it last night in the kitchen. This

event inevitable plunged the Missus into a deep black hole for a while. Practically black armbands, it was, and rending of garments. Sheesh. The Boss was plunged into a deep black hole too, when he realised how much lamb tonic and milk powder she'd used trying to save what was, when all's said and done, one of the least important beasts on the farm. (I must admit I wrote that in a whisper, just in case the Missus heard me.)

The hens have found out the hard way that it's unwise to venture beyond their run during the gales. Reaching the house in order to scrounge a meal is one thing; getting safely back to their roost for the night is another ball game and one in which they are too often the ball...

One hen tried making a dash for home round the corner of the Portacabin yesterday, only to be met with eighty knots of Antarctic breeze. Panic showed in every feather as the silly old biddy dug her claws into the ground and tried to retain contact with Mother Earth. Not designed for high flying, those biddies, and not eager to try the high life. Particularly in reverse gear.

The Boss took pity on that particular bird and scooped her up, returning her to safety in a sheltered corner, along with her chums.

But I can't help wondering how many feathered satellites are orbiting Earth at present...

The boat called here this week, battling her way through the wind and tide. The Boss was expecting a heap of timber, to make proper sheep handling pens. This meant putting the tractor and trailer in the sea, to get the timber off the Seatruck. Sadly for the Boss, his tractor conked out and wouldn't start again, so he had to push the trailer into the water. Squelching back to the house, he had to execute a quick change in the kitchen into dry clothes, with the Missus fussing round him like one of her hens with a chick.

Me, I had a quiet snigger behind the door. The Boss in his Y-fronts is not a pretty sight at the best of times, never mind with blue skin...

There was a lively little interlude down at the jetty later on, when the Boss discovered a cartoon drawn on an important piece of freight he'd been waiting months for, from the UK. The caricature had windswept hair, large (sorry, distinguished) nose, open mouth and flapping tongue. No title, but there was no mistaking the subject...

The Boss saw the funny side, of course, but wasn't going to let on. He enjoyed throwing a few verbal

punches at the Seatruck crew for not being man enough to call him Big Mouth to his face.

They denied all knowledge of the artist, and one unwisely ventured the theory that someone at the UK end had executed the graffiti - Big mistake. What utter bosh, what utter twaddle.

Even I could see that that was a smoke screen. Only someone who knew the Boss by sight could've come up with such a good likeness of the poor old sod...

Ah well, back to a nice warm box and my tail over my nose.

Best to keep the old head down until summer (hah) finally arrives.

The winds howling round the house, and the joint is rocking as they say. One of the hens has just bowled past like a piece of tumbleweed in a spaghetti western. The Boss is in hot pursuit and may just catch up with the poor beggar before she fetches up in the oggin.

Don't think I'll bother watching the outcome, though - too darn cold out there.

Cheers Chays

Baldrick



## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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Interested parties are invited to submit bids marked 'Pipit' to the Government of South Georgia and the south Sandwich Islands at Government House by noon on Wednesday 27 September. The sellers do not commit themselves necessarily to accept the highest or any bid.

Further details may be had from Government House on tel: 27433 and fax: 27434

### NOTICE

Owing to heavy losses in the stock this winter I regret I am unable to supply lambs this coming Christmas  
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### PERSONAL

A very big thankyou to the pilots and crew of the SeaKing helicopter who rescued Leon and Frank Marsh from Flat Island on Monday morning. Leon and Sharon, Frank and June

**Andrew and Georgina Smith**  
We would like to thank the following people for helping make our day special. Ali, Tyrone, Mandy, Ginny, Jimmy and Aunty Fran for bringing everything back from UK. Stella Middleton, Veronica Fowler and Hilary Pauloni for the dress alterations. Lisa, Amanda, Nadia and Heidi for being bridesmaids. Paul for being best man. Dad for giving me away. George, Gerard and Wayne for driving us all. Ali and Gillian for being ushers. Eileen, Ian, Nettie, Tooty and Mum for helping us all to get ready on time. Glynis and Michelle for make-up and hair. Aunty Mall, Uncle Reg and Linda for taking great care of the men. Jason, Donna, Violet and Ben for all the odd jobs etc. Paul and Amanda for the cake. Mum and dad for the supper and reception. To all family and friends for the lovely cards and presents and thankyou to Emily Mowat for the lovely good luck charm which Nicole Jaffray presented me with outside the church

## Auction Bridge

AN encouraging gathering enjoyed another evening of Auction Bridge on the 6th. Prize winners were:

1st. Mrs N Smith and T. Petterson  
2nd. Miss L Vidal and D. Roberts  
Booby. M. Murphy and his invisible partner.  
The next Bridge evening is scheduled for Wednesday 20th September at 7.30 in the KEMH Day Centre

# Netball News

WITHIN Stanley Leisure Centre over the winter months, many sports, new and old have flourished. The traditional sports of badminton and football, newer arrivals such as squash, netball, basketball, table tennis and lately bowls, short tennis and racketball are all being played regularly.

For those who play badminton, squash, netball, basketball and football, the clubs provide a regular opportunity for competition. However, with a limited membership and lack of opportunities to play teams from other local clubs, the chance to play against a visiting Navy team or a team from M.P.A stirs up great interest and excitement. Just how good are we? Will they beat us or can we hold our own? Competition from outside, taken for granted in other, bigger countries is a rare treat for the Falkland Islanders.

Stanley Netball Club had the chance on Sunday 10th September to compete against a visiting Ladies Netball team from M.P.A. Such was the interest from Stanley that 2 teams were put together, one to play in the first half and the other in the second half of the game.

<b>Team 1:</b>	<b>Team 2:</b>
G.K Marilyn Hall	Liz Elliot
G.D Nicky Luxton	Sarah Allan
W.D Kelly Moffatt	Michelle Jones
C Ingrid Newman	Christine

W.A Margaret Lang	Rhodes
G.A Denise McPhee	Zoe Luxton
	Sally Robertson
G.S Cathy Clifton	Michelle King

The score in the 4 quarters of the game were 3-1, 8-5, 11-8 and the final score was 16-13 to Stanley. However, since this was the first time M.P.A had actually played together, the Stanley team could be in for an even tougher game when they travel to M.P.A for a return fixture in a fortnight.

Stanley Netball Club would like to thank Tony Chater for arranging the fixture and also Flt Lt Jane Burbridge, the P Ed. O from M.P.A for getting the M.P.A team together.

The match was originally arranged as an opportunity for teams to rest between semis and finals in a men's 5-a-side football tournament. However, the men from M.P.A were obviously not as well organised as the women as they failed to turn up.

### Stanley Netball Club Challenge Shield League results:

1st Team C - 55 points  
2nd - Team B - 44 points  
3rd - Team A - 36 points  
Winning team members - Isabel Minto, Marilyn Hall, Lynn Brownlee, Denise McPhee, Myriam Smith, Nicky Luxton, Zoe Luxton

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS IN THE MATTER OF THE BANKRUPTCY ACT 1914 AND IN THE MATTER OF VANDA JOAN JOHNSON, a Bankrupt

#### Certificate of Appointment of Trustee

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT DANIEL NORMAN STEWART BLACK of c/o Standard Chartered Bank Ross Road Stanley Falkland Islands has been duly appointed and approved in place of GRAEME GILL as trustee of the property of Vanda Joan Johnson who was adjudged bankrupt on the 26th day of May 1993.

DATED this 31st day of August, 1995

By authority of the Governor in pursuance of his powers under the Bankruptcy Act 1914 in its application to the Falkland Islands  
D.G LANG QC  
Attorney General

## Postscript from the Tabernacle

### The bad news...

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them because God has made it plain to them.

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

### The good news...

God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

### What Now?

Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Quotations from the New International Version of the bible.*

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# UK/Argentine Oil Deal: Speculation is rife!

IN the absence of any real information emerging from either side, speculation about the content of an oil agreement between Argentina and Britain increases daily on both sides of the Atlantic.

Typical was a piece by Daniel Santoro in the Argentine newspaper *Clarín* giving what he claims are the main points of an agreement on a joint strategy between the British and Argentine governments for the exploration

and exploitation of hydrocarbons in the waters of the South West Atlantic to be announced this week by Argentine President Carlos Menem.

The *Clarín* speculation, described by Falklands Governor David Tatham as "plain wrong" envisages that Argentina will receive 33% of oil royalties for oil extraction in waters to the East of the Falklands and 50% of royalties from the Western waters. *Clarín*

uses what it describes as 'kelper' market studies to arrive at a figure of 12% of the value of any oil as the percentage that oil companies will pay in royalties, so, according to its calculations, Argentina would keep 33% of that 12% from waters to the East in "4 or 6 years", when it is estimated that wells might become productive should oil be struck.

An additional benefit to the Argentines, according to Santoro, would be a figure of between 25% to 33% of the revenue from the licences, which FIG will be selling from October 3rd. The report states that the licensing round would still remain in "British" hands, and that the Argentine Government, which has recently been making threats against potential participating oil companies, would undertake not to block the launch.

Falkland Islands Government sources are adamant that the *Clarín* report is totally speculative; one councillor going so far as to say that it bore no resemblance to anything she had seen, though it forms the basis of a story running today, Wednesday, in the UK's *Financial Times*, in which Andrew Gurr is quoted as saying a propos whatever the 'real' agreement may turn out to be "Both sides get something...that's the hallmark of a good deal".

All that really can be said with some hope of accuracy is that when the Governor returned from leave, he put before councillors a number of proposals on a joint British/Argentine oil strategy to which a majority agreed.

These proposals are believed to have derived from eight months of discussion between William Marsden of the Foreign Office and Guillermo Gonzalez, Argentine Foreign Policy Under-Secretary.

During an FIBS 'phone-in' on Thursday, while no details were forthcoming from a panel which

included Chief Executive Andrew Gurr and Cllr John Cheek, it did become evident that some sort of agreement between the British and Argentine governments was on the cards, the details of which would be revealed at a public meeting, postponed since, but now to be held in the Town Hall at 7pm on Tuesday September 26th and almost certainly to be broadcast on FIBS the following night.

While the impression gained is that the proposed agreement, which has apparently been approved by Prime Minister John Major, is what one source described as "an unbelievably good deal", the prospect of any deal at all involving the Argentines did not at first seem to find favour on the streets of Stanley (See centre pages).

Opponents to any deal with the Argentines must now cling to the hope that Argentine President Carlos Menem and Foreign Minister DiTella may yet fail to get past the radicals in their own Government the amendment to Argentine law, which it apparently will require. They have in common with 'hard-liners' in this country a wish to agree to nothing which might affect the sovereignty status quo.

## Second degree for Jeremy

CONGRATULATIONS are due to Jeremy Smith of Stanley, who returned to the Falklands on Sunday from a year at Aberdeen University, where he was awarded an MSc degree in Environmental Sciences.

Jeremy's first degree, a BSc in Cartography and Geography was gained at Oxford Polytechnic, now Oxford Brookes University.

Putting his studies to use in a relevant field in the Falklands, Jeremy is now joining Falklands Conservation as a Field Worker.

## Flying the Falklands flag on VJ Day



Photo: Martyn Smith

The Falklands contingent in the VJ Day parade in Whitehall form up before the start. (Names and another picture on Page 5)



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## WISHES OR INTERESTS?

THE OIL 'PHONE IN' was clearly a mistake and so it is probably a very good thing that the peculiar 'half-open' and 'half-shut' public meeting planned for Tuesday has been cancelled. Nobody likes being told that there are things that they are not allowed to hear, especially when it is by someone who appears to take as much pleasure in it as Cllr Cheek.

What the exercise did highlight, however, was what an essentially dicey business parliamentary democracy is. Having once elected a candidate to represent us, we are entitled to expect that they will work in what they consider to be our best interests, but we have no guarantee that this will coincide with our wishes. Election manifestos are not binding, nor can they be expected to cover all eventualities.

In the Falklands today many voters are arguing that we are now in circumstances which were largely unforeseen at the time of the last election and alleging that a majority of our councillors, by agreeing to any sort of deal with Argentina over oil, have gone against the terms of their own manifestos. However, although councillors have the option of consulting their electorate in any of a number of ways, both formal and informal, there is absolutely no legal or constitutional requirement for them to do so. Like expressing belief in an after-life, voting in a government is an act of faith; there is absolutely no proof available until it is too late to do anything about it.

Whatever it is that our councillors may have ratified on our behalf is essentially an agreement between two governments, neither of which is the Government of the Falkland Islands. Rumours and whispers are that it is a "good deal", but even a "good deal" will not please all those who would rather have seen no deal at all.

IF I have a more than usually silly grin on my face, it's because I am so relieved to be back in the Falklands, all in one piece, after what seems like far too long in a Britain, where the harmful effects of over-population are becoming ever more evident and pervasive and where, increasingly, I begin to feel like an alien.

This might be, because like most most people from the Falklands on holiday in the UK, I spent far too many hours sealed in my car on overcrowded roads from which all pleasure one might once have derived from driving has long since departed - roads on which traffic is either blocked and stationary (during which time I wait to become part of a "shunted" chain) or hurtling along nose-to-bumper at suicidal speed. (Cruising habitually just over the motorway speed limit of 70 mph, in order to 'go with the flow', I was constantly being over-taken by cars, which must have been doing well over "the ton".)

Perhaps because of this, it was on the road to Alsager in Cheshire, at the wheel of my unpronounceable, but excellent hire car, diverted the wrong way up the M6, that the moment of revelation came when I knew with the certainty of St Paul on the road to Damascus, that I had had enough and wanted to be back in the Falklands; it was Sunday afternoon, we were in a three lane jam and into the third hour of a journey which should have taken one and a half. I switched on the car radio just in time to catch the news, which, along with more tales of atrocity from the former Yugoslavia, included the discovery of the bodies of two young schoolboys, murdered while on a fishing trip and the brutal rape of a ninety-eight year old spinster by a fifteen year - old.

Some days later I came out of a carpet shop in Battersea to find that a commotion outside had been caused by two police cars, which were slewed across the road preventing the movement of a post office van. Whether, as some of the gathering crowd believed, this was a foiled robbery attempt, I don't know, because the incident was clearly not exceptional enough even to make the local South London evening papers, which I later scrutinised for information.

It is as impossible to imagine such events happening in Stanley as it is to imagine PWD mistakenly and fatally boarding up an old person in his own flat as happened in Glasgow recently. Living in a tiny community like ours may occasionally have its drawbacks and irritations, but at the very least someone is keeping an eye on our comings and goings and will notice if we are suddenly not around anymore.

BEING such a small community, also, we feel ourselves diminished by the loss of any of our members and my delight at returning home was tempered by the news of the passing of Miss Madge Biggs and Mrs Jane Clarke. There will be tributes elsewhere in this paper to both ladies, but suffice it to say here that each of them connected us in a very tangible way with the early days of this Colony, and also in the long lives they led, each embodied the virtues of hard work, sturdy independence and service to others, which we associate with the best aspects of the Falklands adventurous and pioneering past. We shall be very lucky ever to see their like again.

## YOUR LETTERS

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

## Evacuees hostel song wrongly attributed to Alma. It was Olga

THE NEWS is always eagerly welcomed when it arrives every fortnight at this address. Though I have lived away from home for many years, it is so good to be able to keep up with the happenings so regularly. Congratulations on a very interesting paper.

However, I am writing to correct a mistake in the recent supplement on VJ Day. I was one of the evacuees to Walker Creek in January 1942. My mother, Mrs Newing, accompanied me, and was employed as one of two cooks (the other being Mrs 'Smiler' Skilling) at the hostel. I was 14, and because my ambition was to become a teacher, I was eventually allowed to teach the small group of infants there, under supervision of Mr Draycott. Miss Alma Jones was one of the young teachers there, and subsequently was, of course, married to Derle Draycott. I can confidently tell you that she did not compose the Hostel song, as I wrote it myself. I still have the original. It was the first of several little poems I have written for my own satisfaction on special occasions. I am sure all members of the staff of the Hostel would have had a copy (we were rather bored in those days and had to find something to occupy our time) so somewhere along the way it has been attributed to Alma. Not in the least important really, but as an ex-teacher, I still like to correct mis-

takes!

Incidentally, those days at Walker Creek were an experience I wouldn't have missed, in retrospect, though it did cause quite an upheaval in many ways to our hitherto uneventful existence.

When my mother returned to Stanley, it was to find some 20 or more soldiers billeted in our little house on John St. (the stone one just opposite the school).

Olga Harrison (Newing)  
Fareham

## We sucked before and didn't like it then

THERE appears to be a fairly strong rumour knocking around that I am writing the "Farming Phobia" article.

Well I am not and I can assure readers that if I was, my name and address would be published with it. I would like to say to the writer of the column, good on you, keep it up. I believe that the media receives too little input from the community, and Government Departments (Education excluded) are the worst offenders.

However if I was that writer my accolades this week would go to councillors Edwards and Goss. Norma and Eric have stuck to their promises and principles in opposing any oil agreement with the Argies. They have shown great moral courage and integrity in resisting the pressure which was no doubt applied by the administration, the FCO and the other councillors who all seem hell bent on re-involving the Argies in our affairs.

Cancelling the public meeting, further suppressing the details of the oil agreement (and what about the forthcoming Royal visit) from the general public so as not to upset the Argies smacks of the 1971 British/Argentine communications agreement when we were presented with a fait accompli by Foreign Office man David (suck it and see) Hall. We sucked; it was sour...258 lost souls testify to that.

Ken Mills  
Auckland, New Zealand

Neil Watson  
Long Island

# "Nothing given away" assurance in 'I'm saying nothing' FIBS oil phone-in

THE FIBS phone-in on oil on Thursday night may have had many listeners, but there were only three participants other than the panel, which consisted of Chief Executive, Andrew Gurr, Cllr. John Cheek, Attorney General David Lang and John Barton of the Fisheries Department, acting as spokesman for environmental issues. This might have been because it was apparent almost from the outset that the questions most people were interested in were not going to be answered.

Earlier in the week, the RAF Tri-Star finally triumphed over mechanical difficulties which had caused a 27 hour delay in take-off from Brize Norton and brought H.E. The Governor, Mr David Tatham back to the Falklands from leave to brief councillors and officials on the progress of the talks held at the weekend between the British and Argentine governments on the subject of oil exploration in the waters around the Falklands. His arrival coincided with speculation from both the British and Argentine press that a deal was about to be done, which would allow joint participation in oil exploration and, it was assumed, some participation by the Argentines in any revenue from oil that might be forthcoming in the region.

Earlier talks in this series, prompted by the approach of October 3rd, the date set for the Falkland Islands unilateral opening of an oil licensing round had apparently been described by Ar-

gentine Foreign Minister, Guido Di Tella as "in a state bordering on agony", but according to reports on the day of the phone-in, in the Argentine paper "Clarín" and also in the *Financial Times*, an agreement had unexpectedly been reached at a closed meeting in New York on Saturday between Argentine Foreign Policy Under Secretary Guillermo Gonzalez and his British counterpart, William Marsden.

The Clarín report went on to say that the negotiations had hitherto been blocked by disagreements on the Eastern waters, but that a preliminary agreement on the joint development of the Western and Northern waters around the Falklands had been reached between the Argentine and British governments as long ago as July.

Any hopes that listeners to the FIBS phone-in might have entertained that some light was to be shed on what such a deal (if that was what was in the offing) might consist of, were dashed even before the first call was received as Cllr Cheek, the Council member on the Oil Management Team, made it clear to Patrick Watts that he was not prepared to talk on this subject other than to say that a majority of councillors had agreed to proposals put to them by the Governor on behalf of the British Government. Pressed further, Cllr Cheek said that he had no intention of jeopardising the success of what were described as sensitive and difficult negotiations between the British and Argentine govern-

ments by revealing what they were.

Despite this warning, the first caller, Mr Neil Watson of Long Island, quoting from the press sources mentioned, tried valiantly to obtain answers to the questions, which he thought were uppermost in the minds of the Islanders: - What were the proposals that a majority of councillors had agreed to on our behalf? What level, if any, of Argentine involvement was anticipated? Would the agreement involve Argentine presence in our waters? What degree of revenue sharing might such an agreement entail?

Asked by Patrick Watts to answer Neil's questions one by one, Cllr Cheek said that he preferred his novels and other works of fiction to come from the library rather than from the press. The reports were, he said, "pure speculation". This view was reinforced by Chief Executive Andrew Gurr, who went on to assure listeners that the councillors would in his experience, rather die than yield anything to the Argentines on the sovereignty issue and nothing was being given away in the proposals that had been discussed.

Tim Blake followed Neil Watson by asking why the Falkland Islands was not represented at an Aberdeen Oil Exhibition, feeling it would at the very least be a good public relations exercise. In answer the Chief Executive, said that the Falklands had been represented very profitably at oil industry occasions in Houston and Nice. Unfortunately they could not

attend every such gathering.

The last caller, Terry Peck failed in an attempt to acquire a clear answer to a question regarding whether Councillor Cheek or any other elected member would be prepared to allow Argentina to become involved in the Falkland Islands Continental Shelf as defined by International Law of the Sea. Councillor Cheek said that as far as he knew there was no clear or agreed, dividing maritime line between the Falklands and Argentina.

Terry then asked whether the councillors believed that it was in the islands best interests to forge an agreement with Argentina to settle the disputed areas West of the islands.

Councillor Cheek was unable to answer, fearing that to do so would reveal details of the topics under discussion that were still confidential.

The most positive outcome of the meeting, it seemed, was the promise of a public meeting on the following Tuesday, which was to be followed by a session where more details would be given to those prepared to give assurances that information would not be revealed outside the islands. However, Government sources on Friday 15, however, revealed that it was now likely that the public meeting planned for Tuesday would be postponed and that a completely open meeting would be held the following week, when it was hoped, more concrete information could be released.

## Public Notice

The Fisheries Department has a vacancy for a Data Analyst.

The principal duties of the position will include the onsite management of the computer database, involvement in the assessment and modelling of commercial fish stocks, and the provision of statistical and computer support as required.

Candidates should be qualified to honours degree level in Fisheries Science, Mathematics, Statistics or Computer Science and ideally possess at least three years post graduate experience in data analysis or population modelling, a working knowledge of small network systems, database management and programming skills in SQL are essential.

Salary ranges from £15,684 to £18,648 in Grade G5. The starting salary will be dependent upon age, qualifications and experience.

Further details of this position are available from the Senior Scientist at the Fisheries Department, Tel: 27260.

Application forms are available from the Secretariat, and completed forms should be returned to the Chairman, Appointments Board, Secretariat no later than 4.00pm on Friday 22nd September 1995.

## Police car written off....at sea!



The damaged Police Suzuki Vitara at FIPASS

SEVEN new vehicles were badly damaged on board *MV Bluebird* which unloaded its cargo last week.

Mr Robert Rowlands, Manager of Stanley Services explained that a forklift broke loose during a storm. The forklift caused serious damage to a Landrover and forced it against other vehicles causing more mayhem.

Vehicles sustaining damage, included one of two new Suzuki Vitara police vehicles, a Volkswagen, owned by Mrs Gurr, a Ford Sierra Sapphire owned by Mrs McLeod, a Stanley Services Shogun, a Toyota Rav owned by Mrs Marj McPhee and another Landrover owned by Mr Mike McKay.



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# The world's press view of Falklands oil situation

BRITISH paper *The Daily Telegraph*, and *Lloyds List* both report on the draft agreement for oil exploration around the Falklands approved by local councillors.

*The Daily Telegraph's* article (written by Patrick Watts) reports that 'despite previous talks breaking down, high-level discussions in New York between British and Argentinian officials last week have produced terms which a 4 to 2 majority of Falkland councillors have agreed, provided one or two assurances can be given by British foreign Office officials, said Councillor John Cheek.'

The article goes on to say that 'two of the eight elected councillors are currently in Britain, but are understood to have been consulted and have given their approval. The other six councillors were briefed by the Governor, David Tatham, who interrupted his holiday to return to the Falklands carrying the New York agreement. Mr Cheek said: We have agreed to the proposals made to us by the British government, but as far as we are aware there is as yet no agreement between Britain and Argentina.'

Falklands officials are reluctant to reveal exact details of the agreement but it is understood that there will be joint development of the border areas to the west of the islands.

The Falkland government declared a 200 mile continental shelf two years ago, which prompted Argentina to demand 50% of all oil revenue accrued from its waters. The government has rejected that and the agreement is understood also to reject profit-sharing between the two sides.

Prime Minister John Major is believed to have taken an active interest in the councillors decision and to have discussed the agreement with the Cabinet.

*Lloyds List* simply adds to a similar statement to the above, that, a UK Foreign Office spokesman welcomed the council's decision but stressed the draft agreement still required ministerial approval by both the UK and Argentina. 'We have great hopes the Argentine side will also agree to it but the talks are not yet finished. Everyone agreed it was desirable but not essential that a firm agreement should be in place by the start of the licensing round.'

On September 15 the *Buenos Aires Herald* also reported on the 'draft agreement' saying a British Embassy spokesman stated 'the proposal agreement would safeguard both sides positions on sovereignty'.

It adds that 'although Falklands Council had approved the draft, their approval would not guarantee that they will not proceed with their oil exploration tender, scheduled for October 3'.

A further extract from the piece says that as a result of Argentina threatening to fight in court any attempt by the Islanders to go ahead with plans to tender for exploration, 'The islanders accused Argentina of 'sabre-rattling' in attempt to disrupt the round... But the British diplomat said "if the draft agreement is approved Argentine companies will be encouraged to take part in exploration and exploitation... Argentina would be an attractive base for companies. It has already got the infrastructure of an oil industry, it is geographically close to the operations, so Argentina would benefit economically through the use of that infrastructure and increased employment. The *Buenos Aires Herald* says, however, the agreement still has to be approved by the respective Parliaments, so the agreement is still not much nearer. Finally the *Herald* states that the next top level meeting between British and Argentine officials is likely to take place in two weeks time at the United Nations.

*La Nacion*, *Pagina 12* and *La Prensa* all have similar stories to the *Herald*. *La Nacion* adds that on the subject of talks regarding the agreement a diplomat said, 'Argentina did not back down an iota in its claims for territorial and economic sovereignty.' It also says, that Guillermo Gonzalez who returned Monday from the New York meeting said, 'if an agreement is reached, Argentine companies will participate in oil exploration and exploitation.'

All the Argentine papers claim that the Argentine Foreign Minister has declared himself 'less pessimistic' than a month ago on the perspectives for an agreement with the British. *Pagina 12* states that 'Argentines, Britons and Kelpers alike refused to disclose details on the kind of understanding achieved by the two countries.'

## Change of commodores at HQBFFI as new Commander British Forces arrives

AIR COMMODORE Peter Johnson, who left the Falklands some weeks ago is pictured (right) shaking hands at MPA with his successor as Commander British Forces, Falkland Islands, Commodore A K Backus OBE Royal Navy.

Commodore Alexander (Sandy) Backus joined the Royal Navy in 1966 and after training at the Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth, which included one year in the Far East, he served in a number of Her Majesty's ships: *Eastbourne*, *Cavalier*, *Bacchante*, *Arrow*, *Cleopatra* and *Torquay*, before taking up a staff appointment at the Britannia Naval College, Dartmouth in the early 'eighties.

Promoted to Commander in 1983, he commanded *HMS Arctura*, the Ikara Leander Class frigate until his appointment as the Deputy Senior Naval Officer and (QMH) Falkland Islands. This was followed by a spell at the Joint Services Defence College, Greenwich and an appointment to the Central Staff of the MOD. He was awarded the OBE in 1989.

Commodore Backus was promoted to Captain in 1990 after serving as Commander Sea Training to Flag Officer Sea Training at Portland and before returning to sea as Captain 6th Frigate Squadron in *HMS Hermione*.

In 1992 he returned to the Ministry of Defence where he remained until his present appointment.

Commodore Backus is accompanied in the Falklands by his wife, Margaret.



Photo: RAF Official

### VJ Day Parade in Whitehall

WE ARE indebted to Martyn and Tyssen Smith for the photographs in this issue of the Falklands contingent who took part in the VJ Day celebrations in London.

Here seen marching along Birdcage Walk with other Commonwealth participants are Colin Blyth (RAF), Martyn Smith, Marvin Clarke (FIDF), followed by veterans Frank Howatt, Mrs Elizabeth Roberts-Monti and Pat McPhee. Major Brian Summers of FIDF also participated in the event.



Photo: Tyssen Smith

## Lost Harrier wing recovery

PART of an aircraft wing was dragged up by a trawler fishing in Falkland Islands waters last week, reports Squadron Leader David Ogg, Press Information Officer at MPA.

The wing, identified as being from a Harrier GR3, was brought to Stanley and then taken on to MPA. It is thought to have belonged to Harrier XZ 963, which was forced down in the sea, east of Stanley on May 30, 1982 after receiving hits from small arms fire.

The aircraft, which was flown by Sqn Ldr Jerry Pook, had been on a mission to search for Argentine helicopters reported to be on the ground to the west of Stanley, when it encountered a column of Argentine troops and was hit by small arms fire from the ground.

As the aircraft was returning to HMS Hermes, Sqn Ldr Pook was informed by his wingman, Flt Lt John Rochfort, that the XZ 963 was venting fuel. Sqn Ldr Pook climbed to cruise height, but the leak worsened.

When all other options had been discounted, Sqn Ldr Pook descended to 10,000 feet and ejected some thirty miles from HMS Hermes. He had been in the water for less than ten minutes, when he was rescued by a Sea King from 826 Squadron.

## Covered with success

WHAT might appear at first glance to be simply a striped bed cover in the picture on the right is in fact a display of the ribbons won by Heidi Blake in another successful wool handling season in New Zealand.

Proud Mum, Lyn Blake of Little Chartres sent us the photo along with the details from "Shearing NZ", which published the final results for the 1994/5 season in which Heidi ended up as the highest ranked junior, 12 points ahead of her nearest rival. (In New Zealand woolhandling competitions are held at three levels, Open, Senior and Junior, unlike competition shearing, which has four levels, Open, Senior, Intermediate and Junior)

Heidi won 4 firsts, including the NZ Junior 2nd Shear Championship, 3 seconds, including Junior Woolhandler of the Year, 2 thirds, 3 fourths, including Junior Golden Shears and 1 fifth.

Lyn writes that all the competitions have very generous sponsors and Heidi has won many pairs



of shorts and shearing singlets, as well as bouquets and good cash prizes, but her most treasured trophies remain the ribbons bearing the name of the show and the competition.

In the 1995/96 season, Heidi will move up to the Senior Section and predicts at least two years hard work to get into the top rankings there. We wish her every success.



## Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the erection of lighting columns and cabling for the Fisheries Housing Estate, Stanley.

Tender documents are available from the Secretariat, Stanley upon payment of a £25 deposit refundable on submission of a bona fide tender.

Tenders endorsed "Fisheries Estate Lighting - Erection of Lighting Columns and Cabling" should be returned to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat, to reach him on or before 3pm on 28 September 1995.

## Public Notice

Applications are invited to fill the unestablished position of Trainee Aircraft Engineer with the Engineering Section of the Falkland Islands Government Air Service.

This position would be ideal for a mature person with training and experience in an allied trade wishing to further their qualifications. The successful candidate would be expected to serve a year with the Engineering Section prior to undertaking an approved licence course in a category of their choice.

The salary offered for this position will be in Grade G1/2/3 ranging from £7,548 per annum to £12,900 per annum and will depend on age, qualifications and level of experience of the successful applicant.

Persons interested in applying for this position are asked to contact the Chief Engineer, John Coutts for additional information.

Completed application forms should reach the Establishments Secretary, Secretariat, Stanley on or before 4pm on Friday 22 September 1995.

## Public Notice

A vacancy will occur in February 1996 for a qualified and experienced teacher of Geography at the Falkland Islands Community School in Stanley.

The Community School is a modern, well equipped building with excellent facilities. It was opened in 1992 and includes the community library, a swimming pool and sports centre. It has a pupil teacher ratio of 7:1 and is attended by 150 full time students between the ages of 11 and 16.

The successful candidate will be required to teach geography throughout the school up to and including GCSE level.

Salary will range from £13,320 to £18,648 in Grade G4/5, entry point being dependent on qualifications and experience.

Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Chairman, Senior Appointments Board no later than 4pm on Tuesday 26th September 1995

# Suspicion prevails as islanders prepare to 'wait and see'



Above: Taff Davies, "Keep Argentina at arms length if not further"

Below: Burned Peck, "Councillors should be made to resign, ....the information campaign does not exist"



*DUE to the high level of anticipation being experienced by the islands population as a result of being told to 'wait and see' with regard to the terms of the deal with Argentina, Penguin News approached a number of local residents for their opinion of the oil information campaign so far.*

*A number of those questioned were also asked if they were happy that any sort of deal had been reached with Argentina; did they trust Falkland councillors to 'represent their interests'; did they feel islanders had been adequately consulted and had they been reassured by the phone-in.*

Taff Davies, felt that if oil exploration was unavoidable then an agreement with Argentina was probably necessary to that exploration, however he personally would have preferred no deal at all.

Taff said that, the terms of any deal should keep Argentina at arms length (anything inside the FOCZ belongs to the Falklands) and such a deal should not lead to any closer links with the country, as occurred pre-conflict when Argentina, with each concession became more and more involved with the islands.

Regarding councillors, he thought there were some who would stand up for the views of islanders but felt others would bow to pressure from other sources. He also thought that islanders had not been adequately consulted, regarding Argentine involvement.

Amara Goss (who also spoke for her husband William) said she had been under the impression that councillors had been elected on the basis that they would never make any deals with Argentina. She felt there should be no such deals until Argentina dropped their claim to the Falklands. Amara had not really been reassured by the phone-in due to the lack of information available, however she did feel that councillors had been making an effort up until then, to keep islanders informed. She felt the islands were being 'rushed' into a situation where they would eventu-



Above: Janet Robertson, "Enough information, but oil is big business and once we say yes, it's out of our hands"

ally lose all control. Amara also expressed a lack of confidence in some councillors.

Eileen Vidal expressed a similar sentiment to Amara, in that she felt the islands were being rushed into making deals. Eileen would prefer to lose the possibility of revenue from oil if it meant having nothing to do with Argentina. She felt there had been not enough information on the whole, but had confidence that some councillors would attempt to represent the best interests of the islanders.

Burned Peck vehemently expressed a lack of confidence in the councillors, saying that they should all be asked to resign. He said the information campaign 'does not exist' and that there should have been a referendum asking for the opinion of all islanders. In Burned's opinion the oil should be left as a reserve for Britain with absolutely no Argentine involvement.

Glennis Ashworth of Becksie Farm felt strongly that the oil should be left where it is. She added that there should have been a referendum in the first place, and that presently

there was still not enough information available regarding oil. However having resigned herself to the fact that exploration would go ahead she felt contact with Argentina should be minimal.

She felt that although councillors would probably do their best to protect islanders interests they would be overridden.

Vera (Bunny) Bonner like

Glennis felt oil deals were inevitable but would have preferred them not to be. She felt there had not so far been enough information and also would have liked a referendum so that councillors would have been only too aware of islanders views. Generally she felt that councillors would attempt to do their best in a difficult situation.

Janet Robertson felt that due to the high powered status of the oil industry, Falkland Island councillors would have little control once it was all in motion, 'once we say yes it will be out of our hands'. She felt that Argentine involvement was inevitable, which although unfair, in view of islanders feelings, would probably mean long term security to the industry itself. With regard to the Government information campaign Janet felt that considering the secrecy needed in such a business, islanders had been reasonably well informed, far more so than would occur in other countries.

Janet felt that a referendum in the beginning (about 2 years ago) might have been a good idea, although she was not entirely confident that it would have made a great deal of difference. She felt a referendum at this point would have absolutely no effect on the outcome.

Janet added that 'councillors have to be sure of what they are letting themselves in for and how it will affect our relationship with Argentina'. Oil she said was big business and indicated that our (the islands) voice was very small in comparison.

June McPhee of Brookfield Farm felt the oil phone-in was completely useless, she thought due to the secretive manner of the panel it would only lead to islanders being deeply suspicious of 'what was going on'.



Above: Eileen Vidal, "would rather lose oil if it means contact with Argentina"

## UK Newsletter from Sir Rex Hunt

# Politicians should oppose honestly from the outside not treacherously from within

THE LONG hot dry spell is now over. Back in our winter clothes surveying our rain-soaked lawns, it is difficult to believe that we were suffering heat and drought less than two weeks ago.

In my last newsletter, I mentioned some of the problems that too much sun had brought to our farmers. Apparently, their trials and tribulations continue. Oak trees have produced a bumper crop of acorns. This may be good news for pigs, who can gobble them up with evident enjoyment and without damaging their tough intestines; but sheep, cattle and horses can do their insides serious harm. If, starved of lush green grass, they indulge in a real acorn beano, the effect can be fatal. Pity the poor farmer, then, who on top of all his other chores has either to fence off his oak tree or gather up the acorns.

I learned about this when we spent a week earlier this month on a farm in North Devon. We wanted to give our grandchildren some sun, sea and sand before the summer was over and found an attrac-

tive 400 year old farm-house within easy reach of several excellent beaches. Tiny by Falklands' standards - 96 acres - and listed in the Doomesday Book, its (nonnally) green pastures have fattened lambs and calves for centuries. The current rate of stocking is from 180 to 200 breeding ewes, with a 200%, 40 head of cattle with 8 to 10 calves, and about 10 horses.

Despite its small size and high yields, however, the farm had a lot about it that the islanders would find familiar. First was the friendliness with which we were received. Even the farmer's name - Mick Clark - reminded me of the Falkland Islands. Seeing him riding off on a gather, with three border collies running excitedly at his heels, brought memories flooding back.

Incidentally, the Devon County Show this year took a leaf out of the Falkland Islands Clothes Show programme and ran a raffle on how quickly a team could produce a sweater from a sheep's back. The shearing started on the Saturday but I could not find anyone who

knew the result!

Another useless piece of information I picked up was that there is now only one sheep for every five people on this earth. The human population has been increasing more rapidly, than the sheep for the last twenty years, which should have meant an increase in wool prices; but, as we all know, this has not happened. Man-made fibres must be the culprit.

An elegant visitor to London this month was the three masted frigate *Libertad*. She is the first Argentine vessel to dock in Britain since 1982. Crewed by Argentine navel cadets under a captain who served on the *Santisima Trinidad* in the Falklands War, she was on a goodwill tour and attracted much interest. The Argentine ambassador was quoted as saying: "The particular problem in the South Atlantic, which is not finished, is being resolved in a very civilised fashion". Not being a party to the oil talks, I can only hope that he is right.

As for the UK domestic politics, it has been a bad month for

leaks. First, there were the leaks of thousands of gallons from the privatised water companies. With hose-pipe bans and water shortages in various parts of the country, the opposition parties had a field day. Then there were the political leaks: sensitive documents that somehow found their way into the public domain in order to embarrass the party concerned.

I find these leaks singularly distasteful. A civil servant's loyalty should be to the democratically elected government, regardless of his own political views. If he cannot accept a particular policy, the right course is to resign and oppose it honestly from outside, not treacherously from within.

## A tall tale of a cat from Laurie Butler

I WAS talking to my friends from Long Island the other day and Neil was telling me of an incident at Long Island recently when his dogs had disturbed a wild cat which defied the dogs and escaped.

This in turn reminded me of a story told to me a long time ago by the late Arthur Llamasa.

The story goes like this; during a gather at the Warrah the sheep and gatherers were just coming together when a wild cat suddenly appeared from nowhere, pursued by about twenty dogs. The nearest refuge the cat could find was a telephone post that was about five feet high, the cat quickly gained the temporary refuge of the post but was in grave danger of being dislodged by the dogs. Dougie Pole Evans rode over to the post and attempted to drive the dogs away, whereupon the cat leapt from the post and landed just behind the gear onto the rump of Dougie's horse Tinker. The astonished Tinker on receiving half a dozen sharp cat's claws in one of the more sensitive parts of the body immediately stuck in about four savage bucks, threw Dougie off and bolted.

Now comes the bit I find slightly difficult to believe, but Tag Llamasa told me that as Tinker was disappearing over the hill the cat had managed to get into the gear and apparently was last seen leaning forward and trying to gather up the reins.

Those of you who had the privilege of knowing Dougie Pole Evans and Tag Llamasa will be able to imagine their conversation as Tinker and her uninvited passenger went out of sight.

As the figures were so much more extreme than averages, it is fair to assume that 1995 was the exception that proved the rule that the Falkland Islands climate is temperate. Of course, averages prove absolutely nothing about any individual year, and although the odds are small there is nothing to say that next year won't be even worse. That is the difference between climate and weather.

Report from MPA Met Office

## A cold exception to a temperate climate

THE climate of the Falkland Islands is classified as "temperate". This classification is based on average values of temperature, rainfall, snowfall etc.

There is no doubt that on the whole, over a normal year, the climate is temperate. It is little different from the UK, a little cooler and wetter, but sunnier. The main factor distinguishing the climate in the Falkland Islands from the UK is the wind speed which is around twice as high. This in turn leads to the high chill factor. But this parameter is not taken into

account for the purposes of climate definition. That is because chill factor is not strictly a meteorological variable. There are various methods of calculating it, but they are all trying to estimate the effect of low temperatures and strong winds on the human body, not provide a meaningful piece of weather information.

The winter of 1995 has been exceptional. The table provides comparison figures for the winter months of June, July and August; comparing 1995 figures with the average for Mount Pleasant since

June 1995	max temp	2.3	(Avg 4.1)
	min temp	-0.8	(Avg 0.2)
	Days snowfall	19	(Avg 15)
July 1995	Max temp	1.9	(Avg 4.2)
	Min temp	-2.4	(Avg -0.1)
	Days snowfall	24	(Avg 15)
August 1995	Max temp	2.4	(Avg 5.5)
	Min temp	-2.1	(Avg 0.4)
	Days snow fall	18	(Avg 13)
Winter	Max temp	2.2	(Avg 4.6)
	Min temp	-1.8	(Avg 0.2)
	Days snow fall	61	(Avg 43)
Difference	Max temp	-2.4	(Avg 32)
	Min temp	-2.0	
	Days snow lying	18	
	Days snow lying	46	

## Penguin News pays tribute to two great Falklands ladies

### Madge Biggs Died September 8th 1995

MAGDALEN Brigid Frances Biggs, as she was christened, was born on July 26 1902. King Edward VII was on the throne and William Gray Wilson was Governor of the Falklands; the 10th Governor of the Colony. Madge, as she was known to us all, was to see another 17 governors of the colony during her long life.

Born at Marmont Row in Stanley, a group of houses better known today as the Upland Goose Hotel, Madge was one of 9 children born to Mary and Vincent Biggs, the latter being a carpenter and shipwright like his father before him, who had arrived in the Falklands in 1842, at the age of 9. His parents were the original Biggs family of which there are now said to be some 300 descendants.

Madge Biggs was educated at the Sisters' School at St Mary's and between the ages of 14 and 17 trained as a pupil teacher, before going on to have the responsibility of her own class.

Her work within the community and with the church occupied a vast majority of her 93 years; at St Mary's, Madge was a tower of strength, playing the harmonium for 65 years every Sunday and leading the choir for 60 of those years.

She was the Falkland Islands Government Librarian for 2 months short of 50 years. During World War II she was recruited by



Madge in cheerful mood with the Governor last December

the Government, because of her outstanding ability, to work as the official de-coder at the Secretariat, and in her spare time assisted with the running of the services canteen in the Cathedral Parish Hall.

She became Treasurer of the Red Cross Society and was later awarded Life Membership.

King George VI decorated her with an MBE.

Pope John XXIII awarded her the *Bene Merenti* and later Pope John Paul II added the prestigious decoration *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*.

Having been trained to develop black and white photographs by her father, Madge was persuaded by the TB specialist in the Falklands Dr Richter, to become the Falklands' first radiographer. Her sister Irene says that she didn't



Madge as a young woman

work.

Madge Biggs spent practically all her life in the Islands, with just two isolated visits overseas, once to Montevideo and once to England, when she was 84 for medical reasons. She retained her excellent eyesight almost until the end, and daily read to her younger sister Irene with whom she lived, but whose own sight was poorly. Irene said of her sister "Madge was a wonderful Christian who was not afraid of death, she was more concerned with leaving me on my own".

At St Mary's on Wednesday, Monsignor Tony Agreiter, paying tribute to the life of Madge Biggs told his congregation, "A great woman has gone home."

### Jane Clarke Died September 10th 1995, aged 96

MRS Jane Clarke, who died on September 10, 1995 at the age of 96 was Stanley's oldest resident and rather appropriately lived and died in one of Stanley's oldest houses on Pioneer Row. Jane was something of a pioneer herself; one of her earliest memories was of travelling as a young girl in a covered wagon between her birth place in Argentina and Chile, where the family were to make their home. It was night time and she could hear the barking of foxes, the sounds of guanaco and the chilling cough of the mountain lion.

Her father worked on English owned farms on the mainland, but married Mrs Clarke's Somerset born mother in the Falklands. Eventually, eight in number, the family appears to have moved around quite a lot. Mrs Clarke first came to Stanley as quite a small child, but was then taken back to Chile, where her father had work.

Mrs Clarke's travels were brought to an end, when her father died, while she and two of her sis-

ters were boarding at the Sisters' School in Chile. Her mother returned home to Stanley, where Mrs Clarke lived for the rest of her life, apart from a brief period in World War One, when she and other Stanley children were evacuated to Goose Green and three years in the fifties when she went to Britain to help a sister look after their mother.

Jane was never one for sitting around and was a regular and enthusiastic attendee at the Hospital Day Care Centre. She was also a great fan of the "Blue Bus" service, one she had described as among the "better changes" to her life in later years.

When chatting to *Penguin News* in 1994 she said how shocked she had been to hear of people being laid off by PWD. Her own husband, James Clarke, was laid off by the PWD during the Depression in the thirties.

Forced, with several others to seek what odd-jobs he could find to supplement an unemployment allowance of 30 shillings per week, he was no doubt glad, after some months of gardening and peat work, to be offered a position on *Shamrock*, a local schooner, skippered by Captain Stevenson.

On March 8th, 1937, this little vessel was returning to Stanley,



Mrs Jane Clarke cutting Stanley's birthday cake when James was washed overboard in the harbour and drowned.

Having seen the boat come through the Narrows, Mrs Clarke was busy preparing her husband's supper, when another of the crew, Geordie Somers, came to the house to break the bad news.

Widowed, after seventeen years of marriage, with three young children and another on the way, Mrs Clarke's life cannot have been easy from that point on, though she recalled wistfully how supportive the Stanley people were.

Until the children were grown, when she was able to go into domestic service, Mrs Clarke had to particularly want the job, but she was to do it for nine years in all at the King Edward Memorial Hospital.

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# No lottery cash for Sir Sandy's Falklands memorial

THE DAILY MAIL reports that the commander of the Falklands task force has been refused National Lottery cash for a memorial to his fallen men.

Admiral Sir Sandy Woodward is spearheading plans to dismantle a near-derelect chapel in Salisbury and rebuild it at Pangbourne College as a tribute to the 257 who died in the South Atlantic campaign.

The project, backed by Prince Charles English Heritage and Sir Denis Thatcher has attracted more than £625,000 in donations from industry and individuals over the past 18 months.

But a £1million request to the heritage Lottery Fund, which has more than £400 million to spend on worthy causes was rejected because trustees judged it as a new structure and they give cash only to existing buildings.

Sir Sandy said last night that he was 'gravely disappointed' by the decision and feared the plans may have to be scrapped.

No national memorial exists for Britons to pay tribute to the Falklands dead. There is a plaque bearing the names in St Paul's Cathedral and a number of small memorials to individual ships' companies and army units. But the nearest collective memorial is 8,000 miles away in the islands' capital, Port Stanley.

The chapel, a 19th Century grade II listed building is in an area of Salisbury under redevelopment. It has been donated by its owners to the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel Project. Another company has offered to transport it free of charge to Pangbourne, near Reading. The idea was to create a living church dedicated to those lost in the war at a site with strong nautical links.

But Francis Camwath, acting director of the Heritage Lottery Fund, wrote to the organisers: 'However supportive they might be of such a project in principle, the trustees are not able to fund the creation of something entirely new'.

Yesterday an HLF spokesman added: 'We've got over 800 applications demanding £400million in grants. We consulted widely before drafting our guidelines and decided to put our efforts into maintaining the heritage of existing structures rather than new buildings'.

The HLF judgement is that rebuilding the chapel makes it a new structure, despite the fact that, in its present form, it is nearly a century old.

The ruling infuriated Falklands veterans in the wake of controversy over past distribution of lot-

tery cash, including £13million for the Churchill papers and millions more on quirky art projects.

Sir Sandy said yesterday: 'I don't know why they think to honour the war dead of this country is such an undeserving cause. The heritage Fund seems to be quite prepared to dish out money to a gallery which string together 500lb of potatoes and calls it art, but not to those men who died fighting for this country's heritage'.

'This memorial would have been unique. The only other is 8,000 miles away.'

'A special meeting of the trustees will be called early next month during which we will decide whether to carry on with this project.'

Sir Denis Thatcher, who has hosted several fund-raising meetings for the project, was said to be 'stunned' by the rejection. Patrick Robinson, secretary to the trustees, described the decision as 'shameful'.

He said: 'The chapel would have stood for a thousand years. I think it is outrageous that the HLF have turned down our application because of some trumped up idea that they think we are going to build a "new" memorial'.

Anthony Hudson, headmaster of Pangbourne College who thought up the scheme with Sir Sandy, said

the memorial would have brought a great deal of comfort to families of the dead.

Des Keoghane, chairman of the Falklands Families' Association, whose son Kevin, 32, died with more than 20 Welsh guards when the Sir Galahad was bombed, expressed dismay. 'Many families of those who lost loved ones in the war were delighted when they heard of the plan' he said.

General Sir John Hackett, former Deputy Chief of Staff, said: 'the memorial is an admirable project and a very worthwhile recipient of a lottery award. It would be a tremendous pity if the project were to fail for lack of money'.

Pangbourne College was founded by the master of the merchant fleet and has for years provided officers to all three branches of the armed services.

Of 40 decorations awarded to the Navy after the Falklands War, 14 went to Pangbourne old boys.

Anyone wishing to donate to the project is invited to make cheques payable to: Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel Fund and send them to:

Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel  
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London W5 5TT

Penguin News compares notes with the Arran Banner

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WHAT is the most popular newspaper in Britain? The answer to this question is not, as you may have thought, *The Sun* or even the *Sunday Sport*, but the *Arran Banner*, the weekly newspaper of the beautiful Isle of Arran in the mouth of the Firth of Clyde on the West Coast of Scotland.

These things are worked out on a basis of sales within a target population and on that basis, the *Arran Banner*, with weekly sales of around 3000 and a permanent year-round population on the island of around 4,500 (swelling to around 9000 in summer) achieves a level of 'penetration', probably only equalled world-wide by the *Penguin News*.

As the accompanying picture shows, the similarities between the two papers do not end there. (though the 'Status Quo' headline does not refer to the controversial visit to the Islands of the drummer from the group of the same name). Both papers use the unusual A4 format and are produced in much the same way, as I discovered when I visited the *Banner's* offices, while on holiday recently.

Like the *Penguin News*, the *Banner* has offices near to the water though in the latter's case, they are housed near to the ferry pier in an attractive sandstone building in the wooded grounds of one of Arran's older hotels.

The *Banner* is owned by its editor, John Millar, who runs the paper with his wife Deanna and two other members of staff. I met Jenni Turnbull, who amongst a variety of other duties mans the reception desk and provides the smiling public face of the organisation and Howard Driver, a 'jack of all trades', journalist, compositor and printer, who very kindly showed me behind the scenes to the print shop where the *Banner* is produced, along with a whole variety of other printing work, from hotel brochures to letterheads, which helps supplement the paper's income.

Being responsible for all stages of the production of their paper gives the *Banner's* staff an enviable degree of flexibility; the paper comes out on Friday evening and is printed in one go during the day, allowing scope for last minute revisions and alterations. Howard Driver was very glad that they are not committed, as we are, to setting up pages in their final form, days before publication.

The edition of the week before my visit was the 1000th since the paper began, twenty-one years ago, an achievement that all concerned were justly proud of, to the



Photo: Arran Banner  
Arran Banner staff, L to R: Howard Driver, Jenni Turnbull, Deanna Miller and John Millar (Ed) A rare 'team photograph' to celebrate their 1000th edition.

extent that they had been persuaded by Jenni Turnbull, to take their own photograph and put it in the paper.

In their 1001st edition, many of the stories and concerns raised would not have seemed out of place in the *Penguin News* - with the possible exception of the week's big story; the opening of the first legal distillery on Arran in 150 years. The editorial concerned the difficulties facing small village shops with the opening of a new, bigger Co-op in Brodick and a grouse about inconsiderate parking. First place in the readers' letters went to a lady defending the organisers of a disco against complaints from other readers and there was a letter about sheep dip finding its way into the water table which had some of my sheep farming friends on the island seeing red and muttering about interference from do-gooding outsiders.

Among the much greater number of advertisements that the *Banner* is able to carry in its 28 pages (which is also why it is able to keep the price down to 35p) were some which might have raised an eyebrow or two in the Falklands. How about playing soldiers and firing paint balls at each other for only £10 a head, or attending a 'Psychic Fayre' at the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot, 'An Evening of Clairvoyance with Demonstrations - International Clairvoyants and Mediums available for private readings all day and night!' (I should have gone to get a lead on the oil deal, Ed)



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Interested parties are invited to submit bids marked 'Pipit' to the Government of South Georgia and the south Sandwich Islands at Government House by noon on Wednesday 27 September. The sellers do not commit themselves necessarily to accept the highest or any bid.

Further details may be had from Government House on tel: 27433 and fax: 27434

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### Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders for the construction of Rural Roads 'Darwin to Cobbs Pass'

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

Tenders endorsed 'Rural Roads Project - Darwin to Cobbs Pass' should be returned to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat, Stanley to reach him on or before 3pm on Wednesday October 25, 1995. The Falkland Islands Government reserves the right to reject any tender received.

### Chilean Party

Chilean residents and friends will be having a party on Saturday 23rd to celebrate the Chilean Independence Day. We hope that everyone who has been invited has an enjoyable evening.

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### To Danny



With lots and lots of love for your 3rd birthday on Saturday. From Mummy, Daddy, Pinkling and Rueben

## Public Notice

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill a vacancy for a Sports Attendant at the Falkland Islands Community School. Applicants should be over the age of sixteen, ideally hold a National Pool Lifeguard Award and be physically fit, though any keen applicants without the life-saving certificate can be given appropriate training.

The successful applicant will be expected to work as part of a close knit team who work unsocial hours and sometimes long shifts. Average hours vary from 28 to 35 per week depending on the shift. The position is unestablished and attracts an hourly rate of £3.86 before a life-saving qualification and £4.00 on receipt of that qualification.

Full details of this position may be obtained by contacting the Recreation Manager, Mr Paul Riddell, during normal working hours. Application forms are available from the Secretariat and should be returned to the Chairman, Appointments Board Secretariat by 4pm Friday 29th September 1995.

Ref: STF/32 Public Notice No: 128/95

## Postscript from St. Mary's

### Rush Right Home!

An old proverb says "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world". The proverb's point is that a mother's influence on a child's growth as a person is greater than any other influence. Some modern critics feel the proverb romanticizes and idealizes mothers and their influence beyond what is true. Well, we can leave the debate to the critics.

The point remains: A mother's influence on a child is great. It is especially great during the child's

early years, and, according to recent research, crucial during the first twelve months. A humorous story can illustrate the point being made.

A young mother was attending a lecture on parenting. At question time the mother asked the lecturer which were the most important years of a child's life. "How old is your child?" the lecturer asked. "Four" replied the mother. "Rush right home" said the lecturer. "You've just missed the four most important years."

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## Quiet reception for town hall oil leak

OUTRIGHT enthusiasts for any agreement involving co-operation with Argentina in developing oil in Falklands waters seemed thin on the ground at the beginning of last night's meeting in the Town Hall on the **Joint Declaration for Co-operation Over Off-shore Activities in the South Atlantic**. By its end, however, the panel: HE the Governor, The Chief Executive and Councillors Cheek and Birmingham may have justifiably taken comfort from a feeling in the hall that the fierce opposition with which many in a large audience had arrived had been quietly transformed; if not into faith, then at least into a kind of resigned agnosticism.

Whether by accident or design, some of the impetus for dissent may have been absorbed by the shape of the meeting. It was some time before the moment arrived,

when copies of the agreement that everyone had come to see were passed round and a ten minute break for reading was called. Before that the audience had to sit, with barely contained impatience, through a briefing from the Chief Executive on the form and timetable of the October oil licensing round, as well as a history of the protracted negotiations on oil, thus far, between the governments of Britain and Argentina. This was followed by an introduction from the meeting's Chairman, Cllr John Cheek.

During the lead-up to the release of the agreement, a cloak of secrecy has been effectively maintained on both sides, and councillors were congratulated by the Chief Executive on having not given in to the temptation to tell all, despite increasingly disparate and annoying claims from the

Argentine press and political leaders. Apologising for this secrecy, the Chief Executive said that it had been necessary, as we in the Falklands lived in such an open society that any public statement made here would find its way almost immediately to Argentina.

When questions began, the emerging mood in an hour-long session was one of suspicion; not that the agreement was in any particular sense a bad one - indeed the assurances given by the panel on such areas as the potential for creeping Argentine involvement in our affairs and the loss of economic advantage, if all support facilities were to be sited on the mainland, seemed largely to be accepted - but there was clearly a fear that past history and present statements from their leaders, threw doubt on Argentina's

capacity to keep any agreement. In this context, frequent reference was made to the recent flagrant breach of the terms of the Fishing Agreement by an Argentine Destroyer. (The Governor's protestations that in this instance somebody other than the Argentine Government was showing their muscle was clearly thought by many in the audience to be hardly reassuring, judging from the comments they provoked!)

Next week in *Penguin News* we shall hope to give a more detailed account of the questions raised and answers given in this possibly historic meeting, but perhaps the most difficult and nagging question to answer remains the one that someone asked towards the end, which was "What does Argentina stand to gain?"

It is expected that the agreement will be signed today.

## Argentine Corvette chases fishermen from the FOCZ

IN WHAT some commentators think might have been an attempt by dissident hard-liners within the Argentine Navy to rock the diplomatic boat before the impending oil agreement, approximately eight fishing vessels, licensed by the Government of the Falkland Islands, were expelled from the Falkland Islands Conservation Zone (FOCZ) by the Argentine Navy Corvette, *Granville*, on Saturday 23 of this month.

At 09.50 on Saturday morning the corvette approached the vessels and informed them via VHF radio that they were fishing within the 'Argentine Exclusive Economic Zone'. They were told to haul up their trawls and proceed northwards out of the FOCZ towards a red line shown on a

particular chart.

Despite the vessel masters protesting the legality of their presence, they eventually became aware that they had no choice but to move on.

The vessels involved were Spanish flagged, apart from one Korean (unidentified), including, *Combaroya III*, *Codeside*, *Piscator*, *Castelo*, *Isla Graciosa* and *Isla Montana Clara*. It was also reported that an Argentine fishing vessel was in the area, but was not approached by the corvette.

The incident occurred between parallels, 48°50'S 49°05'S and meridians 060°30'W 060°48'W, some way from the area known as 'the gap', where incidents of this nature have occurred before.

Mr John Barton, Director of Fisheries, Falkland Islands, said that the incident was surprising and the information had been passed to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

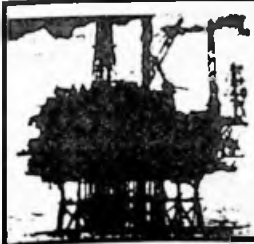
Falkland Island Government sources said that it was expected that the Governor of the Falklands would be sending a strongly-worded protest note about the incident, which besides costing the boats concerned thousands of dollars in lost catches and extra expense, also had financial implications for some local companies and FIG.

The FOCZ is an area established jointly between the British and Argentine governments under the 'sovereignty umbrella', a concept which is about to be ex-

tended to encompass practical co-operation between Britain and Argentina in the search for oil in the waters around the Falklands. Some members of the Argentine military are thought to be unhappy about this.

### Another Royal trip South rumoured.

ADDED to as yet unconfirmed reports of an impending visit to the Falklands by HRH Princess Anne at the end of January, comes a report in Tuesday's *Daily Mail* which quotes claims in the Argentine magazine, *Pagina 12*, that Princess Diana has been invited to make a private visit to Buenos Aires. According to the story, her host will be couturier Roberto Devorik.



**UK/Argentine Oil Agreement:**  
Complete text inside, plus HMG statement,  
in our special pull-out supplement.



**A clearing in the trees stands in mute testimony**  
SOMEWHERE in the world, perhaps in the Finnish forests once trugged by Chief Executive, Andrew Gurr, there is a sizeable clearing in the trees as mute witness to the amount of newsprint generated this week by the world's press on the oil agreement between the governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom and re-circulated in the form of Faxes. Our machine has run red-hot all week and the sheer volume of material causes me to fear greatly for the editor of our friendly rival journal, *The Teaberry Express*, who will surely have to abandon her "include it all" policy or bring out an edition with its own wheels.

At least, by the time you read this, the agreement should have been finally explained in Stanley and on the point of being signed, declared, or otherwise launched by Messrs. Riffkind and Di Tella, in New York, with or without the attendance of President Menem and Prime Minister John Major.....or will it? The larger the mountain of received Faxes on this subject grows in this office, the harder it becomes to imagine that either side is talking about the same agreement. Likewise, the more each side denounces and denemes the pre-agreement claims of the other, the harder it is to imagine anything other than a punch-up ensuing when the two Foreign ministers meet in New York, but perhaps I am just thinking wishfully. In a week when the Hon. Sharon Halford, one of two Falkland Islands councillors to attend the Argentine British Conference in Oxford, says of her meeting with a number of Argentines including Senator Eduardo Menem, "we have made some friends", surely anything can happen!

We were warned strenuously, and rightly as it happened, by the Governor and others, that the Argentines would attempt to make as much political capital as they could out of the agreement, both before and after its announcement, but should not pay any attention. Well, they have, and along with the rest of the population, I suppose, I've been dutifully saying "Hail Margarets" and trying to keep my eyes firmly shut in front of headlines like "Falklands oil deal 'surrender'", but it has been hard.

I can only hope that by Wednesday this effort of faith and restraint will seem to have been worth it, but for now I continue to have to keep suppressing heretical doubts about an agreement so sensitive that our own elected representatives apparently had to be sworn to secrecy before being allowed to look at it; when the only other things that I have ever come across in the past in the Falklands, exhibiting that degree of volatility were cluster bomblets. I might say, also, that I have a sneaking and equally heretical sympathy for the view of those who feel strongly that our councillors should never have consented to being placed in the invidious position they have been in ever since.

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## Penguin News

Here at *Penguin News*, we have been alarmed to discover that some people believe you have to pay to get us to include items of news that you bring in.

### You don't!

We welcome snippets or even long stories about any aspect of life in the Falklands, now, in the past or even in the future, Falkland Islanders abroad or returning, farming matters, natural history, peoples' pets, yarns about sheep, yarns by sheep (and the occasional educated cat), whist-drive results, boggings, old photos, new photos. **WRITE, TELL US ABOUT IT ON 22709 or FAX US on 22238.**

## YOUR LETTERS

write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley

# One less vote on Saunders

AFTER listening to the Oil phone-ins I thought I would put pen to paper with my views.

When councillors give their election speech they tell us they are there to represent our feelings and they want us to vote on polling day. I sincerely hope that these councillors don't stand for re-election as they will not get my vote.

I think oil does concern all the people in the Falklands, so what are they hiding from us? Is it just a repeat of the 1982 Big Secret? They seem to have time to discuss Penguin crossings. No need for eleven councillors to discuss this; two Jackasses on a Sunday afternoon could sort it out, if they are not covered in crude oil.

David Pole-Evans  
Saunders

## 'How're you s'posed to keep 'em down on the farm, after they've seen Stanley?'

I WOULD just like to put a few of my thoughts in an open letter.

I believe I may have upset Philip Miller the other day when I asked him why was he not out working on his farm at Cape Dolphin and he said he worked for PWD camp tracks, (and from some comments I have heard from farmers, I am not so sure they are too pleased with the mess left behind on this land. I guess it's another way of wasting FIG money or tax payers' money.)

My main point is that if people want to be farm owners, surely they should be on their farms looking after their stock and doing jobs to improve their farms for next season? And I guess there is enough work to keep them going.

There always seems to be something to do to your property

in Stanley, that is, for those of us who care about our property.

I know for sure, two families who would very much like to own their own farm and would make very good owners, but at this time there are no farms for them to buy. I know it is not easy out there at the moment for farmers, but I guess it was worse in 1981, when Carol and Terrance bought Mount Kent Farm, which was not the cream of the crop - and with three young children to bring up as well.

They made the best of what they had. I'm sure FIG wasn't giving out perks like to-day. Anyway, I would just like to say well done to Carol, Terrance, Neil, Glenda, Jock, June, Trudie, Peter, Maggie, Ailsa and Tony.

Ellen Davis  
Stanley

(What about Kevin Kilmartin? Ed)

## Bring back past splendour

YOUR HEADLINE for the centre-spread in *Penguin News* 2 weeks ago was appropriate: the 1927 production of 'The Zachariah Fee Revue' was indeed 'stunning', judging from the photographs and account.

On 23rd-25th November, FIODA is staging Gilbert and Sullivan's 'The Mikado'. Here is a chance to re-enact the splendour of the 1927 production. Solo parts are already allocated and chorus rehearsals are well under way, but it is not too late to join in. No previous experience is required, just a commitment to attend rehearsals on Monday nights (7.15-9.15pm in the Com-

munity School music room), and to learn your lines. Most of all, a willingness to enjoy yourself.

This production looks set to give much fun and enjoyment to all involved. Anyone with an inclination to join in, please don't hesitate to come along. The more the merrier!

Crispin Fisher  
Stanley

## The wrong David

THE FCO gentleman referred to in my letter last week should have been David Scott, not David Hall. My apologies to Mr Hall

Neil Watson  
Long Island

## ●Your Letters

# Perhaps it is time to dispose of our dogs and quarantine our farms

HAVING received the copy of the proposed update of the "006 Control and Slaughtering Order", I decided to put forward my personal views on the subject.

My first view of the board is, as this is a Camp related problem, why is the board being chaired by a member of Stanley Council? (On the grounds that surely better insight could be gained by having a camp representative in this position. Someone who could appreciate the difficulties involved with farming today and has first hand experience).

I personally believe, and have been brought up to believe, that we live in a democratic society, however I sometimes feel that if our way of life is to be continually dictated to then perhaps I was educated incorrectly.

I agree that there is a need to introduce a code of Farming practice, that is not only practical, but beneficial to all concerned; and I strongly feel that a solution could and would be achieved if injected throughout the community democratically.

The first and foremost picture that springs to mind is, that prior to the proposed setting up of the new abattoir, farmers are expected to suddenly change their way of farming to EEC standards overnight. Farming in the Falklands is no easy task, especially those who are trying new approaches and it is really annoying to know, that we are being penalised for the neglect of our predecessors (absentee Landlords, who sold their large holdings to FIG for subdivision).

Surely if we are to comply to all the rules, why did not FIG implement proper facilities prior to each and every section? It would appear that someone was lacking foresight and the solution will never be found if left for the farmers to continue to bear the brunt of any administrative changes to the farming policy.

Yes, FIG set up a grant scheme which to any deductions was "USED, MISUSED AND ABUSED" and still there are no modern killing facilities. Is that not strange, or again perhaps another lack of ADMINISTRATIVE foresight. Over the past decade the Hydatid incidence has reduced dramatically. This has been achieved by small farmers and not by the administration on their own as one might believe. Would we have had this low level of findings if the farms were still managed by absentee landlords? I doubt it very much.

As on two previous occasions, we, the farmers know of two escaped dogs which freely roamed

the countryside for a considerable number of years, but I did not see the administration committing itself to disposing of these dogs. No, it was the new farmers on their own who finally sorted the problem out, who I think acted in the correct way. It is very sad when the administration have to dictate a set of rules to be adhered to by farmers, when indeed most farmers have been trying to follow these rules with no assistance or under-

standing from the administration. I would like to finish by saying, that if such sharp, strict rules are going to be enforced by the administration, then perhaps it is time to dispose of all of our own dogs and quarantine our farms. By not allowing access to any dogs whatsoever and become motorised shepherds.

Thank you

Neil Goodwin  
Little Creek

## Education; within local control and perhaps more important than oil

HAVING read local reports of the problems associated with the development of 'Falkland oil' and listened to the abortive 'phone-in', a number of questions spring to mind.

Had the search for oil taken place on land rather than at sea (in spite of Argentina's claim of sovereignty) would the Falkland Islands people have trusted the British government "to do the right thing"?

In the present circumstances, where Argentina is claiming some involvement at sea, is the British Government still not to be trusted in spite of the protection being provided?

Do Falkland people really have any more choice than a UK citizen in trusting the Government to make the most considered judgment, in consideration of all the involved parties.

Without total independence and all that implies, the real question for the Falklands was whether to be involved in development. The decision was positive and needed processing through appropriate channels.

Within local control however, and perhaps more intrinsically important is the education of Falkland Island children and those families who have chosen to settle here, often with the advantages of a society much criticised, but having provided the benefits of a traditional, internationally acclaimed education for both generations of parents and children. Financial success and self-confidence are benefits of successful education. Are these benefits being offered to children of F.I. families living in camp?

How much benefit does each child receive for the sum of approx £8,000 per head, per year, as quoted.

What monitoring or accountability of this amount is produced and what do the results show? Per-

haps there are better ways of using the resources.

A high percentage of children with problems, in such a small group, is a statement that all is not well.

With current technology and skilled educational personnel there are alternatives to the present system, to implement what was advocated in the 1908 Annual Education Report of "a partnership between teachers and parents".

How responsive is the present Board of Education to the "grass roots" of many problems? Is policy in any way related to current practice?

Informed and concerned opinions are surely welcome in such a

## Ozone decline continues

THE Secretariat of the World Meteorological Organisation have recently issued a new bulletin on the state of the ozone layer over the Antarctic - and the news is not good. The rapid decline in ozone noted during August has continued to the extent that there is now less than 65% of the pre-ozone-hole values.

The ozone layer prevents much of the harmful ultra violet radiation from the sun reaching the earth's surface. As ozone amounts decrease, more ultra violet radiation is able to get through and one of the effects of this will be an increase in the cases of sunburn.

Report: Eddy Watts  
Principal Met Officer

## The crossing that allows for the prerogative to change your mind



The difference between a penguin crossing and a zebra crossing was recently revealed to Stanley residents (see above). In the event of a generous oil deal, FIG hope to be able to afford the other half.

Send us your captions for the above photograph in time for next week's edition of  
**Penguin News**

# The Falkland Islands Fisheries

Introducing a regular column on the fishing industry in the Falkland Islands by Mrs Sheila Stewart, Administration Officer, Argos Ltd

WITH so much speculation on oil, I was asking the Editor why there was so little information in the *Penguin News* on fishing. The end result being my writing this two weekly "news update" on the Falkland Fishery. While negotiations on oil are being made and the possible consequences being discussed at length, it appears to have been forgotten that the majority of the Falkland Islands revenue is generated by the Fishery.

Until 1993 when I joined Seaview Limited I was completely ignorant of the Fishery with the exception of seeing a few weatherbeaten boats in the harbour at irregular intervals and noticing groups of foreign seamen lurking in the streets of Stanley. Whilst working at Seaview on the Agency side of the business I was amazed at just how much local involvement there is within the Fishery. Before a vessel even enters Stanley Harbour the list of local involvement is endless, Customs, Harbour Master/Fisheries Department FIPASS, Hospital, Hotels, Shops etc.

Having moved to Argos Ltd a year ago I now have more direct involvement with the individual vessels and some of the procedures carried out on board. Argos employs two Marine Officers (formerly Observers with the Fisheries Department). Talking with the Marine Officers and visiting the vessels has made me realise and appreciate the conditions which the sailors work under; spending long periods of time at sea, away from their families, working very long hours, at times up to 18 hours in one day!

Now when I see a "weather beaten" vessel in port and a group of "marineros" in the streets of Stanley I know or have a good idea as to why the vessel is in port.

whether it be the beginning or end of season, or at times a reefer alongside FIPASS and their ship being unloaded (transhipped).

When a transshipment takes place this again can involve many local people, with local stevedores being employed. Several local companies/individuals run their own stevedoring gangs which is often a "good earner" for those involved. What isn't always mentioned is the fact that it is hard and bloody, back breaking work, carried out in freezer holds (of temperatures in the region of -30 degrees centigrade). As any steve-

dore can tell you, every penny is worked for and well earned. Many transshipments take place in Berkeley Sound with the trawler and reefer crew doing stevedoring although it is becoming quite common to see trawlers and reefers tied up at FIPASS with maximum local involvement being utilised.

This is probably the wrong time of year to start a "Fishing Column" with the end of the *Loligo* season drawing near. From the end of October when the *Loligo* vessels disappear there will be relatively little to comment on until the start of the High Season 1996.

This does not mean however that we will all be sitting back with very little to do. At this moment in time everyone directly involved in applying for the High Season 1996 licences will be getting out their manual typewriters, and bashing away at the Application Forms provided by the Fisheries Department. In this office, like many others we have all the up to date equipment, although when it comes to filling in the forms you cannot beat the manual/electric typewriter it is just a pity they don't have a spell checker!

## Devon and Cornwall team pleased with progress to date on Addis case

DCI Bob Pennington, the Senior Investigating Officer in the Alan Addis enquiry stated on Monday of this week, that he was pleased with the co-operation and assistance afforded to his team by local residents.

The officers who arrived at the beginning of September have been busy seeing people on the islands who for various reasons may have had information pertinent to the enquiry.

DCI Pennington said "The investigation team was formed several weeks prior to our arrival on the Islands and we spent a good deal of time digesting the contents of the enquiry and highlighting what we term as 'actions' to see various individuals.

Once satisfied that the time was right we departed to complete the investigation here".

Not long after their arrival a press conference was held and articles appeared locally, nationally and on both radio and television.

DCI Pennington went on to say

"I would like to take the opportunity through your paper to thank those people who have come forward to assist."

DCI Pennington would not say

how long the team would take to complete the investigation but did state that he was pleased with the progress of the enquiry to date.



Above: BFBS DJ Dave Simons says Goodbye to the islands on the 'Dawn Patrol' radio show by broadcasting live to the Falklands (accompanied by Auntie Joyce and other friends)

## GALLERY

Last Day ..... Bonanza Sale!

Make sure you visit the GALLERY on Saturday 30th September for the last day of the Bonanza Sale.

Lots of clothes, footwear, jewellery, hair accessories and toiletry items. All at vastly reduced prices.

All goods must be sold to make way for new stocks arriving on charter vessel arriving in October

## Falkland Islands Community School Community Class Schedule

For classes beginning Monday September 25, 1995

### Monday

#### Abacus Training

5.00-6.00pm Marian Purvis - Business Studies Room

Word Processing, Desk Top Publishing, Spreadsheet Information Technology and Business (Theory and Practice) 6.00-7.30pm Marian Purvis - Business Studies Room

#### Mathematics for beginners to GCSE

Pre 'A' level and IGCSE Additional Maths

6.00-7.30pm Alan Purvis - Maths Room

#### Spanish Stage II

6.30-8.00pm Jaime Correa - Spanish Room

### Tuesday

Art 'come and discover your hidden talents'

5.00-6.30pm Tim Simpson - Art Room

#### Spanish Stage III

6.30-8.00pm Jaime Correa - Spanish Room

#### Dressmaking for Beginners

6.30-8.00pm Fiona Didlick - Needlecraft Room

### Wednesday

#### English as a Foreign Language

6.30-8.00pm Jaime Correa - Spanish Room

#### English up to GCSE level

6.00-7.30pm Veronica Fowler - English Room

#### Woodwork

6.00-8.00pm Arthur Nutter - Workshop

Please enrol by phoning Maria on 27290 as soon as possible as we need a minimum of four paid up students before a class can run.

Charges: Courses run for 10 weeks and cost £25.00 for the one and half hour classes and £30.00 for the two hour classes.

For further information, ideas for new classes, or if you would like to be a tutor contact Phil Middleton, the Community Education Officer.

## Chile monitors ozone hole with FASAT-Alpha satellite

CHILE's first satellite FASAT-Alpha, was launched yesterday from a Russian base at Plesetsk in the Arctic Circle, reported *The Financial Times* on September 1995. The article entitled *Chile to track hole in ozone*, said the microsatellite, which weighs only 50 kilos, will monitor the intensity of ultra-violet radiation penetrating the ozone layer over southern Chile and the Antarctic.

The satellite, which was launched after a couple of false starts, will measure the radiation levels at between 25km and 40km above the earth. Images will be received at the satellite control centre of the Chilean airforce in Santiago.

Chile is particularly concerned to track the growth of the "hole" in the ozone layer over Antarctica. Since the beginning of the 1990's there have been persistent though unsubstantiated reports of blind sheep and rabbits in the area of Punta Arenas, on the Magellan Straits, and of a higher incidence of skin cancer in the human population.

The airforce has spent \$3.5m (£2.27m) on the project over the past three years as part of a space programme developed with the support of Surrey University in the UK. Chile plans to launch two more satellites within the next six years.

## Goldrush weekend a complete success

THE Oasis "Goldrush" weekend, held at MPA between the 1st and 3rd of September 1995, has proved to be an outstanding success.

The whole point of the event was to raise £6,500 to pay for the refurbishment of the Oasis kitchen.

The Oasis is a Tea and Coffee Shop at MPA run by the Mission to Military Garrisons, a Glasgow based charity. The Oasis is a very popular facility and is used by almost everyone at MPA sometime in their tour. There are, of course, those who use the place very regularly and some of them were drawn together by Padre Nick Barry, the Force Chaplain at MPA, to form a small fund raising committee, the target being to raise £6,500.

The committee was formed only 3 weeks before the weekend in question, so planning and preparation time was at a premium. The weekend started with a gourmet dinner for 104 lucky (first come - first served) diners in the 38 Facility Mess, suitably renamed for the evening as the Goldrush Bistro.

During this evening, too, a number of functions and parties were being held in section clubs and bars around MPA, with the proceeds of each event going to the Goldrush. Friday also saw a cakebake during the day, with members of the Goldrush committee selling a selection of mouthwatering cakes around all the sections at MPA. This event alone raised £650.

The main events on Saturday centred around the Gymnasium, and culminated in an It's a Knockout competition during the afternoon. However, during the earlier part of the day there was a children's hour in the gym, a family swim session in the pool, and the band "Shambles" kept a capacity

crowd entertained in the gym. Donations to the Goldrush were requested, of course.

The 12 teams entered for the It's a Knockout were mainly from the different sections around MPA, but there was also a wives team and a mysteriously named FISHE team. The competition was intense, with such curious games as team skipping, blind fishing and target badminton, but there was also a more cerebral trivial pursuit round as well. The competition was eventually won by the FISHE team, who, given that they wished to keep their identities secret, were surprisingly keen to come forward and collect their prize from Commodore Backus, the Commander British Forces Falkland Islands. (The FISHE Team turned out to be a motley collection of officers from MPA who had deserted their troops for the afternoon in the pursuit of collective glory). Commodore Backus also presented prizes to the winners of the open squash competition, which had been going on throughout the day.

The following day saw the church community of the Falkland Islands bidding farewell to Padre Barry, who was due to leave the Islands the following Saturday, and the Oasis Goldrush charity box was well in evidence at the lunch after the morning Service, too.

At the time of writing the Goldrush has raised over £7,000, a magnificent effort from everyone concerned. The Oasis staff and members of the Goldrush committee wish to thank everyone who helped in any way with this fund raising effort. It is hoped that the work on the new kitchen for the Oasis will start in January, and should take about 3 weeks.

Report: Sqn Ldr D I Ogg

## Results of the Conservation Crossword by Mike Bingham (V7 No 30)

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Stanley's Chilean Community gather with friends to celebrate their National Day

# Viva Chile, Viva La Fiesta!



Celia Short and Jaime Correa demonstrate the Chilean National Folk Dance



Members of the Chilean community singing their National Anthem at the start of the Fiesta.  
Below: The scene in The Trough as the dancing got under way

ALTHOUGH the Anniversary of Chilean Independence falls each year on the 18th September, the enthusiasm with which it was celebrated in Stanley by the local Chilean Community and invited guests was not diminished by delaying the *Fiesta* until last Saturday evening.

Guests, who included His Excellency the Governor were welcomed to the party by Jaime Correa, who started the proceedings by inviting the Chileans present to sing their National Anthem before leading of the dancing with a demonstration of the Chilean National Dance, "La Cueca", partenered first by Celia Short and then by Isobel Minto.

As in previous years, the party was very much a family occasion with a spread of ages accross the generations. There were babies present and also Mr Joe Booth, who, in his seventies, is the senior member of a community, which over the years has grown and integrated into the life of the Falklands without ever losing its own, very special identity.

Those of us lucky enough to be invited on Saturday have a large debt of gratitude to our hosts as does the Falklands for the talents, hard work and capacity for sociability of the Chilean people who have lived and worked hereover the years.



Above: Lucy Betts dispenses food  
Below: Joe Booth



All a bit much for Karen Minto?



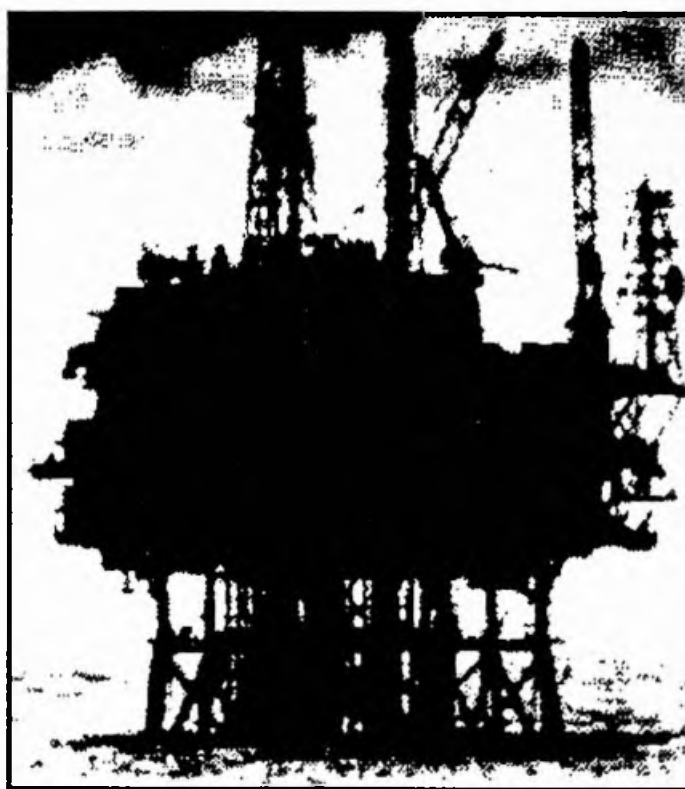
Karen Sanchez and a friend



Andres Short, authentic Falkland Islander, cuts a dash in authentic Chilean national dress, spurs and all.

## **Joint Declaration**

### **Co-operation over off-shore activities in South West Atlantic**



# **OIL AGREEMENT**

**between the governments of  
Argentina and Great Britain  
to be announced on  
September 27th 1995.**



**JOINT DECLARATION  
COOPERATION OVER OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES  
IN THE SOUTH WEST ATLANTIC**

1. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Argentine Republic agreed that the following formula on sovereignty, based on that contained in the Joint Statement issued at Madrid on 19 October 1989, applies to this Joint Declaration and its results:

(1) Nothing in the content of the present Joint Declaration or of any similar subsequent Joint Statements and meetings shall be interpreted as:

- (a) a change in the position of the United Kingdom with regard to sovereignty or territorial and maritime jurisdiction over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas;
- (b) a change in the position of the Argentine Republic with regard to sovereignty or territorial and maritime jurisdiction over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas;
- (c) recognition of or support for the position of the United Kingdom or the Argentine Republic with regard to sovereignty or territorial and maritime jurisdiction over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas.

(2) No act or activity carried out by the United Kingdom, the Argentine Republic or third parties as a consequence and in implementation of anything agreed to in the present Joint Declaration or in any similar subsequent Joint Statements and meetings shall constitute a basis for affirming, supporting, or denying the position of the United Kingdom or the Argentine Republic regarding the sovereignty or territorial and maritime jurisdiction over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas. The areas subject to the controversy on sovereignty and jurisdiction will not be extended in any way as a consequence of this Joint Declaration or its implementation.

This Joint Declaration does not apply to the maritime areas surrounding South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

2. The two Governments agreed to cooperate in order to encourage offshore activities in the South West Atlantic in accordance with the provisions contained herein. Exploration for and exploitation of hydrocarbons by the offshore oil and gas industry will be carried out in accordance with sound commercial principles and good oil field practice, drawing upon the Governments' experience both in the South West Atlantic and in the North Sea. Cooperation will be furthered:

- (a) by means of the establishment of a Joint Commission, composed of delegations from both sides;
- (b) by means of coordinated activities in up to 6 tranches, each of 3,500 square kilometres, the first ones to be situated within the sedimentary structure as identified in the Annex.

3. The Commission will be composed of a delegation from each of the two states, and will meet at least twice a year. Recommendations shall be reached by mutual agreement.

4. The Commission will have the following functions:

(a) to submit to both Governments recommendations and proposed standards for the protection of the marine environment of the South West Atlantic, taking into account relevant international conventions and recommendations of competent international organisations;

(b) to coordinate activities in the tranches referred to in paragraph 2(b) above, as areas for special cooperation. This will be done by the establishment of a sub-committee which shall meet regularly, subordinate to the Commission, charged with:

- (i) encouraging commercial activities in each tranche by means such as joint ventures and consortia from the two sides;
- (ii) seeking nominations from companies for each tranche, to be offered upon terms appropriate for a challenging environment;
- (iii) making recommendations on proposals made to the two Governments by companies for development projects in each tranche, including the limits of the tranches;
- (iv) seeking close coordination in regard to all aspects of future operations, including the overall level of fees, royalties, charges and taxes, the harmonisation of timing, commercial terms and conditions, and compliance with recommended standards;
- (v) recommending on the basis of geological data known to both sides, additional tranches either within the sedimentary structure referred to in the Annex or in a further area to be agreed by the Governments on the recommendation of the Commission;

(c) to promote the exploration for and exploitation of hydrocarbons in maritime areas of the South West Atlantic subject to a controversy on sovereignty and jurisdiction, and to this end:

- (i) to promote cooperation between industry on both sides, including the formation of joint ventures and the elaboration of joint projects for exploration, production and use of infrastructure;
- (ii) to receive from both sides and from operating companies the available information on scientific research, development of activities and commercial operations relating to the seabed, whilst respecting commercial confidentiality;
- (iii) to propose to both Governments coordinated research work by commercial undertakings;
- (iv) to submit to both Governments recommendations for standards for offshore activities in safety, health and monitoring.

Both Governments will take the appropriate measures in order to ensure that the companies will keep the Commission informed on the development of their activities;

- (d) on the basis of geological data known to both sides, to propose to the two Governments at the appropriate time further areas of special cooperation, on terms similar to those contained in paragraph 4(b) above;
- (e) to consider and submit recommendations to the two Governments on any related matter which may arise in the future, including the possible need to agree on the unitisation or any discoveries in accordance with good oil field practice, on pipeline operations and on the efficient use of infrastructure.

5. The arrangements regarding search and rescue set out in the Joint Statements of 25 September 1991 and 12 July 1993 or any future arrangements between the Parties on the same subject will apply to offshore activities. Civilian helicopter traffic will be the subject of future discussion.

6. Each Government will take the appropriately related administrative measures in accordance with this Joint Declaration for the exploration for and exploitation of hydrocarbons in the areas referred to in paragraph 4 above. They agreed that such measures regulating the activities of companies would be subject to the formula on sovereignty in paragraph 1 above. The Parties will create the conditions for substantial participation in the activities by companies from the two sides. The Parties will communicate to each other relevant information relating to the conduct of exploration and exploitation activities in the areas. Both Parties agreed to abstain from taking action or imposing conditions designed or tending to inhibit or frustrate the possibility of carrying out hydrocarbons development in the areas.

7. In order to implement the different arrangements in this Joint Declaration, which form an interdependent whole, the two Governments agreed to cooperate throughout the different stages of offshore activities undertaken by commercial operators, including the regime for the eventual abandonment of installations.

For the United Kingdom

For the Argentine Republic

New York, 27 September 1995

Annex to  
Joint Declaration  
dated 27 September 1995

The area is bounded by lines of the type described in Column 2 joining the points defined to the nearest minute of arc by co-ordinates of latitude and longitude on WGS 72 Datum specified in Column 1.

Column 1 Co-ordinates of Latitude and Longitude	Column 2 Line Type
1. 52°00'S, 63°36'W	1-2 meridian.
2. 53°10'S, 63°36'W	2-3 parallel of latitude.
3. 53°10'S, 62°48'W	3-4 meridian.
4. 53°25'S, 62°48'W	4-5 parallel of latitude.
5. 53°25'S, 61°48'W	5-6 meridian.
6. 53°40'S, 61°48'W	6-7 parallel of latitude.
7. 53°40'S, 61°00'W	7-8 meridian.
8. 53°00'S, 61°00'W	8-9 parallel of latitude.
9. 53°00'S, 62°00'W	9-10 meridian.
10. 52°30'S, 62°00'W	10-11 parallel of latitude.
11. 52°30'S, 62°36'W	11-12 meridian.
12. 52°00'S, 62°36'W	12-13 parallel of latitude.
13. 52°00'S, 63°36'W	

**DECLARATION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO THE  
JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED BY THE BRITISH AND ARGENTINE  
FOREIGN MINISTERS ON COOPERATION OVER OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES  
IN THE SOUTH WEST ATLANTIC**

The British Government welcomes the understanding reached with Argentina on cooperation over offshore activities in the South West Atlantic.

The understanding will facilitate mutually beneficial cooperation, promoting the development of hydrocarbons. It will further improve relations with Argentina since the Madrid Joint Statement of February 1990. At the same time, it will offer commercial opportunities to British companies, as well as to the Falkland Islands which will launch a licensing round in October.

The Joint Declaration safeguards British sovereignty and jurisdiction over the Falkland Islands and the surrounding maritime areas. HMG have no doubts about the sovereignty and jurisdiction of the UK.

HMG are aware that Argentina proposes to enact legislation purporting to impose charges on companies working in maritime areas surrounding the Falkland Islands. HMG do not accept any Argentine claim to impose such charges on companies by reason only of their activities on the continental shelf around the Falkland Islands under Falklands licence. HMG will be working with the Falkland Islands Government in the development of the forthcoming Licensing Round. We welcome the understanding as a beneficial factor which will reassure the oil industry and improve the climate for exploration for and exploitation of hydrocarbons in a frontier area.

Appropriate legislation will be introduced in order to take account of the Joint Declaration, including a new Ordinance in the Falkland Islands.





## Public Notice

## The Planning Ordinance 1991

## Notice of Planning Applications Received

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

Reference No	Applicant	Development
93/94/R95	Mr R Fiddes	Renewal of temporary planning permission for the siting of a Portakabin for use as a temporary office at 4 Moody Street, Stanley
57/95/P	Mr N Rowlands	Erection of 10 metre high self-supporting steel lattice framed mast for amateur radio and television aerials at 3a Hebe Street
58/95/P	FIC Ltd	Grant of permanent planning permission for change of use from Engineers Shop and Store to retail outlet with storage at the FIC Ltd Garage, Crozier Place, Stanley.
59/95/P	Mr R C Goodwin	Relocation of garage to rear of 27 Callaghan Road, Stanley.
60/95/BP	Mr R E Binnie	Erection of porch extension to dwelling, also front boundary enclosing fence 1.11176 metres (3'8") high at 6 Fieldhouse Close, Stanley.
61/95/BP	Stanley Services	Erection of four industrial warehouse units with associated parking facilities and access road adjacent to Stanley Services' retail outlet, Airport Road, Stanley.

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

The next meeting of the Planning and Building Committee is due to be held on 5 October 1995 in the Liberation Room of the Secretariat, commencing at 1.30pm. Members of the Public may attend to observe the workings of the Committee.

The Secretariat  
Stanley  
PNotice No: 131/95

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## 8,000 miles to work for Fireman Jonathan May



Jonathan May as pictured in the *Eastleigh Echo*

JONATHAN May pictured above is currently undergoing fire-fighting training in Eastleigh, Southampton.

A newspaper cutting, courtesy of his mother, Monica, describes his 8000 mile journey for fire training, in the *Eastleigh Echo*.

*The Echo* reports, 'A recent recruit at Eastleigh fire station travelled all the way from the Falkland Islands to get work.'

Jonathan May, 22, from Port Stanley, arrived at Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters in Leigh Road, Eastleigh back in April, to do a three month training programme.

Although Jonathan has been a firefighter in the Falklands for the last three years he was not able to

qualify without doing the official training course over here.

After his training finished, he did a further course in the use of breathing apparatus at Eastleigh Fire Station.

During his time in Eastleigh he stayed in the accommodation block at the headquarters.

After finishing the course Jonathan is on one week leave.

Next, he will be on another three-week course with the Civil Aviation Authority in Teeside before returning home to Port Stanley. He enjoyed his time in Eastleigh and said 'It was an opportunity to meet lots of people from different parts of the country and it was well worth coming over here.'

## Anglo drops coal

ON August 26, *The Daily Mail* reported that 'Coal sale fails to lift gloom for Anglo'. The article goes on to say that 'Mightily fallen fuel group Anglo United took a small step back towards realising some vestige of value for its battered shareholders. It agreed to sell its Anglo coal distribution division to Coal Products for £26m cash. Ironically, Anglo tried to buy Coal Products last year.'

Anglo shares are on the floor at 3/4p (1p to buy, 1/2p to sell). Managing director John Gainham reported year-to-March pre-tax losses of £12.4m yesterday.

Crippled by debt left from former chairman David McErlain's

bid for Coalite in 1989, Anglo still owes banks £199m.

Outbid in its attempt to expand its way out of trouble by acquiring Coal Products last December, it decided to sell off assets instead - though the proceeds may fall well short of the debt.

*Coalite may go by December. We hope banks will write off debt and we can become a normal company once more,* says Gainham. *Anglo would keep the Falkland Islands Development Company, whose modest £0.8m profits could rise once oil exploration starts.*

But Gainham warns any surviving value could be less than the current market capitalisation.'

## Falklander update

FALKLANDER knitters are fast approaching the completion of 5000 squares, which are to be assembled into classic Falklander sweaters. Amongst the knitters are Iris Finlayson and granddaughter Kimberly, who can proudly boast to be the oldest and youngest on the team.

The classic sweater is made up of varying combinations of the natural white, mollymawk, pebble and peat (all natural colours) and assembling has begun; however none will be finished until the arrival of the ribs which are to be provided by Ann and Eddie Chandler.

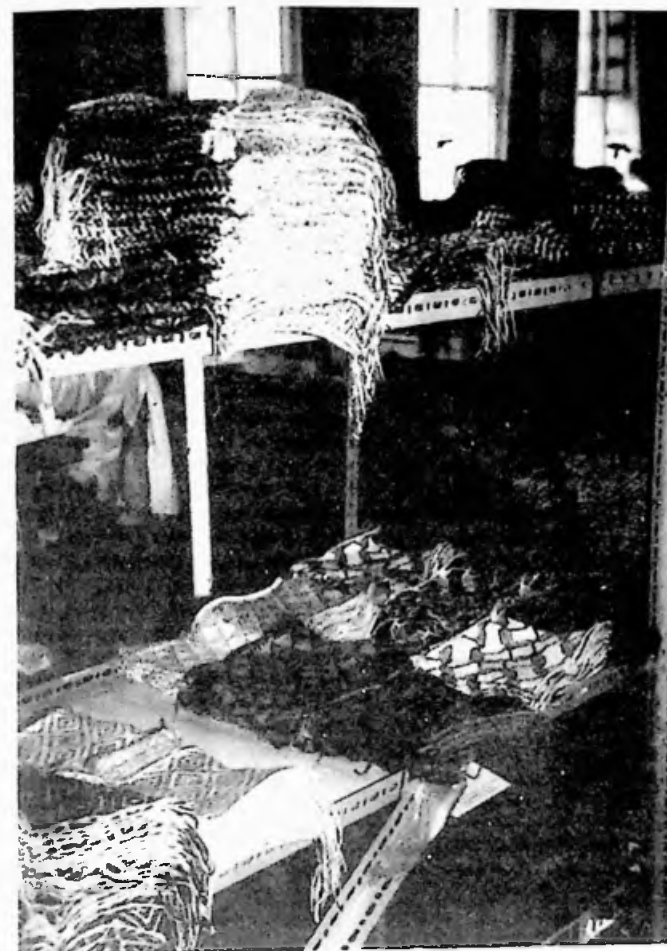
Mrs Pam Summers is currently running knitting classes for four

people at a time. The lessons last two hours on a Saturday morning (four weeks), and her first set of pupils have almost finished the course. Anyone interested should contact Pam.

The 'Falklander' workshop is open every Wednesday evening from 6pm-9pm for experienced knitters and anyone who wants to do assembly work.

Margaret Humphreys said that they hope to have hand knit packs ready to send out some time in October.

Mrs Grizelda Cockwell recently brought back the final details for cat-walk designs and the team hope to be assembling the collection garments at a later date.



Squares stack up for the completion of the Falklander



Anne Reid and Yona Davis work hard as members of the Falklander team

## Stanley Swimming Gala

report by Sarah Allan



Brian makes a flying start in the Over 35's 50m freestyle

SIXTY swimmers took part in the Gala at Stanley Leisure Centre on Saturday 23rd September, organised by Stanley Swimming Club with help from friends and Leisure Centre staff.

A morning of competitive fun was enjoyed by all, and viewed by a steady stream of spectators. There were superb displays of style and power from the men of M.P.A and ladies from HMS Westminster; some good humoured harassment from David Harding-Price, the race announcer, who kept events flowing; excellent swims by 12 year old Barbara Howells winning the

Open Women's 25m Breaststroke, Rachel Clarke and Rosie Hickey battling in the freestyle; Rhianon Didlick beating the men in the Open 100m Backcrawl with 10 year old Evan Jones coming in 3rd.

Despite a strong challenge from the M.P.A Team, Stanley Swimming Club won the overall team event by 6 points.

Meanwhile Speed No (The Allan family team) were battling against Stanley netball Club for 3rd and 4th places, with Hillside Camp putting in a creditable effort to gain 5th place.



Sandy Halford receives a shield for 'Most Improved Swimmer'



## CABLE & WIRELESS FALKLAND ISLANDS says "Thank you"

Ivan Chivers, General Manager

I would like to thank all of those who took part in our recent mini survey, and those other people who have called in with their comments about the service we provide.

The mini survey was instigated to obtain your response to our recent off-peak call rates. Prior to this we had very little response.

### THE AIMS OF THE OFF-PEAK DISCOUNT

To provide some savings for our customers.

The off-peak offers were obviously not intended to benefit the business user a great deal. The intention was to encourage non-business users to make their calls outside of the business day, reducing congestion during the periods in the day when the load is heaviest. This would indirectly benefit the business user.

The time difference between here and the UK means that an off peak offer starting at 6pm is less attractive during the wintertime. This cannot be changed to an earlier time because there is already a congested period at 5pm which needs to be dissipated. During summer time the situation improves.

### OVERALL COSTS

It is an unfortunate fact of life that the Falkland Islands (at this time) does not have a large enough residential, military and business community to enable quality services to be provided economically over such a wide area. A modern digital telephone exchange equipped for only 2,000 lines is not cost effective. The current cost of installation for each Camp telephone line is about 8 times more expensive than that considered viable when planning normally. In this respect we are grateful for the support of the FIG.

A considerable portion of the money we collect from our customers is paid to the other communications companies who provide the connection at the distant end. So a 20% discount on our charges has a more extreme effect on our revenue.

The Falkland Islands have been fortunate in the fact that it has never been necessary to pay the high rates normally associated with the start up of a new telephone service. That could have meant call charges of £4.00 per minute, or more.

The World trend is for costs to reduce, and that will happen here, but not very quickly, and not by great amounts. A plan for a permanent off-peak discount system is now being drawn up. Alternative schemes for large volume business users may become available in the future.

### GENERAL

Plans are well advanced for improving the Camp telephone network, bringing our whole system up to the expected high standards.

I thank those who took the time to mention that the service was good.

There are a number of services and facilities that our customers have said that they would like. These requirements will be incorporated in our future plans. I cannot promise any overnight miracles, but I do intend that Cable and Wireless will be able to provide its customers with more of what they want.

I am pleased to be able to announce that Cable and Wireless London have appointed me as General Manager here for a further twelve months. I am looking forward to working here, and am always ready to listen to your comments.

## DIARY OF A FARMER'S CAT by Baldrick Wilkinson

# Has spring finally sprung for Baldrick and the Missus?

Blimey. I can't quite believe it. Somebody pinch me, quickly. Is that, or is that not, the sun shining ??? Are those or are those not daffodils emerging - if rather reluctantly - from the flowerbeds? Perhaps spring has finally sprung? Perhaps summer is not simply a word in the dickshunary? Like, wow, man...

Other than being a little startled by the bright light in the sky and the noticeable lack of chilblains, my life's been pretty humdrum lately. To be honest, I'm feeling a little left out. Got back from the vet the other week with my poorly paw, expecting tea and sympathy, and all I've got since is 'Stop play-acting, cat'. Tried waving the other paw at the unfeeling beggars when that got bad too, but zilch reaction. Think I'll clear out. Think I'll go where I'm appreciated. Think I'll join the Feline Foreign Legion. And they needn't expect a postcard...

That flamin' Bimbo cat hasn't done much for my self confidence, either. She's settled into the gang as though she's been here all her life (she's a middle aged frump), and has even taken over my job. MY job, of escorting the Missus on egg-collecting trips to the hen house. Sheesh. What a nerve. Who does she think she is? Brain the size of a walnut - I'm amazed she can even navigate as far as the hen house. Though of course she probably just follows the Missus, whose brain is just marginally larger than a walnut...

I have to admit that my opinion of the hens has risen slightly since the old biddies started laying more eggs than the Missus needs for cooking. Us cats get eggy milk every day now, and old Proper - who's about a hundred and ten and has only one tooth left - is really loving it. Poor old chap.

Reckon they should get him a set of false gnashers, or feed him on soup. Still catches the occasional bird, amazingly enough, but I think he has to suck 'em to death. Actually there aren't too many small birds around this year after the bad winter. Suits me, of course. I get sick of the stupid blighters jeering at me from the trees. Not as

agile as I was, what with my bad leg. Otherwise I'd sort my feathered friends out pretty darned fast...

The Missus hasn't done a lot of cooking lately, eggs or no eggs. She's got the knitting bug worse than ever, and spends all day out in the Portacabin. Nextdoor's Missus has been coming over for lessons, too, so now there's TWO knitting nutters around the place. Gadzooks. What's the world coming to? Nextdoor's cat even got a blanket knitted for him with his name on it, I noticed. Very nice. Very acceptable to a moggy. The Missus has been knitting since I came here as a kitten, but nary a blanket for me, forsooth. Nice to know I'm appreciated. Nice to know she cares. Think I'll trip the old bat up next time she emerges from her den, and sit on her until she promises to make a Baldrick Blanket for yours truly...

Feeling as I do, it made my day when the Missus got herself locked in the Portacabin, last week. The Boss had gone in there to sort out some paperwork, and on his way out had put the outside safety hook in place. He then disappeared for an hour, zapping geese for the dogs, and the Missus couldn't get out. Oh, boy. What a hoot. What a scream. That'll teach her to neglect her best pal...

I don't suppose she'd have minded, or even noticed, only someone kept trying to send a fax and the machine's on the house phone line. Eventually she took the phone off the hook, and waited until the Boss got home. He was highly amused to see her making faces - and rude gestures - through the window...

Unfortunately he made the mistake of laughing at her - some things are wiser left undone, but he's not always wise - and she sulked for the rest of the day. I wouldn't have minded, only she forgot our eggy milk.

Next time, I hope he padlocks the flamin' door and leaves the old bat to rot...  
Cheers, chays,  
Love

Baldrick

## A look back at last time Falklands oil was news

# Was oil boot on the other foot?

IF OUR pages this week and last are spilling over with oil-related stories, it is not for the first time as long-time *Penguin News* reader, Cllr Eric Goss took time to remind us recently.

Back in 1981 and 1982, *Penguin News* was produced by Graham Bound on a Gestetner duplicating machine, as a side-line from his more serious business interests, such as dealing in Honda motorbikes and running a burgeoning travel agency.

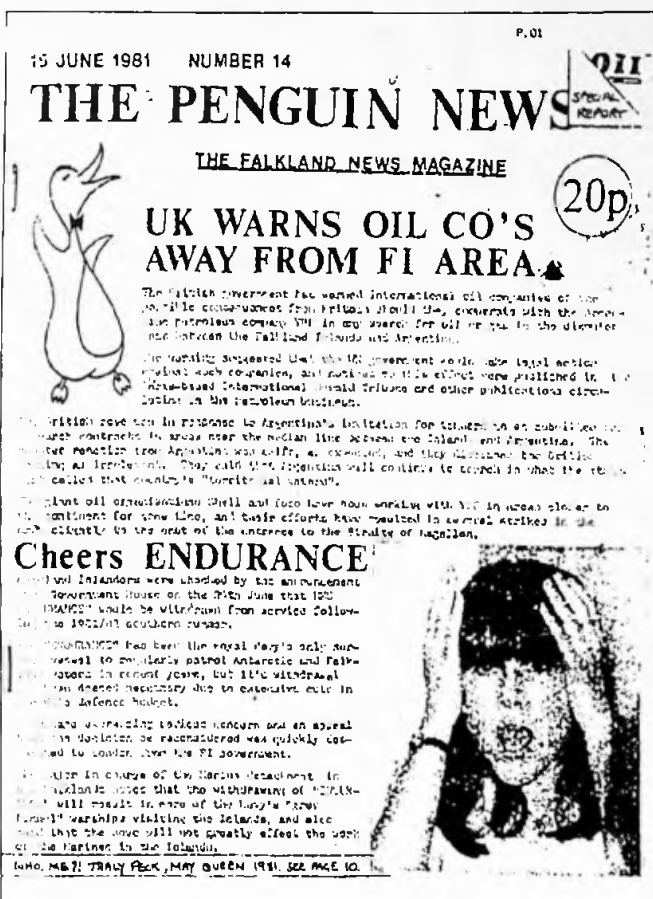
As these were time-consuming activities and the production of the paper was very labour-intensive and not very profitable, *Penguin News* came out only intermittently. However as a look at two consecutive issues in April and June of 1981 indicate, there was even then plenty of oil material with which to fill its pages.

In a reversal of recent events when the Argentine government has been making strenuous efforts to warn off potential participants in the Falklands Government oil licensing round, in 1981 it was the British Government which was attempting to do the same, as Argentine oil exploration seemed set, with the help of Shell and Esso, to be heading in the direction of the Falklands. The boot, it seems, was then on the other foot.

In issue number 13 of 29th April 1981, under the headline, **Argentine ship ordered out, *Penguin News* reported the discovery by FIGAS pilot, Eddie Anderson, of a strange ship in the area of Weddell Island. This ship, which HMS Endurance was sent to check on and order out of Falklands waters, turned out to be the Yehuín of Buenos Aires, much later to be known as the Black Pig, which claimed to be sheltering from South-Westerly gales. She had been engaged in seismic survey work in the area of Latitude 53°S, Longitude 65°W in conjunction with the Moskomi oil rig, which YPF had reported had made a major oil strike off the Argentine coast.**

*Penguin News* reported that this strike had been made in conjunction with the giant oil concern Esso, some of whose employees were apparently encountered aboard the Yehuín when she was boarded by a Spanish speaking officer from HMS Endurance.

The next edition of the *Penguin News*, Number 14 of 15 June, carried on its front page a picture of the young and lovely Tracy Peck, who had just been elected May Queen, and an announcement of the planned withdrawal from service of HMS Endurance, then the Royal Navy's only permanent presence in these waters. The main story, however, in a reversal of



recent events, carried the following headline:

### UK WARNS OIL CO'S (sic) AWAY FROM FI AREA

"The British government has warned international oil companies of the possible consequences from Britain should they cooperate with the Argentine petroleum company YPF in any search for oil or gas in the disputed seas between the Falkland Islands and Argentina."

"The warning suggested that the UK Government would take legal action against such companies, and notices to this effect were published in the Paris-based International Herald Tribune and other publications circulating in the petroleum business."

"The British move was in response to Argentina's invitation for tenders to be submitted for research contracts in areas near the median line between the Islands and Argentina. The counter-reaction from Argentina was swift, as expected and they dismissed the British warning as irrelevant. They said that Argentina will continue to search in what the statement called that country's 'territorial waters'."

The same issue of the *Penguin News* carried a three page long article by Graham Bound entitled, "Oil - just where is it?", culled, he was quick to admit, from the only authorities available to him at the time, *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and *The Shackleton Report*.

This epic report, was enlivened only by a single map and another photograph of Tracy, her sister and runner-up, Christine, and proud father, Terry, with the caption "Peck of the Bunch!" (ouch!) Much of the information about the likely viability of the zones around the Falklands may have become outdated in the light of more recent seismic surveys and technical developments, but the last two paragraphs contain statements which still ring true or at least prophetic:

"The one thing we can say for certain regarding hydrocarbons around the Falklands is that we can be sure of nothing"

"To say that the Falklands are sitting on a fortune in oil, as some journalists have, is pure speculation, but the evidence gathered so far is teasing and beckoning to say the least. With our modern civilisation's addiction to oil, it cannot be long before the politicians are pressed to a solution and the search begins in earnest."

### What else was in the Penguin News in 1981?

IN 1981, as now, there were other topics, besides oil, which were probably of equal interest to the *Penguin News* readership.

Without a fishing industry to support it, the Falkland Islands Government was in financial trouble. In a story headed "Farming: a bad year", Graham Bound wrote:

"The Falkland Islands Government will begin to feel the teeth of the depression very soon, if they are not being gnawed already. With the large farming concerns making less and less money, the income from company tax will drop, as will revenue from individual income with more men being made redundant from the farms."

Earlier in the same report we read:

"The sheep farming crisis is being felt most directly in the Islands in the form of redundancies. San Carlos recently made redundant its entire work force of single men and one other farm may be taking a similar step soon. San Carlos has also been advertised for sale in the UK, but many people doubt that buyers will come forward due to the economic climate in that country and the floundering wool industry here."

"One of the most important farms on the West, Roy Cove, has been sold to the Government by the owners Bertrand and Felton. Government plan to sub-divide the farm and sell the parcels to individuals. However they have made it known that the attractive purchase terms that were part of the Green Patch sub-division, will not be available for Roy Cove purchasers and the parcels will be significantly more expensive."

It was not all gloom, however. There is one report of a live rock/folk/C&W festival, held, I think, in Fox Bay, though I can't be sure because the beginning of the report is missing, featuring *The Fighting Pig Band* and other groups such as *The Angus Jaffray All-Stars*, *Penguin Noise*, *Agatha Christie* and the *Illustrious Lollipop Band* all of which contained Gerard Robson



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### *The Macmillan Appeal*

The Womans Weekly magazine are holding "The Worlds biggest coffee morning" in aid of the CANCER RELIEF MACMILLAN FUND

The WOMANS CORONA SOCIETY are holding a coffee morning at the Deanery on Saturday from 10.30-12.00pm

*Please come along, buy a coffee and cakes and support this good cause*

### NOTICE

**From Stanley Services Ltd** Dear customers using the Consolidated Service running from Southampton, please note that as from the 1st October 1995 HR Embassy Freight Services will officially change their name to WILSON & CO (U.K) LTD. The service they are running will continue from the same address.

### Shearing Career

The Department of Agriculture are once again offering training to suitable young people interested in a shearing career. If you think that you would be suited to shearing and are available to commence training from the end of October beginning November 1995, ring Mandy McLeod on 27355 for more details. Closing date for applications is 6 October 1995.

### Smoking Survey

The Hospital needs your help. We are assessing the smoking habits of people living in the Falklands, and their knowledge about smoking. You will soon receive a questionnaire about smoking. It is anonymous. The children will be asked to complete it at school, adults are asked to complete theirs at home. It will only take ten minutes of your time. Please complete your form and return it. This survey will help both smokers and non-smokers in the Islands. Thank you for your assistance.

### Aerobics

with Judith Campbell. Thursdays 5-6pm at the Stanley Leisure centre. All welcome

## BEN'S TAXI 21437

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**To rent:** One 2/3 bedroom self contained apartment or house (needs to sleep 5) from 20th December 1995 for about 3-4 weeks, for visiting family. Any offer will be seriously considered. Please reply in the first instance to tel: 22245 during office hours or fax: 22246

**Set of children's bunk beds.** Phone 22141.

If anyone is seeking a **house-sitter** in Stanley (non-smoker and willing to look after pets) - phone Colin on 21226 or 31398

### PERSONAL

*The family of the late Jane Clarke would like to thank everyone who sent floral tributes, cards and messages of sympathy. They would like to give a special thank you to all the doctors and staff at the KEMH.*

### Chilean Party

We wish to thank everyone who came to our party last Saturday night. Without you it wouldn't have been such a great success.

## Auction Bridge

Another encouraging gathering enjoyed at an evening of Auction Bridge on the 20th.

Prize Winners were:

1st J Cheek and T Pettersson  
2nd Mrs J Allan and B Peck  
Booby Mrs I Finlayson and M Murphy

The next evening is scheduled for the 4th October, in the Day Centre at 7.30pm

## The 1995/96 Moto X season starts this weekend

THIS weekend the 1st of October is the start of the 1995/96 motocross season at Goose Green, starting with practice at 10.00am and the first race starting around 11.00am.

Explosive action is guaranteed from the Expert class at Derek Jaffray, Arthur Turner, Andrew Alazia and Johnny Summers all on new machinery each are capable of winning and each one looking for that number 1 slot. Entering the Experts class this year are Jan Clarke, Christian Berntsen and Steven Jennings who are more than capable of staying with the front runners.

The Clubmans class also gets new riders this year. Nunker Summers, Carl Harris, Dustin Clarke and Shane Blakely will be looking

for a line past the old duffers, although the ranks will be slightly depleted for the first couple of races due to blown up bikes and knees.

Two new lads are entering the Juniors for the first time this year. Eddie Grimmer and Ian Jordon both wanting to out perform last years champion Jay Moffatt. In with a chance this year will be Ryan Hawksworth and Sean Moffatt.

For all those members who have yet to pay this years subscription, bring along your wallets on race day. Rowena will have a tyre lever ready to pry the money off you. For spectators its £2 for the day and easily worth the small fee just to watch a bunch of maniacs going ballistic.

### Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the erection of 6.8km (approx.) of fencing in the Clements Corner area of Fitzroy.

Interested persons should contact the Director of Agriculture for more details.

Tenders endorsed 'Fencing Clements Corner' should be returned to the Chairman Tender Board to reach him on or before 3pm on 4th October, 1995.

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

## Postscript from the Cathedral

Some words in the English language have a particular power to touch our consciences; one such word is hypocrisy.

The great German bible scholar Karl Rahner once wrote "the number one cause of atheism is Christians. Those who proclaim God with their mouths and deny him with their lifestyles is what an unbelieving world finds simply unbelievable."

Jesus said "woe unto you hypocrites, for you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of uncleanness." (Matt 23 v13)

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### Bizarre final twist to Addis enquiry

AT the end of a week of police drama which saw arrests followed by releases, came a bizarre twist, with the issuing of the following Press Release from the police:

"On 3 October, acting on the authority of a warrant issued by Her Majesty's Coroner, Royal Falkland Islands Police officers investigating the disappearance of Marine Alan Addis, exhumed human remains from an un-marked

grave in Stanley cemetery. The remains are believed to have been discovered in the area of North Arm in 1983 and are unidentified. Preliminary enquiries indicate that the remains are of at least two people. There is little likelihood that the remains are in any way connected with the Addis case, and they will now be the subject of a separate enquiry. A full report will be made to HM

Coroner in due course."

Earlier in the week, DCI Pennington of the Devon and Cornwall Police said that he was confident that his team had now exhausted all available leads and thanked the community for its co-operation.

It is not anticipated that the four local men, arrested on Wednesday and Thursday and later released, will be charged.

### Drugs in mail

THE CUSTOMS and Excise Department issued the following press release on Tuesday afternoon, October 3rd.

"During the course of routine mail examinations in August and September 1995, suspicious substances were discovered which when subjected to field analysis, gave positive reactions to tests for cannabis and heroin.

Two Spanish crew members from the Falklands registered vessel "Pescavigo Uno", were consequently arrested and charged with attempting to import controlled drugs in contravention of the Misuse of Drugs Ordinance 1987.

Both men admitted to the offence and were given citeable cautions on October 2, 1995.

A recommendation has been submitted to His Excellency the Governor for their removal from the Islands in accordance with the Immigration Ordinance 1987."

A spokesman for the Customs and Excise Department said subsequently that should the Governor use his prerogative to have the men expelled, they would not be able to work on any ships within the Falklands Fishery again.

The quantity of drugs involved are believed to have been small and intended for personal consumption rather than re-sale.

### She is coming

IN a press release, Government House confirmed that The Princess Royal will visit the Falkland Islands and British Antarctic territory in January and February 1996.

### Burnside big bird

A Great Egret, a rare visitor from the mainland, has spent the winter around the Burnside area, according to Bill Kidd, which describes it as being like a stork, the size of a swan, with black legs.

## Big names in early start for Falklands oil

SHELL, Texaco, Elf, BHP Petroleum, Union Texas, Petro-Fina and British Gas were among the big names of the oil world who were represented at the opening session of the Falkland Islands Government Oil Licensing round yesterday, according to Chief Executive Andrew Gurr, reporting on the event by telephone from London.

Any fears there might have been that no-one would show up on the day were soon dispelled as an estimated ninety to a hundred delegates, representing some forty oil companies arrived early for the meeting, which was held in the British Geological Society in Burlington House, Piccadilly, just opposite Fortnum and Masons. It was due to begin at 9.30, but, said Andrew Gurr, "everyone was there by 9.20 and so it started ten minutes early".

Obviously in buoyant mood, the Chief Executive, who had

opened the proceedings, said that it was clear that the Agreement with Argentina had made a difference. The numbers attending were greater than had been earlier anticipated and there was every indication that the same level of interest would be shown at the launch for American-based oil companies to be held in Houston, Texas on October 11.

Andrew Gurr's introduction was followed by talks by Dr. Richards of BGS, the Attorney General David Lang, Richard Wagner and FIG Oil Licensing Officer, John Martin, before the meeting ended with a short

question and answer session. The oil company representatives, who attended the launch were given information packs to take away and many went on to attend an open day and exhibition on oil in the Falklands held at FIGO.

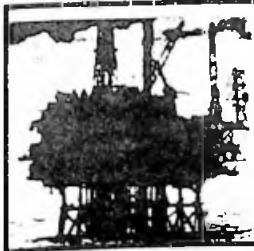
The indications were, said Andrew Gurr, that the oil companies had been impressed by FIG's presentation; one apparently going so far as to describe it as "the best he'd seen".

This mood of optimism was shared by Cllr Bill Luxton, who was at the launch and said that it had gone very well, with a "tremendous turn-out".

### Argentina settles for 3%

ARGENTINA will turn a blind eye to participation in the Falklands oil licensing launch by Argentine companies as long as they pay a 3% levy, according to Mr Guillermo Gonzalez, Argentina's

principal negotiator in the recent joint talks on oil exploration. He was quoted, in an article by David Pilling in the Financial Times, as saying that such participation was "a business decision".



## UK/Argentine Oil Agreement: 2

### Area map, report on Public Meeting, councillors comments, etc. Centre pages.



## An unquiet week

I'M a great fan of an American humorous writer and broadcaster called Garrison Keillor, whose stories, set in his fictional home town somewhere in America's mid-west, usually begin with the words: "It's been another quiet week in Lake Wobegone." Imitation being a form of flattery, I have often been tempted to begin this column with: "It's been another quiet week in Stanley", but not this week.

Early on in the process of despair, head-scratching, nail-biting and doubt that usually culminates in the production of yet another issue of *Penguin News*, we produce what we call a "dummy"; a small 'mock-up' of the paper on which we write down what we hope will eventually appear in the pages of the real thing. The front of this crude plan often simply contains a large question mark, expressing the hope that something newsworthy will happen before the Tuesday night deadline. This week, from the beginning, it read: "Drugs, rape, murder, oil"

With such exciting stories in prospect, I suppose I should have been delighted - instead, as the week progressed and this office was besieged by the South American Press wanting oil stories and the British Press wanting murder stories, I found myself pondering more and more glumly the difference between information and sensation. By the end I wanted to say to each new enquirer, "What's it got to do with you?" Not a very proper attitude for a newspaper man!

This is not to say that I wasn't temporarily swept up in the excitement of the dramatic events of recent days; one of the features of life in a small quiet community, particularly for the young, is a longing for something to happen - no matter what - just to relieve the monotony. This week some of us have been able to see that the exciting "news" of the tabloid papers, actually concerns real people, affecting their relatives and friends in a very direct and painful way, and we have learned to appreciate the 'monotony' for the 'tranquillity' it really is.

If humanly possible, some trace needs to be found of Alan Addis, to help ease his mother's long suffering and anything that can lead to that should continue to be done. We know he disappeared in 1980, but that is about all we do know, and we should be wary of allowing our own thirst for excitement, or Mrs Addis's natural desire to make sense of this tragic mystery, to create a murder and supply murderers, where none may have been.

We are all fortunate to be protected by a legal code which assumes innocence until guilt is proven. Thanks to the best efforts of our own police and of the highly professional team from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, it would seem that there is no proof of any of the stories which have been in circulation. Unless things change and convictions are made, we must all accept, happily, that there are no guilty parties.

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## Great pity

WE are better defended than in nineteen eighty two. Great pity we are not better informed, represented and governed.

Eddie Anderson  
Stanley

## Port in a storm

CONGRATULATIONS on the standard you keep in the *Penguin News*.

Stanley/Port Stanley?  
I agree with Mrs Mary Cawkell. The name of the town is Stanley and always has been. The name of the anchorage is Port Stanley and always has been. Who is CSM Shelton?

I hope sincerely that lambing in the Falklands turns out better than seems to be expected at the moment.

J.T. Clement  
Westbury, Wilts.

(Thanks for the compliment Jim, but stand by for a broad-side from West Point! Incidentally Craig Shelton is 1st Secretary at Government House. Ed.)

## Stanley/Port Stanley: the view from the Museum

HEREWITH some notes and opinions gained whilst talking with people on the subject:

The earliest known letter marked Stanley was dated 16 August 1844 written to Lord Stanley, at that time Secretary of State for the Colonies, suggesting that his name be used for the new Capital. This was approved with the town being called Stanley and the Prefix Port referring to the harbour. Thus, for one to move from Stanley to Port Stanley does not require a great deal of effort: one has only to step over the sea wall. But then there are those who might argue about high and low watermarks affecting the boundaries.

Both names have been used locally for over one hundred and fifty years, but it is fair to say that in world terms the capital of the Falklands is generally known as Port Stanley. At this present time when the Falkland Islands has such a political profile, it would not be to our advantage if we were seen to be changing the name of our capital.

The events during 1982 did much to firmly establish the name Port Stanley.

General Sir Jeremy Moore began his famous signal to London giving news of the Argentine surrender with the words:

No cash  
No care

I REFER to the letter from Ellen Davis in the last issue:

She ignores one or two hugely important points in her statement "if people want to be farm owners, surely they should be on their farms...". For many, perhaps the majority, of small farms that have started out in the last seven years or so (i.e. those with large mortgages outstanding), to live on the farm's income alone would leave them up a certain creek without a certain instrument.

I am not familiar with the situation on the East, but over here there are several small farmers who have got off their backsides and gone out and worked extremely hard to supplement the farm's income. If a farmer can fit in non-farm work in slack periods without it being to the detriment of his/her stock, then good luck to them. The extra income gained from doing this is probably for the benefit of the farm in many cases, whether for machinery, fences or for doing up the house. So, in some respects, those people care about their property most of all.

Stephen Luxton  
Chartres

'In Port Stanley at 9 o'clock this evening.....'

The Prime Minister, Lady Thatcher, on 14 June 1982 made the historic announcement that 'White flags are now flying over Port Stanley...'

Eighty-two years ago on 27 September 1913, the Falkland Islands Post Office first canceller using the name Port Stanley appeared.

The opinion of everyone with whom I have spoken is that Port Stanley is a logical combination of the Port and the Town, as was the case with the Falklands previous capital, Port Louis.

Port Stanley is a name which symbolises our important maritime heritage. It is also much more comfortable and evocative than just plain Stanley, of which there are a number of others.

Port Stanley has become a natural progression of the former names. Future generations of Falkland Islanders will neither thank us nor forgive us should we make changes now.

John Smith  
The Museum

(The above is from a letter by Mr Smith to Cllr. Birmingham, reprinted here with the kind permission of both parties. It also expresses my own view exactly. Ed)

## ExCo breaks speed records

We are grateful to His Excellency the Governor for the text of the his broadcast describing the Executive Council Meeting from which the following is extracted.

It is intentionally an impressionist account of proceedings and does not necessarily represent the views of the Falkland Islands Government or Councillors.

THIS WAS a very brisk Executive Council: there were 30 items on the agenda and we had finished them by lunchtime, which is a British and Empire record as far as I am concerned. Councillors Edwards, Teggart and Goss were present: the Senior Crown Counsel represented the Attorney-General and the Government Secretary acted for the Chief Executive.

## Agriculture

In matters arising, Councillors said that there were still problems over dog legislation, but a paper should be ready to be submitted to the next meeting of ExCo. Councillors were concerned about farmers leaving their farms to seek work in Stanley during the winter, and asked that the Department of Agriculture should produce guidelines for people temporarily leaving their farms unoccupied. It was also agreed that the Director of Agriculture should produce an assessment of sheep losses over the past winter for the next meeting of ExCo.

## Government houses

An item on the sale of government houses was on the agenda. It was agreed that no more government-owned houses would be sold over the next two years because government is unable to meet its short and medium-term requirements for accommodation. However, there will be exceptions. The tenants of Jersey Estate houses, Squid Row houses and any other designated houses who have occupied their house for the past five years will be given the option to purchase the house they presently occupy. Existing tenants of Brewster bungalows or chalets will be allowed to go ahead and purchase, providing the sale is completed before 31 December 1996.

## Seat belt legislation

Three papers on the introduction of seat belts to the Falkland Islands were discussed. It was agreed that as from 1 January motor vehicles which are imported into the Falkland Islands shall be required to be fitted with seat belts in accordance with the law of the country from which they are imported. So for instance cars imported from Britain will have to have seat

belts fitted in accordance with British law.

It was agreed that legislation should be introduced on 1 July 1996 to impose compulsory wearing of seat belts on designated roads in the Falkland Islands - this means principally the road from Stanley to Mount Pleasant and on to Darwin, the Stanley By-Pass and the Stanley Airport road, the Mare Harbour road and the North Camp road up to Port Louis.

## Traffic and parking

It was agreed that a pedestrian crossing should be opened across Ross Road, approximately halfway between the entrance to the Police Station car park and Barrack Street. It was agreed Eliza Crescent, Stanley, should become a one-way street and an Order will be prepared under the Road Traffic Ordinance. Traffic will be allowed to proceed along Eliza Crescent from north to south.

## Camp wages

A paper on the Camp wages subsidy was considered and it was agreed that for the year 1996 the 10 per cent subsidy on wages in Camp will be replaced by a 5 per cent subsidy. Performance incentives in Camp for both private and public farms will be discussed by Councillors in the near future, and it is assumed that the 5 per cent subsidy will reduce to nothing for 1997 if the price of wool on the world markets continues to increase.

## FIG to FCO

It was agreed that provision should be made for FIG employees to be seconded to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to work at Government House if this was thought desirable. The Foreign Office would pay FIG for the loan of the officer concerned, covering his or her salary and old age pension contributions.

## FIG/FIC land swap

A land swap was agreed in principle between the Falkland Islands Company, FIDC and FIG. It is proposed that Harrison's Paddock on the shore east of Stanley should be transferred by the Falkland Islands Company to FIDC for the use of Stanley Growers; that FIDC should transfer five acres of land off the Stanley Airport road to the Falkland Islands Government; and that government should transfer land near Gordon Lines to the Falkland Islands Company.

## Infrastructure repair

A paper on frost damage to Stanley roads prepared by the Public Works Department was considered and it was agreed that a major programme of infrastructure repair should be initiated. In the first instance FIG should invite a consultant to look

at the problem and to consider how far repair of the roads should be extended to deal with such problems as drainage, water supply and cabling for public services. Thereafter a design and build contract might be let.

## Law of the Sea

Council then considered three papers on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and its application to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks. The illex squid on which we rely heavily for income from fishing licences is a prime example of a straddling fish stock and Councillors agreed that Her Majesty's Government should be asked to accede to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in respect of the Falkland Islands. It was also agreed that the Foreign Office should be informed that the Falkland Islands would wish the agreement implementing the UN Convention on the Law of Sea relating to conservation and manage-

ment of straddling stocks to apply to the Falkland Islands. And it was agreed that a High Seas Fishing Bill should be submitted to Legislative Council. This would confer powers on the Fisheries Department to licence Falkland Islands flagged vessels to fish on the high seas.

## Civil Service conditions

The Government Secretary, who had just returned from London where he had been discussing a review of conditions of employment in the civil service with consultants, submitted a recommendation for a consultant to take on the job of introducing far-reaching reforms into the working practices of the civil service and its pension arrangements.

## Formal protest to BA

Finally, I briefed Councillors on HMG's reaction to the *Granville* incident and said that informal protests had already been made and I expected a formal protest to be handed over shortly in Buenos Aires.

## Emma Edwards graduates at a good time



CONGRATULATIONS are due to Emma Edwards of Fox Bay West, who graduated recently from Queen's University Belfast with a 2:1 Honours Degree in Geology.

Emma, who has been appointed as Junior Geologist to FIG has been working in Edinburgh with Falklands' oil con-

sultants BGS in preparation for the beginning of the oil licensing round.

In the summer months, Emma, who is the first Falkland Islander to be employed full-time on oil-related business, will be embarking on a geological survey of the Falklands with FIG's Senior Geologist.



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## TOURISM NEWS

### Waiting with Jamie

THE WAITING room at Stanley Airport will be enhanced this summer when a large scale map will be painted on one of the inside walls of the building. Local artist James Peck has been commissioned to undertake this task for FITB and the map will include wildlife illustrations, buildings/settlements, places of interest and prominent landmarks and features. Work has commenced on the outline of the map and completion is expected before the end of the season.

### More hot air for Falklands?

FITB have had some communication with a hot air balloon enthusiast who will be posted to Mount Pleasant Airport between December 1995 and April 1996 with the RAF. During his time in the Falklands Squadron Leader Sawyer is keen to organise a Balloon Festival with up to 8 balloons. The sudden gusts of high wind experienced in the Falklands may prove to be a deterrent but it may be possible for two flights a day to take place over the two or three days of the proposed festival.

Squadron Leader Sawyer feels that with the wildlife opportunities in the Falklands there is a possibility of attracting a celebrity guest and provide some good public relations for the Falklands.

### Gypsy Cove track better

SOME work will be carried out on the Gypsy Cove Track this season. Concern has been expressed in the past at the state of the track leading from Whalebone Cove to the gate; the surface of the ground gets badly cut up by the many vehicles which travel over it in the summer months.

Visitors to Gypsy Cove will be encouraged to leave their vehicles at the gate and walk the short distance over the hill to help prevent the further damage to the ground and lessen the disturbance for the breeding birds in the area.

### New Video

Video Informers have been awarded the tender to make the Tourism film and a PR film for the Falkland Islands Government. Clive Myer will be undertaking the project assisted by Graham Bound. They will be arriving in the Falklands to commence filming on 20 November, and their provisional work programme includes filming local activities such as rifle shooting and fishing; they will speak to local personalities and school children and look at local businesses including the market garden and the fishing industry.

Arrangements are in hand for them to visit Volunteer Point, Long Island, Port Louis, Johnsons Harbour, Fox Bay, Hill Cove, Port Howard and Pebble Island.

## Mystery Falklands poll claim

THE Argentine magazine *Noticias* claims to have commissioned an opinion poll in Stanley, according to an article appearing on September 24.

The article, entitled *El miedo es mas fuerte* (Fear is stronger) began with the words "Kitty Bertrand is furious with President Carlos Menem", a statement which is almost certainly true, but continued: "A poll conducted for *Noticias*, Tuesday 19 and Wed 20 by SWAMA/Stanley in the Falklands showed the following revealing data: 64 of 100 subjects refused to comment until the terms of the agreement were

disclosed. 31 percent were for the agreement as long as it did not affect "British sovereignty" over the islands. 5 per cent was against, saying it would affect their lifestyle".

While *Penguin News* does not claim to have conducted an ex-

haustive survey, we have asked most of the people with whom we have come into contact in recent days whether they have heard of SWAMA/Stanley or been interviewed on the dates mentioned - so far without receiving any positive response.

## Ex-Falklands Head in "bush is better than British" controversy

FORMER headmaster of the Falkland Islands Community school, Dr David Burgess, was quoted extensively in a recent article in the *Daily Express*, entitled "African bush school that shamed Britain".

Dr Burgess (re-named Dennis by the *Express*), who left the Falklands in 1992, has for two years been head of Olashore International, a private secondary school 130 miles from the Nigerian capital, Lagos, and, according to the article, was recently asked to treat as a special case an 11 year-old who failed the entrance exam. The reason given by the child's mother for her son's failure was that he was educated at a London primary school where "standards aren't as high".

According to Dr Burgess, as quoted in the *Express*, so widespread is the disenchantment with the British system felt by Nigerian-born British residents that many of them are sending their children thousands of miles back home to schools like his, which are run on academic and traditional lines, on the pattern of the old grammar schools.

Children educated in Britain have apparently a more casual attitude than their Nigerian counterparts. Dr Burgess is quoted as saying:

"A boy from England came into class with hands in pockets - something no Nigerian-educated child would do. They are taught to respect adults".

## PR for the humble mullet

SO GOOD is the fishing for sea-trout in the Falklands that mullet fishing has tended to be disregarded, though it can be just as enjoyable and exciting, as anyone who has ever caught a nine pound mullet full of fight on a warm day can testify.

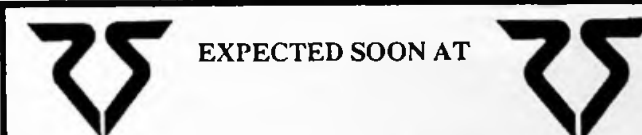
Now all that is to change with the visit to the Falklands of John Wilson of Anglia TV's *Go Fishing* Programme, who will be among the Falkland Islands Tourist Board's sponsored visitors to the Falklands this season.

According to Wendy Teggart writing in the *FITB Newsletter*, Mr Wilson, who is described as "probably the best-known angler in UK and possibly continental Europe has asked that a couple of days be devoted to mullet fishing, which he feels he can promote to the sea-angling fraternity as well as game fishers.

The first purpose of his trip however is to place an article and photographs in *'Trout and Salmon Magazine'*, but it is hoped that if he enjoys his stay, we might be at the top of his list when it comes to making a new series of "Go Fishing". Apparently Mr Wilson, who also writes for the *Angling Times*, does not film anywhere that he has not already been.

Accompanied by his wife, who is also his researcher, Mr Wilson arrives in the Falklands on 11 March 1996 and departs on the 27th. So far stays at Port Howard and Little Chartres have been arranged, but the rest of his programme is still to be arranged.

Angling is still the most popular sport in Britain and at the "game fishing" end, one of the most expensive. This is clearly a visit which has the potential for being as important to the Falklands as that of the *BBC Clothes Show* team and FITB are anxious that John Wilson should "meet the right people, fish in the right places and go away thoroughly enthused about fishing in the Falklands."



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## Pebble Island Skyvan Recovery

Story by Squadron Leader Joe Watt.

ON 23 September 1995 a team of three officers from the British Forces Falkland Islands, assisted by two Pebble Islanders, recovered the wreckage of the ill fated Argentine Skyvan PA-50.

Few people in the UK had heard of Pebble Island in the Falkland Islands until news broke of the first British land action of the 1982 Falklands War. In the early hours of 15 May 1982, 22 Special Air Service Regiment conducted a daring raid on the Island's airfield. Eleven Argentine aircraft were severely damaged, including the Skyvan PA-50 which was almost totally destroyed. All that remained of the burnt out Skyvan was most of the wings, a few bits of fuselage and the blast-damaged tailplane and fins. After the conflict, the islanders buried the wreckage in a 1000lb bomb crater at the side of the grass airfield.

Skyvan PA-50 had been used by the Argentine Commando Aviacion Naval Argentina (CANA) (Argentine Naval Aviation Command) on Coastguard duties around the Falklands and in support of a CANA detachment at Pebble Island. This detachment operated four Mentor aircraft in the ground attack role. These operated alongside FAA Pucaras

which had been dispersed from Stanley and Goose Green. The fate of PA-50 was probably sealed several days before the SAS raid, the Pebble airfield having become waterlogged, which prevented the plane's departure.

The Skyvan's bombcrater resting place had also been used as a dump for old beer cans and bottles. This prompted one young girl visiting the site to tell her parents that the aircraft crashed because the crew were drunk! When Sq Ldr Joe Watt inspected the site in May 1995, the recovery task looked relatively straightforward. However, the recovery literally had to be put on ice as the Falklands underwent its worst winter since 1902. Returning in September with colleagues, Captain Peter Milner REME and Flt. Lt. Frank Wareham, Sq. Ldr. Watt found the airfield to be waterlogged again and the wreckage mostly under water. However, with the added help of James McGhie from the Pebble Hotel and Raymond Evans with his tractor, the wreckage was recovered in an afternoon and moved to where it can be displayed. The team were hosted superbly during their stay on the Island at Pebble Island Hotel, which is managed by Jennifer Hill.

## Stan takes the cake at ninety



STAN JOHNSON is pictured sharing a joke with Jimmy Ford, Mike Murphy and Bob Hewitt on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday on Saturday.

The birthday celebration, which started with a lively bingo session, was attended by Mrs Tatham and many of Stan's friends, and was held in the day room at the KEMH. It was organised by Alison Ford, who gave up her day off to see that all went well. Stan is seen here being presented with a birthday cake from Alison, baked and decorated by Paz Blyth.

## Adie and Lisa tee off together



KEEN GOLFERS and stalwart members of Stanley Golf Club, Adrian Lowe and Lisa Short chose the club house as the venue for their wedding on September 23rd.

Here they are pictured leaving the reception under a special 'archway' of golf clubs held aloft by fellow members.

## 1995 Darts final highlights

by Patrick Watts

GARY Hewitt made it an impressive trio of victories this season when he defeated Colin 'Tootie' Ford by a 5-4 margin in a superb and nail biting final of the Victory Bar Championships, which was played in the Town Hall.

With the Johnny Walker and Governors Cup titles already wrapped up, the 'Cool Kelper' as he is known came back from a 3-1 deficit in the semi-final to beat Colin Smith and then 4-3 down to beat Tootie Ford.

Both players hit the maximum of 180 twice in the final and in all there were 35 scores of 100 or more during the 9 legs.

The 9th and final leg typified the excellent standard of darts when the Champion, who now works for Stanley Services Ltd, opened with a score of 140 and followed up with scores of 100, 100 and 135 leaving himself with 26. He missed double 13 with 3 darts, but made sure with the first dart of his next throw to clinch the Championship.

In the opening leg of the final both players scored 180, and with 68, 95 and 100 Tootie Ford was left with 58 which he clinically scored with 18 and double 20. Gary Hewitt came back to win the 2nd leg with scores of 140, 95, 81, 100 and 43 leaving himself with 42. He achieved the score the 'hard' way with 17, 9 and double 8. But when did a player last score 140, 45, 140 and 95 and lose the leg? Tootie Ford did but such was the standard of play that neither player could afford to make a mistake otherwise his opponent was quick to capitalise on the error.

The Champion won the 3rd leg to establish a 2-1 lead, finishing on, 14 and double 20, but it was 2-2 after the 4th, when in a low scoring leg, Tootie Ford left with 89, exploded with a treble 19 and double 16, superb 2 dart finish. as if to say that he could do equally well Gary Hewitt, in the 5th leg stepped up to the 'oche' requiring 100 and with his opponent needing just 40 the pressure was mounting, but a treble 20 and double 20 was the champions clinical response.

Leg 6 was very even and both missed early opportunities to clinch it before Tootie Ford, much to the relief of the crowd who desperately wanted a 9 leg thriller, won with double 16. When the 7th leg went the way of the 'big man' also, it looked like Gary's treble dream was fading fast.... Tootie had a superb leg with 121, 60, 100, 100 and 80, missed double 20 first time around scored 38 and hit double 1.

The dream was all but a fading memory when, with Tootie requir-

ing just 108, Gary was back on 255, in the 8th leg but he responded with a score of 140 followed by 95 and hit 6 and double 7 to square the game at 4-4. Then came the breathtaking and dramatic final leg and it was Gary Hewitt who held aloft the magnificent Cup and with it the winning cheque.

The Hewitt-Smith semi-final was another classic, and Colin Smith will look back at his inability to finish as the major factor contributing to his defeat. In comparison the other semi was a tame affair and Tootie Ford seemed to almost allow Kevin Clapp to take the 4th leg, before clinching an easy 4-1 victory. To no-one's surprise it was the 'BIG 3' Hewitt, Smith and Ford who made it to the semi-finals and their donation of local darts seems set to continue for many years to come.

British serviceman Bill Haveron, beaten by Colin Smith in the final of the J Walker back in 1987 and currently stationed at Mount Pleasant, made a welcome return to the Town Hall and after a splendid victory over Paul Bonner was edged out by the eventual winner Gary Hewitt in the 3rd round.

Lenny Ford had the highest checkout on 119 during the tournament. Cathy Jacobsen won the ladies prize put up by herself and husband Alistair when she gained a hard fought 2-0 victory over Jane Clement. Cathy who first won the '3 bars' in 1988 achieved her victory in the hardest possible manner, having to score the feared double 1 in both legs to clinch her victory.

After playing some scintillating darts in the previous rounds both ladies failed to produce their best in the final and Jane had several opportunities to win the first leg, but luck was not with her and she too ended up on double one.

The 2nd leg was almost a carbon copy of the first and Cathy again proved to be the better finisher on the night.

Jane did have the consolation of having the best check-out, with a splendid 112 in her semi-final victory over Shelley McKay. In the other semi-final Cathy had a shock 2-0 victory over the tournament and leading ladies player this season Julie Clarke.

### Results:

#### OPEN:

1st G Hewitt  
2nd C Ford  
3rd C Smith  
4th K Clapp

#### LADIES:

1st C Jacobsen  
2nd J Clement  
Joint 3rd S McKay & J Clarke

## DIARY OF A FARMER'S CAT

by Baldrick Wilkinson

## Scotland - the land of haggis and foreign accents?

YOU should see this place, honest you should. Vale of tears, I think the term is. Weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth, sackcloth and ashes, doom and gloom. the Missus is all red-eyed and the Boss's sunk in terminal woe - it's enough to make a self-respecting cat take up booze...

It's all because the Daughter came home for the weekend bringing her Boyfriend with her. Seems the two of them are leaving for foreign parts - well, Scotland to be precise - which might as well be foreign parts for all I could understand of Boyfriend's accent. (He was born in the land of the haggis.) The way the Missus is carrying on, now the plane's safely taken off, you'd think she'd seen 'em off in Apollo whatever they're up-to now for the moon or somewhere...

Ah, well. You've gotta let youngsters go, as I've tried to tell her. It's no good trying to tie them to your apron strings. They'll only pull away and rip the apron... (Full of wisdom, I am, but none of it appreciated.)

My Mum let me choose my own path as a kitten, and I'm grateful for that. At least I was grateful to start with. Nowadays I'm not so sure I shouldn't have stayed in town. At least I wouldn't be in danger of drowning in all those tears...

The Boss's low state of mind is due partly to Daughter leaving the Islands and partly to the fact that the poor old sod's full of flu. Sneezing, coughing and sorry for himself, that's the boss at present. Rattles with pills and every cold cure known to mankind, but none of 'em have worked. He's trying to build the new sheep handling pens, but the wind's got up and he's not a happy bear at the moment, trying to work in a howling gale. The way he's sneezing, I reckon he could load up his nose with nails and simply fire 'em into the wood. Forget hammers...

The wind isn't just affecting the Boss, of course. There are hundreds of logger ducks around here nowadays (they moved away for a while but returned this year - perhaps Daughter will do likewise?) and it's really funny watching them in this kind of weather. Every morning great rafts of them

paddle out to sea, nattering away to each other. Occasionally one of them spots a sealion, or thinks he does, and then there's a mad panic - every duck for itself - as everyone tries to reach the shore without becoming fast food.

Trying to paddle against the tide is bad enough for 'em, but when it's against the wind and tide combined it's worth taking time out to watch the pantomime. I bet they wish they could fly...

Talking of ambitions - the Missus has been itching to sort out her blessed geraniums. the Boss has rather more important things to worry about, and the Missus can't worry too much, so while Daughter was here she took her chance and enlisted help in re-potting. Large quantities of the Boss's best vegetable plot were transported to the conserva-thingummy, and eventually all the smallest plants were comfortably re-housed. Then the Missus attacked the tallest geraniums, lopping off bits and sticking 'em in funny little peaty pot things. Quite vicious she was about it too. Remind me not to upset her when she's got those cutter thing's in her hand...

Bimbo's a bit miffed 'cos Boyfriend got roped into plane bits off the conserva-thingummy door to make it shut properly. Now she can't get in there any more to sunbathe. She'd got a nice Bimbo-sized flowerpot; there she'd sit on sunny days, swaying gently with her eyes shut and dreaming perhaps of Stanley and generous helpings of Whiskas.

The Missus said 'Ah, doesn't she look sweet!' when she first saw her potted cat. But then she realised that under the potted cat there was an extremely flat baby geranium...

Anyway, enough from me. I can hear sobbing from the kitchen, and I'm not sure whether the Missus is on a downer again or the Boss has mashed his thumb with the hammer. Whichever, I'm needed...

Cheers chays - Love,

Baldrick

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## A Penguin News Information Supplement

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# THE OIL AGREEMENT

A Joint Declaration on Economic Co-operation in the South West Atlantic was signed in New York by Malcolm Rifkind and Guido Di Tella, representing the governments of Great Britain and Argentina on September 27th 1995.

In this supplement we continue our coverage of the public meeting on this topic in Stanley, look at views expressed locally and internationally and attempt first to answer the question:

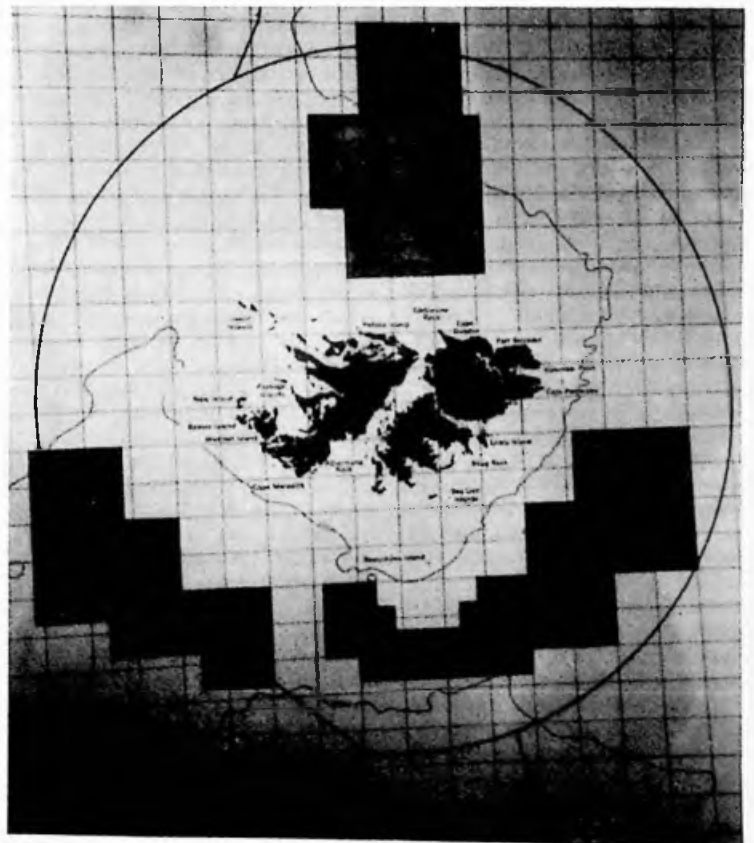
### Where exactly are the zones?

The map, at right, is the one prepared by the Fisheries Department for the Public Meeting on Stanley, which we reproduce here, in answer to a number of requests from people who were unable to attend the public meeting.

The areas shown shaded above (north) and below, right (S.E) of the Falklands are those areas, where licences for exploration are on offer from the Falkland Islands Government in the Licensing Round, which opened in London on Tuesday 3rd October. These were described at the meeting as being the red areas.

The area to the bottom, left (SW) of the Falklands is the area where oil exploration will be controlled, co-operatively by the Argentine and British Governments through a Joint Commission. Each side will offering licences for "tranches" on their respective sides of a notional median line with the possibility that oil companies could apply for and receive licensing to explore areas which will straddle that line.

It is only in this area, described in the meeting as the blue area, that the Commission functions, as described in Sections 4a and 4b of the Joint Declaration will apply. The Commission can only function on a basis of mutual agreement and can only make recommendations to the respective governments.





# Highlights of the discussion

What follows is extracted from a tape recording of the discussion held in the Town Hall on 26th September. It is not a complete transcript and on occasions, though we have tried to preserve meaning, it may differ slightly from what was actually said

**Question (Cllr Eric Goss)** Before we start on oil, can we have a look at how effective the Commission on Fisheries was on the 23rd of this month when the Argentine corvette Granville ordered seven of our licensed ships out of the Gap and the FOCZ? Is the Oil Commission going to be just as effective?

**Answer (John Cheek)** No idea. We're here to talk about oil. Can we? I suggest you might like to address your question as a councillor to the Chief Executive, in writing, then everyone can see it in the Islands when he replies.

**Question (Stella Middleton)** When I came tonight, the thing that concerned me the most - you may think it a side issue, but I agree with Councillor Goss - as reported on News Magazine tonight, is this issue that he's just raised. To me, personally, it has caused the most concern, as far as Argentina, than anything I've heard in all the nine years I've lived here. If all those facts are correct, I think the timing is not coincidental.

**Answer (Governor)** If that alarms you so much, where were you a year ago, when exactly the same happened - an Argentine warship ordered some trawlers out of the FOCZ. The warship went away; the trawlers came back. It was a non-event. We protested and we shall protest against this.

**Question (Terry Spruce)** If it is a non-event, it is coincidental with the launching of the Oil Agreement. Are they showing their muscle again?

**Answer (Governor)** Well somebody's showing their muscle, but certainly not the Argentine Government, the Argentine Navy perhaps. Somebody is showing that they don't like the Joint Declaration.

**(John Cheek)** Whether it was the Captain, the Navy, the Opposition, do you know?

**(Terry Spruce)** I don't know, but that's typical. This is why the people here, trust the Argentines as much as they do at the moment and that's what all this is about.

**Answer (John Cheek)** Yes, but can I come back to the Fisheries Commission. I would ask you to look at our tax level at the moment, and what it would have been without that agreement, our education facilities, our hospital facilities, the salary levels as set by government, the subsidies to farming and quite a few other sectors of the community. Without that agreement, it wouldn't have happened. When I said that I took this as a model, I also said that it hasn't been perfect, and I doubt

very much if the oil agreement will be perfect, but I and five other councillors believe it's worth-while.

**Question (Alan Barker)** If there is oil, where is it envisaged that it will go? Where will it be piped or shipped to? Will it be shipped to terminal facilities here, which would have a beneficial implication for local employment or is it envisaged that it will be shipped to the coast whether to Chile or Argentina, where perhaps they would have the benefit of the extra work?

**Answer (Andrew Gurr)** We haven't made any decisions on that obviously nor do we need to. The longer we keep our options open on where oil is processed the better. Technically today it needn't go anywhere. It can actually be processed in a tanker at the well head at sea, and can then be shipped straight to Rotterdam. The technology is available so it needn't hit the main land. It may be more expensive to do it like that but we're not dependent either on a mainland refinery or on any sort of facilities here, other than servicing that particular well head.

**Question:** Will that be our decision?

**Answer:** Entirely Yes.

**Question (Dave Hall)** The declaration, the final page of the document of HMG, states in the penultimate paragraph "HMG are aware that Argentina proposes to enact legislation purporting to impose charges on companies working in maritime area surrounding the Falklands." Is that not specifically against the spirit of the earlier parts of the agreement, which they are expressly agreeing to on one hand, and openly saying they won't do that, almost as soon as the agreement has been reached?

**Answer (Governor)** Part of the whole deal was that the Argentines said that we are going to levy taxes on people who work in the area. We said you can't do that. It does not affect our sovereignty; we do not admit the legality of these taxes. But realistically if there is a company which is based on the coast in Argentina, the Argentine government can levy what taxes on them they like. We have to accept that. The company may decide that it's better to use facilities on the coast and pay a little extra, they may say "no we don't want to pay that extra, we'd rather have facilities on the Islands". This is a decision for the company. Effectively what we are going to say tomorrow if the Argentines impose taxes on companies operating is "you can't do this and it does not affect our sovereignty and we do not accept your right to do it." Realistically if the companies do have assets in Argentina those can be taxed.

**Question (Cllr Edwards)** In view of the fact that Dr Di Tella is today in the press saying that he is going to



Chief Executive, Andrew Gurr hands out copies of the Agreement at the meeting. Cllr Norma Edwards, centre, has already seen it and clearly does not like it

start his own licensing round on the 2nd of October, how's HMG going to cope with that?

**Answer (Governor)** This is a bit like me saying that I'm going to licence blocks off the coast of Chile. He can't actually do it. If you want to drill in our area you've got to come to FIG. What he's going to do is to lobby the companies involved and say "take account of us, we're here" and so on. He can't actually do it. You can't hold a licensing round for territory you don't actually control.

**Answer (John Cheek)** Any more than they can issue licences for the FOCZ and the FICZ

**Question (Dr Elsbey)** This agreement is supposed to prevent all the argument. What faith then can anyone have in this agreement if, before it is signed, contradictory views are coming out from Argentina?

**Answer (John Cheek)** I don't like harping on about the Fisheries Commission, but I think if you remember, as Patrick reminded me the other day, when the Fisheries Commission was signed, there was almost dancing in the street by Argentine politicians - they'd almost won. About three weeks later, reality set in and they realised they

hadn't. I think the same thing is happening now. Politicians in Argentina will use this to their advantage and say, as some of them are saying, "this is the start of the recovery of the Islands; we're going into areas of the Falklands that we haven't been in for a hundred and sixty years". That for a start off isn't true - up until the war, certainly for the preceding number of years, they used to come here, so that just one thing is totally untrue.

**Dr Elsbey:** That wasn't the point I was making; when one signs an agreement it might be seen as a victory for your sign or a victory for the opposition, but here they are actually opposing the agreement before it's been signed.

**Answer (Governor)** Yes, some are - the opposition in Argentina is opposing the agreement and that's what you'd expect.

**Question:** Di Tella's saying he's going to start licensing.

**Answer (Governor)** Well, before this began, about ten days ago, I said on FIBS, "in the next week we are going to hear a lot of very extravagant things said and we must simply bite our tongue and not respond". The extravagant things were said, we didn't respond; we were very

good, we let it all play out, and if you look at what the Argentine politicians are saying this week, it's a lot quieter and more subdued than what they said last week, because reality is catching up with them. There have been comments from London, from the Foreign Office, and so on and it's quite clear that they are exaggerating. Their claims are just not right.

**Question (Tim Miller):** The Chief Executive spoke earlier about encouragement to local businesses and getting involved in the support infrastructure - that sort of thing. Yet already we were hearing in the last few days the little bits that have been coming out about this agreement that we've sort of got the idea that one of the sort of carrots that's being offered to Argentina is that oil companies have things tilted their way as regards looking for support facilities, infrastructure etc.

**Answer (John Cheek):** I don't think "tilted their way" is the right expression. My preference would be to use Chile or Brazil because we don't want them to have a tap that they can turn off and I would not like to see all the infrastructure in Argentina. I think most people involved would like to see as much

local involvement as possible. It's going to be limited just by the sheer size of the place and what's here. I think there should be lots of jobs and lots of business. I'm sure there should be lots of opportunities.

**Answer (Andrew Gurr):** It gives us the option as I said earlier. We can choose at the time; we don't have to make the decision now. There can come a time when we can say well we really don't want an oil refinery in Berkeley Sound. It's much better to have it somewhere else. That will be our decision and that will be a stronger position than not being able to have the option.

**Question (Robert Rowlands):** At the end of the day, the bottom line, would it mean Argentines on Falkland Island soil?

**Answer (John Cheek):** As far as this council is concerned NO.

**Question:** (unknown) You said in an interview that you didn't trust Argentina but yet you're quite prepared to come to an agreement with them. Now is that a good stand for a councillor?

**Answer (John Cheek):** I don't think we have any choice. We can turn around and say, "right no agreements" but I think we'd all be

much worse off because we wouldn't have had a fisheries agreement if we hadn't. I still say it; I don't entirely trust them.

**Question (Neil Watson):** Can I ask you about the last two lines of the agreement. There's going to be a new ordinance in the Falklands - "The appropriate legislation will be introduced in order to take account of the joint declarations including the new ordinance in the Falkland Islands". So what other legislation would there be? And what will this legislation and new order say about the blue area? That it is a bit of shared real estate, is it?

**Answer (Attorney General) NO NO NO NO.** My understanding is this remains entirely Falklands area and what is said is "we will co-ordinate activities". There may be licences each side of the line and the same company or associated companies may have a licence from Argentina that side of the line and a licence from the Falklands this side of the line. And that is a co-ordinated activity and it talks in the Agreement - look at 4b, "to co-ordinate activities in the tranches referred to in paragraph 2b above". Not co-operate, co-ordinate. Of course, you co-ordinate through co-operation - you can't co-ordinate any other way!

**Question (Neil Watson):** What other appropriate legislation will there be then?

**Answer (Attorney General):** There will be appropriate legislation to ensure that one of the licensing considerations in relation to this will, take into account the need to co-ordinate activities with the Argentines on their licensing on the other side and that will be one of the licensing considerations. The ordinary licensing considerations in which we are going out for open bids here where anybody can bid will not apply there where the two sides are committed to promoting joint ventures and that's why you'll need special legislation, because the ordinary licensing criteria on open slather as we're going into a licensing round - which is like a tender situation - will not apply; these will be selected people who'll be applying and it may be that they are invited to apply, because they put together a consortium which will operate both sides of the line, licensed on each side: this side by the Falkland Islands these are Falklands area. On the other side by the Argentines.

**Question (Neil Watson)** If the agreement fails that's still our sea?

**Answer (Attorney General):** It is and always was and ever more shall be so, as far as I am concerned!

## Recent comments on the Agreement in the Argentine press

*La Nación*, September 28, 1995

Di Tella said later that this does not imply any acknowledgement of British rights in the area, but he added that it would be "lunacy" not to recognise that the U.K. is at present the administrative power.

"The two governments agreed to cooperate to encourage off-shore activities in the South West Atlantic," the text says. According to Di Tella, Argentina does not grant the legitimacy of British licenses, and neither does Britain grant the legitimacy of Argentine licenses. That being so, how did they arrive at an agreement? "If we take the text at face value, we diplomats will be out of a job," he said.

"but if there is oil, we are talking about tens of millions of dollars, of which the countries will receive a small percentage," said Di Tella. "The figures are very large, very important for the Islands, for Patagonia, for Argentina, for Britain, for everybody."

Di Tella warned, however, that "the negotiation with Great Britain does not mean we grant them any rights. We recognise the fact that, having no rights, they are the administrative power. We must admit that

situation exists. Otherwise, we would be living on the moon."

*El Cronista*, September 28, 1995

The first impression among oilmen interviewed by *El Cronista* was one of surprise. The agreement is better and more extensive than hoped-for.

Meanwhile, it is clear that the six areas chosen for joint tenders are the best for exploration.

The southern limit is tangential to the promising Bank of Burwood, which might be a choice area. In the late 70's, Esso drilled 13 wells at the same degree of latitude but in Argentine waters. Two of them were productive but were declared unprofitable because the volumes did not compensate for logistical difficulties and the great distance from the coast of Tierra del Fuego. Shell obtained the same scanty results outside the Strait of Magellan and lost interest. Therefore, there may be hopes of a significant finding in the special area, since the cost of off-shore technology has significantly decreased since then.

And the last word from *El Cronista* "Three years and 100 million dollars later it will be possible to draw a few conclusions."

# How they felt the meeting went

After the meeting on the Oil Agreement on Tuesday night, Patrick Watts of FIBS interviewed two councillors, Eric Goss and Norma Edwards, who were known to be against the Agreement and two, in the persons of John Cheek and John Birmingham, who had supported the Agreement from the platform. This is a transcript of that interview.

Patrick Watts: Do you feel now, having heard the comments, heard the answers from the table, do you feel more reassured now about this document now that everyone has had the chance to look at it?

Eric Goss: No, I'm not happy by what I've heard. We've been through these arguments for months and months, so no, it hasn't changed my views on the matter one iota. The simple reason I oppose it is that we've played our trump card. That blue patch on the flick chart there, as you can see, is the border area. It's to the south west of us, the most vulnerable part for pollution chances or risks with the south west winds, the prevailing winds bringing everything possible onto our shores. It's the last place I wanted to see development.

PW: But according to what we have just been told by the Chief Executive, there's practically no chance whatsoever of any development in that area at all. In a way we've sort of conned the Argentines haven't we?

Norma Edwards: Well, I don't think that we've conned them too much. Argentina looks upon this as a foot in the door and they will work on this agreement. This will be the first agreement, it won't be the last. Of that I'm pretty sure and they will weedle and weedle away until ....

PW: But surely, didn't we say that about the fisheries agreement? That it would be the first and we would be in a bit of trouble, but we don't seem to be on fisheries?

EG: They're not as stupid as they look. The whole meeting started off on the success of the Fisheries Commission. I opened with a question on how successful was the Fisheries Commission on Saturday the 23rd when the Argentines Corvette chased seven ships, licensed in our waters, out of the area. How successful? It's another incident, but if that's the success story of the Commission, just don't enter another one.

PW: But you must feel more confident now having heard those reassuring words Norma. You know that there is no way that the Argentines can get a foothold on the Islands, that there is no way they are going to get their hands on our money.

NE: Haven't you heard it all before? Haven't you heard it all before in the 70's? "We'll give you free passages through Argentina, no ties, we just want to be a bit more friendly", and all the rest of it. I don't think that we should have had any kind of agreement with Argentina at all. I just feel that we should have done our own thing. Yes, if they drop their claim to Sovereignty then that's a different kettle of fish. We're now told that they'll never do that and we're not even bothering to suppress it.

PW: Now are you worried about the fact that some of the other councillors may have been seen to have moved a wee bit from what they may have said a few years ago about Argentine involvement? That might be unfair to those councillors for me to say that, but do you feel worried about that at all?

NE: Everybody is entitled to their views and people's views change, I suppose, over the years. Mine haven't. I have always said that I won't, don't want any agreements with Argentina and I still don't think they will keep their agreement.

EG: We never said, "No agreements ever". It was all hinged on dropping the sovereignty claim. Then we could have agreements as neighbours. That was the key issue.

NE: But as it stands at the moment, no, I think that we have just played and lost our best card. Really we should have held them over a barrel on this oil agreement and said, "You drop your claim to Sovereignty mate and we will be prepared to talk to you, but not unless you do that".

PW: Now we are talking to two councillors who were in favour of this agreement, who tonight have sat here and certainly answered a number of questions and we heard John Birmingham as well. Do you feel from the feeling from the floor tonight - there must have been 200 people here at least - that you have made the right decision in their interests and that they are happy with the decision you've made, or do you feel that there is still a lot of scepticism there?

John Cheek: No, I think that largely they are happy. Someone said the other day that there's probably 20% against it and I think that

probably came over here. I think all of us who are in favour of it have a certain degree of, "Will the Argentines really keep it?". We have memories of the war, where they break agreements, but I think that we have to try it. If they break it, at least we tried.

PW: Isn't that worrying if they do break the agreement, John Birmingham?

John Birmingham: But they have made agreements since '82 and they have kept to them. There were slight hiccups, such as the frigate adventure on Saturday, but as was said this evening that could have been anything from a grumpy captain to an ex-Admiral trying to flex a bit of muscle. The actual Argentine government shout a lot, stomp around, but when it comes down to sitting at a table they generally stick to what they have signed.

PW: The two councillors who were against - Norma Edwards and Eric Goss - were quite vociferous tonight weren't they, in stating why they couldn't go for it? They seemed to pick out a lot of loopholes in it. Do you think that was warranted?

JB: I have to respect their views and I hope they respect mine.

JC: This is a democracy. There were four for it and two against. If the other two had been here we know that they would have been for it. That's probably the sort of split there is in the community as well. A democracy isn't 100% for everything, it's a majority. You slightly twisted my words when I said that the Argentines may break the agreement. I don't think they will, but there's always a chance, because we have that feeling about the Argentines, because of the war and other things. I think that they will probably try and twist it in their favour. We all tend to do that sort of thing, but I think that it is largely a good agreement. Far, far better than the first proposals. Far, far better. I think it is very good and comes down in favour of the Falklands.

JB: I don't think that the Argentines should have been talking to us. The very fact that they have been talking about anything is an admission of our existence.

PW: Do you believe in what Caputo

says? That it gives a recognition of British Sovereignty?

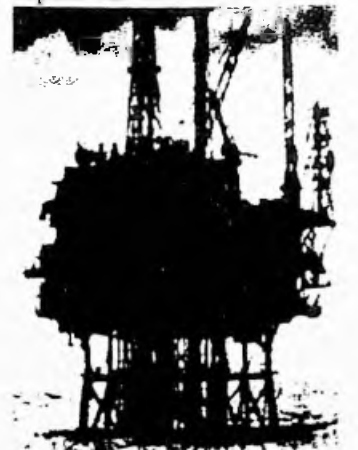
JB: He's hit the nail on the head.

PW: When the realism hits Argentina, John Cheek, will they start asking to reconsider? Will they be able to reconsider?

JC: I think that they would find that politically very, very difficult - politically, within their own country. It's very difficult for a Government to turn around and say, "Ooh we've boobed". No, I don't think they will. As with the fishing, they will put a good front on it and say, "of course we've progressed". Things will quieten down and I suspect in six months time or six weeks we will hear very little about it. The next two or three weeks I think we'll hear a lot. I think there will be a lot of talk about how they have regained or are regaining sovereignty. Yes, O.K. I expect that. But in six months or six months we won't hear anything else about it.

PW: Do you feel, John Birmingham, that you have given anything away at all, as the other two have suggested?

JB: Not at all. Time will tell. As I mentioned I was looking at the 1990 papers at the time of the fisheries agreement, and in the *Penguin News* there were quite a few doom and gloom statements by people who should have known better. There were quite a few good letters from people saying that this was the end, the thin end of the wedge and we've done very well out of that agreement and I'm hopeful that this will be the same.



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## SOAP BOX

by Dave Dunford

# Lies, mistakes and bureaucracy

ANYONE in regular contact with me must be fed up by now with me going on continually about trying to improve the farm, only to be met at every corner by lies, mistakes and bureaucracy.

It all started with the first National Stud Flock sale at Goose Green last year. My first question on entering the shed was, "is there any possibility of any of the ewes being in lamb", the reply I received was an emphatic no, by someone who it was later revealed, knew differently, however that's another story.

I didn't offer any evidence to the enquiry as I presumed that a report that I had sent to the Agriculture Department would be produced - it obviously wasn't. When the enquiry report recommended that compensation be paid for genuine losses that had occurred because of the stud flock mismanagement, I decided to make the most of a bad situation and accept whatever was offered. I then received the only correspondence to date on the subject from the department and supplied them with yet another detailed report, containing once again, information on my purchased sheep from the day I bought them. When nothing was

heard back from them, not even an acknowledgement, and the weeks turned into months, I started making 'noises' to try and find out what was happening and could find out nothing. I then thought that at least the losses could be written off with a tax claim. I now find that sheep improvements are not tax deductible. It seems that if I had any spare cash, I could buy a new Discovery for farm use and depreciate that, but not sheep. My reasons for buying stud flock sheep were to change the blood line, if I didn't, I would be guilty of bad management for allowing inbreeding.

I also disagree that NSF sheep are improvements on the sheep I already have, and anyone is welcome to come and look at my remaining NSF sheep and see for themselves. This winter I suffered considerable hog losses, I can't blame anyone else for that, but at least I now had my 18 Merino AI ewes due to lamb and looked forward to this, although with some niggling doubts due to the way the procedure was carried out earlier this year. Having participated in the AI scheme for most years since it started, I was concerned during the operations at the unusual

amount of kicking that the ewes did, resulting in numerous badly grazed legs and at least one bent straw. The reasons for this remained a mystery until after the vet had moved on. I then discovered that there seemed to be rather a lot of used bottles and packaging from the local anaesthetic lying around the shed. Further investigation showed this to have an expiry date of July 1992. I immediately contacted the drug firm and was met with amazement and disbelief that their drugs were used so long out of date, and was told that there was no way that it could be effective.

I then contacted Judy Summers as Farmers Association secretary who in turn contacted the Agricultural Department to enquire about the possible effect this may have on the possible conception rates of the ewes. This resulted in a perfectly reasonable reply from the vet, defending his actions; still unsure, I decided to wait and see what results their were. Just before lambing, inspection of the ewes showed that none of them were in lamb from AI but were in lamb from the ram put with them a month afterwards. Numerous attempts to contact the department

have only resulted in the pathetic excuse that most drugs are out of date by the time they get down here, just as well that the medical department don't use the same supplier. In these days of ships every month and planes every week this excuse is no longer valid. I also wonder why, if the drug was okay, that the vet decided to sedate the sheep in later inseminations. I hope that the new vets will be experienced in the AI procedure and that we don't, yet again, have to effectively pay for their training during the procedure.

I am obviously not happy with the result of my attempts to improve the farm and wonder if others have experienced any similar problems apart from those already mentioned. I would like to end by saying I am not out for revenge as far as the previous vet is concerned, for an earlier problem, in fact I later found him to be quite a reasonable person. I would also like to grovel to the tax department and say that the criticisms mentioned are in no way a reflection on the ladies of that office and that I find my dealings with them to be more than satisfactory.

## Farming Phobia An irregular column

# Anonymity: In a community as small as ours repercussions are inevitable

HOWEVER long you are away it's always good to get back home again. I hope too many readers haven't missed the column, but after all it is meant to be irregular. I suppose with modern communications (Cable & Wireless permitting), it could be submitted from anywhere in the world, but it wouldn't be the same.

I could go on about oil but by the time this reaches the streets, I think we would all have had enough on that subject. I will though congratulate our councillors on having the sense to agree to an agreement that, on the surface anyway, gives nothing away. Equal praise must go to those councillors who voted against it, who in my estimation, on a proportional representation basis, probably represented those who are completely against any agreement at all. If we are honest, how many of us want to

have a future relying on the instability of the fishing industry.

Although we all want to see justice and give peace of mind to Mrs Addis, did the Devon and Cornwall police team really have to make such a drama of the arrests? Throughout the day both Patrick and the BBC deemed it important enough to continually update us on the arrests, but not to let us know whether the oil agreement had been signed or not. Unless I missed it, there was no mention of the agreement until the 9pm News Desk when London finally told us that it had been signed, and then no mention of the other matter.

I think it's about time to explain a bit about this column, and the reason that it appears anonymously. I am completely against anonymous letters and would always sign my name to any letter

that I wrote to *The Penguin News*. Equally I wouldn't read such letters if it was clear beforehand that they were anonymous. I do feel that this column is different and that I couldn't be so open in my criticisms if I had to put my name to it. Let's face it, in a community as small as ours, repercussions are inevitable. Perhaps I should add at the end of each edition that the contents don't necessarily reflect the views of the contributor. Up to now they probably do, but my aim is to comment on what is generally being said by the public. I can't always get it right, and will be willing to apologise when appropriate. I should also point out that it is not my aim to delve too deeply into any one subject and end up boring the readers. I also don't intend to study reports and get all my information 100% correct - my intentions are to skim the top

off any relevant or topical subject. I must admit that I'm amazed that it hasn't come out already who I am and I suppose it will eventually, but I will face that when it happens. If the majority feel that it should have a name to it, okay, but not just for the sake of curiosity and the fact that it hurts in the Falklands not to be able to find out. Perhaps also the critics will have the courage of the likes of Neil Watson and say what they are thinking regardless of the consequences.

I've already praised our councillors this week so I think that will do as the accolade, otherwise I will probably run out of likely candidates before much longer. I don't think I'd better mention what might appear next time either, as looking back on previous issues it doesn't always get carried out.

## A LATE LETTER

# Uneasy feelings over "feeder" to Santiago

WITH REFERENCE to the proposed 'feeder link' by DAP to connect with British Airways in Santiago Chile, thus giving the Falklands a commercial connection by a British Airline to the UK for the first time since the conflict. I have, since this 'feeder' was first mentioned had some uneasy feelings in this respect.

You will remember that after the Conflict in 82 we had no local air service as all planes had been destroyed and the link to London via Buenos Aires was now non-existent. The RAF very kindly gave us the help we needed. One could go to the Triangle east of Government House by Ross Road and there was hardly a day that an RAF helicopter was not available for carriage of passengers and freight to the camp. With respect to the UK, when space was available, passengers were accepted on the RAF Hercules, from Stanley Airport to Ascension and from there to Brize Norton by Tristar. Nobody complained about travelling in a Hercules, even though the toilet services were a bit primitive. Since Mount Pleasant Airfield was completed and to date, we have enjoyed the kind facilities extended to us by The Ministry of Defence, for travel by Tristar to Brize Norton. We have to remember that this Tristar service is a military commitment and not a civilian air line.

The first time I went to Brize Norton for a return journey I arrived early in the day and saw on the notice board the departure time for a flight to Belize. As a matter of interest, I inquired as to the value of a passage by that flight. I was told that as there were civilian airlines linking that destination to the UK, the RAF could only carry military personnel and their dependants. When I mentioned my flight to the Falklands, I was reminded that there was no commercial air connection and that the RAF was helping out by carrying civilians until such time as a civilian air link was established. I then remembered that when, here in the Falklands FIGAS received its first plane and went operational, the chopper flights from the Triangle stopped! Why? Many may not remember, but we were told at that date that 'The moment that a commercial service is established the RAF can not "cause loss of revenue" through carriage of passengers (freight or mail) to the detriment of that civilian air line.'

There is a well known saying "If you are not happy and do not want to change do not rock the boat!" Others say that until we think, South America, the place will never develop.

As I hope to go on holiday to the UK next year I have followed with interest anything that concerns air travel. Late 1994 Air Atlantic tried to start a service to Montevideo. Then in April 95 I received by FAX a photocopy of an item in the Chilean Newspaper "El Mercurio" in which Mr Mike Summers was interviewed, and in which, amongst other things, he hoped to establish with DAP, a connection with British Airways to Santiago using a BA 146. Further to this, in May last year Brian Leneghan of British Airways and Andrej Pisevic or Aerovias DAP visited the Islands requesting financial assistance in a project to provide the twice weekly service between Stanley and Santiago to link up with the British Airways service between Santiago and Heathrow.

In your item Stop, Go, Stop in your issue of July 5/95 you mention the disappointment expressed by FIDC General Manager Mike Summers, business man Hamish Wylie and the Hon. Wendy Teggart at the decision of Standing Finance Committee to refuse financial assistance. Though this seemed a fair response from the community you forgot to say that Mr Wylie and the Hon. Wendy Teggart are members of FIDC. Cllr Teggart regarded SFC's decision as "unfortunate" but I would like to remind her that if tourism and oil are the prime factors, in the case of tourism, it is a fact that without financing of any kind, tourist firms have been chartering flights for many years. The same applies for Fisheries. When we come to Oil let's remember Janet Robertson who in one of your last issues very aptly stated that once oil takes off it is out of our hands.

If British Gas/YPF need a connection I can not see them coming via Santiago/Punta Arenas. In my opinion, the only one that will get financial gain out of the operation is Mr Andrej Pisevic and Standing Finance was quite right in its decision. In your July issue FIDC approved the guarantees of US \$180,000 against passages for a 6 months period. This was then approved by ExCo and DAP, and British Airways would be advised. I then thought "That is it!". But, though I understand that Mr Pisevic had gone to Europe, most likely to get things settled, according to *Calling the Falklands* 1/8/95, it seems that this was off for the moment, as Ian Woodward of British Aerospace was very vague in this interview with Graham Bound, with "a may be in the distant future". I would think that most likely British Airways had reconsidered and did not deem it

wise to have a British plane flying 4 times a week over Argentine airspace at a time that delicate talks on oil agreements between Britain and Argentina were being held. If this is the case it seems that DAP, with a signed agreement from FIDC that does not tie him down as to the supplier of the plane, is now considering firms in Miami.

We therefore have the following facts.

The MOD service Brize Norton to the Falklands is a military commitment whether it is flown by RAF or even if a civilian charter were envisaged and we are grateful to MOD for their kindness in allocating passages to enable us to travel to the UK through the years, even though at times this could mean delaying military personnel in our favour.

In view of the fact that the DAP feeder to connect with British Airways Santiago for through passage to the UK has guaranteed funding from FIDC and the blessing of ExCo, it necessarily follows that this constitutes a fully recognised connection by air Stanley/Heathrow.

I fully accept the assurances of FCO and MOD that the above will not affect the RAF's Tristar service. But I must remind all that this is a military commitment and not a commercial one. In good faith we are extended facilities for carriage of passenger mail and freight until a commercial link is established. There is no doubt that at some time a civil commercial air link would be established replacing the one via Buenos Aires before the conflict.

Has Mike Summers rocked the boat and is this it? When the service starts it would not be logi-

*(Apologies to those whose letters we were unable to include in this issue due to lack of space; they will be included next week. A letter of the above length would normally go in the "soap box" column, but that slot was already full when we received Joe's epic)*

## Crossing captions

ALTHOUGH the Penguin Crossing near the Town Hall was completed on Saturday morning - and well-done to Eric Spink for getting the job done, despite all the banter he had to endure - we thought we would run our earlier picture with some of the captions we have so far received:



Well chay we'd better stop here or we might upset the Argies!

Trudi McPhee, Brookfield Farm

Four camp councillors voted against it.

Bill Kidd, Goose Green

"Warned them when I was in town, but would they listen?"

Half done, and no striped paint left...Sheesh... " Baldrick.

## Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in Columbo, Sri Lanka

EXECUTIVE Council member, Wendy Teggart, and Clerk of Councils, Claudette de Ceballos, are shortly to represent the Falkland Islands at the 41st Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in Columbo, capital of Sri Lanka. The following is a press release from the CPA about the conference and its aims:

THE advancement of parliamentary principles in partnership with worldwide economic and social development will be discussed when members from this parliament and more than 125 others throughout the Commonwealth meet in early October.

Discussing the relationship between democratic ideals and policies to achieve strong and sustainable economic growth and establish and orderly society, the 41st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference will mobilize more than 250 leading Commonwealth politicians meeting in Columbo, Sri Lanka, in a search for effective

political policies which respect both parliamentary traditions and the demand for sustainable improvements in standards of living.

The politicians will meet at the 41st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference which will be held from 6 to 13 October under the theme: Democracy and Development: Adversaries or Allies? The conference, organized by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, will be hosted by the Parliament of Sri Lanka and will attract approximately 500 delegates, officials and observers to a country which has been an independent parliamentary democracy continuously since 1948 and has a tradition of representative government dating back to the mid nineteenth century.

The conference will be chaired by the President of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), Hon. K B Ratnayake, MP, Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka, and will be opened by the President of Sri Lanka, Her Excellency, Mrs. Chandrika

Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, in her capacity as the 1995 Vice-patron of the CPA.

Mr Speaker Ratnayake, recalling his country's historic dedication to the resolution of economic, social and political problems through democratic discussion, said Commonwealth Parliaments and Legislatures demonstrate to the world that democratic principles do not have to be sacrificed in order to develop a strong economy and resolve political differences.

The CPA Executive Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr Colin Shepherd, MP, of the United Kingdom, will also meet during the Colombo conferences to examine ways by which existing parliamentary democracies can assist other nations to establish and sustain effective democratic governments. Mr Shepherd said the enormous pool of political and procedural experience in the Commonwealth constitutes an indomitable force for peace and prosperity which will help the world to identify practical policies to deal with

social and economic inequalities, human rights problems and growing pressures on traditional institutions.

On the two days immediately preceding the plenary conference, the 15th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference of Members from Small Countries will meet to discuss issues facing nations, states, provinces and territories with populations of 400,000 or less.

The Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Group, which will hold its seventh annual meeting during the plenary conference, will consider a special report on "The Barriers to Women's Participation in Parliament". The report, prepared by a Group task force, details steps which Parliaments, Political parties, societies and individual members can take to remove obstacles which make it especially difficult for women to enter Parliament. The Group meeting will be chaired by Hon Srimani Athulathmudale, MP, Sri Lanka's Minister for Women's Affairs.

## Stanley Co-operative Society Port Stanley

*The following are some of the goods which we are expecting on board the MV Koggergracht.*

Lypsyl, Packs of Three 10oz Glasses, Assorted Childrens Toys, Five Piece Piazza Dining Set, Flavoured Milk, Low Fat Yogurt, Muller B' Fast Bio Yogurt, Fromage Frais Peach and Strawberry, Pure Veg Oil 5ltr, Asstd Jam 2.72kg, Mountain Mist Spring Water, Shippams Chicken Supreme 206g, Creamline Toffee, York Fruits, Wine Gums, Buttermint Bon Bons, Orange Eclairs, M/C whole orange 5ltr, M/C Blackcurrant 5ltr, H/C Fabric Conditioner 5ltr, H/C Non Bio Powder, Baked Beans 2.72kg, Small Grilling Mushrooms 765g, Sliced Mushrooms 765g, Shortbread 125g, H/C Garden Peas 2.62kg, Roses Chocolates, Princes Stewed Steak 410g, Casserole Stewed Steak 205g, Biotex, Marmite, Orange Juice 200ml, Wash-up Brushes, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, Strawberries, Fruit Cocktail, Cat Food, Heinz Sandwich Fillers, Beans and Sausages, S R Flour 1.5kilo, Fruit Pie Filling, Plain and S R Flour 3 kg, A large assortment of Beech's Chocolates, Honey Cured Ham 200g, Bacon Sizzle, Party Sausages, Sweet and Sour Chicken, and many more types of tinned meats, Assorted John West Tinned Fruits and Fish, Catering Soup, Dried Sliced Onion, Apple Flakes, Cooking Chocolate Light, Roll Out Icing, Sugar Animal Shapes, Cooking Crumbs, Lyons Cheese Cakes, Writing Icing, Peanut Butter Chips, Co-op Orange 1ltr, Co-op Whole Orange 1ltr, Co-op Blackcurrant 1ltr, Co-op Sun-up Apple.

## AS I SEE IT by Gail Steen

# We will achieve far more through friendship than through animosity

THEY say it's all in the seed. I dare say they are right. When I first started planting potatoes I had the names of each type in numbered rows and knew what was where. Now due to a combination of bad memory, and omitting to write on the seed box just where I've put what, they are all hopelessly muddled up.

This year I decided to buy in some new seed from Stanley Growers and have vowed to keep track of where they spread their tubers. Consequently my seed boxes this year are all properly labelled. As is a healthy looking box of my multi-variety, named 'Your guess is as good as mine'!

At the moment that about sums up my feelings about the future. The public meeting which revealed the content of the agreement between Britain and Argentina on oil activities in the seas around the Falkland Islands, was pleasantly surprising. Firstly by the number of people who attended and secondly by the disarming display of ingenuity and improvisation by the organisers. There was no top dressing. No overhead projector or glossy 'sell it to them' displays to distract you from the business in hand. I was slightly alarmed to see John Barton and Andrew Gurr leaping up and down off a decidedly shaky looking table, in order to flip over the diagrams. But it did give the whole thing a very 'we're all in this together' flavour, and ably illustrated their agility in body and, I trust, mind. A quality I should think will be of a distinct advantage when dealing with the Joint Commission in the future.

I also wondered if the seating arrangement of the meeting, with the panel sat beneath a painting of the original seal of the colony, was merely coincidental or by subtle design. It seemed somehow symbolic that we should be seated before the 'Bullock Triumphant'. I dismissed this romantic notion, but it impressed on me the fact, that we are on the threshold of a new era.

Everyone may not have appreciated the control Cllr. John Cheek had of the meeting, but I certainly did. Sometimes public meetings tend to wander off the subject and leave you wondering if it was worth missing East Enders. But the star for me was Attorney General David Lang, his succinct words on co-ordination and co-operation and his sermon like 'and forever shall be', when answering a question about sovereignty, summed it all up nicely.

I welcome the agreement, and will be more than happy if the nuts and bolts of oil exploration takes

place on the mainland, or at sea. If the necessary facilities exist, whether it's in Brazil, Argentina or wherever, it just does not make social or environmental sense to duplicate it in the Falklands. The risk of oil spills and culture shock will be high enough. Why make the risks greater?

I would be content if the oil stayed where it is, but realistically can you imagine that being allowed to happen? I remember in the first info given out by FIG that there would be a couple of points in the proceedings where we could say 'No' to oil if we so wished. The likelihood of that seems remote. I believe, that even if we did say 'No' we would have as much hope of being heard as a deaf person would of hearing a mute person sing.

At least this agreement gives us choices and if the councillors who voted for this agreement show the same wisdom and courage in the future when making far reaching decisions they will get my vote in the next election, and I hope yours. No doubt if I am still writing this column I'll be snapping at their heels over one issue or another, but none of us are perfect. Me, you or them.

Even if everything does go successfully and we become a wealthy nation, I wonder how wisely we will plough back into the islands? Will we diversify into other areas? Will we expand our export base? I find it hard to imagine how; we cannot yet provide fully for ourselves. But I believe we need to do both. It is a sad but familiar pattern being reliant on one commodity - in the past wool, now fish, in the future oil, then what?

As Andrew Gurr said, things may change and the world may not want or need oil in the future. So will we, if and when the oil era ends, once more resort to crisis management? It will not affect us. So should we worry? What of future generations? I cannot think of anything else lying around waiting to be exploited if we get this wrong.

Of course maybe there is another thing to fall back on. There is to be a geological survey of the land. What happens if they find riches of some sort? Imagine this snippet of overheard conversation in one of Stanley's new era night-clubs.

"Y'know chay, they say there's gold in these old hills."

"Y'betcha boots old chap, but don't tell the Argies will ya."

Could be a re-run of pre-1982 when speculation on oil was just local chat. Well that's what we thought then. Of course it still is

only speculation. Mind you, events of '82 and since must make even the most sceptical of us speculate!

Many of us believe the 'powers that be' knew of the oil years ago. Maybe 20 or so years after the geological survey we'll be told of other riches. After all this land is said to have been joined to the African landmass at some time in the distant past and geology is just pressure and time.

Another thing that still seems to stir people is the thought of Argentinians setting foot in the islands. While this council vehemently reject any suggestion that this will change, they safely do so in the knowledge that they are half way through their term and the next elections could show a different perspective. Be realistic, you cannot co-operate, co-ordinate and have joint ventures etc., in a bubble of your own making, exempt from outside public opinion. And judging from the tiny patter of applause when a question on that subject was raised at the meeting, not a feeling as widespread as it once was. There is no suggestion from me that Argentinians should

have any property, authority or monopoly within the islands, but they should be able to visit on a tourism or business level as well as the medical, humanitarian, and the alternative passport nationality exemptions. Just think of the boost to tourism alone.

Some people, and some of them practising Christians who supposedly harbour no hate for their fellow humans, talk in a very unchristian way when referring to Argentine people. I often wonder what it is exactly? Are we afraid that if we had more contact we may find we could actually like each other? As good neighbours are supposed to. Even Cllr. Sharon Halford is reported to have said she has made some friends in the opposite camp - has her perception shifted - just a little bit?

Well I've been planting that little seed for as long as I've been planting potatoes and I still live in hope that one day it will germinate. We will achieve far more through friendship between people than we ever will through fostering animosity.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Falkland Islands Government invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons to fill the high profile post of Director of Public Works starting in early 1996.

The successful applicant will have full control of the Public Works Department reporting to the Chief Executive of the FIG, and the remit will include road construction and maintenance, quarrying, aggregate and asphalt production, water supplies and sewerage. In addition, the department also provides municipal services to the town of Stanley, which includes the construction, repair and maintenance of buildings, electrical generation and power, together with general management of a large plant and motor vehicle workshop. As well as organising and administering the work of the department, the Director will be responsible for the budgeting and control of around £12.2 million per annum, the collection of revenue from the electricity utility and general sales exceeding £3.4 million per annum.

The Government is seeking an experienced manager who has a demonstrably successful track record in the construction industry. A mixture of private and public sector knowledge would be advantageous, and the successful candidate will be both a team player and an achiever. A professional qualification is expected with some knowledge of computers.

Salary is in Grade G9 which ranges from £30,396 to £32,268 per annum. Appointment would be on a contract for a period of two years.

Application forms and a job profile are available from the Establishments Secretary, Secretariat. Completed forms should be returned to the Chairman, Senior Appointments Board, Secretariat by Friday 26th October 1995.



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### NOTICES

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**Falklands Conservation** require a third team member to assist in a census of breeding penguins around the outer islands by boat.

Applicants should have a keen interest in wildlife and a desire to explore the Falklands by boat. The work will run from 25th October, 1995 to 6th December, 1995.

For further details contact: Falklands Conservation, PO Box 31, Stanley. Tel: 22247, fax: 22288. Applications must be received by noon on Friday 13th October, 1995.

**Falklands Conservation AGM**  
will be held at the Junior School in the classroom in the playground block, on Friday 20 October, 1995 at 7.00pm.

**Shackleton Scholarship Fund - Radio Auction**  
5th October, 5.30pm  
1 mutton, 3 doz eggs, 1 Falkland Mill jumper 'Pembroke', colour Goose Green - size 42", Food hamper from Leif's, Champagne dinner for two at Malvina House Hotel, 2 Rugby shirts 10th anniversary of Britons in the Falklands, 2 'Eric' penguins with hats and passports, matchbox/match folder collection including items from at least 25 countries, John Birmingham will shampoo carpets in a house with up to 3 bedrooms, Snooker or 'Killer Billiards' + refreshments at Government House for up to 10 people, Painting in the style of Lowry - panels by different groups of senior pupils  
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Watch this space - Tons more expected on each ship till Xmas!

## Postscript from the Baha'is

ARE we on the road to peace?

At a time when humanity's great hope for the future of our planet have almost been extinguished by conflict, suffering and ruin, there appears to be a bright glimmer of hope.

Everywhere the signs are multiplying that a great transformation is occurring in the way ordinary people are coming to see themselves. More conscious of their responsibility in helping to design the future, the earth's peoples, along with many world leaders, are endeavouring to reach a common understanding of the issues affecting mankind.

In response to the crying needs of the age, ordinary folk are working locally, regionally and internationally for the advancement of

women, protection of the environment, human rights, elimination of prejudice, primary health care, moral education for children, literacy and for many other concerns.

In this urgent search for values, ideas and practical measures to advance prospects for peaceful development, can be discerned an emerging unity of thought in world undertakings, the realisation of which the Baha'i sacred scriptures describes as one of the lights of unity that will illumine the path to peace. Hopefully, we are on the way because, as Baha'u'llah has written, "The well being of mankind, it's peace and security, are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established".

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**Stansted to Mount Pleasant with British Atlantic Airways.**  
Possible or not? See centre pages for BAA's own *airbridge update*

### RAF prompt action fails to save June

EIGHTEEN year-old, June Davis of Teal Inlet, died on Saturday morning in the British Hospital Montevideo, having been flown there by the RAF as a medical emergency, early on Wednesday.

June became ill, while watching television at a house in Stanley and was rushed to the Intensive Care Unit in KEMH, where she fell into a coma. The RAF was alerted and June was flown by helicopter to MPA, where a Hercules transport plane had already been scrambled.

Thanks to the fast work of the RAF, June was taken quickly to where she could receive the best medical care. Unfortunately in this case there was apparently nothing the Doctors could do to save her.

Our deepest sympathies go to June's parents Aase and Reg and fiancée, David Thorsen.

### Delay to Voyage 222

HOGG ROBINSON Shipping Services announced on Monday that there would be delays to Voyage 222 for which the revised estimated times of arrival for are now as follows: Ascension Island 27th October and the Falkland Islands, 10th November 1995.

The MV Arktis Vision ran into problems, when in ballast in the North Sea on her way to the loading port of Denton Wharf and was subsequently towed to Rotterdam. Divers quickly assessed the damage, which has required the vessel to dry dock where she will be for about fifteen days. Hogg Robinson Shipping Services immediately chartered the MV Joan Sif, which arrived at Denton Wharf and commenced loading at eight o'clock on Monday morning. Overtime is planned to ensure that the vessel leaves as soon as possible.

**Don't phone us.....we know about the appalling mess we made of the headline to Sheila Stewart's Fishery Report on Page 5. What makes it worse is that we spotted it before it went to the printer and then everyone assumed that someone else would correct it. Sorry Sheila!**

## Isla Guafu rescue recreated for BBC tv

IN the Falklands this week was a four person team from BBC tv's popular "999" programme which, as avid viewers here will know, deals usually with the work of the rescue services in Britain and specialises in re-creating real-life dramas for the camera.

This time the focus of their efforts was the dramatic rescue of the crew of the Chilean long-liner *Isla Guafu*, which caught fire in June of this year, some fifty miles east of Volunteer Point.

Programme director Rob Bayly said that what appealed to him about this incident - the most distant from Britain that the programme had yet covered - was the aspect of community involvement in the rescue which, as readers will remember, was also singled out for praise at the time, by the vessel's captain, Augusto Olavarria.

The BBC had been alerted to the possibilities of the incident by a letter from Consolidated Fisheries Manager, Martin Cox, prompted, it is thought, by a suggestion from the Governor, Mr Tatham. Rob Bayly said the programme would also contain some of the dramatic video footage

of the incident, recorded by Australian scientist, Dr Nigel Brothers, brother of Sally Poncet of Beaver Island, who was on the vessel at the time doing research into incidental seabird mortality.

On Monday, the team shot reconstructions of the arrival of the survivors with the aid of two RAF SeaKing helicopters and a sizeable proportion of Stanley's Chilean community. Earlier they had filmed in the Operations Room at MPA, in the KEMH, and at the Police Station.

Later in Britain, cameraman

Paul Dobson and sound man Tony Steel will grapple, under Rob's direction, with the problems of filming film more fake Chilean fishermen being winched off the deck of a burning trawler, this time probably off the coast of Cornwall. There they will have to be careful not to show any part of the RAF rescue helicopters which they will be using, as they are bright yellow!

Programme Researcher, Sally Dyas, told *Penguin News* that the programme is scheduled to be shown in Britain, sometime before Christmas.

## Fire destroys Harps Farm

LATE reports on Tuesday from West Falklands told of Harps Farm, home of Robin and Heather Smith having been completely destroyed by fire earlier in the day.

According to RAF Sergeant Peter Brookbank, who was staying in Port Howard at the home of Mr and Mrs Rodney Lee, the first call for help was heard in Port Howard at around 12.30. Most of the men

of the settlement turned out, with a foam fire appliance and a water pump, but it seems that the fire, believed to have been started by a spark in the eaves, quickly ran through the house, destroying it and a nearby barn.

Harps Farm was the winner of a Beautiful Falklands Award this year in the best kept small farm category.

## Big Friendly Russian Giant at MPA

DWARFING its ground staff in our picture, right, is a Russian Antonov 124, thought to be the biggest and heaviest transport plane in the world, which landed at MPA on Monday at 2pm.

On charter to the RAF and believed to be carrying heavy radar equipment destined for Byron Heights, the arrival of such a plane with its Russian crew on an RAF base is yet another symbol of the amazing changes that have taken place in the world since the ending of the Cold War.

Except for having a low mounted tailplane, the general configuration of the Antonov-124 is similar to that of its US counterpart, the Lockheed C-5



Galaxy. It has an upward-hinged visor-type nose, and rear fuselage ramp-door for simultaneous front and rear loading or unloading. The

24-wheel landing gear enables the Antonov-124 to operate from unprepared fields, hard packed snow and ice-covered swampland.

Photo: Bill Chater



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## ● YOUR LETTERS

### No charity at home for Faith

#### Back to normal

THANKFULLY, we're largely back to normal again this week after recent excitements. Crime, sex and the antics of the super-rich may be the sort of stuff that sells other papers, but here at *Penguin News*, we are aware that the issues that really grip this society are, like peat fires, no less hot for burning deep and slow.

The current example of what I mean is the debate about whether mail leaving here should now carry the town's correct name, "Stanley" or "Port Stanley", the name with which it has been franked since the thirties and which has through its use at various historic moments, has acquired an extra gloss, which plain "Stanley" seems to some to lack.

Last week, John Smith, the museum curator and local historian, put forward the case for retaining the "Port Stanley" frank, in what I thought was a clear and authoritative way. This would have been fine, except that I made the mistake of letting slip the mask of editorial impartiality and agreeing with him, in print. What I had not reckoned with, I now have to admit, is that all the fire and passion in this debate is not limited to those who support the retention of the "Port Stanley" frank; indeed, looking back through some old numbers of *Penguin News* we find the opposite view being put with equal passion. Mrs Ann Cameron, mother of the Government Archivist went so far, in Vol 3 No 9 of May 17 1991, to quote the view of her father, who held that all mail addressed to "Port Stanley", should be dumped into the harbour.

Among those, who unbeknownst to me has been waging a life-long and passionate struggle against the intrusive "P" word and was straight round to tell me so, is Fire Chief Marvin Clarke, who appeared in the office clutching in his sizeable fist a bunch of historical evidence to support his case, some of which we quote from on page 3. So impressive is Marvin in full sail, that John Smith, who just happened to be in the office at the time, made his excuses and left hurriedly, muttering something about "white flags flying over the museum".

I'm tempted to say that this correspondence is now closed, but that might be tempting fate. This one, like the dogs on the beach, will run and run. In the face of such passions, councillors must find dealing with relatively straight-forward matters like sovereignty, oil, and international relations, an 'absolute breeze'.

#### Tragic Loss

LIVING in a small community can have its negative side (as witness the first of our readers' letters this week) and it can also be a painful experience, particularly when any of our small number dies. Recently I wrote that we had all been diminished by the loss of Madge Biggs and Jane Clarke, whom many would consider the last of a breed we shall not see again. In their case, at least, we could console our selves that their lives had been very long. With the tragic loss this week of 18 year-old June Davis we have no such consolation.

June, though young, was also in her own way, representative of a vanishing breed of "camper". I, for one, will miss her for her open face, her ready smile and her big "hello", whenever we chanced to meet.

#### Supreme Court of the Falkland Islands

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

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** George Albert Sornsen, deceased, of Stanley, Falkland Islands died at KEMH on the 24th day of April 1988 Intestate.

**WHEREAS** Mrs June Iris McPhee, niece of the deceased, has applied for Letters of Administration to administer the estate of the said deceased in the Colony.

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

B Greenland,  
Registrar  
Supreme Court

Stanley  
Falkland Islands

ISN'T it wonderful? Visitors to our fair Islands depart with tales of the friendliness of the locals and the warmth and hospitality shown to them during their stay! All I can say is that it's a good thing they don't stay around long enough to experience what this place is really like.

One of the things I really missed when I was in the UK was the "every one knowing each other" atmosphere. I came back after a year of feeling very lonely to find that, although there were many new faces, everyone still pretty much knew each other. Now, eight years on, the town has grown to such proportions, that very few people actually know everyone. There are many people in town now who are only names to me, and I suspect I am only a name to many people also. And boy what a name!

This is the point of course of my writing this letter. This is not a generalisation. I know there are many people out there who aren't interested in my life at all. Those at whom it is directed will be aware of who they are. For years I have laughed off even the most malicious of rumours. As long as those nearest and dearest don't believe them why should I bother to justify myself to the rest of the town?

After all it's none of their business if I choose to fill up my house with people. I don't ask them to come in and clean up the mess after a wild weekend! You will also notice that I say people and not 'squaddies' which, I'm sure, is what passed through your minds as you read that piece. The reason for this being, I do not fill my house with only 'squaddies'. Everyone who has been invited or even invited themselves into my house will find that they are welcome, until they cause trouble, which happens not very often. Then, be this person local or military, they will find that the door opens just as well on the way out as it did on the way in.

My attitude has always been live and let live. It's only when people really are being cruelly unjust to the innocent do I really get annoyed and as of recent months these malicious careless tongues have turned, not only on me, but also on the young girls that baby-sit for me. I thought it was time for me to say my piece.

I know for a fact that there is one woman in Stanley whom I have never met; of whom I would be unable to say on the street, "Oh there goes Mrs so and so", even! But she claims to know me, funny old thing! She must know me; she goes around telling young girls to

stay away from me, because I have a bad name. Why have I got a bad name? Is it because of what I have done? Or is it because of what people assume I've done?

When the weekend is over and all the 'Oh so shocking' tales of what that Faith has been up to hit the news stands, when someone comes up to you and says "Do you know that Faith... well, she's only gone and done blah blah...!" You will merrily reply, "Yes, I know her. She's the one who did such and such. Wasn't it terrible!!"

How many of you will actually stop and think... Well I've seen her yes, she's a bit of a nutter we all know that, but do I really know her? Do I know her so well that I can go around telling everyone with assurance what goes on in her house? Can I really say she is such a terrible person that she will corrupt our teenage population beyond redemption? I don't think there are many of you sad people out there that can actually say that, although plenty of you seem to think you can.

It has been said that I am allowing Stanley's young girls to indulge in underage sex in my house! Though this is completely untrue it has not stopped the town talking, but since when did that bother gossips who always see only what they want to see and always believe the worst of someone. After all it makes a much more juicy titbit of gossip, especially once it's had a bit added on here and there to make it even more interesting.

This letter has gone on rather longer than I intended and there is still much to say. Unfortunately I don't expect it will still the wagging of tongues. Quite likely it will just add another chapter to "The outrageousness of that Faith Felton!!". Well fine, dig out. Just leave the girls alone. They've done nothing and do not deserve to be labelled just because they happen to know, and like, someone you don't know but don't like anyway!

I would like to finish by thanking my family and friends who have remained loyal to me. They know me too. I'm really grateful. Finally I would like to do something which a lot of you consider hypocritical. Those who know me however will consider it typical. I'm going to quote from the bible!

In the Gospel of John, Chapter 8 in the Good News Bible there is a story about a woman who was caught committing adultery. The law of the Pharisees commanded she be stoned to death but they asked Jesus what he thought. As they stood there asking him questions, he straightened himself up

and said to them, "Whoever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her." No one threw any stones that day!

Faith Felton  
Stanley

### Fighting Pig supports Rich drum gig

I REFER to your editorial in *Penguin News* Vol 7, No 29, and Gail Steen's comments in her column (PN 13.09.95), regarding the planned visit of Status Quo's drummer, Jeff Rich, in February 1996. First of all I should make it clear that, contrary to public belief, the idea was not mine and that I do not serve on the Shackleton Committee. However, I do admit to fully supporting the visit.

This all began when Phyl Rendell came across an article in the Times Educational Supplement explaining the work of Jeff Rich who presented highly regarded master-classes at schools in England. The presentations covered a wide range of drums and percussion instruments, and their history, and Phyl asked me what I thought about Jeff visiting the Islands. I agreed to support a visit and seconded the proposal to the Shackleton Committee.

I must admit that in supporting the proposal, I did not kid myself that it would appeal to everyone (but then neither can visits of artists, shearing instructors, dart players, politicians and journalists) but having been asked I expressed positive views.

However, to revert to Jeff Rich's visit - here is a very talented man who is actually willing to come to the Falkland Islands for ten days and present his master-classes to both the schools and the general public who wish to attend. There is of course potential for a greater number of people to benefit than by sending one or two away.

For general interest, Microsoft's 'Encarta' encyclopaedia (which can be accessed on CD-ROM at the library), reveals that "drums are found throughout the world, in practically every culture, and are known to have existed since at least 6000 BC. Almost everywhere they have strong ceremonial, sacred, or symbolic associations". From this it is evident that drums have always been important to the peoples of the world and to music in general, not simply to provide the beat behind today's popular music. That is not to say that the other instruments are insignificant, far from it!

About six weeks ago I attended a musical show in the Junior School and was impressed by the variety of instruments utilised by the children in their performances. Alison Blackburn has done a great job and I am sure will continue to do so. I am also convinced that she and the children will learn a great deal from, and be inspired by, Jeff's time in the Islands. Do the children at school today not deserve to be inspired by the best?

Gail Steen commented in her "As I see it" column in the PN of 13 September that "if it's imported it must be better?! Better than what, and in whose opinion? I would suggest that "if it's imported it stands a very good chance of being different!!" Let's reflect the Shackleton Philosophy and make the best of Jeff's visit, rather than condemn it prematurely.

Pete King  
Stanley

(This week former PN colleague, Helen Lane, sent us a report from the *Malvern Gazette* on a Jeff Rich drum masterclass at Malvern Girls' College, which "brought hundreds of children from local schools pouring into the sessions" and appears to have been a great success. College spokesman, Declan O'Neill is quoted as saying "It was absolutely brilliant. Jeff Rich worked his socks off for the kids and they absolutely adored it Ed.")

### TriStar wins wings down

I FOR one agree with the views expressed by Mr Joe Booth on the issue of the air link via DAP to Santiago and onward to the UK.

I can remember my daughter paying £1400 to fly to the UK in 1980 via Argentina (complete with white card) plus the extortionate rates that were charged to passengers to and from the Falklands by the cab drivers and hotel keepers. You name it, they were all there with their hands out.

Mr Wylie and Mrs Teggart support the FIDC proposals; well they would, wouldn't they?

Over the years I have travelled to and from the UK to the Falklands by ship, by air, including by "Herc", and to Argentina by the LADE flights pre 82.

Without a doubt on price, service, speed and safety the RAF Tristar wipes the floor with the rest of them and those who try to press other options on us should bear this in mind.

If such a service was commercially viable, someone would already be doing it.

And if we once lose the Tristar there will be no more chance going back than there was when we lost the *RMS Darwin*.

LJ Butler  
Stanley

### 'Port' debate continues ...

I AGREE that Governor Moody named our capital Stanley and that it was some years later it became known as Port Stanley. However in September 1913 the Post Office first canceller using the name Port Stanley was used. It now seems the decision by some councillors to drop the name Port from our capital's name will soon be adopted by the Post Office.

The name Port Stanley became famous in 1982 during the war with Argentina. Prime Minister Lady Thatcher always referred to our capital as Port Stanley as did General Moore in his famous signal to Lady Thatcher informing her that all Argentine forces in Port Stanley and the Falkland Islands had surrendered.

Mrs Thatcher's famous speech in the Town Hall in January 1983 contained the following: "Today the Union Jack again flies over Port Stanley, and may it ever fly there".

If the system of Government in the Falklands is as democratic as Councillors maintain when at the United Nations, then let's see them admit they were wrong and leave the Post Mark as Port Stanley.

R.B Napier  
West Point

### Not a reader's letter, but one which has bearing in this debate

Government House  
Port William, Falkland Islands  
27th November 1844

My Lord

I have the honour of forwarding a copy of the plan of the new town at Port William. In dispatch No 30 dated 3rd May 1844. I requested that the town might receive the name of Stanley and I have taken the liberty of directing that name to be placed on the plan hoping to receive your Lordship's sanction.

The coloured allotments are these which are occupied, Nos. one and fourteen are purchased. The remainder are exchanged from "Anson". Two suburban allotments have also been sold.

I fixed the site of the town on the South shore of "Stanley" Harbour. The harbour is within Port William and is landlocked but with easy entrance and exit it is sheltered from every wind an advantage of the first importance in so windy a place.

There is sufficient depth of water for any class of vessel namely from 4 to 6 fathoms at low water.

The form of the ground enables me to lay out the town in an extremely simple manner and so give water frontage to nearly all the allotments at least all, that are likely to be taken up for very many years.....

Copies of this letter and others from Governor Moody to Lord Stanley were furnished to *Penguin News* by Marvin Clarke, who tells us that the use of the prefix "Port" in the name of his home town is one that has annoyed him for as long as he can remember.

### Run away and stop interfering

REFERENCE to Mrs Mary Cawkell's letter in *Penguin News* dated September 6th. This is a belated letter of protest. Mrs Cawkell wrote an excellent history of the Falkland Islands but that does not give her the right to tell us what we should call our Capital. It is for the majority of Islanders to decide.

The decision was not even taken by a full Council, (which, in my opinion is a very weak Council.) Anyway, does Mrs Cawkell think only sailing ships need a good safe Port to go to, a good safe BRITISH Port?

I am afraid the lady is talking through the top of her head. Run away madam and stop interfering in Falkland Islands affairs!

Kitty Bertrand  
Stanley

(Brothers and sisters are not notorious for agreeing with each other, in my experience. Maybe this united front from Kitty and Roddy is one of the exceptions that proves the rule? Ed.)

## 50ft up a pole in the dark, Mandy McLeod discovers, "It's never too late to learn"

HAVING left school with only cookery 'O' level to her name, hearty, if slightly belated, congratulations are due to Mandy McLeod of Stanley, who recently graduated from Seale-Hayne Agricultural College in Devon, with a Post Graduate Diploma in Advanced Business Management.

Mandy, whose last experience of organised study was seventeen years ago, when she successfully completed a six year, part-time, HND in animal technology, was given the opportunity to take the Diploma as a mature student by the Scholarships and Training Awards Committee, who recommended funding from the FIG. She was away for nine months from September last year and was, she says, for most of the time too busy to miss home and family.

During the course her studies were wide-ranging, including financial management, marketing, economics and agricultural law. The nature of the course was particularly 'hands on', requiring the students to work in groups to complete a number of case studies, attempting to solve the 'real-life' problems of farming clients, drawn mainly from the Devon area.

One memorable weekend for Mandy, saw the students participating in an 'Ourward Bound' style Management Course. This involved many gruelling physical and mental challenges, which could have been part of training for the SAS. Participants were given little sleep, lied to constantly about how far they had to carry heavy objects and stripped of all personal support in the form of cigarettes, food and wrist watches.

Mandy, who celebrated her fortieth birthday during her stay at Seale-Hayne, said that there were times when, cold, exhausted and soaking wet, she wondered what she was doing there - particularly when she had to leap from the top of a swaying 50ft high pole, in the dark! Having survived, she was glad she had completed the course, especially as she was the only woman out of a group of ten to take part and the oldest person by several years.

Mandy is very grateful for having been given the opportunity to participate in the training scheme and would urge anyone else considering further study to enquire about it. Not only has it given her confidence and the opportunity to

advance in her chosen career with the Agricultural Department, but also, she says, it gave her valuable insight into what being a student is like, which will help when and if her own daughter, Louise, goes to college. Who knows, by then Mandy might be with her, studying for an M.Sc perhaps?

(If, like Mandy, you feel that further qualifications could improve your career prospects or simply enhance your life, what should you do?)

- 1) If you are employed by Government and want further training, then your first point of contact should be your Head of Department. If he or she agrees that in-service training would be appropriate and could best be provided overseas, then a recommendation to this effect will be made to the Scholarships and Training Award Committee.
- 2) If you are not employed by Government but feel the need for vocational training, then you should apply to FIDC for advice and funding.
- 3) If what you want to pursue is an academic course, perhaps one with no immediate career application, then apply in the first instance to the Education Department for help. In this context, it should be noted that access in the Falklands to the Open University starts in January 1996)

## FI Community Trust benefits from Tri-Star celebrations

CBBFI, Commodore Sandy Backus, recently forwarded a cheque for £706.29 from the Officer Commanding 216 Squadron Brize Norton to Monsignor Tony Agreiter, one of the three trustees of the Falklands Community Trust.

The money was raised by a car raffle held by 216 Squadron as part of the celebrations to mark the tenth anniversary of the first Tri-Star landing at MPA, the winning number having been pulled out of the hat in the MPA departure lounge by HE the Governor, Mr David Tatham.

In his letter of thanks to Wing Commander F Hardbottle, O.C. 216 Squadron, Mgr Agreiter said that the donation would be used by the Trust "to help some of the less fortunate members in the Falklands community." He continued, "There are always people who for one reason or another, fall through the net and need to be helped without any red tape. The Community Trust enables us to do this."

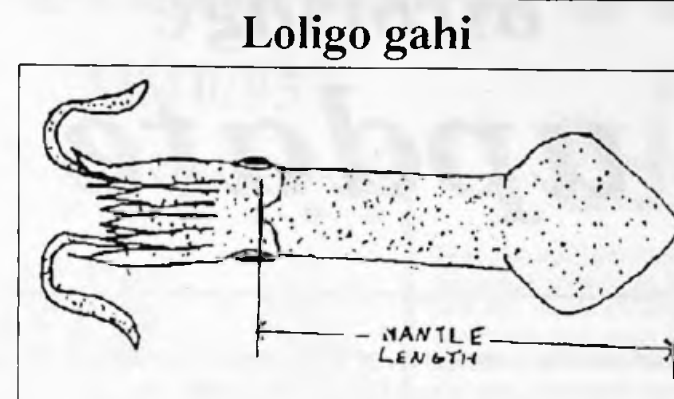
The Community Trust was set up four years ago by Governor Fullerton. Besides Mgr Agreiter, the other trustees are currently Canon Stephen Palmer and SMO. Roger Diggle.

## The Falkland Island Fisheries by Sheila Stewart, Argos Ltd

THE Loligo fishery is split into two seasons. The first season, otherwise known as the High Season runs from 1 February until 31 May and the second season (Low Season) from 1 August until 31 October.

The number of vessels licensed to fish has been reduced over the years for conservation reasons. For example in the High Season of 1990 there were 31 vessels licensed to fish whereas in the High Season this year there were only 17.

Loligo (Scientifically known as *Loligo gahi*) can be dark purplish brown in colour with spots. The spots are in fact pigment filled muscular sacs which can dilate and contract causing the squid to become either very dark or almost white in colour. This is thought to



indicate the mood changes and to be used as camouflage.

The mantle length (shown in diagram) of *Loligo gahi* can range from 4 to 30cm although the aver-

age is between 8 and 18cm.

Loligo is found all around the Falklands but is concentrated around the South-east and east of the Islands and is targeted in the areas of Beauchene Island and Volunteer Point. The squid migrate into deeper waters as they mature, before returning to shallower waters when fully mature. Upon returning to the shallow they spawn and die. This cycle is thought to last approximately 10-12 months.

Loligo is targeted by trawlers using bottom trawls. A bottom trawl is like a big corral which is dragged along the seabed, gathering up anything which gets in the way. This can include other species of fish as well as rubbish ranging from plastic cans and Coke tins to forty-five gallon drums and bits of aircraft from the war!

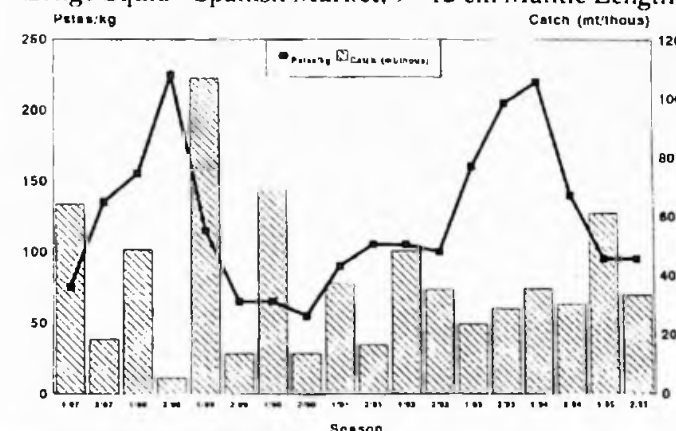
The vessels licensed to target Loligo range in size with the smallest being as small as 50 metres (162') long and some of the larger vessels being in excess of 90 metres (292'). Catches can, and will, vary from 1 or 2 tonnes when catches are poor up to 100 tonnes per day by the larger vessels when catches are at a peak. During August of 1995, 18,727 tonnes of Loligo was captured by 23 vessels giving an average of 26.26 tonnes per day per vessel.

It was heartening to hear at the Fisheries Liaison Group Meeting last week that September, like August, had been a record month for Loligo catches. The second season to date has seen exceptional catches with 33707 metric tonnes of Loligo being captured (as 05 October 1995).

As in 1989, high catches throughout 1995 have created an abundance of Loligo in the markets causing the price to drop to one of its lowest levels. The attached graph, courtesy of the Fisheries Department, shows the price trend in pence (£1 = 209 ptes, 19/10/95).

Relative to the total annual Fisheries Revenue of £16.5 million, the total annual licence fees from the Loligo fishery alone are about £5.7 million. This alone would cover the Public Works Department Operating Budget for one year.

Loligo Squid - Spanish Market, 9 - 12 cm Mantle Length



## Islanders have cameras and do travel

We review the photographic exhibition held in the Community School last weekend

TECHNICALLY, with the advent of high-quality, reasonably-priced and so-called idiot-proof cameras, there is less excuse than there used to be for taking bad photographs. Automatic focusing and setting of speed and aperture, and the availability of faster films mean good results, even in other than perfect light conditions and less excuse for missing heads, blurry or foggy pictures.

In other respects, however, a gulf still yawns between those who simply point and shoot and who approach photography with an artist's eye for composition, line and colour. Anyone in doubt of the truth of this statement should have visited the excellent exhibition of photographs on view in the Community School last Saturday and Sunday.

The exhibition was excellent on several counts, however, apart from the important one of the quality of the pictures on display and the evident care with which they had been chosen and mounted.

Included in the list of contributors was a cross section of Falklands society, from the Governor's wife to a number of school

children and took in some, like Ian Strange and Norman Clark, who are photographers by profession and others, who were clearly amateur, yet still possessed with a good eye for their surroundings and for what makes a picture.

Partly what we had was a celebration of the beauty of the Falklands, its people and the life that goes on here; images recorded by Falkland Islanders and visitors alike and including whole families and parent and child contributions.

In this category we had some stunning images from Peter King, David McLeod, Jim Elliott, Shelley and Peter Nightingale, the Heathman Family, Des O'Shea, Marilyn Grimmer and others.

For me, however, one of the surprises and pleasures of the exhibition was to find out how far people from the Falklands now travel and how vividly they record what they see; among these were photographs from Africa by Des O'Shea and Kathleen Clarke, Italian scenes from Mike Rendell, Shepherds in Chile and New Zealand by Jill Harris and many others.

Full list of exhibitors: Mr Pete King, Mrs Susan Hansen, Mrs Kathleen Clarke, Mrs Heather Petersson, IMEX film team, Mrs Valerie Tatham, Miss Ingrid Schenk, Miss Lucy Ellis, Mr Des O'Shea, Mr David McLeod, Master Eddie Grimmer, Miss Lucy Clapp, Mrs Marilyn Grimmer, Mr Mike Rendell, Miss Nyree Heathman, Mr & Mrs Nightingale, Master Nick Rendell, Mr Tony Heathman, Mrs Ailsa Heathman, Mr Ian Strange, Mr Jim Elliott, Miss Roslyn Harris, Mrs Jill Harris, Miss Anna Doughty.



New Zealand portrait by Jill Harris



Tim and Jan Müller viewing the exhibition at the weekend



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# airbridge update

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*Much has been happening behind the scenes over the past several months which could dramatically affect the airlinks between the Islands and the Mother Country. As this potentially is of considerable importance to the economic future of the Falklands, we felt it only right and proper that Falkland Islanders should hear for themselves direct what we at **British Atlantic Airways** are proposing, and the latest developments on that front. Here are a few questions and answers to put you in the picture.*

*Q. Who are British Atlantic Airways anyway?*

A. The airline has been specifically set up for the purpose of serving the Falkland Islands routes to the outside world - initially and most importantly direct to the UK, but later to other destinations as the Island's economy develops - subject to political considerations as well as financial ones of course! In other words, **The Falklands' very own International Airline**. Although it is in theory a start-up company, its real pedigree is however considerable; full management and operational responsibility will be with the Air UK Group, which includes Britain's third largest scheduled airline, operating over 40 aircraft and carrying 3 million passengers a year. Their commitment is total - as well as being the operators, they are major shareholders along with **Alandis**, a London-based shipping firm.

*Q. We've had people 'dabble' before - how serious are you?*

A. As many will already know from visits to the Islands by members of our team - first by James La Grange in July 1992 then by Jeremy Dixon and Capt Dave Henry in the following year - our research has been on-going and thorough, and very far from 'overnight'. It has had to be thorough - meeting both the considerable demands of the UK military and the very high standards we ourselves have set for serving the civilian population does not come easy. These visits to the Islands however have been just 'the tip of the iceberg' in terms of the work involved. The process has been greatly helped by the positive attitude of the MoD in London - like the British military everywhere, they fight hard but clean! (If we hadn't had stickability though, we would have given up ages ago.) Serious and professional? You'd better believe it!

*Q. We need the vital lifeline to UK which is provided by the Tristars - why change?*

A.. Obviously, the Tristars were never bought with the intention of the RAF operating what is in effect a scheduled airline service - these aircraft are troop carriers and military freighters for *ad hoc* missions. They've done a great job over the years but their age is beginning to tell and this is reflected in their timekeeping and reliability, despite best efforts on the part of the RAF professionals. With all the Spending Cutbacks, it is highly unlikely that the British Government will replace the Tristars in a hurry - the equivalent 'planes would cost around £60 million **each** these days - and they should now be saved for their original role, not have their remaining life used up too soon when a commercial operator could do the job. **British Atlantic Airways** have proposed operating exactly the same route and passenger schedule - seven times every four weeks to and from the UK via Ascension (although this might well increase to meet demand). So - no change in frequency nor

*Q. So how will British Atlantic Airways service be different?*

A. Chalk and cheese. Brand new Boeing 767 wide-bodied aircraft. Top-flight airline standards of service, food, in-flight entertainment and comfort. Choice of Business Class or Economy Class. Use of London's most modern, uncrowded and more than 20 UK and European destinations - no long yomp out to Brize Norton. Availability aplenty of cargo space - civilian freight, parcel service and such actually welcomed!.

*Q. How much is this likely to cost us, as customers?*

A. Fair enough question, and to be expected. We're not going to be precise at this stage, quite simply because that would give the game away to potential competitors. But sufficient to say that it will still be possible for Falkland Islanders to travel to and from the UK at a price very little different from the present day Duty fare - even though that fare has not been increased even in line with inflation for some time now. For others too, it will represent very good value when compared to fares presently in effect from Europe to South American destinations. We plan to reduce the present freight charges and also to offer special incentive rates to exporters of Falklands-made products.

*Q. How likely is the service to happen?*

A. Following several discussions with the MoD to define precisely what their needs are, **British Atlantic Airways** recently submitted a formal proposal to the Secretary of state. What we are proposing is that we set up a scheduled **civilian** service between the UK and the Falklands, on which we sell passenger and freight space to the military; indeed, we have formally applied to the UK Civil Aviation Authority for the route licence. You will note that this is quite different from the present arrangement, whereby the military run their own service and civilians are allocated some of the seats aboard. The Secretary of State has ordered a full feasibility study by the MoD to establish whether or not to take up the offer, bearing in mind not just the cost savings but also all the other implications of the change in arrangements. It is hardly a secret that a civilian service could not at this stage of the Falklands' economic development make ends meet without the military business, so we have to await the outcome of the study - probably towards the end of this year. We do know though, from our on-going dialogue with the MoD, that our proposal is of interest to them.

*Q. Why is it important that it now should be a civilian - rather than military - airbridge?*

A. With all the likely oil developments coming up, there must be a real risk of considerable frustration all round if personnel and equipment - both outbound and inbound - have to rely solely on the limited space presently set aside for civilians on the Tristar. In reality, it's simply a non-starter if the Falklands want to be taken seriously in the business - and clearly the sooner that a change takes place the better. Added to this are the existing business opportunities that are already going to the Mainland - fishing-related and such - that should instead be adding to the Islands' prosperity. The same could so easily happen with the oil-related opportunities; companies are very unlikely to relocate once they're established elsewhere.

*Q. Why should we as Falkland Islanders support the British Atlantic Airways proposals?*

A. As we said before - the object is for **British Atlantic Airways** to become specifically the Airline of the Falkland Islands. Remember too, that we are not advocating merely a replacement for the Tristar, operated by an airline charterer under the command of the military and largely for the military - we are proposing instead a regular **civilian** scheduled service that happens also to carry military passengers. The military will of course, like all others, be considered Very Important Customers, but it will be essentially a service for the benefit of the Falklands in *every respect*.

*Q. In what way can we show our support for the British Atlantic Airways proposals?*

A. We are fully capable of funding our own needs, so we're not looking for FIG subsidies or other financial help to get up and running. Clearly though, as with any organisation, Islanders will have a much greater opportunity for a say in how the airline is run if they have a stake in the business. We have already offered a shareholding to FIG and although the opportunity was turned down, we hope that they will reconsider. We will certainly be providing employment opportunities to Islanders - both flying and on the ground - but would welcome local participation at Board level. So please encourage your local councillor actively to back some form of FIG financial stake in the airline, in order to ensure that your voice is even more effective in saying how things are run.

That apart, please make sure that if you like the ideas we propose, you tell people so - councillors, visiting MP's, Secretaries of State-and even us!

Feel free to write to

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With Mr and Mrs Shorrock away as well as Mr Purvis, the senior school has been a bit short staffed for the first few weeks of term. Due to this absence the students have had many different teachers for the corresponding lessons, History, Biology and Maths.

The end of this term will see a lot of change for many people. Mr and Mrs Campbell, Miss Houlan and Mr Cotter will all be leaving the school. Mr and Mrs Campbell will be returning to New Zealand, Miss Houlan will be going back to the U.K. and Mr Cotter will be staying in the Falklands but he will be starting a new job at F.I.D.C., as Energy Consultant.

All these teachers leaving will mean change for them, change for us, the students, and change for the new teachers who will take their place.

The end of this term will also bring change for this year's Year Eleven students as they leave school and go out into the world of work. This is perhaps one of the biggest changes you will ever undergo in your life.

However here in the Falklands we are no stranger to change as people are always coming and going, students, teachers and members of the public alike. That is if the Tristar time isn't changed!

By Rob Burnett

## Weather or not?

We have just recovered from one of the harshest and longest winters ever endured by the people of the Falkland Islands for an extremely long time. It seems very unfair as the U.K. has just experienced the longest, hottest summer for a long time. The summer has been so hot and long that some of the Water Boards have threatened to introduce drought precautions! It always seems that when people from the U.K. arrive in the Islands they

are surprised that the weather, usually isn't that bad. When some people think of the Falklands the image that is created in their minds is one of gale force winds every day and windswept penguins hopping off icebergs. However we all hope that we don't have anymore of this harsh weather this year as we are all hoping for a half decent summer and are sure that we deserve it.

By Rob Burnett

## Do The Campbell

On the 16th of September all the students of Judith Cambells ballet class assembled in the Infant / Junior school hall to present thank-you presents to Judith. Mrs Cambell put together a ballet class in her free time. She has been doing the ballet class for four and a half years and all her students would like to thank Judith for doing so.

### SKIPATHON

### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



On Wednesday the 27th of September at Stanley Leisure Centre a Skipathon took place. Entitled JUMP ROPE FOR HEART it was in aid of the British Heart Foundation Research Charity. Altogether forty-nine sponsored people, of all ages, took part. A couple of people also came down just to skip for fun. Everyone who entered will receive a special JUMP ROPE FOR HEART badge and Stanley Leisure Centre also received a JUMP ROPE FOR HEART certificate of appreciation. People who got sponsored for more than forty pounds will also receive a certificate.

As for the money, 75% will be going to the British Heart Foundation Research Fund and the other 25% will be going to Stanley Running Club.

The organiser, Sarah Allen, would just like to thank everyone who took part, it was very much appreciated.

Altogether it was a very successful and fun day, well done to everyone who took part!

By Mark Gilbert

## Production Team



Rob Burnett   Mark Gilbert   Caroline Cotter   Jackie Cotter   Chris Herron   Daniel Fowler



# Weddell Holiday



# Stanley Open Gala Goes with A Splash!

During the school holidays a group of 9 children from years 7, 8, 9 and 10 from the Community school travelled to Weddell Island with Julie and Marc Courtney and Monica May where they stayed for 5 days. Here is a Year 7 pupil's account of the trip.

## Day 1 Monday

On arrival at the house the first thing we saw was a sign on the door saying, "Keep the mess out, no boots in the house". It's a bit short of a red carpet and a welcoming committee but never mind. Later on in the day a group of us went for a walk. We kept losing each other but we all made it back together. That night three of us slept in the kitchen but we still heard the ghost stories.

## Day 2 Tuesday

Played games in the forest all morning. The higher branches of the trees were overrun with night herons. In the afternoon some went out and three of us stayed in and played board games. That night we played truth or dare. We stayed up giggling till the early hours of the morning.

## Day 3 Wednesday

Went out for the day to see some seals. On the way there and back John Ferguson shot 2 foxes. We were all a bit upset about it but when we got back Stephanie showed us some pictures of what foxes did to lambs and that stopped me feeling sorry for the foxes.

## Day 4 Thursday

It rained all morning but in the afternoon we played football and went down to the beach. At 5.50 it was silent because "Home and Away" was on.

## Day 5 Friday

Everyone went mad when we were packing and leaving for the airstrip. As we approached Stanley we experienced a lot of turbulence. We all kept hold of our seats as if it helped stop the turbulence.

We would all like to thank John and Stephanie Ferguson for the use of a house at Weddell. We would also like to thank Julie and Marc Courtney and Monica May for taking us. We all had a great holiday and enjoyed it very much.

By Roxanne Crowie

*Just A Quick  
Note To Say....*

If you have anything you wish to publish or you have any information you think might be helpful to Penguin Eggstra please contact any member of the production team. Either Mark Gilbert, Rob Burnett, Rachael Freeman, Daniel Fowler or Jackie and Caroline Cotter.



The Stanley swimming Club held an open Gala on Saturday at Stanley Swimming Pool. The race announcer for the day was David Harding-Price. He welcomed everybody to the Gala in a humorous way which seemed to set everybody's nerves at rest. He also succeeded in embarrassing many of the swimmers participating.

There were some very close races swum and the amount of effort put in by all the swimmers was tremendous. After the fifty-metre races there were only a few points between Stanley Swimming Club and a military team. With only the relay and novelty races left either team could win. The final result was a difference of four points between Stanley swimming Club and the military team.

Stanley Swimming Club had only just won. The victorious Swimming Club, the team with the youngest competitors in the Gala, had beaten the adults making them the new champions, which meant they had jumped from 8th place in the M.P.A. Gala to 1st place in Stanley.

Also within the club there were celebrations as a trophy donated by Mr. Burned Peck was awarded to Sandi Halford for being the member of the swimming club who had improved the most in the first year of swimming in the club. A good day of competition was had by all and I'm sure there will be another Gala soon.

By Pippa Lang

**And .....**

On Wednesday the 30th of August the Stanley Swimming Club participated in the Mount Pleasant Swimming Gala. The Gala was held at the M.P.A. Swimming Pool at 2:30 pm. Montana Short and David Harding - Price drove us up to Mount Pleasant.

When we arrived at M.P.A. we all went to the N.A.F.F.I. and the Oasis for a roll and a drink until it was time to go to the pool. It was a little nerve-racking when we saw the great amount of adults participating and no youngsters except for ourselves, but once the races had started it was exciting and we started to enjoy ourselves.

Out of ten other teams Stanley Swimming Club came eighth.

We would just like to thank the people at M.P.A. for giving us such a fun and eventful day!

By Kirsty Christie

# JOKES, PUZZLES AND CARTOONS

Jokes!

Q. Where did ancient people fry their chips?

A. In ancient Greece, of course.

Q. How do rabbits travel?

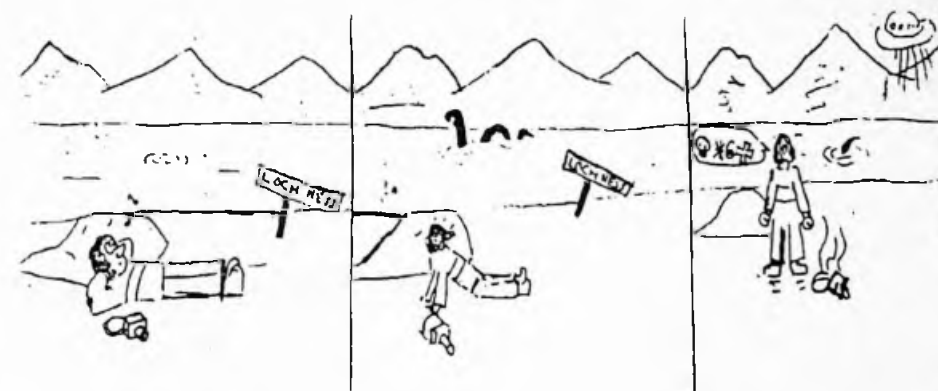
A. By hareoplane.

Q. What did the hen lay after it ate a bowl of spaghetti alphabet letters?

A. Scrabbled eggs.

Q. What do you get if you send a toad to outer space.

A. Star warts.

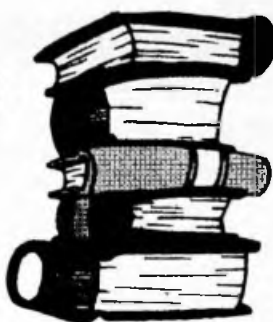


Here are the answers to the football quiz in the last issue

1. Charles Miller.
2. Arthur Friedenreich ( Brazil ).
3. 1904.
4. Founded by the British; the city names are Genoa and Milan.
5. Because of their black and white striped shirts, originally copied from Notes County.
6. Didi ( Brazil ).
7. Mathias Sindelar ( 1930's Austrian centre forward ).
8. Benfica's Stadium of Light ( 120,000 capacity since 1985 ).
9. Santos FC ( Brazil ).
10. Brazil.



# "A Likely Story"



## School Book Review

Book = Red Dwarf

Author = Grant Naylor

It wasn't a hilarious joke about a vicar, actress and a stick of rhubarb but I had to laugh.

"Want another mate?" Bill asked.

"Why not?" I said not being one to look a gift horse in the mouth. Now I knew in the back of me head somewhere there was something strange 'bout our rhubarb patch. And I did smile when I remembered! So Bill comes back with the second round of drinks and he says, "What's tickled your fancy?" Your grinning like a Cheshire cat." So I tells him, I said, "Well the other night I comes home from work and the grill's going. I thought 'ah the Missus' has got us a nice chop for tea.' my stomach weren't half rumblin'. So I says to her, 'Grilled chop tonight is it?' And she says, 'Grilled chop? No, it's a grilled blackbird Danny's caught.' I thought she 'ad lost all her marbles! So I walks over and takes a look. And there's a blackbird sitting there roasting! I said to her, I said, 'What's that sitting there for?' 'Well', she says, 'I didn't know what to do when Danny brought it in, so I phones Maisie. And she says, 'keep it warm'.

Can you believe it? Keep it warm she says so she puts it under the grill!! It died of course. But it didn't end there! The silly old mare had to bury it. A little cardboard box for a coffin and a pebble for a head stone, a pebble! I'm suprised she didn't cross its wings over its chest! We buried it in the rhubarb patch. Best crop of rhubarb I've had for years I reckon!"

Anna Luxton

### Blurb

WHEN LISTER GOT DRUNK, HE REALLY GOT DRUNK

After celebrating his birthday with a monopoly-board pub crawl around London, he came to in a burger bar on one of Saturn's moon, wearing a lady's pink crimplene hat and a pair of yellow fishing waders, with no money and a passport in the name of 'Emily Berkenstein.

Joining the space corps seemed a good idea. RED Dwarf, a clapped-out space ship, was bound for earth. It never made it, leaving Lister as the last remaining member of the human race, three mil-

lion years from Earth, with only a dead man, a senile computer and a highly evolved cat for company.

They begin their journey home. On the way they'll break the light barrier. They'll meet Einstein, Archimedes, God and Norman Wisdom... and discover an alternative plane of reality.

### Opinion

Red Dwarf is a good book to read as it is funny, exciting and enjoyable. It is not advised for under 13 as younger readers would find it hard to understand.

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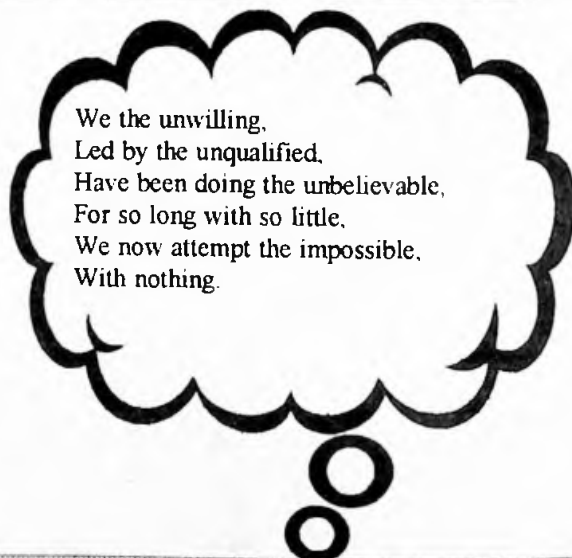
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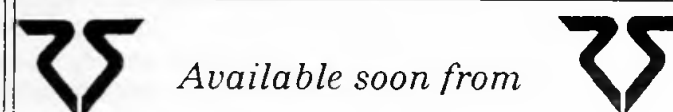
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## Sunday around Stanley Stanley netball tournament

ON Sunday 8th October Stanley Netball Club arranged a Netball Tournament at the request of HMS Westminster. However, only one of the ship's crew turned up to play leaving the Stanley players feeling disappointed and let down.

Rather than cancel the tournament, a mixed team was made up with Tom Chater and Neil Gilbert gallantly joining Sally Hampstead from HMS Westminster and Angie Spencer from MPA along with three Stanley players.

Having Tom as a 6'2" goalkeeper undoubtedly had its advantages, which the two Stanley teams found to their cost.

The final positions in the tournament were:

- 1st: The mixed team
- 2nd: Stanley '1'
- 3rd: Stanley '2'

Results:

Stanley '1' 13 d Stanley '2' 7  
Stanley '1' 8 d Mixed Team 14  
Stanley '2' 8 d Mixed Team 16

Despite their initial disappointment, all players seemed to enjoy the tournament and the high standard of netball played.

Player of the match (decided by the visiting players from HMS



Isabel Minto shoots for a goal

Westminster and MPA) was Isabel Minto.

The next non-league match is planned for Saturday 28th October at MPA as part of a multi-sports challenge. For further details contact Sarah Allan, Stanley Leisure Centre.

## Gathering kelp at Surf Bay



So what's the kelp really for Dr Ellsby??

## Surfers 'hang ten' at the beach



Amongst the surfers were Simon Goss, Dave Eynon and Zackery Stephenson. (\* An ozzie expression I believe. Ed.)

# Flying high with Motocross 1995

report by Jimmy Moffat

GOOSE Green was the venue for the start of this year's motocross season and there can be no doubt that it was a great success. The large crowd who witnessed the thrills and spills went home (albeit in a cloud of dust) after having a great day out. Dare I say it, it was even sunny and warm.

The day started with the McPress Clubmans Race with a few new riders this year, and without exception all proved very capable. Bill Stewart of MPA riding a 500 Honda received top honours with a maximum 40 points, however he had to fight for his points as Carl Harris (RM250 Suzuki) pushed him in the first heat and Owen Betts (RM250 Suzuki) pushed him hard in the second heat.

Owen lead for most of the race displaying a great deal of skill on this very demanding circuit. Dave Myatt representing the army had a storming ride on a very heavy 350 Armstrong showing the lads on the lively two strokes just how fast you can ride if you just grit your teeth. Put him on a motocrosser and I don't think anyone would have touched him.

In the Woodbine Experts Race, Derek Jaffray RM250 Suzuki, stamped his domination on hard packed ground by winning both heats convincingly taking away a maximum of 40 points. Johnny Summers on his new 250 Suzuki hole shot both heats and looked set to challenge Derek but a run of bad luck and fall offs left him in a disappointing 6th place.

Jan Clarke's debut in this class shocked everyone; he took second place overall on the day with Arthur Turner taking third, both riding CR500 Hondas.

In the Beckside Juniors four riders took to the field, and it was a battle between Ian Jordan and Jay Moffatt - Jay showing a surprising turn of speed on the



Derek Jaffray flies over the last jump

Photo: Jimmy Moffat

straights but fluffing it on the last lap and the last bend to let Ian take the first race. Jay fought back in the second race to take away first overall. Eddy Grimmer had bad luck on his first outing as the bike had influenza.

Sean Moffatt had a good steady ride as usual to take third. All four lads displayed remarkable cour-

age on the track as the large jump after the straight was not for the faint hearted.

The Stanley Services open Class Challenge is the last race of the day and always the most popular as it brings together the experts and the clubman. The one who always shines in this race is Arthur Turner. Champion for the last two

years, he looks set to take the championship again. Derek Jaffray was the only one close to him but a loose clutch adjuster stopped him from taking second place. Johnny Summers stormed into the vacant spot with Jan Clarke finishing third. Andrew Alazia came in next with a steady fourth place.

Thanks for the event go to our sponsors and Tony McMullen of FLH for the use of the land. The next race is scheduled for the 29th of October at the Dairy.

### RESULTS

#### Juniors

- 1st: J. Moffatt = 37
- 2nd: I. Jordan = 37
- 3rd: S. Moffatt = 30
- 4th: E. Grimmer = 12

#### Open

- 1st: A. Turner = 20
- 2nd: J. Summers = 15
- 3rd: J. Clarke = 15
- 4th: A. Alazia = 12
- 5th: B. Stewart = 11
- 6th: Dave Myatt = 10
- 7th: Owen Betts = 9
- 8th: C. Clarke = 8
- 9th: Boogie = 7
- D.N.F's Dustin and Derek

#### CLUBMANS

- 1st: Bill Stewart = 40
- 2nd: Owen Betts = 30
- 3rd: Carl Harris = 29
- 4th: Dave Myatt = 28
- 5th: Craig Clarke = 21
- 7th: Wayne Clement = 19
- 8th: Boogie = 16
- 9th: Red Helmet = 7
- 10th: A Corduroy = 7

#### EXPERT

- 1st: Derek Jaffray = 40
- 2nd: Jan Clarke = 32
- 3rd: Arthur Turner = 32
- 4th: Andrew Alazia = 24
- 5th: Mark Summers = 22
- 6th: Jonathan Summers = 19
- 7th: Stephen Jennings = 19

## Antonov Fact File

Courtesy of Jane's Aircraft and the Public Library

### DIMENSIONS EXTERNAL:

Wing Span 73.03m  
(240 ft 5 3/4in)  
Length Overall 69.5m  
(228ft 0 1/4in)  
Height Overall 22.0m  
(72ft 2 1/4in)

### DIMENSIONS INTERNAL:

Cargohold:  
Length 36.0m  
(118ft 1 1/4in)  
Max width 6.4m  
(21ft 0in)  
Max height 4.4m  
(14ft 5 1/4in)

### WEIGHTS:

Max.payload 150.0kg  
(330.693 lb)

Max T-O weight 405.kg  
(892.872 lb)

### PERFORMANCE

Max cruising speed 467 kts  
(865 km/h; 537 mph)  
Nonnal cruising speed at 10-12m  
(32.8-39.4ft)  
432-459 knots  
(800-850 km/h; 497-528 mph)  
Approach speed 124-140 kts  
(230-260 km/h; 143-162 mph)  
T-O balanced field length at max  
T-O wt 3.000m (9.850 ft)  
Landing run at max landing  
weight 800m (2.325 ft)  
Range with max payload 2,430  
nm (4,500 km; 2,795 miles)  
Range with max fuel 8,900  
nm (16,500 km; 10,250 miles)



The Russian giant taxis into MPA

Photo: Bill Chater



# FALKLANDS CONSERVATION

## What makes a survey "baseline"?

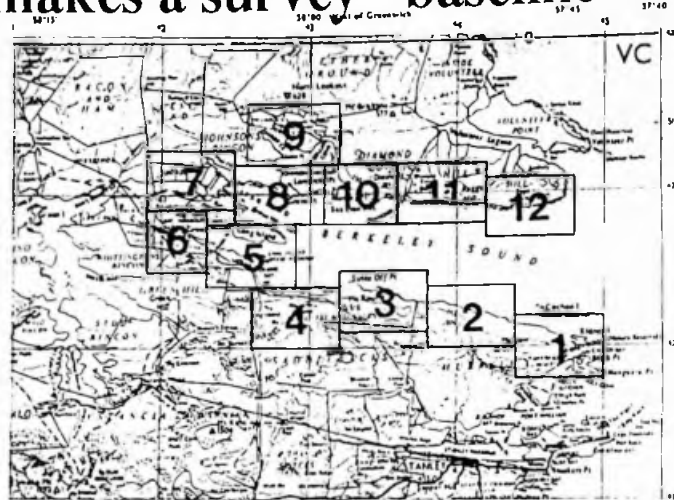
by Mike Bingham

THE steady progress being made towards oil exploration has fuelled a lot of discussion recently on environmental matters, and much mention has been made about baseline surveys. I am often asked what baseline surveys actually do, and how they protect our environment.

A baseline survey is rather like an environmental stock-take. It seeks to provide a record of the changeable elements of the environment at the time and place of the survey, so that at some point in the future these elements can be re-examined, and the extent of any changes determined.

Baseline surveys do not specifically seek to acquire knowledge of physiology, behaviour, or other biological parameters which could come under the category of research, nor do they seek to determine annual fluctuations in the environment, which would come under a monitoring programme (such as the Seabird Monitoring Programme run by the Falklands Conservation).

In practice, baseline surveys tend to start by identifying the various habitat types, and by mapping out the areas they cover. Such phase 1 surveys can cover terres-



Survey map of Berkeley Sound areas studied in the Phase 1 Coastline Survey

trial, coastal and marine zones, and can include details of fauna and flora, and any other environmental features deemed relevant. Examples of such surveys conducted by Falklands Conservation can be seen in the public library, or from the Falklands Conservation office.

Finally detailed studies of representative plots from each habitat type examine species composition and interactions in greater detail.

These studies form the basis of phase 2 and phase 3 surveys, and help build up the finer detail around the initial Phase 1 survey, to give a complete picture of our natural environment.

As part of this process, Falklands Conservation will be embarking on an historic survey of Falklands penguins this coming November. In 1932/33 the Falklands' Government Naturalist, Mr AG Bennett, conducted a complete census of the entire Falk-

land's population of Gentoo and Rockhopper penguins. It is Falklands Conservation's intention to repeat this survey after more than 60 years, using funds raised last year in the UK during Penguin Appeal.

Two teams of Falklands Conservation staff will be roaming East and West Falkland by landrover, visiting Gentoo, Rockhopper and King penguin colonies, while a third team will visit the Island colonies aboard the Penelope. This survey work is being assisted by military personnel from Mount Pleasant and the RAF Ornithological Society, and by various landowners and local enthusiasts. The information to be gathered will be the numbers of breeding birds, accurate grid references, and wherever possible a photographic record of the colonies.

So far the public support for this project has been remarkable, with information and offers of help coming from all quarters. The counting of so many sites in one season is certainly a major undertaking, but hopefully the results will give us a clearer insight into the changes occurring in the penguin populations as a whole.

## HMS Westminster

THE *HMS Westminster*, a Type 23 Duke Class Frigate, anchored in Port William late last week was accepted into Naval Service in 1993. Although fitted with a wide suite of weapons she is designed as an Anti-Submarine frigate. She is greatly assisted by the silent running capability produced by a unique combined Diesel Electric and Gas Turbine propulsion system.

**History of HMS Westminster**  
THE only other ship to have the name Westminster was a destroyer

which ran from 1918 to 1945. She accompanied the Battle cruisers during their sorties in the North Sea. When not engaged in these major roles she was employed on local patrols off the Firth of Forth. The Westminster was part of the escort which accompanied the German High Seas Fleet to Rosyth in November 1918.

In 1938 and 1939, several "V&W"-class destroyers were taken in hand for re-annament as anti-aircraft escort destroyers, their six 21" torpedo-tubes being removed and the four single 4" low-angle guns replaced by two twin 4" high-angle guns with a modern AA director. The Westminster was converted between June 1939 and January 1940.

From July 1940 until May 1945, the Westminster served with the Rosyth Escort Force, responsible for the protection of convoys between Methil and Southend.

After the end of the war in Europe, HMS Westminster was briefly employed on the destroyer courier service to Norway, but in mid-June 1945 she began the process of reduction to the reserve, de-storing and de-equipping at Rosyth. On 22 June, she paid off into the Reserve Fleet and was laid up at Grangemouth until she was towed away, in August 1948, to be broken up at Inverkeithing.



## Aboard HMS Westminster

On Friday last week we sent our new Penguin News recruit News Hound, Natalie Finn on her first assignment. Trembling with anticipation and excitement (or was that fear?) she boarded FIC's Speedwell and whisked off towards HMS Westminster. Natalie now recounts her adventures and impressions of the morning.

FRIDAY October 6 I was invited on board the *HMS Westminster*, anchored in Berkeley Sound.

We were welcomed aboard by Lt Andrew Price, the Navigator and Press Public Relations Officer (PRO) and promptly invited to the officers mess where we were offered tea and coffee and met a number of the other officers: David Barker - Warfare Officer 2, Paul Bennett - Operations Officer, Andy Welch - Flight Commander and Nick Spence - Executive Officer.

The eighteen officers on board have their own mess and individual cabins.

There are one hundred and eighty crew in total including eighteen females, two of whom are officers. There are five Junior messes with up to thirty-two people using them. The Junior ranks have to share their cabins which are located on the second deck.

The captain's cabin is nicely decorated with a floral decor as

is the officers' mess.

Captain Andy Cameron has been to the Falklands three times previously. His first visit was in 1982 just after the ceasefire. He returned in 1986 as Operations Officer. During this visit he visited Port San Carlos where, coincidentally I was staying with my Aunt and Uncle.

On their current visit they have been to Sussex, where they went four-wheel driving, visited the battle memorials at Goose Green and Darwin and also visited Bertha's beach.

Included amongst the crew are Leading Seaman Collins and Chief Petty Officer Turner, who were on *HMS Ardent* which sank in 1982, as well as Dr Rawal who served at Signy with BAS in 1992.

I thoroughly enjoyed my morning on the ship and would like to thank Captain Cameron, Lt. Price and, of course, everyone else who showed me around.

## October

## MAGAZINE

### Looking back on September

#### Deaths:

September 8 Madge Biggs, age 93  
September 10 Jane Clarke, age 96  
September 22 Hyacinth Morrison, age 71

#### Marriages:

September 2 Georgina Anderson to Andrew Smith  
September 23 Adrian Lowe to Lisa Short

### Coming events

Sat 14: Disco JC, Town Hall  
Sun 15: Darts Annual Prize Giving, Town Hall  
Snakes & Ladders Race 10.30am, Monty's  
Tue 17: AGM Jelly Tots, 8pm, Day Care Centre KEMH  
Infant & Junior School Managers' Meeting  
Wed 18: CSE show, Town Hall  
Thu 19: Public Speaking Competition, 7pm, FICS.  
Fri 20: Disco JC, Town Hall  
Sat 21: Netball Bazaar, 2-5pm, Town Hall  
Fri 27: Halloween Disco 7-9pm, (U15)  
Disco, Adults 11pm-1am, Town Hall  
Sat 28: Disco, JC Town Hall  
MPA-Stanley challenge

**We apologise for the fact that a number of factors, including "oily" business and staff leaves, have caused this month's Magazine Section to be both late and short.**

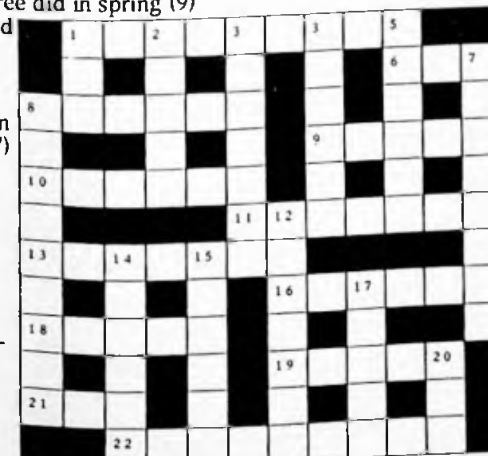
### Crossword

#### across:

- 1) Sort of skin that equips you for sport? (9)
- 6) Seize the fore-runner to the UK Social Security Department (3)
- 8) Someone who shouts with rage (6)
- 9) Comic vegetable (5)
- 10) Keep me in the states, but extract "I" to take the picture (anag) (6)
- 11) More than one around where the good arrows fall (7)
- 13) Stressed, and certainly not hanging down loose. (2,5)
- 16) Stolen drink from Caribbean keeps out winter chill (3,3)
- 18) O' gnat, how well you dance in Argentina (5)
- 19) What the Scots call a "message", ends mistakenly in conjunction
- 21) Sounds like a change of colour, but a more final act (3)
- 22) Done without by the chemist, perhaps (9)

#### down:

- 1) Poetic meadow in Port Howard, perhaps? (3)
- 2) What you need to keep on turning (5)
- 3) Hostile course to follow (3,4)
- 4) Where to drink in all weather (6)
- 5) Take on an enemy or clutch a future wife (6)
- 7) What the fruit tree did in spring (9)
- 8) The tale was told again by the numerate aristocrat (9)
- 12) The teal with an itchy foot (anag) (7)
- 14) Showed a preference for looking after gardens (6)
- 15) Prepares the horse for a wedding? (6)
- 17) Pastries of low repute (5)
- 20) back Don into agreeing (3)



## Falklands Cookery

by Jenny Luxton

*Trying to keep to the less fat theme, chicken and fish are excellent. I hear that there is plenty of water in the rivers and the trout are biting well.*

### Chicken Marengo (my adapted version!)

4 chicken joints (if you are dieting remove skin)  
Onion chopped  
2 cloves garlic chopped  
4 rashers bacon chopped  
4oz mushrooms  
1 green pepper chopped (dried will do)  
Chicken stock cube  
Small tin tomato puree or chopped tomatoes  
½ teaspoon dried Thyme  
Tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce  
Bay leaf  
2 Tablespoons Sherry  
1 Pint Water  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Cornflour to thicken

Put all ingredients in a saucepan except chicken and cornflour, bring to boil and simmer for ten minutes, thicken with cornflour. Put chicken joints in an oven proof dish and put sauce over. Cook at a moderate heat in the oven for 1½ hours. Serve with rice or vegetables.

### Baked Apples with Apricot

4 apples or layer dried apples if fresh aren't available  
3oz dried apricots chopped  
3oz soft light brown sugar or low calorie sugar  
¼ pint apple juice  
2oz low fat butter

1. Core apples, cut shallow slits around centre to stop skin bursting, place in an oven proof dish.

2. Mix apricots and sugar together, put in apple cavities, scatter remaining mixture around apples, dot with low fat butter/margarine. Cover top with foil and leave overnight.

3. Cook apples for approx 40 minutes at 180 degrees, do not overcook. Either eat hot with cream or cold with plain yoghurt.

## September Weather

THE first third of the month was cold with further snow culminating in blizzard conditions late on the 10th to early on the 11th. Thereafter conditions were much more settled and it became very mild towards the end of the month.

Temperatures were just below average but biased by a very cold start followed from mid month by mild conditions. The maximum temperature of 16.9 on the 30th was the highest September temperature since 1986.

The monthly rainfall was just 1 millimetre short of the average.

Snow fell on 12 days during the month compared to the average of 11 days, but on four of the occasions, all later in the month, the snow was limited to very isolated showers.

Sunshine was above average and the 141.6 hours recorded is the third highest since the Mount Pleasant records began.

The average wind speed during the month was 17.4 knots and there were gales on 5 days. Both figures are above average. The maximum gust of 68 knot, recorded during the blizzard during the evening of the 10th September, is the highest September gust since the Mount Pleasant records began.

*This summary of last month's weather is by courtesy of MPA Meteorological Office. Longterm averages for Stanley (1962-81) are shown in parentheses. Temperatures are in degrees Celsius, wind in knots, rain in millimetres, sunshine in hours. 8.4*

Highest daily max temp	16.9	(18.3)
Lowest daily min temp	-6.6	(-6.7)
Mean daily max temp	6.6	(7.0)
Mean daily min temp	0.3	(0.8)
Total rainfall	32.6	(36.4)
Total sunshine	141.6	(132.5)
Days with rain	16	(-)
Days with snow	12	(7.7)
Days snow lying 1300ft	8	
Days with fog*	5	(3.1)
Days with air frost	12	(9.8)
Days with hail	4	(1.2)
Days with thunderstorms	0	(0)
Days with gales	5	(5.2)
Days with gusts 34KT+	23	(19.4)
Highest gust	68	(77)

\* Includes reduction in visibility due to heavy or blowing snow.



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### NOTICES

**Aerobics Circuit Training**  
Class Tuesday Nights 8-9pm in  
Community School Sports Hall

#### Jelly Tots Club

The Annual General Meeting of the Jelly Tots Club will take place at 8pm on Tuesday 17th October in the Day Centre, KEMH. This is an important meeting and is open to everyone who is interested in the future of the Jelly Tots Club.

Due to accepting the position of Assistant manager at the Upland Goose Hotel, I regret to inform my clients that I will be unable to continue hair dressing, thank you for your support and hope to see you in the Goose soon. Errol Goss.

The Tourist Information Office on the Public Jetty will be open from October 6th, Monday-Friday.

Raffle Prizes still unclaimed from the Macmillan Cancer Relief coffee morning are nos. 45, 89 and 220. Please contact Marge McPhee phone 21106 or call at 14 John Street.

### VACANCY

There is a vacancy at Goose Green Farm for a full time married or single motorbike shepherd and for a seasonal general shed hand to work from beginning of November through to mid February. Anyone interested in the above positions please contact the Manager at Goose Green on Tel: 32270 or the Stanley Office on 22698 for further details.

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## Auction Bridge

ANOTHER evening of Auction Bridge was enjoyed by a good gathering on 4th October.

Prize winners were:

1st: Mrs J Middleton & D. Peterson

2nd: Mr & Mrs B Hill

Booby: C Clifton & M Murphy

The next evening of Bridge is scheduled for Wednesday 18th October at 7.30pm in the Day Centre at KEMH.

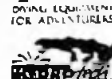
### PERSONAL

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

on the 9th October to the best Mum in the world. Now living in Haniton, Devon. All our love Eric & Carrie.

### New Selection of Diving Equipment

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Dry Gloves, Knives,  
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## CAPE PEMBROKE HALF MARATHON

8 1/2 weeks to go!

FOLLOW our weekly training guide and get fit for the BIG DAY!

This training guide is designed to enable an inexperienced or recently inactive runner to complete the Cape Pembroke Half Marathon on Saturday 9th December.

#### Tips for success:

1 Hunt out those training shoes and get along to Stanley Running Club (Wednesdays 5.15pm meet at Stanley Leisure Centre).

2 If you are overweight, over forty or unused to exercise, check with your doctor before starting this, or any other, exercise programme.

3 Find a friend to run with if possible. Alternate between running and walking if you need to, and chat while you run. If you cannot talk then slow down! You're meant to be enjoying the exercise, not setting a world record! (Remember if you push yourself too hard too soon, you risk injury or illness.)

4 Stretch gently (especially your legs) before and after running.

5 You may need to rearrange the days in the training guide to fit in with other commitments. Try to avoid 2 rest days or 2 hard days in a row.

#### Training Schedule Oct 11th-17th

Wednesday - 2 miles run/walk

Thursday - REST

Friday - 3 miles run/walk

Saturday - Snakes & Ladders race

Sunday - REST

Monday - 3 miles run/walk

Tuesday - REST

## MPA - Stanley Challenge

Sat 28th October

1pm Mare Harbour to MPA  
road relay (4 per team)

2pm Mens 5-a-side soccer  
Ladies 5-a-side soccer

Mixed Volleyball

Ladies Netball

Mens Squash

Doubles Badminton

Fun events in the pool

6pm Presentation of trophy,  
food & drink.

Further details from Sarah Allan,  
Stanley Leisure Centre tel 27291

## Postscript from the Tabernacle

### A Higher Standard of Living

"I came that they may have and  
and enjoy life and have it in abundance-  
to the full, till it overflows"

Jesus Christ

He came to give...

That we might have.

Have you received?

# Penguin News



## FALKLAND ISLANDS

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## No ten gallon hats or troubled waters at Texas oil launch

AT one time the popular image of American oil men was one of red-necked cowboy types in high-heeled boots and ten-gallon hats, but that was Dallas and not Houston, where, on Wednesday, the American launch of the first Falklands oil licensing round got underway. Now, according to Falklands Chief Executive, Andrew Gurr, Texas oil men wear dark suits and silk ties, just like any other businessmen. Sadly, perhaps, for any members of our delegation who are TV soap opera fans, there was not a 'ten gallon hat' in sight at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Houston.

Speaking to *Penguin News* by telephone, later in the day, Mr Gurr said that some eighty to ninety people had been present, representing around thirty oil companies. This level of turn-out was pretty much as expected after the interest shown at the London launch and the companies represented had again included some very well-known names such as Exxon, Mobil Oil, Union Texas and some which are less well known here, like Petro Santander, Nippon Oil, Korea Petroleum, Kerr McGee Corporation. Ian Thompson, known locally as a director of the Argos Fishing Company is apparently also connected with one of the lesser-known companies present, Evergreen Resources Inc.

Significant on the list of firms represented was Argentina's recently de-nationalised petroleum corporation YPF, with whom, Mr Gurr said, some of the Falklands party had lunched the previous day.

The Falklands' presentation, took the same form as in London, with talks by Andrew Gurr, David Lang, Richard Wagner and Drs. Richards and Martin. The reception given to it was very encouraging, said Mr Gurr. The oil companies were clearly very impressed by the geology and he was very confident that at the end of the day

the exercise would result in at least three major consortia being formed.

The agreement between Britain and Argentina had again been seen as an important factor by delegates though there was still some concern being expressed about recent Argentine statements on tax, which had left the fiscal position a little unresolved.

Of the three areas where tranches were available for exploration, the area to the south of the Falklands seemed to be emerging as less attractive, with most interest centred on the area to the north of the Falklands and the area to the south-west which would be jointly administered by the UK/Argentine Oil Commission.

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## Where?



JUST in case it's not legible in our picture, the legend on the cap above reads: "Port Stanley Fire Department". Intrigued? So were we. See centre pages for further details

## Green light for Santiago 146 service

AEROVIAS DAP, the Chilean airline which currently provides the only service between the Falklands and mainland South America, have firmly decided to proceed with the provision of an enhanced service linking Stanley with Santiago and the British

Airways service to London.

According to FIDC General Manager, Mike Summers, who will be meeting Aerovias DAP officials in Punta Arenas at the weekend, the airline is in the final stages of negotiations with a Caribbean company in whom

British Airways have a 20% shareholding. This airline operates BA146 aircraft and is prepared to lease one, which is currently surplus to their requirements, at short notice.

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## Exclusive pictures of Harp's Farm fire

THANKS to the quick-thinking of Sgt. Peter Brookbank of the RAF EOD at Mount Pleasant Airport, we are able to bring you exclusive pictures of the disastrous fire at Harp's Farm last week.



Hard work and effort going up in smoke as Harp's Farm blazes. Story and more pictures on Page 4.



**You just can't get the stone any more**

SPEND too much time watching television programmes like *Tomorrow's World*, and it is too easy to make the assumption that with the passage of time and the development of technology, almost every facet of our lives is going to improve and go on improving forever. This week the long-running and informative programme showed American scientists using a child's own tissue to grow him a new ear in the laboratory, which, when grafted on to his head, would not be rejected by his body and would grow in a normal manner. Fascinating stuff, which I am sure would have interested Ann Robertson in Port Stephens, had she been able to see it.

In fact, as Ann recounts in her letter opposite, not only have they not been able to receive television at Port Stephens for some months, but they also have great difficulty in getting FIBS after dark and, like all other subscribers on the VHF net, have a telephone system, which like the "curate's egg" of legend is, at best, only "good in parts". One result of all this is that Ann, like many others in the Camp, looks back with nostalgia to a time when the technology was much less advanced, but seemed to work somewhat better for rather more of the time.

All of the above links in, perhaps, with some words written recently by Frank Ogden, the Editor of *Electronics World*, which I am indebted to Tim Cotter of FICS for showing me. From someone who one might reasonably have expected to be wedded to the notion of "the newer the better", they come as a bit of a surprise.

*"New technology should be treated with care. Inappropriate technology creates more problems than it solves. Excessive technology acts similarly."* (*Electronics World* + *Wireless World* May 1990)

Nowhere have these sentiments seemed truer of late, than in the Falkland Islands, where the installation of new, more powerful computers, using new and more advanced word-processing software has had the effect of bringing most government departments to a near standstill and caused furrows on many a forehead. "No names, no pack drill", but I heard of one usually brisk and competent secretary who took three hours to produce one letter this week! Once again, Mr Ogden has some appropriate words to say - even if they come rather late in the day, when we have just spent £0.3 million on the computer upgrade:

*"The latest version of your favourite word processor will offer far more features than the old one. But to use them - if you need them - will require much time spent reading the manual, followed by even more time wasted in playing around on the computer. By contrast, you know everything there is to know about the old version of the software and can do 99% of what you want in a single pass."*

*"Neither should one be totally seduced by the argument that it will earn its keep eventually. The old version was doing most of what you want and, while you may want to use some of the new features, the basic things which you were doing easily may well be more difficult to achieve."*

How true, Mr Ogden! For the luddites amongst us, who knew all along that no good would come of reliance on silicone chips, the trouble will come, I suppose, when we can no longer get lead for our pencils or the right quality of stone for our tablets.

### SUPREME COURT OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

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

TAKE NOTICE THAT Hyacinth Emily Morrison deceased, of Stanley, Falkland Islands, died at Stanley on the 22nd day of September 1995 intestate.

WHEREAS Michael John Morrison, son of the deceased, has applied for letters of Administration to administer the estate of the said deceased in the Colony.

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

**YOUR LETTERS**

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

## Communications failures increase Camper isolation

ARE we the only ones in this situation or are there others out there in the same boat? I wonder this as I come in on a Friday evening and switch on the radio at 6pm hoping that I might just be able to listen to News Magazine; but no such luck - medium wave is still on radio 5 & I will have to wait until 9.30 to hear it, though I am more likely to be thinking of bed by then.

We cannot get FM out here and although MW is excellent during daylight hours, conditions deteriorate after dark when we get a lot of interference from coastal stations.

I am a fairly keen sports fan so I have no objections to listening to MW on Saturdays and Sundays but I DO want to listen to local news. It has become a bit of a guessing game as to when MW will be switched over to FIBS. We can tune in to "phone-ins" & "Radio Auctions" but never "Calling the Falklands", which I believe is a good programme since Graham Bound has come on the scene, but

we don't get to hear it. So, NO radio; then perhaps we'll switch on the television, but that too is out of action & has been for several months though SSVC are trying.

Which brings me to the thought that perhaps it is the increasing isolation which is driving campers into Stanley: not only are there fewer of us about, but we are more cut off. We have telephones now but those on the VHF system will know that they are far from perfect. I am not suggesting that we go back to the old 4.5 R/T's but at least that did bring us all together as a community and was what most impressed me about the Islands when I first arrived here in December 1969.

I believe there are others in the Islands who have no television or FM radio plus poor phone communications and I would plead with Councillors to concentrate a little on this aspect of camp. It might improve our quality of life!

Ann Robertson  
Port Stephens

## Laws that apply to me don't to others

RECENTLY I was released from Ken Greenland's four star hotel after serving time for a crime which I did not admit and for which I offered to settle out of court.

Quite by accident, it came to my attention that some person recently did the same thing and forgot to pay for some booze he was intending to pay for at the West Store. He was caught and reported, but never came to trial.

I like Mrs Steadman's cooking and I am sure that this other "forgetful" person would agree that it is pretty good, but he won't now have the chance to try it, because he had the opportunity to do something I was not permitted to do - settle out of court.

It has always been my opinion that laws apply to everyone equally. That is, if you get caught whilst being absent-minded, you gotta go to the hotel.

Look, I saw that 'Boing Boing' thing you did and decided that if you can do that, then I might as well complain about a real injustice. I'm telling THE TRUTH and you could publish it. That would really shake your readers up and you may get some more sales out of it.

I am asking you to publish this letter so at least I can have this

little bit of justice in my life. Honest, I need mercy, but justice will do.

Gavin Browning  
Stanley

(Editor's note: We are informed by the police that in the case to which Mr Browning refers, a man was charged with shop-lifting. As the man in question was senior in age, with a hitherto unblemished character and no previous convictions of any sort, it was decided that he should be given a citeable caution, in accordance with standard procedure. The issuing of a citeable caution does not require a court appearance, but is entered on a person's record.)

## Slang corrected

WITH reference to a caption in last week's PN, the only 'Ozzie' I know is a stuffed ostrich with pink feathers which frequently appears on Australian television under the name of Ozzie Ostrich.

If you insist on using slang terms when referring to your antipodean counterparts could you please spell them correctly. P.S. Happy 21st(?) birthday for yesterday

The Aussie  
Penguin News

# Pebble Island next of kin visit confirmed

THIRTEEN relatives of five crew members of an Argentine Air Force Lear Jet which crashed on Pebble Island during the 1982 war will visit the islands from October 31 to November 1. This was confirmed in a simultaneous news release in Stanley and Buenos Aires made by the News Department of the FCO on Friday October 13 at 12.30.

The next of kin party will visit the memorial and war grave at the crash site on Pebble Island. With the agreement of the Argentine and Falkland Islands Governments the site was consecrated as a war grave and a funeral with military honours was held on April 16 1994.

As a humanitarian gesture, Falkland Islands councillors agreed that a second ceremony could be held at which a memorial marking the grave could be formally unveiled in the presence of the next of kin of the crew.

Councillors further agreed to the next of kin arriving by air on a chartered Chilean plane, departing from Rio Gallegos in Argentina and staying overnight at Pebble Island Lodge. In addition to Pebble Island (referred to as Isla Borbon in Argentine accounts) the relatives will also visit the Argentine war cemetery at Darwin. The number of the next of kin party is limited by the size of the aircraft and the accommodation available at Pebble.

This visit will be the first to the Islands by next of kin of Argentine war dead since 1991, when a visit of 354 Argentines was made to the

Argentine cemetery in Darwin under the auspices of the Red Cross. The cemetery contains the remains of 234 servicemen.

A visit to Darwin to attend the

funeral of an Argentine pilot discovered in 1986 was made by his family, but there has been no official request from the Argentine Government for any other visits.

## Town Hall time begins again



The Town Hall clock, which succumbed to the winter weather at twenty-five to two some months ago, gets a restart from Dave McGill and Jeff Halliday

## Friendly Eduardo rejects "Kelper self-determination" in Bucharest

ARGENTINE Senate President Eduardo Menem may have been friendly to Falklands delegates at the recent Argentine British Conference in Oxford but, according to a report in *Clarín* of October 12, he will shortly be participating in another conference where he will address congressmen from around the world to restate Argentina's claim for sovereignty over the Falkland Islands.

At the 95th Conference of the International Parliamentary Union in Bucharest, President Menem's brother will reject what the paper calls, "the British theory of Kelper self-determination", with the argument that the inhabitants of the islands were 'transplanted' there

in 1833, when a British fleet invaded the Falklands and dislodged the native population.

The Argentine delegation to Bucharest includes a multi-party number of Senators and Deputies, who have in common that they all endorse Eduardo Menem's nomination to the Union's executive committee.

## Amoco Argentina President cautious about "high risk" Falklands oil field

ROBERT Sheppard, president of the Argentine branch of American oil giant Amoco, described the waters around the Falklands as "a high risk area" in the Argentine press recently, but went on to say that other oil companies did not share this cautious outlook.

At present Amoco's Argentine operation has concentrated on oil

production, reportedly extracting some 50,000 barrels of crude per day from the area of the San Jorge Gulf basin. According to Mr Sheppard, as reported by David Pilling in the *Financial Times* of October 12, Amoco now wishes to extend its activities to include gas. An initial investment of "no less than \$US 100 million" is expected.

Argentina is believed to have under-explored potentially huge basins of natural gas and Amoco is known to be already involved with YPF in exploration for gas in the area of Neuquen in Patagonia. Mr Sheppard has predicted opportunities for transporting gas to other countries, particularly Brazil.

# Polls apart

## Argentine poll on oil agreement.

A MAJORITY of Argentines are happy with the Oil Agreement according to a recent poll, reported in *La Nación*.

Political analysts, *Mora y Araujo, Noguera y Asociados*, who were responsible for setting up the MORI poll in the Falklands, questioned 400 people in and around Buenos Aires between September 28 and October 3rd.

55% of those consulted answered "yes" to the question "Will this agreement benefit the country?" 28% answered negatively and 17% apparently either knew nothing about it or refused to answer.

A break-down of the poll results by the level of education of those consulted showed that most opposition to the agreement came from those with least education. 61% of those with university education were in favour of the agreement, while 51% of those who had not completed primary education were against.

## Falklands Poll still a mystery

RESEARCH in the Falklands by *Penguin News* has thrown no light on who are SWAMA/Stanley, the organisation which, according to Argentine magazine *Noticias*, was commissioned by them to conduct a poll of one hundred people here on Tuesday and Wednesday, 19 and 20 September.

*Teaberry Express* gave details in the week following of what was described as "a mini, non scientific poll" in which twenty-five people were asked the question, "Are you happy with the introduction of an oil industry here and with what you've heard is the agreement?"

The results of this poll, expressed in percentage terms, matched almost exactly those of the *Noticias* poll, leading at least one of our readers to conclude that they were one and the same. FIGAS pilot, Eddie Anderson, responded to our request for help in clearing up this mystery. He recalled being questioned over the telephone about the oil agreement by *Teaberry Express* editor, Juanita Brock, but does not remember being asked the specific question quoted.

Miss Brock did not respond to our own enquiry, but she is reported as having denied any involvement with the *Noticias* poll. In the light of this denial and the lack of any evidence of any other poll being conducted here, it seems possible that someone sold *Noticias* a false bill of goods.

## Community rallies round Heather and Robin



The fire raging at Harp's Farm last Wednesday. Photos by Peter Brookbank

WHEN the news of the destruction of Harp's Farm by fire reached Stanley last Wednesday it was greeted with considerable shock and dismay. Heather and Robin Smith are popular and hard-working characters, whose own hospitality and generosity over the years have made them many friends, not only among the community at Port Howard, but generally throughout the Islands.

In consequence of this, when Patrick Watts of FIBS appealed for help on the couple's behalf, the response was immediate; so immediate in fact, that it began to look as if finding storage for the quantity of clothes, towels and other goods, which began to arrive at Port Howard, would be added to Heather and Robin's other troubles.

To avoid duplication and with typical generosity, Robin suggested that instead of sending goods, perhaps people might like to establish a cash fund with small donations, which he and Heather could use for the purchase of immediately required necessities and which could then be maintained to help any other people who might meet with emergencies such as theirs.

Accordingly, the Harp's Farm Appeal Fund was set up, with the help of the Standard Chartered Bank, through whom contributions can be made. At the close of business on Tuesday night the Fund stood at £3,230.

## Joint Oil Commission extra work for FIG

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WITH regard to the Joint Commission, Mr Gurr said, that it was already becoming obvious that there was going to be a great deal of extra work to be done by FIG. By its very nature a joint administration would take longer to get things done and there would be a need to make decisions about the level of Falkland Islands representation before the Commission met for the first time in December

or January.

Following the opening presentation, the Falklands group, supported by representatives of Spectrum and Geko-Prakla were to be involved in a number of meetings in Houston before Cllr Cheek and the Chief Executive left for Washington where they expected to have a number of intensive meetings with American politicians and the media.

## Stanley - Santiago service

(Continued from front page)

MR SUMMERS is confident that the lease will be in place by the time he arrives in Punta Arenas on Friday as the principal terms have been agreed. He will be accompanied in his visit to Chile by FIC General Manager Terry Spruce and their task will be to finalise the details of the service.

FIC are the agents in the Falklands for both Aerovias DAP and British Airways and it is expected that they will ultimately take over responsibility for handling the flights into MPA from

the MOD.

Fares and schedules are among the items to be decided in the coming negotiations. According to Mike Summers, there will probably be a range of fare options, but they are working around a "notional" return fare of \$US800 between Stanley and Santiago.

The start of the service will depend on the delivery date of the aircraft, but it was still envisaged that a mid-November to early December commencement will be possible.

## First Falklander finished



Natalie Finn models the first Falklander outside St. Mary's

ON THURSDAY morning of last week, the first *Falklander* sweater to be completed to retail standard was unveiled to *Penguin News* and later modelled for a photo-call by our very own Natalie Finn.

Although a number of prototypes of the sweater had been hastily put together during the run-up to the BBC's Clothes Show last April, the sweater on view in St. Mary's Annex on Thursday - complete with embroidered "Falklander" logo and very professional label - was finished to a very different standard. Workshop manager, Margaret Humphreys explained, that the emphasis in recent weeks had been on establishing production methods, quality and perfection rather than quantity.

So who made the first Falklander? The answer is not straight-forward as one of the selling points of these garments is that they are made by a number of individuals: those who knit the squares which give the distinctive look to the garment, someone who knits the waist band, cuffs and neck, someone who embroiders the logo and the identifying marks of the square knitters and those people who first decide what will go where and then assemble the whole garment.

The knitters involved in the first sweater were: Marlene Marsh, Ann Reid, Joan Porter, Marilyn Ford, Rosemary Wilkinson, Nigel Summers, Sharon Harding-Price, Pam Summers, Emalina Woodward and Dennis Humphreys. Linking was done by Dotty Goss.

There are seventeen machine knitters in Stanley and four in Camp, together with twelve assembly workers, currently involved in the *Falklander* production process. To date, 6,773 knitted squares have been completed and 256 knitting packs have been sent to outworkers in Camp and elsewhere. It is hoped to have a number of *Falklanders* completed to display at the Clothes Show live in Birmingham at Christmas.

At the request of FIDC, the historic first *Falklander* will be auctioned off by FIBS, live on your radio, from 6pm on Thursday evening. Bidding is expected to be fierce and the money raised will be split amongst several youth charities.



Some of the *Falklander* production team gather to admire their handiwork: L to R: Iris Finlayson, Sharon Harding-Price, Marilyn Ford, Dot Goss, Natalie Finn, Ann Reid, Pam Summers, Nigel Summers and Margaret Humphreys.

## More Tourism News from FIDC

Extracted from Tourism Newsletter by Wendy Teggart

### Chilean Journalists

THREE Chilean Journalists will be making a sponsored visit to the Falkland Islands in December. They work for the 'Al Sur del Mundo' TV documentary series and are planning to make a documentary for Channel 13. They will be concentrating on the geography, wildlife and lifestyle of the Falklands.

Plans are in hand for them to visit Port Louis, Sea Lion Island, Weddell Island, Fox Bay, Port Howard and Pebble Island. Mariella Vallejos who visited the Falklands last year with another group of journalists is co-ordinating their visit. Confirmation of dates is awaited.

### GAP student

A GAP student will be working with the Tourist Board this year helping a number of projects in Stanley and the Camp.

The student will be employed for about six months and among his tasks will be assisting with the collation of material and the development of a museum at Blue Beach.

### Darwin House

DARWIN House will not now be opening this season as hoped. This follows the rejection of an offer by FIDC to purchase the property from the Falkland Islands Company.



"BUT what does it mean?" said the man who made this personalised numberplate for Edgar Sanchez, a journalist from California, with the *Sacramento Bee*. The photo was sent to local travel guide, Tony Smith, who

met Edgar in 1992, when he was visiting the Falklands.

Edgar, who, according to Tony, is "a little obsessed with the Falklands" apparently just really liked the phrase "Fortress Falklands."

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# A Stanley family's holiday took them to Port Stanley Ontario - down the road from Falkland!

STANLEY/PORT STANLEY tourist guide, Stella Middleton, wisely isn't taking sides in the current debate, but, in view of Fire Chief, Marvin Clarke's strong feelings that the name of the town should be plain "Stanley", she could not resist bringing in the cap pictured on our front page, bearing the legend "Fire Department, Port Stanley".

What at first seemed like an elaborate and probably expensive joke at Marvin's expense turned out to have a more simple explana-

tion; the cap, along with a mug, flags and other souvenirs had been presented to Stella in the Upland Goose Hotel, by a Canadian tourist who had announced "I'm from your sister city, Port Stanley, Ontario Canada."

This year, on holiday in the the USA, as the Middleton family were travelling by car north through New Hampshire, heading for the Canadian border, it occurred to Stella's geographically inclined husband, Phil, that they were not too far from from Port Stanley,

Ontario and that it might be fun to make a visit.

Having decided to do just that, they were surprised to find that their way lay through a near-by town called Falkland, which provided the opportunity for a photo-stop, complete with patriotic flag-waving by the Middletons' two sons, Teraaka and Leif.

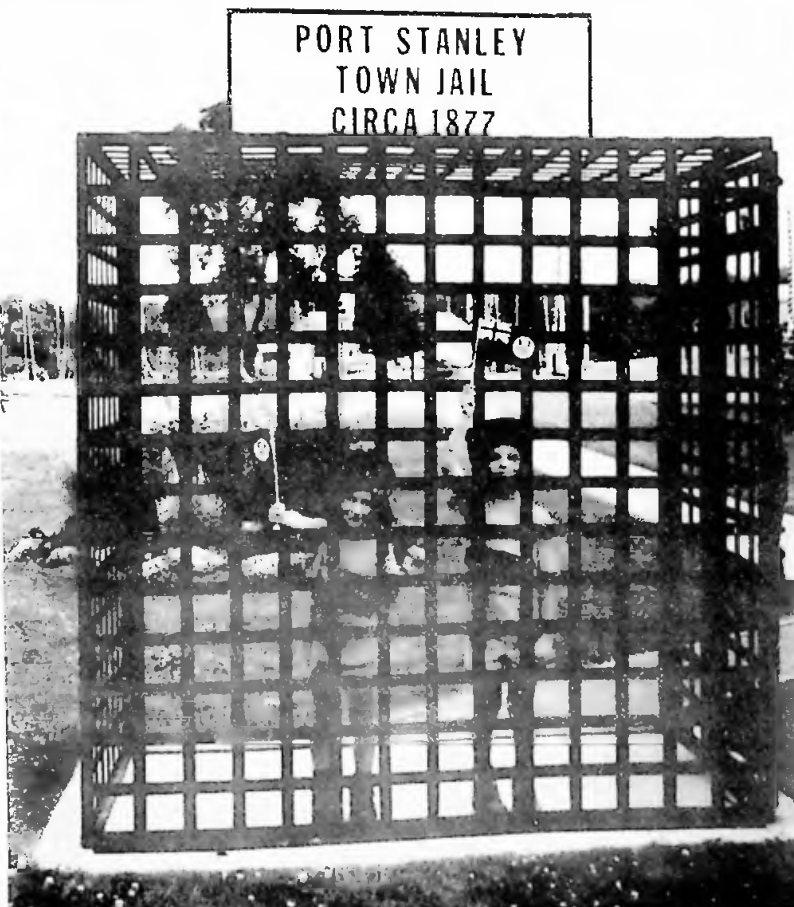
Arriving at Port Stanley, the Middletons looked for the friendly tourist from the Upland Goose, Carolyn Grimm, but they could not find her. Instead they found an attractive small town; once a major port on the northern shore of Lake Eyrie with a population around that of the Falklands, but with some added amenities, such as a canal, a railway station, a theatre and a marina.



Falklands flags waved by Stella, Teraaka and Leif Middleton outside Port Stanley (above) and Falkland, Ontario (above right)



Below: Teraaka and Leif wait for a train at Port Stanley Station. Above, the port



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### Public Notice

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Salary is in Grade G0/1/2 ranging from £6,516 per annum in Grade G0 to £10,572 at the top of Grade G2, entry point depending on age, qualifications and previous relevant experience.

Full details may be obtained from the Education Office and application forms are available from the Secretariat. Completed forms should be returned to the Establishments Secretary, Secretariat by 4.00 pm on Monday 23rd October 1995.



# Sir Rex writes from the QE2

Speaking about spreading the gospel in Buddhist Mongolia, the good lady (for I have no doubt she means well) said, They think they are happy, but they don't know the

The older I get, the more I subscribe to the adage, 'live and let live'. Extremism in any form, be it religious, political, racial or nationalist has brought untold misery on the human race. Somehow, we must stop seeking to impose our will upon others.

It was explained that the Ord-

He then referred to Section 84, subsection 4 of the Planning Ordinance and reminded the Court of its provisions. These are that if after a person has been convicted he does not as soon as practicable do everything in his power to comply with an Enforcement Notice, then he commits a further offence and is then liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £250 for each day following his first conviction on which any of the requirements of the notice remain unfulfilled.

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## Peggy Wiscow

Their place in the office on John Street will be taken by solicitor, Andrew Hobman, 33, who will be accompanied to the Falklands

Permanent mobile home site under construction on the Stanley By-Pass Road

PWD have informed us that it is a permanent replacement for the temporary mobile home site currently situated in Eliza Cove Cres-

There has been much talk recently concerning the rumoured excessive cost of the fence which has been erected around the enclosure. As it does not extend along the western boundary it is unlikely to be a barrier for the prevailing

The Public Works department was unable to give a date for the completion of the site.



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## Farming Phobia - An irregular column

### Dogs - A Farmer's best friend

ABOUT time to join in the debate about the Shackleton Appeal. Although I appreciate what the late Lord did for the Islands, I resented a recent letter asking for money or more or less telling us farmers that if it hadn't been for him, subdivision wouldn't have taken place. In other words, pay up and be grateful. If it had been a worthy charity I would have sent them what I could have afforded and been thankful for what I have. Apart from the fact that the splitting up of the farms was just as inevitable as the eventual demise of some of the smaller units, I don't think the money should be collected in this way. It might work on fishing companies - it is obviously good publicity to have announced on the radio and in the papers that so and so has donated a certain sum, particularly just before licence allocations, but not on hard working farmers, who have

to watch every penny spent. If and when I can afford to give money away, it would be anonymously and certainly not towards getting a drummer down or sending someone on holiday to South Georgia.

It is still not clear to me who out of our councillors actually signed the oil agreement. It doesn't matter who spoke against it, but who actually signed it? Perhaps someone would be good enough to explain.

I notice that Neil Goodwin (Your letters/Sept 27) advocates getting rid of dogs and becoming motorised shepherds. I have been a motorised farmer for years, but couldn't manage without dogs. It might be okay in straightforward camps or with lots of people, but even some of the Falklands' supermen wouldn't manage at some river or stream crossings without dogs. Also it would be impossible on most farms to ban dogs as you

can't stop other farmers from driving sheep through from one farm to another.

I sympathise with Mr Dunford (Soapbox/Oct 4) and the obstacles which prevent farm improvements. A lot of this sort of thing stems from people with a little bit of authority imagining themselves as someone really important and continually trying to think up ways to control other people and their futures.

Which brings us to the recent arrival in the mail of the 'Farm Mismanagement Handbook'. The first page was enough to put me off, with the usual disregard of the true figures and a complete mess of this farm's statistics.

I expect that most farmers have received a letter from the police outlining proposed patrols in the near future. I think that most of us would think it prudent to co-operate but don't they realise that it is



the wrong time of the year to ask for farmer involvement in unnecessary projects. I suggest that they do their patrols with their own resources and the co-operation of Byron Marine and FIGAS for the movement of vehicles and personnel.

Bill Luxton is accoladed this week. Without his persistence I'm sure that the rural road programme wouldn't have gone ahead with the progress that it has.

## Diary of a Farmer's cat by Baldrick Wilkinson

### Lambs bawling everywhere and no such thing as an undisturbed night

IT'S that time of year again. Comes round with monotonous regularity, I've noticed. Lambs bawling everywhere, and no such thing as an undisturbed night. Sheesh. You'd think they had enough flamin' sheep around the place without multiplyin' the ruddy things. Good to eat, I'll grant you, and their birthday suits make a cosy bed, but that's about it...

One stupid great ewe was brought into the garden by the Boss the other day, with a miserable lamb in tow. Seemed she'd got herself cast - I've never understood that phrase - in East Enders?? - and was a bit groggy with it. She was up on her feet pretty quickly, but didn't want anything to do with her son. Can't say I blame her, but it meant bottle feeding the lamb to keep it going, which is not the Boss's favourite option.

All was going well, with the lamb drinking lustily (reminded me of the Boss with a bottle of something stronger) - but on the second night the poor little sod wandered into the porch looking for a midnight feed. Unfortunately the Boss's old overtrousers were hanging up, with those ropey bits hanging off 'em that all trousers seem to get, and for reasons known only to himself Junior decided to stick his head through a loop. Big mistake...

Next morning the Boss came down to find a very dead lamb hanging from the trousers. The

Missus took it badly, of course. It had been a windy old night, and she hadn't heard the lamb exploring the porch, but she blamed herself anyway. Tough on the lamb, I guess, but why the silly old bat had to don black armbands is beyond me...

I might have to don black armbands for the Boss if the silly old sod keeps on working too hard. He's been busy building new sheep handling pens, which has meant a lot of cursing as he struggled to dig post holes and heave timber around. The original pens were just netting ones, so he had to remove the old posts before he could put new ones in. (He got short shipped on posts though, so he'll have to re-use some of the old ones.) Poor old beggar. Gets puce in the face, he does. I reckon he should look for a different career. Something gentler, no manual labour. He's not getting any younger, as I keep warning him, but does he listen? Does he hell...

The Missus is getting some pullets down the track soon, to join her elderly band of biddies. There's a new rooster coming too, and the old chap's emigrating to Nextdoor's henrun. Can't say I'll miss him. Noisy old chap, and no real conversation. The Missus is thinking of setting a clucky hen soon, but she doesn't usually have much luck with rearing chicks - partly due to me I must confess - so I don't know why she's even bothering to think about it. One of the

hens that's gone clucky is firmly clamped down on a pot egg at the moment, and when moved looks rather like a deflated football. What she thinks she'll get out of a pot egg is beyond me, but with feathers for brains I don't suppose she's capable of reasoning...

Life's a touch boring at present, so I'll be glad when a pal of mine gets back from the UK and brings my house.

Yes, I did say 'house'. Goin' up in the world, me. Not sure whether it's a bungalow or two-storey job, but I'm not fussy. It'll make the other moggies sit up and take notice, that's for sure. Any attempt at squatting and there'll be fur flying, I can promise you that. It's about time a cat of my

standing had his own pad. Card-board boxes and old chicken crates are fine for the plebs, but I was destined for better things. Hope there'll be a plaque on the door. Something tasteful - none of your 'Dunlavin' for this cat...

Ah, well. Better saunter off and see how the Boss is getting on. Hope I don't find him in a crumpled heap. Not sure I could face mouth to mouth resuscitation with a beard like his...

Cheers, chays-

Baldrick

#### Public Notice

Applications are invited from both men and women to fill a vacancy for a Police Constable in the Royal Falkland Islands Police Force commencing as soon as possible.

Salary will be payable in Grades G3/4 which extends from £10,908 to £15,204 per annum. The point of entry will be dependent on the successful candidate's age, educational qualifications and any relevant experience in HM Forces or a Commonwealth Police Force. Applicants must be holders of a valid driving licence.

Application forms are available from the Secretariat and further details of the post may be obtained from Chief Police Officer during normal working hours.

Completed forms in a sealed envelope, endorsed "CONSTABLE" should reach the Chairman, Appointments Board, Secretariat no later than 4.00 pm on Friday 27th October 1995.

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Tenders are invited for the hauling of Goose Green woolclip to Stanley for the 1995/96 shearing season. This would involve transporting approx 900 bales with an average bale weight of 300 kilos. Tenders should be on a per bale basis and should be returned to the Stanley Office, 44 John Street on or before the 31st October 1995. Further details can be obtained from the Stanley Office on tel: 22698. Falklands Landholdings Ltd do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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## PERSONAL

**Dave Dunford**  
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We would like to thank the whole of the Falkland Islands population for all the overwhelming support we have received since our tragedy on Tuesday. A special thanks must go to all the people of Port Howard, Many Branch and Bold Cove for all the help at the time of the fire and support since. Also loads of thanks to our two great daughters for their support and help.

## PERSONAL

**The family of the late Cinty Morrison**  
wish to thank all those kind people who phoned and sent cards and floral tributes at the time of their bereavement. A special thank you goes to Connie May for all her help & kindness to Mum.

**Note of thanks**  
The family of the late Charles David Ford (Ben) wish to thank all the medical staff for all their care during his illness. We also thank everyone who sent cards and the many beautiful floral tributes.



## Snakes and Ladders

Results of the Snakes and Ladders race last Saturday

		Time
<b>Mens Overall</b>		
1st	Richard Thomas	10.57
2nd	Colin Simpson	11.32
3rd	Leon Dellow	11.59

<b>Ladies</b>		
1st	Sarah Allan	15.26
2nd	Michelle Jones	19.47
3rd	Cathy Clifton	21.02
3rd	Christine Rhodes	21.02

<b>Boys U16</b>		
1st	Claudio Ross	14.37
2nd	Alex Lang	16.02
3rd	Evan Jones	16.06

<b>Girls U16</b>		
1st	Clare Kilmartin	24.37



Greg Hall pounds the tarmac



Runners head off at the start of the Snakes & Ladders race

## Postscript from St Mary's

**Gentle and humble in spirit**  
ONE of the first acts of the newly elected Pope John XXIII was to visit a large prison in Rome. He told the prison inmates, "You couldn't come to me, so I came to you." He also told them that the last time he went to a prison was to visit his cousin.

The next day the Vatican newspaper omitted the Pope's reference to his cousin. The editor was afraid some of the readers would

be shocked to learn that a relative of the Pope was in jail. The newspaper was kept busy during Pope John's time editing similar "papal indiscretions".

Pope John was one of the world's most successful people, yet he was humble and unassuming as some of the world's least people. He took to heart the invitation of Jesus, "Learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit." (Matthew 11, 29)



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### New phone deal from C&W

AFTER various off-peak trials held during the winter, Cable and Wireless are to introduce a permanent 20% discount on all telephone calls to the United Kingdom made on Saturday and Sundays, starting and ending at midnight. The same discount rate will also apply during the day on Falkland Islands' public holidays, bringing the per minute charge for these periods down to £1.20.

In addition a new £1.60 rate per minute will be introduced to selected European countries, as follows: Belgium, Cyprus, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Ireland, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. While many of these destinations will interest members of HM Forces most, the inclusion of Spain will be of particular interest to local fishing businesses.

A Cable and Wireless spokesman said that the European countries had been selected on the basis of commercial viability. He continued, "As previously stated, a considerable portion of the money we collect from our customers is paid to other telephone companies who complete the connection. It is unfortunate that at present Greater Europe is a particularly expensive destination. When this situation changes, it follows that we can consider expanding the list of European destinations offered in this charge band."

These new rates will come into effect from November 1st.

## Major comes up trumps for Menem

THEY shook hands in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, but on Monday afternoon, reportedly in a room in the UN Plaza Hotel in New York, the Argentine President, Carlos Menem and British Prime Minister, John Major, with their respective Foreign Ministers, held the first top-level meeting between the two governments since they went to war against each other in 1982.

This meeting, which political commentators on both sides say has been a major ambition of President Menem, brought forth the hoped-for fruit in the shape of an invitation "in principle" to a state visit to Britain at some time in the future.

Asked in an interview with the BBC whether he would accept that the families of the more than two

hundred British servicemen who died in the '82 war might feel it inappropriate for President Menem to be welcomed by the Queen, the Prime Minister replied, "At some stage, we have to correct problems and disagreements that have occurred in the past and that is what we are seeking to do. The men who died saving the sovereignty of the Falklands did so to ensure that the Falklands could remain British for good. That is my objective too. I

am trying to construct the circumstances where we have a normal relationship with Argentina and where the Falklands are never again at threat."

The promise of a state visit to Britain was not the only diplomatic coup for President Menem last week. Earlier he had received a note from American President Bill Clinton congratulating him on the oil agreement with Britain, which was described as an event of "world importance".

### Camp fire burning

A GRASS fire believed to have been started on Saturday by farmer Keith Whitney, crossed over the boundary between his farm and the neighbouring farm owned by Carl and Rita Jonson, causing fears that it might reach their home, Bombilla House.

On Sunday morning the Jonsons discovered that the fire had come within a mile of them, but its progress had been halted by a ditch.

Fire Chief, Marvyn Clarke, has been out at Bombilla to assess the situation.



### Amy's a winner

Amy Jonson of FICS, and Bombilla Farm, East Falklands, pictured with the Parliamentary Shield for Public Speaking which she won on Thursday night.

For full results see page 3

## First Falklander makes £655

FROM the outset it was intended that the *Falklander* sweater should be a high quality, highly priced garment, but not even Jeff Banks, whose original concept it was, would have anticipated the price paid for the first one completed to retail quality, which was auctioned by FIBS last Thursday night.

Bidding for the sweater opened at around the £150 mark, when the programme started at 6pm, but it soon became clear that it would

go much higher.

Within seconds of the close of bidding at 7pm, having earlier beaten off a late intervention at £600 by her namesake, Donald, "Duck" Short of Stanley, Ann Short of Kelvin International at MPA, clinched her contest with Pat Whitney by bidding £655 to claim the sweater. Later she told Penguin News that she wanted a souvenir of her eleven years in the Falklands and the opportunity

to make a contribution to local youth charities. Sadly, she will not be wearing her pricey new jumper, as it is too small!

### Logo Competition

The *Falklander* Team are offering a prize of a £25 FIC voucher for a suitable logo for use on letterheads, packaging and promotional material. Designs to Margaret Humphreys by November 6th, please.



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**The measure of a man**  
DURING the 'Eighties, if the tabloid papers are to be believed, the financial institutions of the City of London, so long the bastions of "traditional values", probity and honest dealing, threw them out in order to be free to chase the quickest and biggest profit. In the process, again according to popular myth, the "chaps of the right sort" disappeared, giving free rein to raucous youths from comprehensives, whose main qualifications appeared to be the possession of endless self-confidence, red braces and a total lack of embarrassment at making obscene amounts of money for doing very little.

This was the age of the "yuppie", when, it is claimed, greed became respectable as a guiding principle - an age whose last act may be about to be played out in a Singapore court, if the young British banker, Nick Leeson is brought to trial there.

The truth, as always, is probably rather more complicated than the myth and as the Leeson case unfolds, so it begins to seem that he should, perhaps, be joined in the dock by some of his silver-haired senior colleagues, whose negligence and incompetency made his spectacular losses possible.

It was something Canon Palmer said recently at Ben Ford's funeral that set me thinking about the era of "yuppies" and brought a saying from that materialistic time into my mind:

**"The winner in life is he who dies with the most toys."**

Ben, as all who knew him will agree, was the opposite of a "yuppie"; he lived his life almost entirely in Camp, worked most of that time for one employer, and was married for forty-seven years to the same lady. He was, however, surely one of life's winners. If there is or was such a thing as a "unique Falklands way of life" it was exemplified by Ben and Fanny Ford. They may neither of them have left behind many 'toys' - Ben recently gave away the racehorse that was his pride and joy - but their sterling values live on in their children, their grand children, their great grand children and in the memories of all those who knew them.



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### Stan's close shave on Snake Hill

HAVING read an article in the Penguin News some months ago by Eric Goss, about playing amongst Bofor Guns stored in a hut in the R.E. Camp on Callaghan Road sometime in the 1940's, it brought back to me memories of an incident which happened during the month of June 1944 whilst at an exercise on No 1 Bofor Gun, then situated on Snake Hill. These guns were part of the defence of Stanley during 1939/45 war.

I arrived in Stanley from Goose Green on 23rd May 1944 to seek work in the town. Having been in Stanley only a couple of days I was given an option by an officer of the FIDF, of which I was an active member, who had previously served in camp.

The ultimatum was that either I report to the West jetty by 8am on Monday morning, from where I would be given employment at the ammunition dump, which was by the Canache at the bottom of the harbour, or, alternatively, I report to FIDF Headquarters by 2pm the same day, to prepare for posting to Mount Low Outpost the following morning. The former option I accepted, returning to Stanley each afternoon at 4pm.

Being a member, I was immediately posted to No 1 Bofor Gun Battery at Snake Hill where drills were conducted on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as Saturday afternoons when live firing practice was arranged.

There were two guns some 25 yards apart. Each gun crew consisted of two NCO's and four privates. The third practice drill was nominated as a 'live firing' practice on No 1 Gun. This was my first experience of live firing and as such I had little or no knowledge of what was entailed. Today only two men from the No 1 Gun crew are alive - W.J. Summers, known as John, and myself.

John controlled the breech, whilst I was given the position of ammunition carrier from the shell containers on the rear side of the emplacement. Each gun was allocated five 2.7mm live shells for the practice.

No 1 battery was first to fire,

on release of five air balloons from the Murray Heights above the town. When the balloons were about half way across the harbour the command was given to fire; First shot - a miss. Second shot - a hit. Third shot - a hit. Fourth shot - a miss fire. The command was given to hold the breech closed for a specified period of safety time. Another command was given to open the breech. On release, though the hold was not fully open, the shell ignited, thus engulfing the battery pit with a huge back flash and dense smoke. After all the smoke had dispersed, I was standing just behind the loading trap with the fifth live shell still in my hands. Only then did I realise how lucky we all were to have survived a near fatal disaster.

An enquiry was held over the next few weeks, whereby it was revealed that No 1 Gun had given problems prior to that practice. It was thus considered unsafe for future use and was dismantled accordingly. May this be the one that Mr Goss was playing with?

Yes, we were extremely lucky to survive that Saturday afternoon practice, 51 years ago.

Part of No 1 Gun crew  
Stan Smith, Stanley

### GET YOUR FACTS RIGHT

TO WHOM it may concern. The rumours you have been hearing about Arturo and myself and a certain other party are definitely not true. So please get your facts right in the future.

Charlotte McRae  
Stanley

*(I don't want to interfere with anyone's right to express any sort of grievance through the medium of Penguin News, but I can't help feeling that letters complaining about rumours would be of more interest to the whole of our readership, if we were to be given the rumour as well as the complaint! Ed)*

Soon in Penguin News Magazine  
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plus

**"What's in the stars"**  
by Crystal Lake

## Fondness for the 'farmer'

Nina Aldridge reports on the new term at Peter Symonds STANLEY. I am sure, is emptier, and much quieter now the Falkland Island students have arrived back in Winchester to continue, or in some cases, start their A-level courses. Arriving back to a very foggy and wet Brize Norton wasn't the greatest welcome back but...

With twelve students returning this year and another seven joining for the first time the Falklands is keeping its strong ties with Peter Symonds Sixth Form College. With a new Science block recently opened the college offers brilliant facilities to both day and boarding pupils. The first week back saw the annual "Dining in" night. This is when all the students have a sit down meal along with the college principal.

The first month has also included many 18th birthdays of Falkland Islanders so ties with the staff of the "Jolly Farmer" have also been rekindled. The Jolly Farmer is the pub next to the board-

ing house which many "ex-Symonds" students remember with fondness.

There have been also spotting of various "parent types", but they have been welcomed with open arms especially if they utter those magic words "come to the pub and we'll buy a round".

Of course we don't spend all our time in the pub, Chris Eynon and Guillermo play in the college football team while Chris Gilbert plays in the badminton and basketball teams.

Winchester itself has been busy with the Rosemary West trial taking place, the High Street being crowded with police and press reporters. With the Falklands hitting many national newspapers in recent weeks there have even been Falkland Island students spotted buying newspapers! Someone even started a nasty rumour that some of the lads had even started writing mail to their



Falklands' Peter Symonds students gather for the annual "Dining In Night". Standing from left: Alastair Summers, Sid Fairfield, Anna Robson, Fiona Wallace, Ian Pole-Evans, Timmy Morrison, Chris Eynon, Paul Kultschar, Jason Morris, Guillermo Cordeiro, Chris Gilbert. Front, from left: Bernie Lang, Nina Aldridge, Kate Diggle, Roslyn Harris, Zoe Luxton, Sacha Clarke, Corina Goss. (Andrew Pollard, also at Peter Symonds, was not in the photo)

parents.

Now we have all been here for six weeks it is time to go off for half term, with exotic destinations such

as Spain for some, and Wales and Scotland for others...but we will be back studying hard next month.

## Speaking with feeling

FICS Annual Public Speaking Competition



AKIRA Smallwood (above) making a considered point about his brother in a vigorously delivered and lively speech, which was to win him the first place in the Junior Section, against very stiff opposition at the Falkland Islands Community School, on Thursday night.

### Results

#### Junior

1st Akira Smallwood  
2nd Pippa Lang  
3rd Debbie Robson  
4th Roxanne Crowie  
Subject:  
Brothers and Sisters

#### Intermediate

1st Kelly Moffatt  
2nd Nyree Heathman  
3rd Andrea Poole  
4th Nicola Harris  
Subject:  
Music, singers  
& their influences

#### Senior

1st Amy Jonson  
(Parliamentary Shield Winner)  
2nd Melissa McKinley  
3rd Adam Cordory  
Subject:  
Teenage Problems

## College achieves best ever A level results

WINCHESTER'S Peter Symonds' College achieved what were described as its best-ever A level results this year, with a pass rate of almost 90 per cent. This, it is claimed, puts the college around six percentage points above the national average - a record figure in itself. Nearly a quarter of all the college's candidates achieved a top 'A' grade. More than 70 per cent of the exam passes fell within the A to

C range.

A total of 66 students out of some 580 Peter Symonds' candidates achieved at least three grade A passes, with two gaining an impressive five passes each at this top level.

This year, the seven Falkland Islands students taking 'A' Level GCE examinations at Peter Symonds gained between them 6 passes at B grade and 8 at C grade.

## Trawler rescue by 78 Sqn.

A SPANISH sailor with head injuries was rescued from the Spanish fishing boat 'Arpon' this week by a Sea King of 78 Squadron.

The helicopter was launched after the casualty was reported by Fishops at 3pm on October 17. A Hercules C130 of 1312 Flight helped by providing a communica-

tions link. The fishing boat was over 100 miles to the north of MPA and the Sea King reached the scene around an hour later.

Following an assessment of the situation, the casualty was winched into the helicopter and transported safely to the KEMH, arriving at around 5.35 pm.



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& many garden gifts for Christmas, all to be opened in the next few weeks.  
We are also stocking our plant area every week with fresh supplies of shrubs, trees, fruit bushes etc.

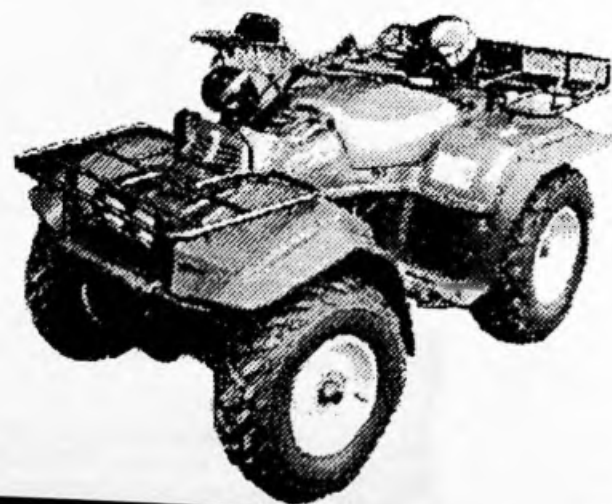
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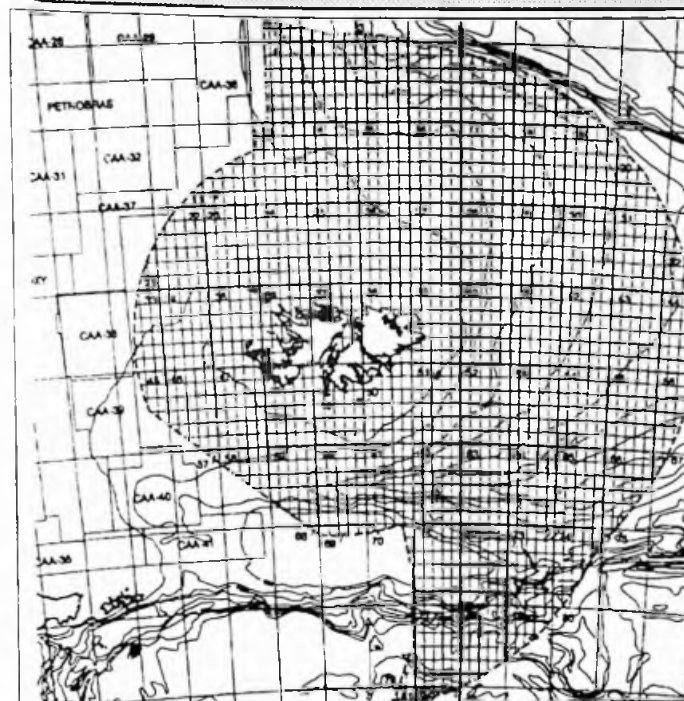
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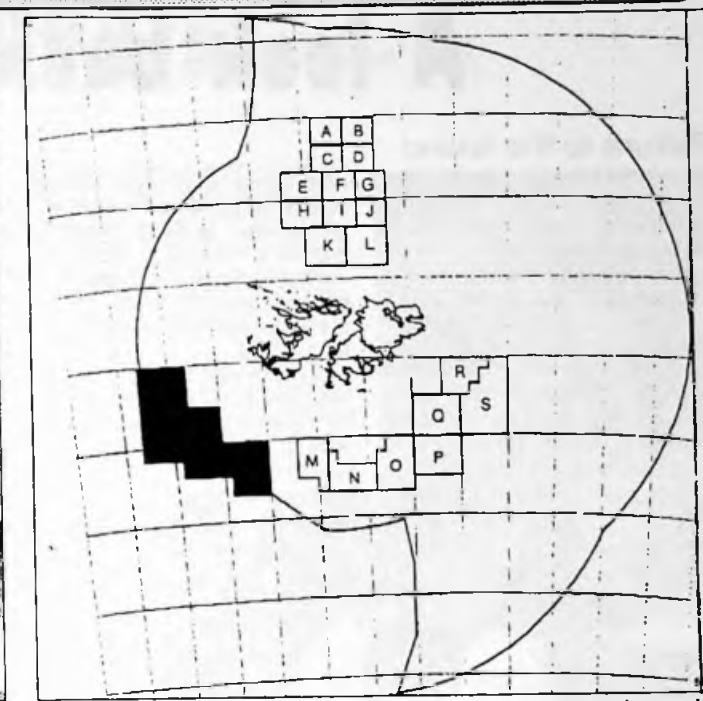
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## Maps show evolution of S.W. Atlantic oil strategy over two years



MAP 1. The British Geological Survey's Map of Proposed Licence Blocks Within The Falkland Islands Designated Area And Argentine Blocks In the Adjacent Area, which was included in the FIG's booklet The Falklands and Oil, published in November 1993.



MAP 2. of the zones involved in the current oil licensing round, revealed at the public meeting in the Town Hall on September 27. The area for 'Special Co-operation' to be administered by the Joint UK/Argentine Commission is in black at bottom left.

## The Area of Special Co-operation: Government responds to the question "If we're giving nothing away, are they giving enough?"

LOCAL observers of the Falklands' slow but relentless move towards becoming an oil producing country - admittedly, mostly people who are against the idea and therefore probably fighting a last-ditch battle - have commented on the fact that the Area for Special Co-operation outlined in the Agreement between the UK and Argentine governments seems to contain very little oil previously designated as available for licensing by the Argentine Government.

The evidence for this is given in the first of the maps above, which was produced by the British Geological Society and published as Annex B in the information booklet on The Falklands and Oil, produced by the Secretariat in Stanley in November 1993.

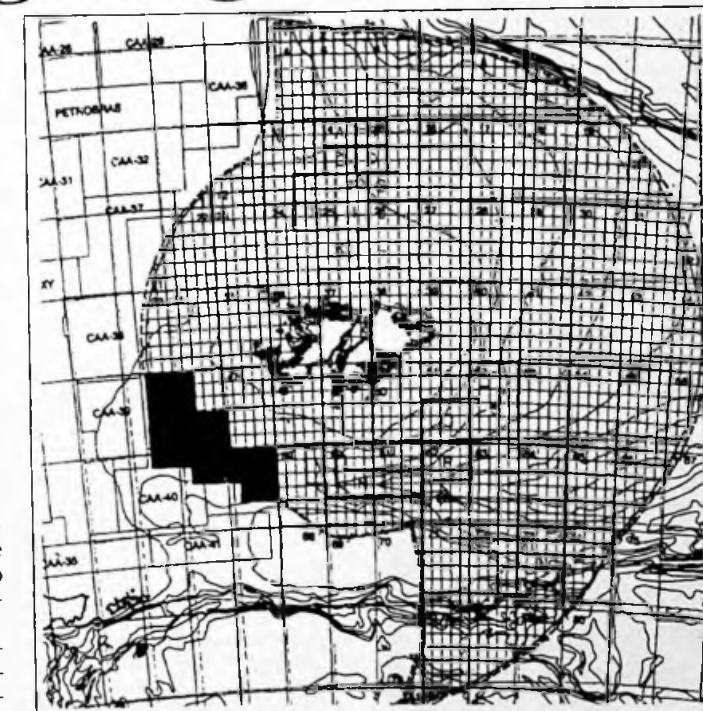
As we demonstrate in Map 3, at right, if the 1993 map is superimposed on the map revealed at the public meeting on September 27th (Map 2), this assertion would seem to be correct; the Area of Special Co-operation appears to clip the top off the Argentine Block CAA-40, but does not penetrate any other block on the Argentine side. On the Falklands' side, however, the Area of Special Co-operation appears to take up all of

four blocks and half of another.

While the Agreement allows for each of the Oil Commission members to license its own blocks on each side of the median line in the Area of Special Co-operation, the argument that has been expressed to *Penguin News* is that because the majority of the area on the Argentine side of the median line was not previously earmarked for licensing, the Argentine Government is being allowed to develop more of the South Atlantic than it had previously intended, or, by implication, expected to get away with.

According to an authoritative source in the Falkland Islands' Government, where this argument, which was described as "interesting" begins to founder, is that the British Geological Survey's map does not portray Argentina's original position.

In "Plan Argentina", the Argentine Government's own oil exploration plan, which was produced around 1991/1992 and predated the Falkland Islands Government's Oil Ordinance, there were licensing blocks shown on the map, which occupied the apparently empty spaces on the Argentine side of the line and, in fact, penetrated into what we regard as



MAP 3. Falklands' waters. These 'straddling' blocks were later removed in response to Foreign Office insistence and the amended map which resulted, was the one produced by BGS and reproduced in the booklet.

Reports from Argentina suggest that President Menem was hoping to re-launch the Plan Argentina, during his one day visit to Houston this week on his way back from the United Nations meetings in New York.



# A look back through the Sea Lion Lodge season 1994/5 by Dave Gray

## Return to the Island

A BEAUTIFUL morning with blue skies and light winds made for an excellent flight back to the island with Derek (Kaiser) Clarke, our pilot. We had taken a winter break and were returning for a new season of visitors and the hope that the many species of birds and mammals would once more return with, perhaps, the odd vagrant to raise the excitement level. Driving down the island we passed the first grebes on Long Pond, diving in a flash as we passed.

ures covered in peat furiously scratching out a nest burrow in the soft ground. In South America the ground is so hard at many of the nesting sites that the *magellanic penguin* is, without doubt, the most numerous of the five species on Sea Lion Island.

For the past four years we have had visits from one or two *southern lapwings* and this year was no exception. On the morning of the 16th I heard a strange call and looked out

in the first week of October and six were spotted at the West End on the 2nd October, soon increasing in numbers. From Rockhopper Point you could see *white chinmed petrels* and *Antarctic fulmars* swimming the sea looking for food - the *fulmars* soon to head south for the Antarctic summer. The *rockhopper* numbers for the season were around the same as last year - 1000 birds - not the high number of the 1980's. A flock of *white rumped sandpipers* landed amongst *two banded plovers* on the airstrip after their long flight from the Antarctic circle. These, spotted on the 5th October, were the first sighted this season. *Chiloe widgeon* also turned up in front of the lodge making it a great day for returning birds.

On the morning of the 13th, which turned into a beautiful sunny day, we were surprised by the sight of a number of juvenile *barn swallows* flashing around the settlement. They roosted in the tractor garage that night and we counted fourteen in one group. Sadly, the following nights were very cold and many died. October brought the first *logger duck* hatching and a brood was seen feeding around Sea Lion beach. The *gentoo* had reasonable numbers on the breeding sites with 2582 birds, 1291 nests counted. Two *kings* also attempted breeding but with no success. We finished with five *kings* mixed in with the *gentoo*.

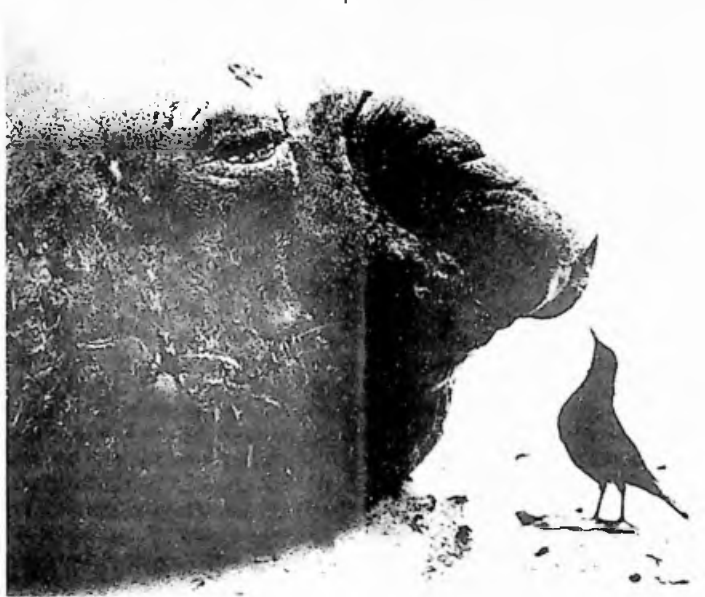
By the end of October most of the birds were back on the island and busily nesting. We had very good *widgeon* hatchings and these birds have increased in number. The *cara caras* are making new nests and we have a few new nesting sites on the cliffs.

The number of visits by pods of *killer whales* increased and whales

could be seen on many days throughout the month. Some of the pods were small with just three animals - a male, female and calf - but they may have been part of a bigger group

## November

During November I watched a *peregrine* diving on a family of *upland geese*, trying to pick up a gos-



Elephant seal and tussac bird

hunting elsewhere around the island. The largest pod, of over ten in number, was spotted in November.

*Peregrine falcons* nest on the west end of the island and we often see them returning from sea with their kill of *prions* to pluck and eat them on land. They usually have a favourite place where they like to eat which is surrounded by *prion* wings. When they have young in the nest, or when the young are fledged, the parent birds hunt over the land and the other small, and not so small, birds have a terrifying time.

The gander was desperately trying to defend his brood but with no success as the *peregrine* wheeled away with a gosling gripped in its talons. This was the first time I had observed this type of attack on land. *Peregrines* normally take their prey in the air, although I have watched a young *peregrine* diving on a *silver grebe* in the Long Pond and have photographs of it hovering over the spot where the *grebe* dived underwater.

*Geese* hatched all over the island and lots of families tried to rush the goslings to water for safety, but alas there was no protection from the

*skuas* and *dominican gulls* (*kelp gull*) who quickly reduced the numbers. *Dotterel* chicks were around in good numbers, little balls of fluff on stilts. *Dotterels* and *two-banded plovers* nest all over the island - the *dotterels* in the middle-dec and the *plovers* in small depressions on the ground. These two birds, with the *white-rumped sand piper*, are our three main wading birds, but we also had excellent numbers of *Baird's sandpiper* on the island over the season.

A film crew from NHK television in Japan came for a two weeks and made a video of the wildlife. They got some excellent footage of *killer whales* on the elephant beaches as well as the rest of the birds and animals. Dr Mark Brazil was the consultant biologist with the Japanese group and he helped the film crew with the scientific aspects of wildlife behaviour. We were observing a group of *elephants* when Dr Brazil spotted a *sea otter* feeding on its back in the kelp. We watched the otter for some time and decided that it had quite a large fish. It was some way off the beach and unfortunately we didn't have a lens long enough to get a good photo. I don't have a photograph of an otter so it is a must for me to achieve this over the next few years.

In the middle of November we had a number of good sightings. On the 15th: a *king penguin* at the settlement, seven *whales* off the north of the beach, *pintardo petrels* and *Antarctic Fulmar* off Rockhopper Point. On the 16th: an *ashy headed goose* in the northeast camp close to the lodge, ten *killer whales* (two of them calves) on the north beach and four *king penguins* with *gentoos* made it a great day. Friday 18th: another vagrant turned up - a *whimbrel*, spotted by John Goodspeed from MPA. In late November a number of *short-eared owls* were sighted around the lodge. In fact, I counted six sitting on the fence of the cow paddock. I'm sure that it was a family of two parents and four fledglings.

At the nest sites of the *gentoo penguins*, eggs were hatching throughout the second week of November. This season had a very good count of chicks. The numbers of *gentoo* chicks reaching the sea increased dramatically. Previous seasons saw many dead *gentoo* chicks lying around the nesting areas.

## December

On the 3rd December the first *rockhopper* chick was reported, and this colony also had reasonable results of chicks. The *skuas*, which nest close to the *rockhoppers*, did

not predate on the eggs or chicks as heavily as in past years. The *gentoo* chicks have, by now, grown considerably and both parents are going to sea in search of food.

A *godwit* was reported in East Loaffers Bay on the 13th December. It was very well described and I'm certain that it was a true sighting. I went to get a record photograph but I couldn't find it. The 15th brought: sightings of a newly hatched *silver grebe* on the long pond, the first *South American sea lion* pup, a new brood of *widgeon* on the Small Pond and a pod of *killer whales* on the South Beach. The *king cormorants* on Rockhopper Point had eggs around the 20th December and, although they were very successful, with many nests of three chicks, they were not so lucky as the rockies, with heavy predation by the *skuas* and a pair of *striated cara cara* which nested close by. By the end of December, 14 *South American sea lion* pups were born on the breeding beach and the numbers of *killer* pods sighted off the beaches had increased.



Snipe, Sea Lion Island

of lions. The *skuas* eggs in nests on the airstrip had hatched and the parent birds, which can be very aggressive, were busily decimating the *cormorant* colonies for food for their chicks.

## February

*Chilean swallows* arrived in early February along with a Chilean TV Crew and, throughout the weeks that followed, good numbers of these visitors were spotted around the islands (swallows not TV crews). While on a tour of the ponds on the 11th February we noted good numbers of *black capped night heron*, *silver teal ducklings*, *widgeon* and *geese* young. The final count of the *sea lions* took place on the 13th



Magellanic penguins, Sea Lion Island

February - 18 males, 67 females, 6 immature females, and 38 pups. To that add 2 dead pups - encouraging numbers for us.

Mixed in amongst the *gentoos* one morning in late February we found an adult *macaroni*. This one, added to the two in other locations around the island, made the most that we had counted at any one time. All three birds were in excellent condition and stayed for about two weeks. This month was once again



Part of a colony of rockhopper penguins, Sea Lion Island

## September

The beginning of September usually heralds the return of the *magellanic (jackass) penguins* and I saw my first one on the 10th. They return initially to the West End of the island and, on a trip to Tallow Bay, where we off-load fuel from our supply ship *MV Tamar*, I spotted a lonely penguin. Shortly after that, of course, hundreds could be seen all over the island digging out their burrows ready to attract a new mate or welcome back their old one. Their burrows are up to a metre long and of course wet after the winter. You could see these little black fig-



Striated Cara Cara, Sea Lion Island

to see a *tussac* bird having a battle with a *lapwing*. The *tussac* bird was diving at the *lapwing* and trying to chase it from its territory. The beautiful *lapwing* was calling out and it was this strange call that attracted me to look out.

Early September saw the return of the adult *elephant seals* - back from roving over the southern oceans following squid, their main diet. Elephants can be tracked by satellites. Scientists glue a satellite reflector onto the animals allowing its travels to be traced and recorded. The glue isn't harmful to the animal as when the elephant casts its skin the reflector falls off. The *elephant seal* swims around 4000 miles from leaving the breeding beaches in January until it returns in September. These huge seals, which are the largest of the pinnipeds (winged feet), are rarely seen at sea, hence the necessity for satellite tracking.

We found the first *elephant seal* pup on the South Beach on the 20th September. Sadly it was dead and the *striated cara cara* were eating it. Despite this, the elephants had an excellent breeding season with an increase of eighteen percent on last season, bringing the count to 480 pups.

## October

*Rockhopper penguins* returned



Elephant seal enjoying the sunshine, Sea Lion Island



## Sea Lion Island Wildlife Report (cont)

very good for the amount of small pods of killers patrolling the beaches. *Rockhoppers* and *magellanic penguin* adults started to drift off to replenish their fat store after the breeding season. They come back after a week or so to start the moult.

### March

At this time the juveniles arrive to shed, boosting the colony's numbers. March saw the departure of the *sea lion* females with their pups which they keep with them until it's time to return to the breeding beaches the following season. Occasionally a pup will follow its parent back to the breeding ground and find its mother with a new pup. The killers were very active patrolling the breeding beaches waiting for a chance to pick up an easy meal of *sea lion*. In the middle of the month *Chilean swallows*, twenty in number, appeared around the small pond. These birds turn up each year and this season the numbers were high. In the warm evenings you could see them flashing around the settlement until dark chasing small insects. The night of the 21st of March was very warm, with the weather station recording 14°C at 10.30pm - certainly the warmest I have ever known. The *magellanic* and *rock hoppers* shed now having increased in numbers after breeding. During March five spe-

cies of penguin could be counted on most days and the last week saw the start of the yearly visits of the *cattle egret*. Not as many as some years, but enough for the "Johnny Rooks" to play with and kill. On the airstrip an *eared dove* looked for food with *two-banded*

leave in April and by the end of the month the colony was deserted, leaving the thousands of *king cormorants* the exclusive use of these cliffs. A few more *egrets* turned up on the winds from the west but soon after, small piles of white feathers dotted the paddocks where



Elephant seal, Sea Lion Island

*plovers* and *white rumped sandpipers* in company. The first of many *storm petrels* was sighted on the 26th March. They can usually be seen on a dark night being attracted by the lodge lights.

### April

The *rockhoppers* started to

the *cara cara* had fed. We had quite a few more pods of *killer whales* around this month with groups now heading north from their hunting grounds in the ice.

The season finished well with the numbers of seals and birds showing some increase. Not as many spectacular vagrants but, with such a lot of our own species

to see, it was not disappointing and we look forward to next year. The winter brings with it new sights to see and again, the chance to spot that rare Antarctic animal or bird.

### New Season

The new 1995/6 season has started with the lodge opened October 1st. The penguin colonies are filling and the beaches are covered in elephant seal. A pod of eight killer whales has been spotted.

If you would like to visit  
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## THE PLANNING ORDINANCE 1991

### Notice of Planning Applications Received

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

Reference	Applicant	Development
62/95/P	Mrs M McKenzie	Erection of 50ft-high lattice steel aerial mast at Moody Brook Homestead, Moody Brook Road, Stanley.
63/95/P	Mr J A Plumb	Re-opening of existing quarry to remove tillite for road-building and various building projects at The Quarry, The Frying Pan, Fitzroy (off MPA Road).
64/95/BP	Cable & Wireless plc	Siting of two telephone kiosks (retrospective application) with improvements to surrounding area at Philomel, Stanley.
45/94/R95A	Estate of the late Mr T Dobbins	Renewal of temporary planning permission to site a caravan for storage purposes only at Villiers Street, Stanley.
66/95/BP	Cable & Wireless plc	Siting of two telephone Kiosks adjacent to Standard Chartered Bank, Ross Road, Stanley.
67/95/BP	The Attorney General as Receiver for Mrs Yvonne Alazia	Erection of dwelling to replace existing at 6A Moody Street, Stanley.
101/94/R95	Mr W J Sutherland	Renewal of temporary planning permission for extension to Portakabin to form a workshop, all with dual-pitched roof over, at 13-14 Eliza Crescent, Stanley.
68/95/P	Stanley Services Ltd	Installation of 3 additional kerosene storage tanks (identical to those in situ) at the Stanley Fuel Terminal near FIPASS, Stanley.
69/95/BP	Mr D Eynon	Temporary siting of container for storage purposes during works of extension to premises at South Atlantic Marine Services, Ross Road, Stanley.
70/95/BP	Mr C Davies	Extension to kitchen at Uncle Tom's Cabin, 15 Ross Road West, Stanley.
71/95/BP	F.I.G.	Siting of garden shed within 5 metres from the boundary of the curtilage with the public road at 1 Discovery Close, Stanley.
72/95/BP	Mr S Vincent	Extension to top dwelling at 10 Endurance Avenue, Stanley.
73/95/BP	Mr T Morrison	Extension to dwelling including erection of conservatory at 6A Jeremy Moore Avenue, Stanley.
74/95/BP	F.I.G.	Temporary re-location of Portakabin from the Infant/Junior School to north-east corner of FIDF site, John Street, Stanley.
75/95/P	F.I.G.	Earth bank to provide wind-break at south side of Mobile Home Park, Murray Heights, south of Stanley By-Pass, Stanley.
76/95/BP	Co-Operative Society	Entrance porch and wheel-chair access ramp to shop at the Co-Operative Society, John Street, Stanley.

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

The next meeting of the Planning and Building Committee is due to be held on 2nd November 1995 in the Liberation Room of the Secretariat, commencing at 1.30pm. Members of the Public may attend to observe the workings of the Committee.

## Charles David (Ben) Ford

BEN FORD was born in Darwin on 10th December 1920 and was to spend nearly all his working life with the FIC in Lafonia, mostly as a shepherd, though his first job was improving the track between Goose Green and North Arm. Ben met his wife, Fanny (née Blackley) at North Arm and married her there on June 29, 1945. Their marriage was to last until Fanny's death, forty-seven years later. They were to have twelve children and at the last count there were twenty-four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Ben and Fanny's first home together was at New House, a small stone cottage in North Arm camp, some miles to the south of Egg Harbour, and long since abandoned. Later they moved to Walker Creek, first to Seal Cove and then to Myles Creek where they were to remain for seventeen years.

The life of shepherds and their wives was hard at this time. The population was scattered, communications rudimentary and transport still largely limited to horse-back. Several of Fanny's children were born in the Camp, the only help, in the absence of doctor or mid-wife, being provided by a neighbour's wife. This was a neighbourly service which Fanny herself gave on many occasions - including once when she was herself heavily pregnant and, it is said, only just reached home after a long ride, in time for her own confinement. By today's standards such behaviour seems heroic, but Fanny would have laughed at such a fanciful notion - it was just what you had to do in the Camp of that time.

When Ben and his wife moved into the settlement at Walker Creek, Fanny became cook, a position she was also to hold at North Arm and finally at Fitzroy from where the couple retired to Stanley in 1985.

Unlike Fanny, who enjoyed Stanley life and the chance to help out at community occasions such as church bazaars, Ben didn't really settle to town life. He missed the Camp and later, when Fanny died in 1992, he took her loss very badly.

Throughout his life, Ben was a great lover of horses and dogs, frequently getting among the cup-winners at dog trials, including winning the Champion Cup. Early in his career, he raced horses himself and even to the end, rarely missed a Sports meeting, where he could be called upon for judging and starting.

## For Sale by Tender

### All building materials and work in progress on the Government building plot at 7 Fieldhouse Close Stanley.

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Any tenderer who wishes to complete the construction of the house on its present plot must be approved by the Falkland Islands Government.

The seller is not bound to accept the highest or any tender. Tenders for the purchase of the materials and work in progress should be submitted in sealed envelopes marked '7 Fieldhouse Close' to Messrs. Ledingham Chalmers, 56 John Street, Stanley by 4.30pm on Thursday 23rd November.

For arrangements to view and full details of the materials included in the sale, please contact: Mr Andrew Davies on 21963.

Public involvement is requested in this attempt to re-define Stanley Common

# Stanley Common: Possible Extension

AT their meeting in June this year, Councillors considered a Paper prepared by the Attorney General at Councillor Halford's request, recommending proposals for the extension of Stanley Common and its formal protection as Common land. After considering the contents of the Paper, Councillors asked that the issue should receive some publicity so that members of the public might be made aware of the proposals and be given the opportunity to comment. This article has been prepared for publication in the Penguin News and for general distribution purposes and is based upon the Attorney General's paper.

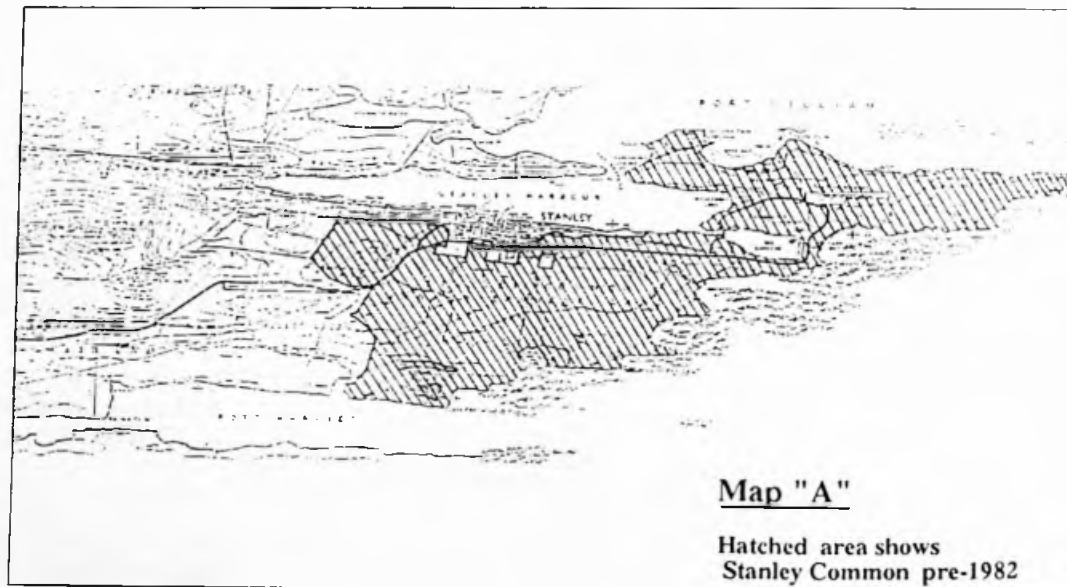
## Current Extent of Stanley Common

THE present boundaries of Stanley Common are described as "the fenced land bounding Stanley on the south, east and west and Cape Pembroke Peninsular". The plan marked "A" which accompanies this article shows the extent of the Common as it was before 1982 (and is now) but excludes those areas which have been lost through mines. Plan "B" shows how Stanley Common might be extended into a formal Common over which members of the public had rights protected by law.

## Rights of the Public over the Current Stanley Common

IN law a common is open and uncultivated land over which owners and occupiers of enclosed land in the vicinity have certain rights although they are not the owners of such land. Such rights frequently include the right to graze, at least during part of the year, a given number of animals of various kinds upon common land. Such grazing takes place as of right, not by permission, and usually without payment and is not exclusive but "in common" with others having like rights - hence the use of the word "common".

In a strictly legal sense Stanley Common is not a common at all. It is Crown land over which the general public have no rights whatever in respect of it, even to walk over it or to ride across it. If the position were otherwise the sale by the Crown of parts of Stanley Common to form for example Stanley Nursery and the letting of



Map "A"

Hatched area shows Stanley Common pre-1982

*"for many years preceding the Conflict, the residents of Stanley*

parts of the Common to individuals for exclusive grazing of their horses would have been wholly unlawful because it would have interfered with the public's right of common.

## History of the Common

IT WOULD seem that Stanley Common has existed since the very early days of Stanley and was used as grazing for animals that early settlers had brought with them from Port William. However, it is clear from the Trespass Ordinance of 1904 that at least by the turn of the century there was no right to grazing on Stanley Common without the payment of fees in advance. Curiously the fees set by that Ordinance for sheep, goat and swine at five shillings a month or

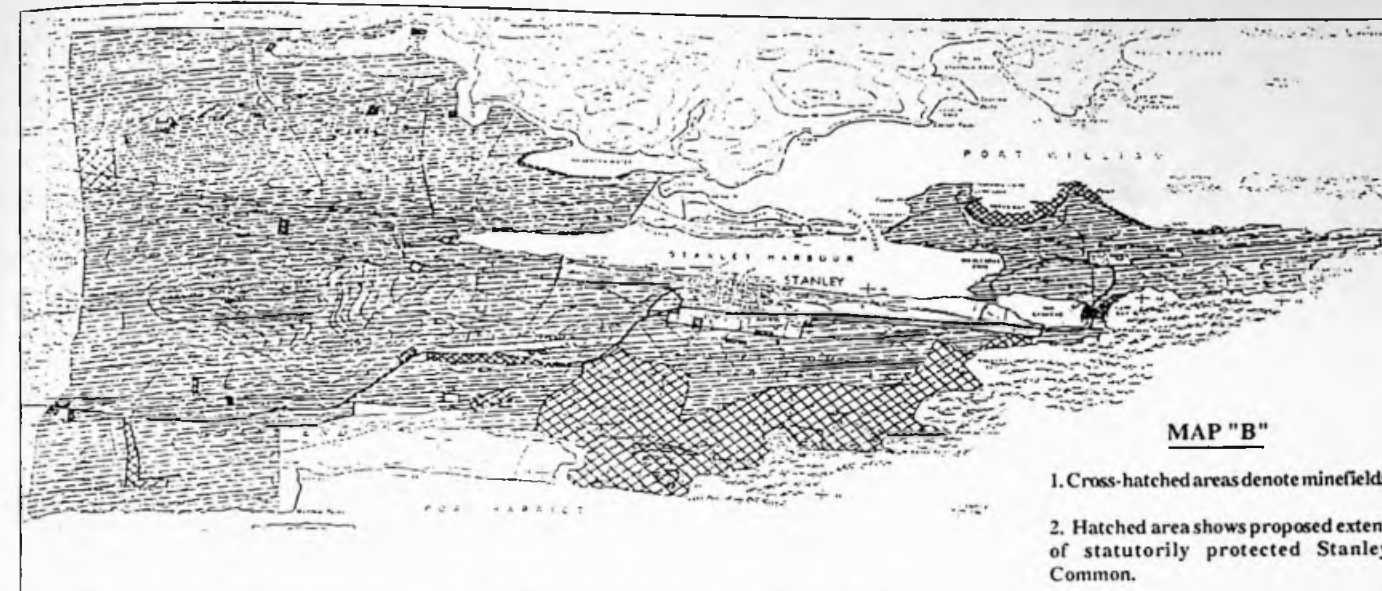
three pounds a year were much higher than those for horses mules and cows at one shilling and six pence a month or ten shillings a year. These rates were presumably set so as to discourage the grazing of sheep goats and swine.

The expression "common" has, it appears, been used inexactly in popular speech to denote land devoted to enjoyment of the public or of large numbers of people. However, even though the public, as a matter of law, did not have any legal rights in respect of the Common it goes without saying that for very many years preceding the Conflict, the residents of Stanley of all ages quite regularly used the Common for recreational purposes. It should also be noted that in 1963 the Ordinance was amended so as to prevent the "uncontrolled dumping of rubbish on the Common", according to the

Legislative Council records of the time. The records of the debate also indicate that the Government was one of the many offenders in that respect. The extension of the Common to include Cape Pembroke Peninsular was only, it appears, so that rubbish dumping there could be prevented. Apparently the rubbish was becoming a hazard to animals on the Common (and the Peninsular) as well as being an eyesore.

As is well known, a large portion of the current Stanley Common was mined during the conflict so that the use that the public have been able to make of it since has been very much curtailed. It is unlikely that the situation will improve. Consequently the amount of land in the vicinity of Stanley on which the public has in effect, if not in law, a right to go,

Robert Titterington explains and gives the legal and historical background



MAP "B"

1. Cross-hatched areas denote minefields
2. Hatched area shows proposed extent of statutorily protected Stanley Common.



*of all ages quite regularly used the Common for recreational purposes....."*

is much less than it was.

The maps attached to the draft town plan for Stanley do not show any of the Common as public open space although parts of it are shown as "grazing land". For the most part public open spaces proposed in the town plan are small in area and while they may be worthwhile as "amenity" space, they are not suitable for recreational purposes, as they are rocky, ungrassed and often steep.

## Dedication of the Common in perpetuity

Councillors are considering the possibility of dedicating by Ordinance an extended Stanley Common as public open space forever. This is the area of land shown on

Plan "B" and, if statutory rights were granted in respect of this area, it would mean that the Government would not be able to dispose of any land falling within the area if that would prevent use by the public and unless it was authorised by another Ordinance enacted for the purpose. This would not prevent the Government from granting exclusive grazing rights in respect of certain areas but the public would still have access to those areas for recreational purposes. Additionally, certain areas could be designated for specific recreational purposes such as the riding of horses or motorbikes or for the playing of certain sports such as golf. However, the land could not be sold off as large sites for houses and paddocks as the Draft Town Plan proposes. Such a proposal would also approximately restore the area of Common lost

since 1982 and disposed of since for non-public purposes.

Robert Titterington  
18 October, 1995

## Comments from members of the public

MEMBERS of the public who wish to comment upon the proposal which is described in this article are asked to contact Simon Goss in his capacity as Secretary to Stanley Lands Committee by either writing to him at the Secretariat, Stanley or contacting him by telephone on 27386.



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Lada Niva Cossack. 5 year old, only 1 owner. Tenders in writing to Sheila Stewart by Friday 3rd November. To view Telephone: 21661 or 22686.

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Fox Bay Village on 1/4 acre of land, one furnished two storey house made up of four bedrooms, kitchen and pantry, dining room, two bathrooms, one consisting of bath, toilet and wash basin, and the other with a shower room, toilet and wash basin.

A large conservatory attached to the front of the house. At the rear of the house there is a lean-to which consists of an outshed and a large meat house. The house is fully centrally heated with a pressure jet oil cooker. The lawns at both the front and rear of the house have been well kept and there is a very large, well kept vegetable garden.

There is also a Portakabin (which has just had a new roof and a cooker fitted), a two bay Nissan hut, one small container and four poly tunnel frames included in the sale.

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The Cancer Support and awareness Trust will be holding its quarterly meeting at the Daycare Centre of the KEMH at 7pm on Thursday 26th October. All welcome.

The Netball Club would like to thank FIC, Stanley Services, Beauchene, Monty's Restaurant and Hillside Camp for their kind donations which helped to make the bazaar on Sat 21st such a successful event. Our thanks also go to all those who came along and supported us.

The second round of the 1995/96 Moto Cross Championships will be at the Stanley Dairy race track this Sunday the 29th. Practice starts at 10am, first race of the day at 11am.

### PERSONAL

David Thorsen and family, Reg. Aose and Ian Davis would like to thank the following people for all their help and kindness shown during their recent bereavement: Dr Fisher and all the hospital staff, RAF Medivac crew, crew of the Tamar and Canon Palmer. Also many thanks to those who attended the service at TI and all those who sent flowers and cards.

**Ian France**

Happy 16th Birthday  
on the 29th October.  
Love from Mama and Papa.



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2nd: Mrs J Middleton & D Peterson  
Record Booby: Mrs E Vidal & Mrs D Clarke

The next evening of cards is scheduled for Wednesday 1st November in the Day Centre of KEMH at 7.30pm.

### DANCE LINE

### LINE DANCE BEGINNERS CLASSES

Will be starting on Sunday  
29th October at 7.00pm in  
the FIDF Drill Hall.

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try.

For full details  
contact:

Tricia on 21406  
or  
Myriam on 21234  
or  
Tracey on 21158

## Postscript from the Cathedral

### Adopted

DURING the Korean War a guerilla fighter murdered the son of a Christian minister in order to undermine the Christian influence in the village. Later he was captured and put on trial. The grief-stricken father gave evidence against the man.

But then, to everyone's amazement, the minister pleaded - not for vengeance, nor for justice, but

for the life of the murderer of his son. The minister offered to adopt the murderer. In the confusion of the war-time the minister's request was permitted.

As a consequence, the guerilla-fighter became a Christian. The minister had turned his quite justifiable verdict of 'guilty' into a verdict of 'accepted'. This stunning act is only a reflection of what God has already done for each of us.

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## End of unique "all women" ExCo. Voting finishes 2:1 against

THE main business before Legislative Council on Monday October 30, was the election of three representatives to sit on Executive Council for the coming year. Voting began shortly after 11am and, with the announcement at 11.06 am that Cllr John Cheek had been elected to represent the Stanley constituency, the era of the all-female ExCo was over.

Votes in the election were cast by each of the eight elected members of Legislative Council with the Attorney General and Financial Secretary quietly scrutinizing and counting the voting slips and the Clerk of Councils collecting them. Thus, with very little other ceremony, was brought to an end what the Governor, Mr David Fatham, was later to describe as something unique in the history of the Falklands, and maybe even the world. The Falkland Islands' first-ever, all-female Executive Council was no more.

Cllr Cheek received four of the eight votes cast and a close second in the voting for Stanley representative was retiring ExCo member, Cllr Sharon Halford. Third was Cllr John Binningham, with one vote.

Only two councillors received votes for selection as Camp representative; relative newcomer, Cllr

Richard Stevens beating veteran Councillor Eric Goss, by five votes to three.

In the final selection of a councillor to represent either constituency, voting was understandably, more widely spread, but the position was gained in the end by the one member of the previous ExCo to gain re-election, Cllr Wendy Teggart. Mrs Teggart polled three

votes, her former ExCo colleagues, Councillors Halford and Edwards each gained two votes and Cllr. Eric Goss, one vote.

Later, tributes to the outgoing all-female ExCo were paid by both the Governor and the Chief Executive, the latter referring to their "good solid sense".

(Report continued on page 8)

## Argentine families mourn their dead on Pebble Island



A Bristow's helicopter prepares to land families at the Pebble Island Memorial

Story and more pictures on Page 5

## Community effort refloats whale after over-land haul

RESIDENTS of Goose Green were faced with a problem early on Sunday afternoon this week, when Matthew McMullen, son of settlement manager Tony McMullen, reported a whale, thought to be a baby, grounded on Salinas Beach some two miles away.

Salinas Beach is at the southern end of Brenton Loch and is soft, and gently sloping, making it virtually impossible to get the

"baby", some fifteen feet in length and weighing, it is estimated, up to a ton, back into deep water.

Finally, imagination and Falkland practicality were combined in a solution of breathtaking effectiveness. Giving up the attempt to manoeuvre the whale down the beach, it was instead, dragged up the beach on a sleigh behind a tractor and transported in this manner some two miles or so across the isthmus to Goose Green

settlement, where it could be re-launched from the jetty, straight into the deep water of Choiseul Sound.

It is thought that the rescue attempt, which started with just a few Goose Green residents, ended up involving over twenty people in the end. Local whale expert Mike Butcher was delighted, adding that if the baby was a blue whale, as some observers thought, then this was a very rare sighting.

## Third oil launch

THE launch of the Falkland Islands' Oil Licensing Round, which took place first in the august surroundings of the Royal Geological Society in London's Piccadilly and then again in a modern hotel in Houston, Texas, will be run again in the Falklands on the evening of Wednesday November 1. This time, the location will be the hall of the Junior School in Stanley, and the session, introduced by Chief Executive, Andrew Gurr, will begin at 5pm.

Apart from the difference in surroundings and a couple of unavoidable changes of personnel, (Financial Secretary Derek Howatt for Richard Wagner and FIG's Junior Geologist, Emma Edwards, for Drs. Fannin and Richards of BGS) the aim is to replicate proceedings exactly, with the same presentations being made as elsewhere.

Attendance at previous oil launches was limited to oil companies and others, but the Stanley launch will be open to anyone with sufficient interest and stamina to sit through a session likely to be about two hours long. Anyone wishing to bring to the proceedings the authentic Texan flavour, which seemed a little short at the Houston launch, should not that Stetsons are, coincidentally, for sale in the West Store.

## Emma's volcanic dust appeal

DURING her recent experience-gaining stint with the British Geological Survey at Keyworth, in the UK, colleagues of Falklands' Junior Geologist, Emma Edwards, were amazed to discover from her that volcanic dust from the 1991 eruption of Chilean volcano, Mount Hudson, had reached the Falklands.

Emma is now doing a study on the precipitation of volcanic ash on the Falklands in August 1991 and would be grateful if owners or managers of farms on which it fell would contact her at Fox Bay West, with the details.

She is particularly keen to hear from anyone, who recorded the depth of ash falling on any location, in inches or centimetres.



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WHILE outright enthusiasm for the prospect of a state visit to Britain by Argentine President Carlos Menem has been limited most people, in the Falklands, including a majority of our elected representatives, seem to accept Prime Minister Major's assurances that it will make no difference to the sovereignty situation. The recent British MORI poll on the Falklands and the reassuring warmth of the Labour Party's response to FIG's policy document, add strength to the feeling that we are in a much less precarious position than we were in the 'seventies' and should not fear an impending "sell out".

On the Argentine side, the Oil Agreement and the impending long term Fishing Agreement - on the successful completion of which it is rumoured, Menem's visit may depend - can both be taken as proofs that their government has accepted the advantages of co-operating under the "sovereignty umbrella". So, are those councillors who talk of "slippery slopes" and "other people's spades in our garden" suffering from paranoia? It's a tricky question.

If the recent public statements of the Argentine President are to be taken seriously, we have every reason to continue to be worried; the "recovery of the Malvinas" is still very much at the top of his agenda and he claims significant progress in this direction. This level of obsession by the Argentine political establishment never ceases to amaze us; being a fairly pragmatic and practically-minded society, we are inclined to ask "what use would we be to them?" From this side of the argument, the introduction of oil into the equation has been seized upon by some as providing, at last, an understandable answer to that question.

If oil in commercially exploitable quantities is found off the Falklands, it will inevitably act as a catalyst for some sort of change to the status quo, but it is difficult to believe it has been much of a factor in the maintenance for more than 150 years of a territorial claim, which to all not directly involved, is as incomprehensible as demands for an independent Cornwall or the return of Rockall.

In the early years of Argentine existence, when necessary attempts were being made to consolidate notions of nationhood amongst an ethnically disparate and geographically scattered population, collective national indignation about "the rape of the Malvinas" was no doubt a useful rallying point. The symbolic significance of the alleged insult to nationalistic feelings, however, has been maintained well past its normal "sell-by date", by a political system, which often seems to outside observers to put personalities before policies and to pay more attention to rhetoric than to reality. (It has been claimed that it was frustration with the consequences of this gap between political rhetoric and practical reality, which caused the military to seize power so frequently in Argentina's history - at least the military could get things done!) Sadly for Falkland Islanders, whose Britishness, far from being a problem, has never been anything other than the happy reality into which they were born, one of the sure-fire ways open to Argentine political leaders to demonstrate their *machismo* has always been to take a vigorous line on the *Malvinas problem*.

In a recent interview in the Argentine political magazine, *La Avispa* (The Wasp), last month, Andrés Cisneros, Secretary General of the Argentine Foreign Ministry took the official line on the Argentine claim, as might have been expected. What was interesting, however, is that he began by stating that it would be a mistake on the part of the Argentine Government to let its pre-occupation with the 'recovery' of the Falklands blind it to more important foreign policy objectives, like the mending of relations with the western world and specifically with Britain.

This explicit recognition that there might be matters of more importance to 'real world' Argentina than the 'recovery' of the Falklands was encouraging, as was the frequent use by Sr. Cisneros of a verb, *malvinar*, which was new to me. Loosely translated, I suppose, *malvinar* might mean "to go on and on about the Malvinas" and by its very existence, the word suggests that there are those in Argentina who are becoming tired of "the Malvinas question" and share the view that there are more important things to worry about.

Common sense dictates that this must be so. The citizens of Buenos Aires would be very strange if they were not more concerned with job security, and a decent standard of living than with the Falklands, a theory supported, perhaps, by the apparent popular enthusiasm for the UK/Argentine Oil Agreement in Argentina, despite opposition claims that it tacitly acknowledged British sovereignty over the Falklands.

History has shown our sovereignty to be most at risk when Argentina has been most unstable, economically and politically. While we must remain ever-vigilant on the sovereignty issue, by this measure British involvement in the revitalisation of the Argentine economy can do nothing but good for us and may help focus Argentine politics on the practicalities of the future rather than brooding on the events of 1833.

To paraphrase Sr. Cisneros, "se han malvinizado demasiado mucho".

## ● YOUR LETTERS

### Most sought after paper status

I WANTED to express my gratitude to everyone I met during my stay in your Islands. Now knowing that the 'Penguin News' is the most widely read and sought after newspaper in the South Atlantic, I thought that it would be appropriate for me to extend my thanks through it.

Although only in your Islands for three months, the 'warmth' (even during such a cold winter) and friendliness I encountered from everyone will always stay with me. I shall always look back at my happy times in the Falkland Islands with fond Memories.

Rachel Oughton  
(KEMH)

### Hunt the skunk

Historical Annual Stock Returns record some interesting and ambitious importations, in terms of both species and numbers:

1925 524 Horses from South America

1925 5131 Ewes from Tierra del Fuego

1935 10 Foxes

1936 5 Guinea Pigs

1938 1008 Rams

1938 3 Skunks!!

1939 20 Ostrich (Rhea?)

1939 22 Ibis

1939 10 Guanaco

1946 60 Huskies from Labrador (for Antarctica)

1950 7 Turkeys from Uruguay

1960 96 Mink from the U.K.

*Penguin News* readers may be able to shed light on what became of the most exotic species and their offspring?

Robert Hall  
D.S & Co. (Falkland Farming)

## Falkland Islands exhibition success

THE 8th Annual Falkland Islands Exhibition held at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon, the largest Falkland Exhibition in the world, 'hit new heights' this year and you all missed out on it. Why? Because no representative from BBC World Service bothered to come and visit us and/or let us do any recorded interviews for you.

Your 'Commercial Representative' in this country sent a basic stocking stitch (machine made) maroon crew neck jumper (F.I. Mill) - which we were (a) not allowed to sell, (b) not allowed to take orders for and (c) no selling price could be given to us. Pointless to display; although we did for about 3 hours the first day.

Another disappointment was when we asked yet again for something from your Clothes Show - we were told we were not included in the selling of these and could not have anything for display and

## 999 team thanks

JUST a short note to thank you very much for all your help and hospitality during our recent stay in the Falkland Islands.

Everyone we met was extremely kind and helpful as well as good humoured. Please pass on all our thanks to all the local Chileans who helped with the filming - their contribution was invaluable.

The reconstruction involving the *-Isla Guala* and the Falkland Islands will be included in a two part international special of the "999" programme and is scheduled for transmission before Christmas. However, I will let you know as soon as a definite date has been decided.

Sally Dyas  
Programme Researcher  
BBC South

sale!

So as much as we try and help you over there, we are pushed aside. Just thought you all should know that. And this from, Your Commercial Representative!!!

On the bright side though, the Exhibition was another success story for us, (Brian Paul and Annabelle Spencer of the Falkland Islands Agency) in our never ending quest to promote the Falkland Islands, the Falkland Island way of life, the Falkland Islands fleece, wool and related products. To act genuinely, enthusiastically and as a Public Relations information desk. (Our ability to answer all questions can also depend on information that is passed to us.) We have to be, and are, very diplomatic. Especially when an Argentine Ambassador from Tunisia visited our Falkland Islands Agency and shop back in July.

The Falkland Scouts Expedi-

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

tion to Chile caused great excitement from visitors, especially those that had visited some of the many places on show. 'Lago Grey' in particular brought many reminiscences. Thank you to Phil (Middleton) and to the Falkland Islands Scouts for giving us the opportunity to show your Anniversary Celebration Trip in such wonderful colour photos. In fact one elderly couple, who have all their lives been involved in Scouting in the UK, told us how they actually met each other at a Scout Function years and years ago. They left a small donation for the F.I. Scouts.

To us, anyone who visits the exhibition is a special guest. They do not have to spend any money, it is their continued interest in the Falklands that counts. For instance: A lady who many years ago worked with a Falkland Islander in East Berlin. A German Association member on a special visit for the Exhibition from Germany. An official visit by the mayor of Croydon, Cllr Clarence McKenzie. Sir Rex Hunt and Lady Hunt, great supporters of our Exhibitions always, as also is Frank Mitchell. The Hon. Mrs Alexandra Bergel spent hours at the Exhibition and chatted to visitors. Peter Pepper loaded with camera and F.I. Association Newsletters, that were freely distributed to the public, talked to many people on his visits. Maurice and Gwenda Jones were good friends to help keep a watchful eye when a couple of thousand people were about the halls one evening. Roger Edwards author of "The Other Side of the Falklands" spent two days signing his books and talking to people. Another tale from a lady who worked years ago in Boots' Chemists remembered selling a Falkland Islands man lots of special offer toiletries that, he told her, he was taking back to the Falklands to sell in his store! These were good bargain prices he said. Roy McGill, Allison his wife and her mother and father stayed for some hours.

The film studies offered a rest and more information to the public. Brian showed Major General Sir Jeremy Moore around the Exhibition and was invited to dinner that evening. Geoff Moir put out on show another fantastically interesting and at times when reading parts I (Annabelle) found it a bit 'gory' but true. Records of the involvement in whaling down in the South Atlantic seen through the eyes of Philatelic evidence.

During the two weeks Geoff was also busy signing his books, 'Falkland Islands History through Philately' and 'The History of the Falklands'. Falkland Islands Conservation 'Penguin Appeal' brought along a life size starving King Penguin with a large in fact, very large

empty void for a stomach. By the end of the Exhibition he was not so starving thanks to all the donations from the public.

Major Spafford has already had enquiries and booking from our feature of his 1996 'Experience The Falklands Holiday Tour'. During the two weeks we had stolen, a picture and two sweaters; not good, but shows what people are abroad!

The Somerset Connection Area now plays a very important part in the history of the Falklands. Some of the original Falkland Settlers went out from Crew Herne in Somerset ie. The Blakes - Hill Cove. The first bishop of Christchurch Cathedral Stanley, Bishop Sterling retired to Wells Cathedral Somerset. He worked on in the Cathedral and when he died was buried in its grounds. Brian and Annabelle have set up the Falklands Islands Agency and the ONLY FALKLAND ISLANDS SHOP IN THE WORLD in Wells, Somerset just next door to the houses we were both born in. Our flock of pure Merino sheep need feed as do our Merino Rams. We have a Somerset cider apple orchard for them to roam in where we also keep our bees that are needed to pollinate the apple trees and produce some delicious Somerset Pure Honey.

When you run an Exhibition from 9.30am to 11.30pm for a fortnight non stop you need to be very dedicated to your subject. There were fears to be allayed on the missing Royal Marine incident. Interest from the public on the oil side of the Falkland Islands, questions to be answered. The fact that next year the 9th Annual Exhibition is already booked at Croydon, as is the 10th & 11th, tells you what we are doing. "Out front" on the world's stage without any financial help from anyone. How much more we could do with a little bit of help and encouragement.

We apologise to anyone we have not included by name but thank everyone. It's your back-up that always counts.

Brian Paul & Annabelle Spencer  
Wells, Somerset

## Port Stanley: in the Gazette

AS a supporter of "Port Stanley", I was heartened to read in Gazette No. 25 dated 5th October 1995, the Merchant Shipping (Registry) (Amendment) bill 1995. Frequent references are made to the "Port Stanley register of ships".

If local ships are registered in the Port Stanley register, why do they only display "Stanley"?

Brian Summers  
Stanley

## New image of Moody



THE above portrait of Governor Moody was presented to Legislative Council by the Governor at the meeting on Monday.

Given by Mr Peter Lowndes, uncle of Charlie Lowndes of BFBS and a direct descendant of Governor Moody, it is a photograph of a sketch which he owns.

The sketch is of particular interest because it shows Governor Moody as a young man, at about the time he went to the Falklands, in 1841. It also shows him clean shaven, whereas the familiar photograph from the 1860's shows him sporting a large and imposing beard.

## No need for pill alarm

FOLLOWING a warning issued by the British Government's Chief Medical Officer about the use of certain contraceptive pills, Falklands Chief Medical Officer, Roger Diggle, has circulated the relevant information and a message of reassurance, to all women in the Falklands known to be taking oral contraceptives.

The surprise notice by the British Government recommended that women taking certain brands of oral contraceptives should be changed to other contraceptives because there is a slightly increased risk of having blood clots with these particular pills.

It is well known that the pill may rarely produce thrombosis (blood clots) involving the veins of the legs. New evidence has become available indicating that the chance of a thrombosis occurring in a vein is increased around two-fold for some types of pill compared with others.

The pills which are more likely to produce a venous thrombosis contain either gestodene or desogestrel. Their brand names are as follows:

Femodene, Femodene ED, Minulet, Trisdene, Tri-Minulet, Marvelon and Mercilon.

However, two things need to be stressed.

1. The risk is small.  
2. It is important that people do not stop taking the pill until they

have discussed this with their doctor.

This can be a serious complication and may sometimes be fatal. Women using these pills should continue taking them but should see their doctor, preferably before finishing their current cycle, to discuss whether a change of pill is necessary.

Women who wish to continue with the listed pills should be prepared to accept, the increased risk of thrombosis. They should not be overweight, have varicose veins or have a history of thrombosis - these are the circumstances in which pills containing desogestrel or gestodene are unsuitable.

Venous thrombosis involves blood clots forming within the veins of the leg muscles. It results in pain and swelling of the calf and lower leg. Occasionally, the blood clot can leave the leg veins and reach the blood vessels in the lungs (so called pulmonary embolus).

Women who are taking any other brand can be reassured about the safety of their pill and that there is no need to change.

Dr. Diggle reassures women in Camp, in particular, that it is "perfectly reasonable to wait anything up to a month or two before changing over to the new pill" and suggests that they wait for advice at their next routine doctor's visit.

## Sun shines on Pebble Island for Argentine families' mass at the memorial

THE Chartered Aerovias DAP plane from Rio Gallegos arrived at MPA an hour earlier than expected on a Tuesday morning which had dawned bright, but breezy. Aboard were eleven members of the families of five Argentine servicemen, officers and NCOs, who were killed on June 7 1982, when their Lear Jet was shot down on Pebble Island.

Carried by Bristows helicopters onwards to Pebble Island, the group, comprising four widows and seven children descended carrying with them carefully wrapped bouquets of flowers, plaques, rosaries and other items to lay at the memorial and the two graves which flank it.

With difficulty in a freshening wind, Msgr Tony Agrieter robed himself and set out a small com-



The families at MPA with Msgr Agrieter and Group Captain and Mrs Owen munition table on which he celebrated mass, in Spanish, with the participation of the families. They seemed an ordinary

## Police spread their net to cover Camp

IN the coming months the Royal Falkland Islands Police will be carrying out patrol visits to farms on both West and East Falkland. A circular letter has been sent to all farms outlining their plans and a 'tick box' page showing what assistance would be offered by each farm was included. The response has been very satisfying and all enquiries have been dealt with on a personal one to one basis.

The aim of the patrols is to visit every farm in the Falklands at least once during the season. This will give everyone an opportunity to meet at least one of their Police Officers and to discuss in person any areas of concern they

may have. The officer will explain and discuss details of the law in such areas as vehicle registration, firearms registration and regulation, damage to property, theft, hydatid, dogs, animals etc.

The officers will also record information about tracks. This will allow for a data base to be built up for us in response to an emergency/disaster situation.

It is envisaged that patrols will be carried out each year hence during the season when overland travel is not difficult. If anyone has any queries about the patrols they are invited to telephone Sergeant McGill on 27229 during office hours.

## How she longed for the "good old days"

a futuristic tale by Paul Irwin

SHE was glad as she drove through Port Stanley that those on Voluntary Community Service had been out early this morning and removed the litter from the streets and swept the roads. She wasn't feeling very well this morning and so was also thankful that the road was smooth and that the little pot-hole that appeared yesterday had soon been filled in.

It was shopping day, she usually shopped week by week which meant she could purchase a mixture of the locally produced fresh meats; steak, mutton, lamb, chicken and now that the pig farm had become popular Pork and fresh bacon. She remembered how some people used to import the horrible, plastic wrapped, tasteless, expensive meats and thought she'd treat

herself to some San Carlos Salmon or Teal Inlet Roui from the fish farms.

She topped up her basket with the fresh dairy produce of milk, cheese & butter. She didn't mind from which of the three dairies as they were all as good as each other.

At the cheque-out she wrote a Bank of Falklands cheque to the F.I.P.C. Happy in the fact that the Falkland Islands Peoples Consortium would benefit from her profits and help provide free Health care for the sick, aged and infirm. She donated her change to the charities box, change she didn't need because it was just extra money in her purse now that Income Tax had been abolished. The Government was doing well now Exports exceeded imports.

She hoped her husband

wouldn't be late home for supper. They were working hard at the Abot now that the EEC had accepted ALL their meat produce. She remembered back to her mother's late letter from New Zealand, whilst on holiday, saying how they had eaten 'Falklands Lamb', and her penpal in Denmark who was used to eating Falkland Islandssss Bacon!

She arrived at their lovely home, it was bigger than they wanted at first but as the Bank of Falklands had given them a 100% mortgage, why not! She was just in time to see the Local News Roundup live on telly. It was good to see the multi-coloured Falklander still doing well and that there was still an export ban on our wool, keeping its value abroad

rocketing.

It all seemed like a good day until the two kids came home from school and wanted money to go to the leisure centre. "I want to go to the cinema", "I want to go to the bowling Alley", "I want to go on Lazer Quest". Still at least it wasn't too expensive due to the Government subsidy to help keep youngsters of the street.

Just then Father came home. He'd had a hard day & suggested they all went to the leisure centre. As they were sat in the 'Family Bar' having a drink and watching the kids play in the play area she said "do you remember the good old days?". "Not all of them" the father replied "but I remember one in particular, the day they stopped looking for that blasted Oil!"

## Restoring Government House gloss is all in a day's work for Dave

A RESTORATION team from the British firm of Millbrook Industries Limited has been in Government House for the past ten days restoring furniture and pictures. In particular a large gilt mirror which used to stand in the main drawing room has been recovered from an upstairs store room, and restored to pride of place. The historic furniture, much of it brought out for Governor Moody,

and the picture of Queen Victoria in the dining room, which dates back to 1845, have also been restored.

Leading the team, is a man who has been coming to the Falklands since 1989 to carry out maintenance and refurbishments to MOD establishments at Mount Pleasant and elsewhere. Dave Birch, a French polisher originally, is clearly now a mas-

ter of the many skills necessary for furniture restoration and it is his magic which is most in evidence in the many repaired and restored pieces at Government House.

It was Dave, who, during his last visit - his sixth to the Islands - met Mrs Fullerton, the wife of the previous Governor at a function at Look-out Camp and agreed to give her some advice on some of the Government House furniture which was beginning to show signs of wear and neglect.

It was that meeting, Dave thinks, which led directly to his current work at Government House, which has made a remarkable difference and brought about the re-hanging in its original place of a huge mirror which has lain in the attic for many years severely damaged.

Twenty years with his present employers, Dave has worked in British embassies all over the world



Dave with the mirror

restoring everything from soft furnishings to sideboards and is very modest about what he does, but it was clearly the drawing room mirror which he regards as the major triumph of his time at Government House.



A rare picture of the GH interior from the 'thirties shows the mirror in its original position, flanked by the same chairs as today.

## Shackleton connection remembered in school crest



Phyl Rendell (Director of Education), Cllr John Cheek (Chairman of Education Board), Judith Crowe (HM FICS) and The Governor

THREE years after its opening, the Falkland Islands Community School received its own armorial crest at a short presentation in the school on Friday October 27.

Presenting the crest, before an invited audience of teachers, school managers and government officials, Mr Tatham recalled the opening of the school, one of his first official duties in the Falklands, and his first experience of a build-

ing being opened by television.

"Although Lord Shackleton's daughter, Mrs Bergel, unveiled the plaque, Lord Shackleton himself was watching us from a television screen up near the ceiling rather like the Cheshire Cat in Alice in Wonderland - smiling but disappearing every so often as Cable & Wireless wrestled with the electronics".

The Governor went on to re-

fer to the very conscious references to the "Shackleton connection" depicted in the crest, which had been presented to the School by the project's architects, Norman and Dawbarn and displayed "with skill and flair" by FIG Archivist, Jane Cameron.

"The buckles and the belt from Lord Shackleton's own crest are there, and the motto "Endurance gains the crown" is a reference back both to the name of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ship and of course to the Royal Navy's Ice Patrol vessel HMS Endurance which played such an important role in the events of 1982 and whose successor the second Endurance is even now on her way to the Islands for a fresh round of Antarctic exploration."

"Endurance is one of the great Falkland Island virtues. When one thinks of the hardships which our ancestors endured in the 18th and 19th centuries - the first sailors to come here, the first settlers to carve a living out of unforgiving environment, one can see that Endurance was the quality which enabled them to survive and eventually to prosper. I think it was also the virtue which saw this Colony through the dark years of the 1970's when everything pointed to a bleak present and an alien future. Endurance saw us through those years and through the weeks of war and occupation. Perhaps in the past ten years we have

gained the crown."

Paying tribute to the work of the head and staff, the Governor said that the first three years of the Community School had amply justified the ambitious project which Councillor Cheek and the Director of Education, Phyllis Rendell, had launched in the late 1980's. The new sports facilities had produced fitter children and healthier adults too. Falklands' children were better educated than they ever had ever been and for the first time in the history of the Colony, its educational facilities equalled those of Britain.

The prospects for young people in the Colony today were better than they had ever been, the Governor said. The farmers own their own land and there were numerous businesses starting up in Stanley. The fishing industry was calling out for young people to work in the new joint venture companies and finally there was the prospect of oil and the almost unlimited opportunities it might bring. Our historic virtues, and chief among them endurance should not be abandoned, Mr Tatham concluded, these should be the foundation on which we reached for the new opportunities which will offer an exciting future to our country and satisfying careers to our young people.



As the one hundredth anniversary of the first FIG Camp teacher draws near, we remember the vanished days of Darwin Boarding School

# Was it always Sunday afternoon and was there always a walk?

THE CAMP Education Department is preparing to celebrate one hundred years of the Government Travelling Teacher in the Falklands; a rare type of bird, which has struggled for survival at times and has also, over time, almost completely changed its sex and country of origin as well as being transformed in many other ways.

We at *Penguin News*, however, (or perhaps it would be more accurate to say 'me at *Penguin News*'), while happily prepared to co-operate in Camp Ed's arrangements, would also like to seize the moment to propose the celebration in booklet form of another significant part of the story of education in the Camp, which sadly did not quite survive to celebrate 25 years, but which, it is fair to say, was noted in the Falklands for turning out civil, useful, articulate, and thoroughly socialised citizens to be. I refer, of course, to Darwin Boarding School.

Darwin Boarding School was a gift from the Falkland Islands Com-

pany to the Falkland Islands Government in the early fifties; a gift which was not, one has to say, ever greatly appreciated by the Government, who despite having to pay an annual rent of only one shilling a year, tended to see it as a burden on the tax payer, and the spectre of closure, coupled with a chronic lack of maintenance, hung over it for years. In 1979, with a move to Stanley in view, if somewhat distantly, a mysterious fire which burned down the generating shed gave the excuse to close it down prematurely.

Darwin School was run-down, expensive to run, inadequate in terms of facilities and accommodation for pupils, staff and resident domestic staff. It was also, as was proved during the attack on Goose Green by 2 Para in 1982, when it burned down so quickly that observers thought it had exploded, a very dangerous building in which to house up to ninety people - then the largest number of people under one roof in the Falklands.



Very few photographs of the school seem to exist. This one looks down towards 'The Girls' End'.

Despite all of this, I think it is fair to say that the passing of Darwin School was regretted by many former pupils, parents and staff. It was the end of an era which is becoming increasingly distant.

By a rough calculation, the first pupils to enter Darwin School could be in their mid-fifties and the last to leave no younger than twenty, so before we all get much older, I would like to compile some sort of commemorative booklet. Not a dull history, hopefully, but a place for anecdotes and photographs which might begin to capture the flavour of a unique institution and some of the many people who made it what it was.

Looking at some of my own photographs from the seventies, reproduced here, it seems to have been nearly always Sunday afternoon and time for the walk! Please contact me at *Penguin News* if you have any material to contribute.

John Fowler



Sheila Jones has the answer. Anna Crowie and Judy Price look on.



Please Miss! L to R: Kenneth Jaffray, Mrs Kersey, Morgan Goss, Paul Anderson and Andrea Gray. I am not allowed to identify the plump young lady on the right!

## Government Teachers in the Camp Centenary

To mark the 100th anniversary of the arrival in 1896 of the first government employed travelling teachers (acknowledging that FIG were first in the field with their own travelling teachers in the Camp, earlier in the 1890's), the Camp Education Department is hoping to put on a number of special events, to produce an historical booklet and, perhaps, some commemorative items. You can help!

1) Camp Ed. would be grateful to receive the names and dates of ex-travelling teachers, whether still resident in the Falklands or not, or information about any travelling teachers who may have passed on.

2) Camp Ed are looking for stories and anecdotes regarding education in the Camp in the past, also any photographs, which could be copied and then returned.

For more information contact Richard Fogarty or any of the Camp Ed. Staff



A Girls' camping group stop at the ruins of Ceritos House in the regulation 'Hely Hansen' orange jackets and bright red woolly hats for protection and long-range identification.



"On the walk" Note the school in the distance and the trendy "flares"



Nature study class at full sprint. Graham Morrison in the lead from Ian Short, Peter Nightingale and Gavin Browning

## Public Notices

Tenders for redecoration, renovation, (including kitchen fitting), and maintenance to buildings are invited as follows:

### Customs Office, Stanley

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders for the redecoration of the exterior of the Customs Office, Stanley. Tender documents are available from the Secretariat, Stanley, on payment of a £25 deposit, refundable on receipt of a bona fide tender.

Tenders endorsed "Re-decoration of the Customs Office" should be returned to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat to reach him on or before 3 pm on Wednesday 15 November 1995.

### Sullivan House, Stanley

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders for the replacement of exterior doors and windows, remodelling of Kitchen and Scullery at Sullivan House, Stanley. Tender documents are available from the Secretariat, Stanley, on payment of a £25 deposit, refundable on receipt of a bona fide tender.

Tenders endorsed "Doors, Windows & Remodelling-Sullivan House" should reach him on or before Wednesday 15 November 1995.

### Stanley Museum

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders for the external decoration and minor maintenance of the Stanley Museum. Tender Documents are available from the Secretariat, Stanley, upon payment of a £25 deposit refundable on receipt of a bona fide tender.

Tenders endorsed 'External Decoration of Stanley Museum' should be returned to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat, Stanley to reach him on or before Wednesday 15 November 1995.

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

# MONTHLY MAGAZINE

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## STARS OF THE MONTH

November

The first number against a star is its true bearing, the second its altitude in degrees at 10 pm.  
For example: - At 2200 on 6 Nov Sirius has bearing 107 degrees and altitude 8 degrees. Magnetic variation is about 5 degrees East. bh denotes below horizon.

November	1st	6th	11th	16th	21st	26th	30th
Aldebaran	bh	61	57	53	49	45	41
	bh	1	4	6	9	11	12
Rigel	88	84	80	76	72	67	64
	12	15	18	21	24	27	29
Sirius	111	107	103	99	96	92	89
	5	8	11	14	17	20	23
Achernar	120	123	127	134	148	170	192
	74	76	79	81	83	84	84
Adhara	121	117	114	110	107	103	100
	13	16	18	21	24	27	30
Canopus	133	131	128	126	124	122	120
	35	37	40	42	45	47	49
Miaplacidus	164	163	161	159	158	156	155
	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
Acrux	184	182	179	177	166	172	170
	25	25	25	25	25	26	26
Gacrux	186	183	180	177	174	172	169
	19	191	19	19	19	20	20
Hadar	197	195	192	190	187	184	182
	25	24	24	23	23	23	21
Rigel	202	199	197	194	192	189	187
Kentaurus	27	26	25	25	24	23	23
Atria	208	206	205	203	201	200	198
	42	41	40	38	37	36	35
Peacock	240	238	237	235	234	232	231
	60	58	55	52	50	48	46
Shaula	242	239	236	232	229	226	223
	26	23	21	18	16	13	12
Kaus	252	249	246	243	239	236	233
Australis	31	28	25	23	20	17	15
Formalhaut	330	321	313	305	299	293	289
	66	64	62	60	57	54	52
<b>Planets</b>							
Venus	bh	bh	234	235	236	237	238
	bh	bh	2	3	5	6	7
Saturn	349	342	335	329	323	317	313
	45	44	43	41	40	38	36
Sunrise (Stanley)	0514	0505	0457	0449	0443	0437	0433
Sunset (Stanley)	1958	2007	2016	2025	2034	2042	2048

### November Events:

Friday 3rd:	JC Disco, Town Hall
Saturday 4th:	West Store Charity Dance (Harp's Farm), Town Hall. 9pm - 1am, 15+, bar and refreshments, raffle
Monday 6th:	Juniors Xmas Story and Music, 7pm Infant/Junior School
Friday 10th:	JC Disco, Town Hall
Saturday 11th:	Moody Brook Challenge Race
Thursday 16th:	Community School Production (Androcles and the Lion)
Friday 17th:	" " "
Saturday 18th:	JC Disco, Town Hall
Thursday 23rd:	FIODA - Mikado, Town Hall
Friday 24th:	" " "
Saturday 25th:	" " "
Wednesday 29th:	CSE show, Town Hall

### Looking back on October:

#### Births:

NIL

#### Deaths:

October 11:	Charles David Ford, 74 years
October 17th:	Rose Stella Short, 59 years
October 7th:	June Davis, 18 years

#### Marriages:

NIL

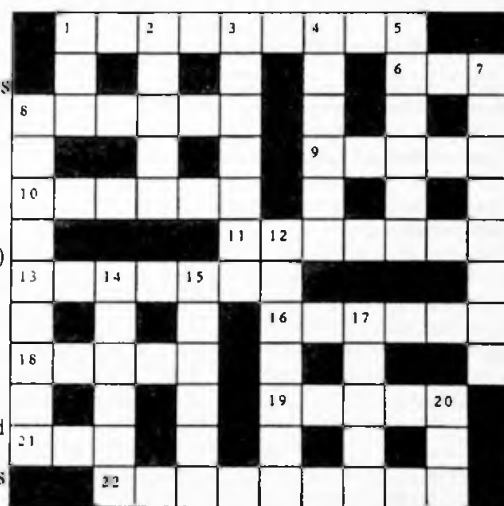
## Crossword

#### Across:

- Chris tore his surplice, but still sings sweetly in church (9)
- Feeling beyond all feeling (3)
- Mean and miserable in the beginning (5)
- Cockney capitol (6)
- Druggie joy? (7)
- What the Spaniard said to the elk in his veggie patch? (7)
- A groan from a goat (6) (anag)
- What the snake did to Eve before P.T. (5)
- Confused thoughts put aside before they run out (5) (anag)
- Cry for spiritual help? (3)
- Reptile with all. His bigger cousin seems to have got the shoes (9)

#### Down

- Policeman, fair or not (3)
- Shape of Latin egg (5)
- He prays on and on aloud, with a voice seemingly in stone. (7)
- How the Ivanas of this world come up, it seems, in life as well as cards (6)
- Moses offered a quick crossing of this communist water (3,3)
- Festive head gear found often in Brighton and Blackpool (5,3)
- Sit a slave by Pavlov's dog, and he dribbles and drools (9) (anag)
- Giving up fire, usually (7)
- Sometimes a sensitive, not to say yellow, plant (6)
- In the soup, a tasty end to the beast (2,4)
- Big like Catherine or Britain (5)
- Address for knight, officer or even teacher (3)





## Falklands Cookery by Jenny Luxton

At this time of year there is an abundance of local fare around. Many people are still eggging; the season has been so cold, the birds' calendar seems to have slipped too. The trout are still running with all the water around and rhubarb is sprouting in the gardens.

### Penguin Egg Omelette

Take two eggs and beat well, add milk, salt and pepper and a good handful of chives - what a way to start the day!

### Slimmer's Trout Supper

8oz Trout or other fish, smoked is ideal  
1 apt milk, low fat or separated  
1 oz butter  
1oz flour  
6oz sweet corn  
6oz Edam cheese  
Salt and pepper  
1tsp mustard powder  
1 tsp lemon juice  
12oz mashed potato

Poach fish in milk until cooked, drain and flake. Make sauce by whisking milk, butter and flour over heat until thick. Stir in other ingredients. Spoon mixture into 4 shells or saucers and pipe potato around. Cook in hot oven or grill, until brown. Decorate with a twist of lemon and parsley.

### Rhubarb and Ginger Pie

Short Crust Pastry with sugar added  
Roll out pastry into two circles.  
Line pie dish. Place 1½ lbs of trimmed rhubarb into the dish with:  
4oz brown sugar  
1tbsp orange juice  
1tsp ground ginger  
Seal top of pie, brush with egg white and sprinkle with sugar. Make a slit on the top and decorate. Cook for approx. 30 minutes at 200°C until golden brown, dredge with sugar and serve with cream, yoghurt or custard.



The Endurance under full sail

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Part One of our new true-life serial: "As simple as A D C" The story of a Governor's Aide, by John Huckle

## How to Become an A.D.C.

IN the period immediately following World War II, the Falklands had an energetic, active, and often deeply unpopular Governor, Miles Clifford, who was determined to "get things done" and was responsible for many improvements to life in the colony, such as the establishment of FIGAS, as well as presiding over at least one major disaster, in the shape of the Ajax Bay Freezer.

Often, as we shall see, it was Clifford's ADC, John Huckle, an 'Fid', hi-jacked on his way to the Antarctic, who, as Harbour Master, ship's master, Director of Civil Aviation, FIGAS pilot and general factotum, was central to the execution of the Governor's plans.

We are much indebted to Mr Huckle, who is remembered with great affection by many of the Falklands' older residents, for permission to reprint some of his recollections of this time.



'Fids' with Captain White aboard Lafonia. L. to R: 'Doc' Butson, Frank Elliott, Bernard Stonehouse, Freddy White, John Huckle, Oliver Burd, John Ewer, Assistant District Officer.

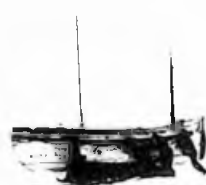
## The Hurley Collection

SCOTT, Shackleton, Amundsen - the names roll off the tongue like some echo of a bygone age of heroism and daring, when men were men and the human spirit would triumph over all. A bohemian little mews in central London is an unlikely setting for the rekindling of this flame. But it is here that a small firm of book and art dealers are preparing to launch a series of limited edition photographic prints, which are set to turn even the stiffest upper lip a-trembling with patriotic pride.

Atlas Limited Editions are reprinting a series of famous photographs originally taken on the British Antarctic Expedition of 1914-17, commanded by Sir Ernest Shackleton. The photographs have never been reprinted as a collection and never properly exhibited since the turn of the century.

The story of the expedition's survival is one of the greatest ever told. Shackleton and his crew, their ship Endurance crushed by the ice, saved

Photographs of one the truly most remarkable episodes in the history of Antarctic exploration



Relaying the James Caird

the lifeboats and drifted with the pack-ice for an amazing six months out in the open. They eventually reached a small island off the coast of the Antarctic Peninsula, and from here Shackleton and the strongest crew members were able to launch one of the boats and finally reach a whaling station on South Georgia and to find help, crossing the totally unexplored and treacherous central mountain range of the island in the process. Eventually the expedition returned to England without the loss of a single life.

Originally the photographer, Frank Hurley had taken about 500 photographs. However, the entire number almost sank with the Endurance and were lost forever, when the ship was crushed. Braving the freezing water and grinding ice, he dived into the icy Weddell Sea and eventually retrieved all the delicate glass-

plate negatives, only to be told that only a small number could be kept. Almost 400 were thus destroyed on the ice, leaving barely 100 to tell the story on their return.

So it is that the story is finally retold through these amazing and haunting photographs, printed from original negatives, which have been stored in the Royal Geographical Society Picture Library ever since. The photographs themselves are a magnetic mixture of reportage and 'beat' photography and are set to 'beat' come a historic memento for any of the increasing number of tourists who visit the Antarctic every year.

The catalogue and prints can be obtained directly from Atlas Limited Editions, 2 Dunstable Mews, London W1N 1RQ or will be available locally from The Pink Shop, Stanley.

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MANY people have inquired how one becomes an ADC and the truthful answer must be that I do not know. I can only relate what happened in my own case.

### Looking for a job

AT the end of the Second World War there were few prospects that my talents as a submariner would ever be required again, so much of my time was occupied approaching anyone able to offer me interesting and exciting employment - preferably legal of course. Thus I came to seek posts tea-planting in Ceylon; participating in an Antarctic expedition led by an Australian, Sir Douglas Mawson; accompanying a French party intent upon reaching the Moon by rocket-ship (the organiser of this exploit was later whisked away by the men in white coats!) and finally, upholding British dominion over palm and pine as a colonial administrator.

### Africa bound

TO MY AMAZEMENT three responded favourably, but the idea of planting millions of tea bushes palled rapidly, while Mawson was unable to set out for a further eighteen months and I could not afford to wait that long. That left the Colonial Service as my preferred option. Life on the frontiers of the Empire might prove quite attractive, relieving famines, minimising earthquakes, extending communications, and performing all those other functions one was expected to undertake on frontiers. With the service desperately understaffed the entrance examination was little more than a formality, and I was destined to sail from Liverpool aboard SS *Acra* at the end of October 1946, bound for the Gold Coast (Ghana) as an As-

### Africa postponed

THE EARLY days of the month found me in London tying up a few loose ends at the Admiralty, for I was still serving a naval officer and had to earn my pay, interspersed with frantic shopping sprees in the West End buying mosquito nets, solar topees, etc. Then one day as I munched a solitary sandwich on a bench in St James Park (it was I who was solitary-not the sandwich!) I chanced to see an advert in the *Evening Standard* calling for "young men, single, tough, and not afraid of loneliness" to participate in an expedition organised by the Colonial Office to explore the Falkland Islands Dependencies (now the British Antarctic Territory). This seemed almost too good to be true. That very afternoon my career as a topical administrator was postponed while I was seconded to the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey (FIDS) as a polar explorer under orders to sail from Tilbury in five days time.

### No luxury liner

THE SPEED of modern transport makes it difficult to appreciate that fifty years ago it required four weeks to reach the Falkland Islands from Europe. That was the immediate prospect facing me as I kissed my childhood sweetheart farewell on the quayside prior to climbing the gangway of *RMS Lafonia*, Una's parting gift a fine briar pipe, clutched firmly between my teeth. This ship had been acquired by the FIC to improve communications between Port Stanley and Montevideo, but a few years before, as the SS *Perth*, she had been in a convoy protected by a destroyer escort in which I had been serving, so she was not a com-

plete stranger to me. About 1,300 tons, with accommodation for thirty passengers, the *Lafonia* was no luxury liner and we soon got to know all our fellow travellers. Most were Falkland Islanders returning to the Colony after a holiday in the 'home country', but there were also contract workers and five more members of the Antarctic expedition. We six sat together in the saloon, the remaining two seats at that table occupied by the Governor-Designate and his wife.

That evening as we sailed down the Thames Estuary, dinner held a surprise for me. When his Excellency came to the table he turned out to be Mr. Miles Clifford, and his first words were addressed to me:

"What the devil are you doing here?" he demanded. "Surely you are supposed to be going to Africa?"

"Good heavens! Do you mean I've got on the wrong ship?" was my somewhat cheeky response, which gave rise to an erroneous presumption by others that Miles Clifford and I were well acquainted before this meeting. Such was not the case. As a very junior officer I had spoken to him briefly at a cocktail party in Gibraltar while he was the Colonial Secretary on the Rock, and more recently he had been the chairman of the interview panel when I joined the Colonial Service. Now fortune had brought us together again and we had an opportunity to expand the relationship as *Lafonia* plodded slowly down the length of the Atlantic Ocean.

### Fun and games

DINNER was the social event of each day and Miles Clifford was certainly a brilliant conversationalist. To keep our end up, we Fids devised a game to play during those meals. Whilst partaking our pre-prandial drinks a phrase was chosen which we then endeavoured to persuade HE to utter without, of course, asking a direct question to which the required phrase was the answer. For instance, the first was "cats can see in the dark". It required some while to steer the conversation around to this: several minutes were wasted discussing the capabilities of homing pigeons if I remember correctly, but as the days passed we became more adept and so our targets had to be made increasingly difficult. The final game was memorable, not only for those sitting at the Governor's table, but for all in the saloon, for every passenger (except the Cliffords) knew the nature of our little game by this time. Very ambitiously we chose "the boy stood on the burning deck" and as an opening gambit, began a discussion of epic poetry. The game started badly: Miles Clifford commenced a lengthy recitation in Hausa, Swahili, or some other unintelligible African tongue, which, with the translation, threatened to occupy the whole meal. He followed this with a spirited render-

ing of the 'Charge of the Light Brigade', which took us well into the dessert. As we began to despair of achieving our aim we suggested (inaccurately) that nautical subjects seldom featured in epic poems.

"I can't agree", Clifford expostulated: "What about 'the Fighting Temeraire'?" Or that thing which begins 'the boy stood on the burning deck'?"

He got no further, for at that point a spontaneous cheer arose from all the diners, much to the mystification of both Cliffords who could not comprehend why an apparently innocent comment had produced this reaction. The summons to their cabin after the meal was therefore not unexpected.

"Tell me, John" he began, "Why do other passengers listen with rapt attention to all that passes at our table? And why, tonight, did everyone burst out cheering? Is there something going on I should know about?"

Although it would destroy any hope we had of playing that game again, there was nothing for it but confess the nature of our harmless pastime. Much to my relief the Cliffords thoroughly enjoyed the joke at their expense and then, after he had poured me whisky, he continued:

"That was not the reason I've asked you to come and see me this evening. When we reach the Falklands I need a personal ADC. Will you take that on? Of course it will mean that you must remain in the Islands and not go South with the others, but on the other hand it may assist your promotion when you eventually take up that appointment in the Gold Coast, so think it over and let me know what you decide".

### A quandary

THIS put me in a quandary. I was greatly looking forward to exploring the Antarctic and was not at all sure I wanted to strut around as an ADC like an animated tailor's dummy. After all, I had just spent five years continuously in uniform, and that had been long enough. By chance *Lafonia* had only two watch-keeping deck officers, and Freddy White (the Captain during this first voyage under the FIC flag) had asked me to help out by taking the morning watch, four to eight a.m. daily. Glad to have something useful to do during what might otherwise have proven rather a tedious trip, I had agreed readily, and it was as I calculated the star sights at dawn the next day that I decided to accept the Governor's proposal.

That was how I became ADC to His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Falkland Islands, a distant British possession in the far reaches of the South Atlantic, which hardly anyone in the home country knew existed before April 1982!

# Falklands Philatelic by S.G

## The Specialised Stamp Catalogue of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies (1800-1996)

ONE of the particular privileges of stamp collecting in the Falklands is that anyone who is interested in our stamps, and our postal history, can now consult an outstanding catalogue which contains a wealth of authoritative information. The catalogue was first published in 1988 and the third edition is now in print. The new edition of catalogue will shortly be available from the Pink Shop and the Philatelic Bureau.

The Specialised Stamp Catalogue of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies (1800-1996) in-

cludes postal history and cancellations. The catalogue also includes a full listing of stamps from the British Antarctic Territory. A new feature of the latest edition is that it lists of paper money, coins and telephone cards. There are 224 pages with 1500 illustrations and drawings.

The editor and publisher of the catalogue is Stefan Heijtz, who has recently won the first international Gold medal ever awarded for a display of Falkland postal history. A number of Falklands' residents have assisted in the pro-

duction of the catalogue - Jimmy Stephenson (Postmaster), Nigel Dodd (Philatelic Bureau Manager), Derek Howatt (Financial Secretary). Doctor Robin McLroy is largely responsible for the listing of telephone cards.

The catalogue lists all the stamps that have ever been produced by the Falklands and BAT, and lists their current value at auction, both as mint and used stamps. Many varieties and colour shades are listed. All known postal cancellations from our various Post Offices are listed and illustrated.

Among the other areas listed and illustrated are postal stationary, registration markings and labels, Forces mail and departmental cachets. Of particular interest to many will be the section that deals with mail used during the period of Argentine occupation in 1982.

We are justifiably proud of the very high standard of stamps produced by the Falklands, and this catalogue reveals the sound basis for that community pride. This is a book that is packed with information - and at a price of £19 it is worth every penny.



## Horoscope

### ARIES (March 21st-April 20th)

You may not achieve exactly what you have been aiming for. Don't give up, however: you will still be successful, but in a completely different way. **Romance.** Try to work out why some recent criticism has upset you. Your feelings about the person concerned may be stronger than you realise.



### TAURUS (April 21st-June 21st)

An argument with a friend could be a little difficult to get out of. Although you have a lot of important things to discuss, you should avoid touching on any areas that you know might cause problems. **Romance.** You will be surprised how quickly your relationship with an old acquaintance warms up.



### GEMINI (May 22nd-June 21st)

A colleague at work will try to push you as far as you can go! A favourable aspect between your Ruling Planet and the Sun on November 23rd will give you the confidence you need to speak



your mind. **Romance.** You may be taken aback by the frankness of an admirer. This person can see qualities which you yourself may have missed.

### CANCER (June 22nd-July 23rd)

You may be feeling guilty about taking a break. However, you have worked hard recently, and need



the chance to get away for a while. **Romance.** Don't feel unloved, just because a recent event did not go the way you had hoped. A favourable aspect to Venus on November 14th will help to bring your love-life back into shape.

### LEO (July 24th-August 23rd)

Try not to be too anti-social this month. You will miss an important opportunity if you are not ready to take the plunge. **Romance.** A powerful aspect between your Ruling Planet and the Sun will help you to make your feelings very clear. If anything, you could be a little too forceful at times.



### VIRGO (August 24th-September 23rd)

Your relationship with a neighbour will gradually improve after a recent difficult patch. This person will be trying to get things onto a better footing. **Romance.** Make sure that you don't get involved in a situation which could be embarrassing to get out of. An early warning sign must not be ignored!



### LIBRA (September 24th-October 23rd)

Be careful to count your money. A mistake in your change could put you in a difficult position, without being aware of what is happening. **Romance.** You may find it hard to express your feelings in the way you would like. As Venus moves closer to Jupiter on November 19th, the situation will improve.



### CAPRICORN (December 22nd-January 20th)

This would be a good time to gain a deeper understanding of the people around you. You will be very spiritually aware, and will be open to their thoughts and feelings. **Romance.** Your high level of emotional energy will not go unnoticed. Be prepared for some attention from a new admirer!

## NOVEMBER

### SCORPIO

(October 24th-November 22nd)

You will be very much in the limelight this month. Your friends will be keen to hear your ideas: make sure you don't let them down! **Romance.** Flirtations with a colleague from work may suddenly start to become more serious. You may be treading on someone else's toes without realising it, however, so be careful.



### SAGITTARIUS

(November 23rd-December 21st)

A person who has let you down in the past may do so again. Although this person will continue to be a friend, it might not be very sensible to trust them to keep their word. **Romance.** A mysterious comment may not be quite as odd as you imagine! Before you attempt to "read between the lines", ask this person what they meant!



### AQUARIUS

(Jan 21st-Feb 19th)

Try not to be swayed by the arguments of people who should know better. There is more at stake than they realise, and you could be given misleading advice. **Romance.** Your confidence will receive a much-needed boost this month. A powerful aspect to your Ruling Planet will give you the strength you need to cope with changing circumstances.

### PISCES

(February 20th-March 20th)

You may be a little too anxious to jump in without considering the consequences. Be sure that you know what you are doing before it is too late. **Romance.** Your love-life will gradually improve as Venus moves into conjunction with Jupiter around the middle of the month. This would be a good time for a romantic get-together with someone special.





## Report on Legislative Council Meeting held on October 30, 1995

# Cllr. Eric left silent at the post in 'down beat' adjournment motion

APART from the election of ExCo members, (see front page) the only other significant business of Monday's session of Legislative Council was the passing of the Supplementary Appropriations 1995/96 Bill, 1995.

Not all the councillors spoke to the Motion for Adjournment, which was, in the Chief Executive's words, somewhat "down beat".

Later Cllr. Eric Goss, one of three councillors not to speak, admitted that a momentary lapse of concentration, coupled with a desire to be the last councillor to speak, had caused him to miss the Governor's eye completely. He would have liked to join his colleagues in welcoming Commodore Backus, the CBFFI, to his first Legislative Council meeting and would have congratulated the Council on the great strides that it had made in recent months. Cllr Goss told *Penguin News* that while the oil launch had clearly come up to expectations, he still had some serious misgivings about the Oil Agreement and would have preferred it if development of the

border areas, which now constitute the Special Co-operation Zone, could have been put "on the back burner."

First of those who actually did speak to the Motion for Adjournment was newly re-elected Executive Council member, Mrs. Wendy Teggart, who reported briefly on the growing interest and support for the Falklands among the countries of the Commonwealth, which she had been made aware of during her recent visit to Sri Lanka with the Clerk of Councils, Claudette de Ceballos, for the Plenary Session of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

During her absence from the Colony, Mrs Teggart had also attended the Conservative and Labour Party conferences with Cllr. Stevens and thanked colleagues for shouldering her particular responsibilities in her absence.

Opening his remarks by welcoming the new CBFFI, Cllr Cheek referred to recent military visits between Britain and Argentina, and said that he welcomed them as a tangible sign that the level of military threat had now been significantly reduced.

Cllr Cheek also took the opportunity

to refute rumours of councillors' limited involvement in the Oil Agreement. Such rumours were simply not true, he said, and although councillors' support for the Oil Agreement had not been totally unanimous, democracy had been properly served.

Cllr Cheek went on to talk of the oil licensing round launches in London and Houston, paying particular tribute to the work done by Dr Fannin and, in particular, Dr Phil Richards of the BGS. Such had been the professionalism of their approach said Cllr Cheek, that he had not felt a moment's embarrassment about the manner in which things were done or because they had been left undone.

Cllr Cheek concluded with a thinly veiled jocular reference to the Chief Executive's arrest for speeding on a Texas highway, and alluded to other, as he put it, "in jokes", relating to the launch in the States. In the nature of "in jokes" these were somewhat lost on a rather sparse audience in the public gallery.

Other speakers also welcomed the CBFFI, Commodore Backus, who in his own speech to the motion, thanked the House and pledged that he would aim both to hone the performance of the forces on the Islands and encourage them to benefit from the treasures they hold.

Cllr. Stevens shared with Council insights he had gained from places as far apart as Crete, Aberfeldy and Oxford where he had attended the Argentine/British Conference. Talking to the Argentine Ambassador at the Labour Party Conference, he had discovered both how much worse farmers in Patagonia had fared last winter and how little they had been helped by their government.

Replying to criticism by Cllr. Birmingham that Government sometimes obstructed private business activity, the Chief Executive pledged that in the year ahead, Government would be working with local businesses to maximise the opportunities offered by the oil industry. He also wished to see older people having a greater share of the benefits brought by fishing revenue.

## DIARY OF A FARMER'S CAT by Baldrick Wilkinson

# Sleep, eat and watch the world go by!

I'LL LET you into a secret, shall I? The Missus got squiffy last night on a forgotten bottle of wine she found hidden away in a dusty cupboard (for it could have been a dusty bottle of wine in a forgotten cupboard - take your pick). Which ever, I reckon very little of it went down the Boss's throat, and as the Missus can't handle anything stronger than coffee you can imagine how funny she looked staggering around, smiling loopily.

She isn't half paying for it today, though. The wages of sin are a vile headache, even viler temper plus total loss of concentration, it appears. Since the Missus is trying to complete some important work on the computer-thingy in the portacabin, she needs all her depleted wits about her, and believe you me they were well scattered today...

Unwisely she tried to speed up the work (the printer is slow apparently) by doing some work on the Boss's Amstrad while hers was busy printing. She'd just got well into whatever it was she was doing, when she decided that music (blaring out as usual, umpteen

dessy-wotsits) wasn't doing a lot to help matters. Forgetting the tape machine was plugged into the same multi-socket as the computer she was using, the silly old bat switched off - only to discover she'd lost all that work she'd been doing. Oh, boy...

Me, I scarpered sharpish, I can tell you. Not one to hang about where I can get decapitated by a flying computer disc, I legged it for the comparative peace of the sheep pens, where the Boss can be found most days hard at work with hammer, nails and gritted teeth. I was quite enjoying the sun, stretched out by a fence, until the stupid old sod hit his thumb yet again...

What is it about humans? Why do you all attempt jobs that will drive you to distraction, shorten your tempers (and possibly your lives) and break up the marital harmony?? Why don't you do like us cats do? Sleep most of the time, eat whenever you get the chance, and watch the world pass by without worrying over who's keeping it moving and whether you should be doing something other than your current job. Him up there, the one who designed us beautiful

moggies, is also watching out for you. So why worry over things you can't change, and simply change the things you can? Lighten up, you people...

I tried telling all this to the Missus when I judged it safe to creep back and check on her (in case she'd done something silly, like throttle herself with a computer cable), but did she listen? Nope, she did not. Sobbing in a corner she was, clutching Teddy. Noticed she'd ripped the ear off the poor old chap, too. Glad it wasn't me she'd been cuddling, I can tell you. Beat a hasty retreat, I have to admit. Samartan I am not...

Good job one of us is sane around here. Well, I suppose you could count the Boss as almost sane, but living with the Missus is bound to have warped him, and anyway who in their right mind would run a sheep farm??

He (the Boss) has been trying hard to humour the old bat while she's been struggling with whatever it is she's doing (something woolly, no doubt). Lived

on eggs and chips without complaint, day in and day out - sometimes he doesn't even get beans with it - but I think it's beginning to get to him. Trying to be helpful, he put his dirty clothes straight into the washing-machine when he got back home from town the other day, and (being a man) forgot to empty his pockets first. The Missus being in a hurry to get a load out and drying on a rare sunny, breezy day simply added more clothes and some powder and switched the thing on.

When she came to hang out the washing, she discovered lots of little white bits over everything, and a sodden lump wedged in the Boss's best shirt pocket.

I must say, I'd heard the expression 'laundering money', but I didn't realise until now that they meant washing cheque-books...

Cheers, chaps - from the mad-house

Baldrick

## FARMING PHOBIA - AN IRREGULAR COLUMN

I THINK we'll start off with the accolade this week. It goes out to someone who probably doesn't always receive the full public recognition of what he has done for us and what he continues to do, not just for the farming community, but for the Islands as a whole. Even with all the extra work involvement in oil, he still finds some time to monitor and look after all the camp statistics and financial matters - this is as well as being the 'brains' in the Treasury. He is of course, Richard Wagner. I only hope that he is also appreciated by the administration.

What about the dentist, not the current one particularly, but all our dentists of the past few years. One remembers with fondness the years that Robert Watson spent looking after our teeth and the hours and care that he put into it.

The whole lot done in the camp as well, nowadays you even have to go to town for a quick scale and polish and pay your own air fare into the bargain. Mind you, that was in the good old days when 'Hygienists' weren't even invented.

I would hope by now that ALL farmers would have had the sense to stop burning grass for this year. Some years it might still be okay at this time, but things have dried up so quickly that is not only a danger, but an environmental hazard, so think of others before you continue to throw matches around and, if you must burn grass, smoke it instead. Despite winter losses and low lambings the forthcoming season looks promising in other ways. The younger sheep in particular look as though they will produce a bumper fleece, so hopefully average wool weights will go some way to make up for everything else. The wool market also looks encouraging so let's hope it will recover enough in the next few months to enable us to pay a few bills.

I presume that the cheap labour that Landholdings and others have obtained had to go through the same immigration procedures that the rest of us have to endure if we wish to import labour. As I wrote that last sentence, I realised what a load of rubbish it was. Of course they didn't, otherwise they wouldn't be allowed to work here, but I suppose that's one of the perks of having state owned farms, or perhaps the result of not having a general manager and being 'looked after' by our man of vision.

Why don't our postage stamps

have perforations on them that work? Trying to separate stamps from a sheet is much like tearing the corner off a milk carton, only without the same sort of mess. You then have to try and neatly stick the Queen's head back on again and hope that your envelope doesn't end up with a stamp collector or charity. There is also the worry that someone in authority might get you for disfiguring an image of her royal personage.

Who does Len McGill think he is trying to kid us with all this crap about friendly policing? Another suggestion to add to what I have already said on this subject is that if you are coming out on these patrols yourself Len, then a bring a tent and plenty of food.

## A golfing weekend at Port Howard

by Graham France

THE weekend of 21/22 October in what had to be some of the best weather we've had, or indeed at this moment we seem likely to have, the Golf Club upped sticks and went away to Port Howard to compete for prizes sponsored by Port Howard Farm and Lodge, White Rock and Jimmy Forster. We have to thank FIGAS for arranging our flights so that we were able to make the most of the weekend. All the easters had arrived by 10.00am Saturday and were able to get in eighteen holes practise at Clippy Hill and nine at Bold Cove that first day. Following some light refreshment, a nearest the pin competition on the first at Clippy Hill seemed a good idea, Steve Vincent scooped the jackpot with a pin seeking six iron. Later, after some spirited and well lubricated community singing in the dining room of the Lodge accompanied by Rodney Lee on the guitar, there followed an interesting evening in the social club. There we were joined by golfers from all over the west and found to our surprise that, given enough vocal and liquid encouragement, almost everyone could play virtuoso guitar!

Roused from unconsciousness the following morning by light



Golfers tee off at Clippy Hill Golf Course, Port Howard

airs from the mysteriously wide awake and fully dressed phantom whistler, nineteen players partook of a scant or hearty breakfast according to taste and assembled at the first tee of Jimmy's course at Bold Cove for the first nine hole leg of the eighteen hole competition. We had ten easters, including Stuart Herron the Comsec at MPA who had been talked into deserting his family for the day, and nine westers including the three ladies, Carole Lee, Ginny Forster and Sharon Marsh. Less rocky than it appears at first sight

Bold Cove nevertheless demands deadly accuracy, while putting the steeply sloping greens requires a delicate touch of nerves and steel. At the end of this stage the top three players were all off 17 handicaps. Roy Smith with 37 gross was leader, both gross and net, while Aide Lowe with 38 gross was second and Ron Rozee with 39 gross was third. East-west honours were fairly evenly divided with the west occupying five of the top nine places both gross and net. Jimmy's nearest the pin prize at the near vertical third hole went to Aide Lowe whose ball actually stayed on the green and longest drive went to Leon Marsh, although Jimmy's own drive might just have been longer.

Playing the second nine leg at Clippy Hill Ron Rozee started as he meant to continue with a drive to the heart of the fearsome first, but both Roy and Aide slipped back to let fourth place man Jimmy up into a tie with Ron for winning the spot on 62 net. In the play off



Rodney and Robin Lee, Peter Nightingale and Aide Lowe wait patiently

Ron again put his ball right by the pin but unluckily Jimmy's ball drifted a little right and then trickled agonisingly slowly down the slope to finish six inches inside the minefield and out of bounds. At the Lodge later where Robin Lee presented the prizes sponsored by Port Howard Farm, Lodge and White Rock the first prize went to Ron Rozee, second to Jimmy Forster and third to Roy Smith who was one behind on 63 net. Jimmy also collected the nearest pin on the eighth and Steve Vincent took the longest drive on the ninth.

At the finish, the westers took 6 places out of the top 10. Looking to the future, the score cards were brought back to Stanley and the first stage of harmonising handicaps in the run up to selection for the Jersey Small Island games is under way.

The Club would like to thank everyone connected with the trip for a most enjoyable weekend, particularly the sponsors, for the prizes and the use of their courses, FIGAS for getting us there on the first flight and back on a late flight, and Jenny for some super cooking.



Ron Rozee holds winners cup

## The Falkland Island Fisheries Report by Sheila Stewart

### The Loligo licence 'waiting game' has begun

AS you will all be aware from my last article on *Loligo gahi*, the season is now coming to an end and many of the 23 licensed vessels will, if they have not done so already, soon leave the zone.

Some of the vessels will tranship their catch in Falkland waters (FIPASS or Berkeley Sound) on the High Seas or others on arrival in Montevideo where the vessel will tie up for a few months, enabling works to be carried out and the crew will then fly home for a well earned rest. Many of the vessels which berth at Montevideo will be seen again in the FICZ within the next couple of months, more than likely targeting fin fish.

Other vessels will have fished until their holds are full and then steamed back to Vigo (or wherever their home port may be). The crew will then begin their holidays, when arriving back with the ship. In these cases the vessel will more than likely not be back in Falkland waters until the commencement of the High Season 1996. Some vessels may fish on the High Seas for Hake and *Illex*

whilst steaming back to the FICZ.

Last week has seen meetings held between the various fishing companies in particular the holders of long-term D licences (5 year licences) and a panel consisting of the Director of Fisheries and General Manager of FIDC. The people concerned are invited to meet with Mr Barton and Mr Summers to discuss the progression of their

Business plans and are given the opportunity to put forward their views on future policy.

From now until the middle of November is the 'waiting game' for those who have applied for licences for 1996 and beyond, although it is not anticipated that there will be a great change for 1996 as there is little scope for allowing further long-term li-

cences which allow access to *Loligo*. We understand that to date all licence types have been over subscribed.

The species supporting the main fishery, *Illex argentinus*, will enter the zone from late January onwards before leaving the zone in May and June. During this period over one hundred vessels consisting mainly of Jiggers and some Trawlers will target *Illex* whilst, during the same period, there will be seventeen vessels licensed to target *Loligo gahi* as well as numerous other vessels targeting the various types of Finfish.

This is the busiest time of the Fishery and during the High Season the Fisheries Department oversee the operation of two Fishery Patrol Vessels, whereas during the Low Season only one Fishery Patrol Vessel is operational within the FICZ. Until recent years two Fishery Patrol Vessels were operational year round although due to insufficient funds in 1993, as was the case in all FIG Departments, cut backs had to be undertaken.



BBC '999' team film the Fishery Patrol Vessel Cordella during their October visit.

### C&W Marine win contract for Brazil Domestic cable system.

CABLE & Wireless have won a £44.4m (US\$29.6m) contract for the installation of the Brazil Domestic cable system. The contract was signed on August 31 in Rio de Janeiro.

The contract is to lay a fibre optic festoon cable system which, at 2430 km, will be one of the world's longest unrepeaters subsea cable networks. The system will become an integral part of Brazil's expanding telecom infrastructure.

Cable & Wireless Marine, a member of the Cable & Wireless Federation, were awarded the Domestic Network contract by Schahin Cury Engenharia e Comercio Ltda who are to build the cable network for Embratel, the national and international carrier in Brazil.

"Cable & Wireless have a long history in involvement with the Brazilian telecom network, having installed a coastal looping telegraph system in the 1870's which it maintained until decommissioning in the 1970's", said David Hughes, Managing Director, CWM Installation Services. "Two ships of the CW Marine fleet, Mercury and Cable Venture, were used in the late 1970's, early

1980's to install Brazil's two international co-axial systems to Europe and we are pleased to now be revisiting Brazil to install, this latest submarine cable 'first'".

The system, which includes the two festoon systems and two terrestrial cables, will run from Rio in the south to Fortaleza in the north where it will provide connections to existing submarine cable systems connecting to Europe and Central/North America. The cable will be supplied by Simplex in the north and Pirelli in the south.

Installation is due to start early next year on the South and is expected to be completed by late Summer 1996. CWM will be using its newly acquired multi-purpose cable ship *Cable Installer*, for most of the work but will subcontract some installation activity to Telecom Denmark. The route survey for the submarine cable system was carried out by World-wide Ocean Surveying, a wholly owned subsidiary of CWM, and an associate company, General Off-shore Corp, will carry out all the shore and operations. Submarine cable engineering consulting services were also provided by Cable & Wireless Network Services.

#### Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders from suitable qualified contractors for the erection of lighting columns and cabling for the Fisheries Housing Estate.

Tender documents are available from the Secretariat, Stanley upon payment of a £25 deposit refundable on submission of a bona fide tender.

Tenders endorsed 'Fisheries Estate Lighting - Erection of Lighting Columns and Cabling' should be returned to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat, to reach him on or before 3pm on Wednesday 15 November 1995

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

The Secretariat, Stanley

#### Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government has for sale by tender a further 20 computer systems surplus to requirements comprising of machine keyboards and screen.

Tender documents are available from the Secretariat, Stanley. The items can be viewed by contacting the Computer Section located at Lookout Camp, Stanley.

Tenders endorsed 'Sale of Surplus Falkland Island Government Computers' should be returned to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat, to reach him on or before Friday 4 November 1995

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

The Secretariat, Stanley

## AS I SEE IT by Gail Steen

### Guy Fawkes and bonfire night - has the true meaning been lost forever?

I WONDER if Guy Fawkes, when he sat mulling over the plot to blow up King James 1 and the Houses of Parliament, ever imagined he would be remembered for so long?

This year the 5th of November is the 390th anniversary of that fateful day. Up until 1859 if you didn't celebrate his arrest, you were a likely candidate for arrest yourself! I don't know what happened then, but I imagine you were hurled into some smelly dungeon until you decomposed. Or were subjected to a stint in the stocks, and held up to public ridicule. A punishment that no doubt persuaded you to cavort around the next effigy burning in an appropriate manner.

Whatever - the observance of this event was so impressed upon our ancestors that even today if we fail to acquire an acceptable amount of fireworks and construct an impressive bonfire we run the risk of bringing the wrath of today's little tyrants upon ourselves.

The familiar wail of 'everyone else's got fireworks' accompanied by that doleful 'I'm a neglected child' look, (that they've perfected) nearly persuades you that they are. And, being the old softies that we are, we rush out to buy a box before everyone else has snapped them up for their own little tyrants.

I suspect that this is not as entirely selfless as it seems. As old as we are, there is not many of us who fail to oohh and aahh over fireworks displays and be sucked into the magic. Those glittering colourful explosions of light, the gold and silver stars falling from the sky hold us momentarily in their spell. And the rockets - and those breath holding seconds when you follow their path, willing them to go further than they possibly can, followed by that groan of disappointment when they fall to earth - as we know they must.

As the years have gone by the reason for Bonfire Night is not dwelt upon. As with so many things in life, the reason for something is not always questioned, just accepted.

I remember well the excitement of my childhood 5th of Novembers; in those days the Working Men's Club organised the event. A huge fire, the Guy slung drunkenly on top. The flames flickering and licking up the wood, closer and closer until that moment when he caught alight amid

the cheers from the crowd, and I in my childhood incomprehension, felt sad, I thought I saw him cry. A part of me wanted to cry out 'Don't burn him', but amid such gaiety and reassurances that it wasn't real, helped by the diversion of a hot dog, oozing fried onions, and a fistful of liquorice, my budding social conscience merged silently with the laughing crowd.

Last week at what must have been one of the largest gathering of consciences, when world leaders came together to celebrate the United Nations 50th Anniversary, many views were aired. The awareness of the world situation was highlighted and a host of moving speeches and declarations made. Their solutions to the way forward were convincing, uplifting and as euphoric building as any firework display.

The central theme and concepts of world peace, social justice, environment protection, democracy, global partnership, collective will and self determination for all people, ran through the assembly with clarity and purpose.

Many spoke of the need to find a way to achieve all that we aspire to. Our world leaders apparently all passionately believe in these ideals, and in the eradication of wars, poverty, ignorance and all things which demean the human spirit.

As individuals or small groups we have no problem working toward our common good but collectively on a world scale we do not seem to be able to reconcile our differences and are a long way from getting it together. I want to believe that one day we can, we need to believe. But that sceptical part of me which probably lurks in us all to a certain extent, cannot help but wonder.

If all these influential people truly believe their own impassioned rhetoric, then why, when the last inspiring words have been drowned by the latest news bulletin reporting wars and man made atrocities, when they have stopped embracing each other with such expansive friendliness and have returned to their own patch of heaven or hell on this earth, why, does nothing really change?

The only visible change is the venue for horror.

Why do their words, which rise to the lofty ceilings and spread throughout the world for one brief day, fall to the earth and fizzle out? Are they too like the fire-

works, holding us enthralled for a time; all glitter with no substance?

Many people will never know such noble words have been said on their behalf. The vast chambers of the United Nations must be steeped in echoes, past and present of the worlds languages. Aspirations and intentions seeping into the very walls until they sweat with goodness.

These words - who do they benefit? The people who suffer or the conscience of us that watch?

We do not need fireworks, but we do need our spirits uplifted, we need to aspire to be better than we are. If the United Nations be the embryo of a better world we need that too. If it can survive to its, 390th anniversary, with the reason for its being as meaningful as it was in the beginning. Then maybe all those noble words will be tomorrow's reality. Yet it is the deeds of men that are remembered most. Not what they say.



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### NOTICES

During the past months there have been references to the small Island Games. There is no such organisation. Although Australia and New Zealand were declined membership, there are other large islands that are members of the Island Games Association.

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## F.I Rifle Association

SCORES from the Rookery Bay Range on the 8th October shooting over 3,500 yards:

K Aldridge 92, T Petterson 90, C McCallum 90, S Smith 84 and T McCallum 82.

22nd October saw 7 rounds shot at 3,5,600 yards in near perfect conditions which the scores reflected with two possibilities returned - one by Stan Smith at 600 yards, the other by Ken Aldridge at 300 yards (who also broke the range record with 101)

The only previous possibilities scored on the Rookery Bay Range was by Stan Smith at 600 yards and Mike Pole-Evans at 500 yards. Top scores on the day:

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## Postscript from The Baha'is

HOW is it possible to keep a difference in perception from becoming a bone of contention? Here are a few suggestions in using a process called consultation. Give the other person the benefit of the doubt. Not all the facts may be available. Even if they are, there may be a reasonable explanation which is not obvious. There is an old saying that love keeps you from making a judgment until an understanding is possible. Jumping to conclusions makes it much more difficult to accept a reasonable explanation.

Any understanding one person has is subject to error. It may come close to truth but absolute, complete understanding is rare. Each one may be right from his own point of view.

The different perception which someone else has may be a point of view which is important, in order

to get a more complete understanding of the problem.

Never be afraid to be wrong. When proven wrong, the only thing which can be hurt is the ego...and this can be beneficial spiritually.

Often harmony is more important than insisting on your own opinion.

Differences in perception simply reflect a part of the wide range of diversity in the human family. They are a part of the charm, the diversity, the multifaced splendour of family of humankind.

"The heaven of divine wisdom is illumined with the two luminaries of consultation and compassion. Take ye counsel together in all matters in as much as consultation is the lamp of guidance which leadeth all the way, and is the bestower of understanding."

*from the Writings of Baha'u'llah.*

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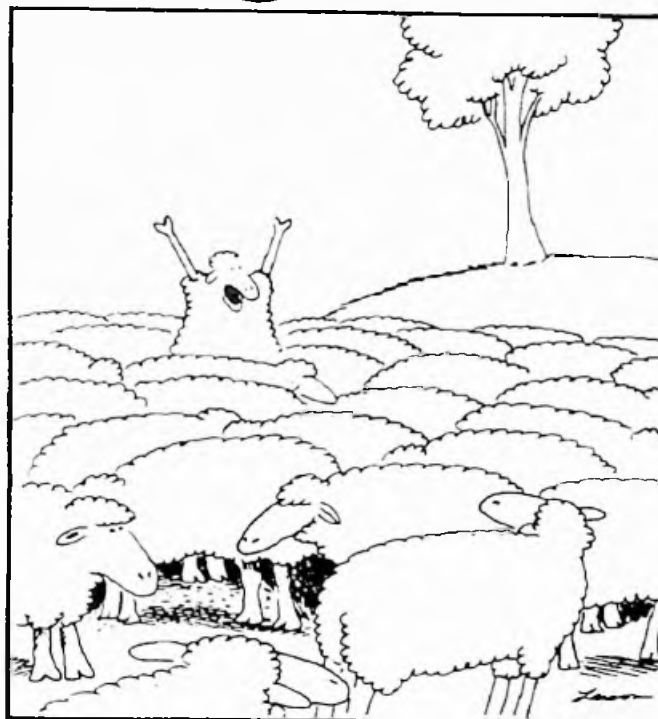
## Fundamental debate crucial in deciding Landholdings future

THE TIME for decisions on the future of Falklands Landholdings Ltd came another step nearer on Tuesday with the public release of the Third Draft of the Chief Executive's report to ExCo on this subject. The second draft was described as "a report for discussion"; this one is sub-titled, "a report representing the third stage of a process" and is now in its final form before Executive Council begins its formal deliberations on November 22.

The same length as its predecessor and in a similar format, in its final form the report is short on provocative scenarios - there are no references to electronic crofts with thatched roofs and not an ostrich in sight - and longer on evidence from a variety of sources. The report still contains a section on *The Growing of Trees in the Falklands*, but, perhaps acknowledging prevailing scepticism regarding the commercial application of forests, the emphasis has been shifted to the more commonly accepted priority: provision of shelter belts.

If this report seems more likely to find a consensus than its predecessor, this is not unexpected as Andrew Gurr is at pains to point out. During a consultative period, lengthened by councillors decision to delay their review of FLH till November, he claims to have been exposed to the detailed views of well in excess of one hundred people, many of them experts in the areas covered by the report.

Despite providing fodder for a certain amount of 'micky-taking', it can not be denied that in its second draft *"The Future of Falkland Landholdings Ltd"* served its stated purpose in generating a great amount of discussion on the subject. The aim of this final version, however, is not so much to provoke as to persuade and its chances of success hinge not so much on the efficacy with which Mr Gurr has put forward the detail of his case - as



"Wait! Wait! Listen to me! ... We don't have to be just sheep!"

This 'Far Side' cartoon provides an apt frontespiece to the FLH Report

for example whether cattle should be run with sheep in greater numbers to the benefit of both - but whether this report will persuade Executive Council - some of whom are known to have strong views on the subject - that the continued ownership of the Landholdings farms by the Government is not only desirable in itself, but absolutely crucial for a period in the future, if agriculture in the Falklands is ever to be freed from its dependence on a single product and steered into greater diversification. The argument to be won is not whether diversification should take place; that has been generally accepted for a long time, or even what forms it might take, but about the most proper and effective role for

Government in that process.

In all of this, as both Chief Executive and author of this report, Andrew Gurr faces a potential problem in that he will ultimately be committed to implementing whatever decisions ExCo may make. For this reason, he has issued a statement which says that while his own views are firmly embodied in his report, which also received the backing of the Landholdings Board at their meeting on November 2 and while he hopes that it will have as general a coverage as possible, he feels that it would now be inappropriate for him to enter further into public debate on this matter prior to the ExCo meeting.

(The report is available free from the Secretariat. Summary of main conclusions on Page 8)

## Royal trip divides British press

THE forthcoming visit to Argentina by the Princess of Wales seems to have been a cause of dissent between the usually united right wing of the British press this week.

Writing in the *Sunday Telegraph* on November 5, journalist, Mary Kenny gushes extravagantly about the visit which she describes as "the best news of the week". Describing the Princess as "an Evita for the Nineties" she claims that the visit will finally heal the old war wounds with Argentina, whose citizens will flock in their hundreds of thousands to pay homage to her.

The equally right wing *Daily Mail*, sees the visit in quite a different light, claiming to have discovered that the invitation to the Princess from Dr Jorge Badarraco, head of Argentina's National Service for the Rehabilitation and Promotion of the Disabled, was just a 'put up job' arranged by the Argentine Foreign Ministry as a propaganda coup for President Menem to add to his recently achieved meeting with British Prime Minister, John Major.

Among those quoted by the *Mail* as protesting against the visit were Desmond Keoghane of the Association of Falklands' Families, Cllr Eric Goss and former councillor, Terry Peck.

## FI students in multi-national nuclear protest

SIXTH-form students, Dion Poncet and Rachael Fowler are to take part in a multi-national protest against French nuclear testing in the Pacific.

Along with two hundred other young people from many nations, all fellow students at the United World College of the Atlantic in Wales, they hope to present a protest to the French Embassy in London on the 28th of this month.

One of the aims of the students is to take with them letters of support for their protest from their own countries. Anyone interested in supporting Dion and Rachael in this way can write c/o the *Penguin News* Office and we will forward your letters.



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## Making sense of it all

MANY years ago, when I was a fresh-faced beardless youth, after a day spent hitch-hiking and a night on a slow train, I spent the best part of a day, trying to sleep, in a cinema on the Champs Elysees, in Paris. I forget the name of the film, but I'm sure that I would recognise it instantly, and even be able to quote great chunks of the dialogue, which was in Italian, a language I do not speak. There were sub-titles, but it being Paris, they were in French and tended to whip by before I could decipher them - at least for the first couple of times around. I didn't sleep a wink and this wasn't just because the seats were uncomfortable or because I was afraid of being discovered and turfed out to the mercies of the French police, who in those days seemed to have an aversion to anyone occupying park benches who was not both vertical and wide-awake. Rather it was because, tired as I was, I became engrossed in trying to make sense of the whole thing - relying not just on the language, which was not much help, but other things, such as dress, tone of voice, incidental music, and gesture, which were.

I had a similar experience again on Wednesday night last week; once again sitting on an uncomfortable chair, once again wishing I could sleep and once again, quite often, listening to a language, the sense of which was not always obvious. I refer, of course, to the Falklands' launch of our oil licensing round, which took place in the Stanley School Hall. As in that Paris cinema many years ago, there were times, particularly during the geological and fiscal presentations, when - through no fault of the presenters I hasten to add - my mind could not cope with the words my ears were hearing and so began to look elsewhere for meaning.

To begin with, the session was extremely well attended, amazingly so, when it had almost come with a Government 'Boredom Warning'. Apart from those people, like me, who had to be there for one reason or another, the rest could, I estimated, have been almost exactly divided between those who are worried about the coming of the oil industry on ecological or social grounds, and those, who while perhaps sharing some of those worries, are also keen to seize what business opportunities it might bring. In either case, what they seemed to share was the conviction that the coming of the oil industry in one form or another, will soon be a reality.

While this in itself may be of little or at least limited consequence if oil in commercial quantities is not discovered, if it is, and I am convinced that nearly everyone in the hall on Wednesday night believes that it will be, the appeal for aid from Dominica reported in the FIBS News Magazine on Friday, may just be an early portent of things to come. We have been for so long conditioned in the Falklands to being "have nots", seekers of aid from Britain and the EEC and of support from the Commonwealth, that it is hard now, perhaps, begin to think of ourselves among the world's "haves" as we are even now, and to prepare to shoulder some of the responsibilities and obligations which go with that status. If oil comes, we shall be "super-haves" with global obligations going far beyond our money debt to Britain.

## Public Notice

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Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms should be sent to the Chairman, Appointments Board, Secretariat by 4pm on Wednesday 15 November 1995.

## YOUR LETTERS

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### Thanks from a contented corner

Well I'm not certain if it was my letter that did the trick but anyway, thanks to Paul, Steve & Peter of SSVC we now have television once again and FM radio, hooray! From a contented corner of the Islands,  
Ann Robertson  
Port Stephens

### Privileged to have worked for a caring organisation

FOR some weeks now I have been considering whether I should make a response to P. Wiskow (travelling teacher's) letter to Penguin News. I decided against doing so, because although I read the letter thoroughly I wasn't sure what point was being made.

However, it would seem from the general tone of the writing that there was some criticism of the Government's allocation of funds to Camp Education. I am writing merely to let it be known that there are some other opinions and points worth airing.

Because I am a guest in this fair country I would hesitate to make sweeping statements and value judgments without first having made an in-depth study of the situation, and then be able to substantiate my claims with documented evidence; keeping in mind all the while cultural and historical background of the Islands.

Having done that, I would set about looking at viable solutions and options if a problem with the system were seen to exist. All this would take significantly longer than the few months that P. Wiskow has been in the Islands.

But before even considering such a project I would at least confer with those with whom I work, my supervisor, head of department. There are certain procedures which should normally be followed in order to give a balanced view.

It has been my experience in working with Camp Education that the people concerned are more than willing to listen to opinions and constructive criticism if the outcome will benefit the pupils or make the system work better. I bring to mind a 'warm' debate.

Now to business! It is my personal observation based on years of experience in education of varying types, systems and countries, that the Falkland Islands Government is to be congratulated for putting the most important things first - Education, Health and Welfare, People! May they keep on doing this.

As for Camp Education... why should families be discriminated against because their farm, their livelihood happens to be on some little far-flung Island instead of a snug little cottage in Stanley? I feel privileged to have been part of an organization which values and cares for each of its members and is concerned that all should have equal opportunity.

I have been involved in 'distance' education in other countries and consider there is no comparison between them and the standard that the Falkland Camp pupils achieve, generally speaking. Of course, no system is perfect, but if there is a better one, I'm sure the Education Department would consider it!

As for using so much money on education... there are a lot worse ways of spending it! I recall a young entrepreneur in New Zealand applying for \$80,000 from one of the Government's schemes to assist new business ventures. Imagine the red faces when it was found that this fellow's business was a 'Ghost Busting' consultancy. He'd rented an office, bought a telephone and pocketed the cash.

There is a lot more which could be said, but I'd like to leave it at that. Except for my parting shot...

I have been here for three years and loved it! I have enjoyed having a home on every farm, the hospitality, humour and do-it-yourself spirit of the Campers; the charm of the children; the support of my confreres and of course the magnificent countryside (with many a mile well trodden by my boots.)

I think the Falklands is a great little place, has a lot going for it, and given a different set of circumstances I could easily stay.

Catherine E. Winthrop  
Travelling Teacher

### Farmer speaks for himself

REFERENCE Penguin News Farming Phobia column. The writer has on more than one occasion suggested that he or she is speaking not for themselves, but for the general farming community.

I would like to disassociate myself from the opinions expressed in this column. Not because I disagree entirely with all opinions. Some I agree with, some I do not.

However, when a topic rattles me enough to pass a written note on, I am quite happy to put my own name to it.

A thought on anonymity. If 'Farming Phobia' was signing their own name, would they really be brave enough to include the words crap and Len McGill in the same sentence?

Ian Hansen  
Main Point

# Advantage claim brings troubled waters for Monarch Oil

GOVERNMENT 'coolness' towards Monarch Exploration (Falklands) Ltd became distinctly glacial recently after the appearance of an advertisement in the October issue of *Oil and Gas Journal*, which made the claim that Monarch's participation in a bidding consortium would enhance its prospects of success. In the same journal, under the heading "Dream Team", journalist David Knott described the ideal consortium in the current bidding round as consisting of Argentine, British and Falkland Islands companies - naming Monarch as the sole contender from the Falklands.

Monarch was floated in the Falklands in February this year, following an initiative by a group of Aberdeen-based businessmen. A 'buy now, pay later' issue of 257,000 shares attracted one hundred and forty eight investors from the Islands. Local businessmen Hamish Wylie and Terry Betts, are directors of Monarch and were the sole representatives from the Falklands' private sector at the London Oil Launch last month.

From its beginning, the appearance of Monarch was not greeted with great enthusiasm by FIG. Chief Secretary, Andrew Gurr, said that FIG were anxious to avoid any appearance of bias in their dealing with international oil companies and were, in any case, keen to see exploration licences go to companies with a "record of success" in the oil industry.

During the course of the oil licensing launch in London, oil companies were assured that there

## Happy event for Victoria and Albert

MPA's resident red-backed buzzards, Victoria and Albert, have two eggs in their nest, according to Fred Clark.

Very Important Birds (VIBs) to the airfield personnel, Victoria and Albert have been around MPA for some years. The pair used to nest on a metal structure housing landing lights and their fierce defence of their young presented something of a hazard to maintenance men.

Tired of these attacks, but sympathetic to the birds' requirements, the Royal Airforce built an alternative structure nearby, to which the entire nest was successfully removed one year, after breeding had been completed.

would be no advantage to be gained by including Falklands' companies in consortia, though one of the two councillors on the panel later admitted, that if all other factors were equal, the inclusion of a Falkland Island element in a consortium might be sufficient to tip the balance in its favour.

Following the publication of the Monarch Advertisement, the Falklands' Government wrote to a large number of oil companies disavowing the Monarch claim, and the local directors were summoned to a meeting with the Chief Executive at which FIG's displeasure was made known to them.

Speaking in Stanley on Friday, Terry Betts voiced his disappointment at Government's reaction to the Monarch Advertisement and at their lack of support for local involvement in the oil industry, which, he said contrasted strangely with their apparent willingness to see Argentine participation. Monarch's directors had not wished to embarrass FIG in

any way, he said, but they still believed that it was not unreasonable to expect that a local company should enjoy some degree of priority in the exploitation of a local resource.

Mr Betts pointed out that participation in Monarch's share issue in the Falklands was limited to residents of over eighteen years of age and therefore 148 share holders represented a much larger percentage of the population than might at first appear to be the case. He was sure that these local shareholders would be puzzled and concerned by Government's lack of support for their aspirations to have a part in the exploitation of their own country's natural resources.

In their efforts to "neutralise" the situation, Mr Betts said that FIG had actually placed a negative value on local participation in oil consortia. He feared that this might have a damaging effect on Monarch's chances of raising the ten million pounds they estimate to be necessary to obtain a 10% stake in a multi-well exploration venture.

## Filming Falklands realities



DIRECT TV coverage of the Falklands pilgrimage made by Argentine families raised the viewing figures for Argentine evening news programme, *Tele Noche* by 40% this week. This information came from British journalist, Nicholas Tozer, better known as Editor of the English language daily, *Buenos Aires Herald*, who made part of the *Canal 13* team, which left the Islands on Friday after spending a week here. Normally the programme achieves

nightly viewing figures of between four to five million.

While in the Falklands, the group, led by *Tele Noche* presenter, Monica Cahen D'Anvers, made three live broadcasts to Argentina from the Cable and Wireless building on Ross Road.

Besides covering the Pebble Island visit, the team was also keen to capture "The realities of Falklands life today". Nine programmes ranging from 20 minutes to one hour, will result from the team's visit.

## Thyer earns his oats

THE FIRST foal sired in the Falklands by Stanley Sports Association's stallion Thyer was born to Owen Summer's mare, Mandy, on Wednesday, November 1 and there are thought to be around another ten of his progeny on the way from mares around Stanley and the Camp.

Thyer, himself a son of the famous, Nijinsky, was given to the SSA by Sheik Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum, one of a small number of rich and influential Arabs, whose patronage has done so much to keep alive English flat racing in recent years.

The horse, whose initial purchase price was £360,000, arrived in Stanley in January 1994 aboard the FIC's charter vessel, *Anne Boye* and soon settled into new quarters on the Stanley Race course.

## Fred's rare birds

LOCAL 'man about nature', Fred Clark, claims sightings of between 24 and 25 Hudsonian Godwits on Tuesday, October 31 at Fox Point near Bertha's Beach.

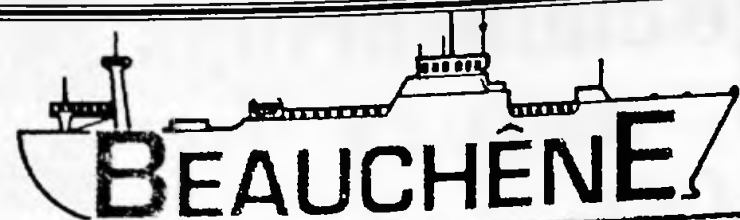
According to Wood's book on the birds of the Falklands, this wader, a migratory bird from North America, which winters in South America, and is found principally in Patagonia, is among the rarer visitors to the Falklands. Most of the previous sightings date from the 1930's, when it was seen in ones and twos, at most.

Fred describes the Hudsonian Godwit as being somewhat bigger than an oyster catcher, standing, he estimates, some fourteen inches tall, on long legs. Coloured greyish-brown with a white chest, the most obvious distinguishing feature is a long up-turned bill, pink at the base and black at the tip.

The godwit sighting was later confirmed by Captain Carol O'Nians of the Adjutant General's Section at MPA, who was able to get very close to the birds on Thursday and put their number at 30. She said that they were feeding intently and seemed little concerned with her approach.

A keen ornithologist, who works closely with Falklands Conservation in keeping an eye on avian visitors to the MPA area, Carol has also recently spotted threesanderlings in European winter plumage - a personal first!

Carol, who first served in the Falklands in 1992, reports that other seasonal visitors to the Falklands, have returned to the MPA area within recent days, including the Arctic Skua and the Southern Tern.



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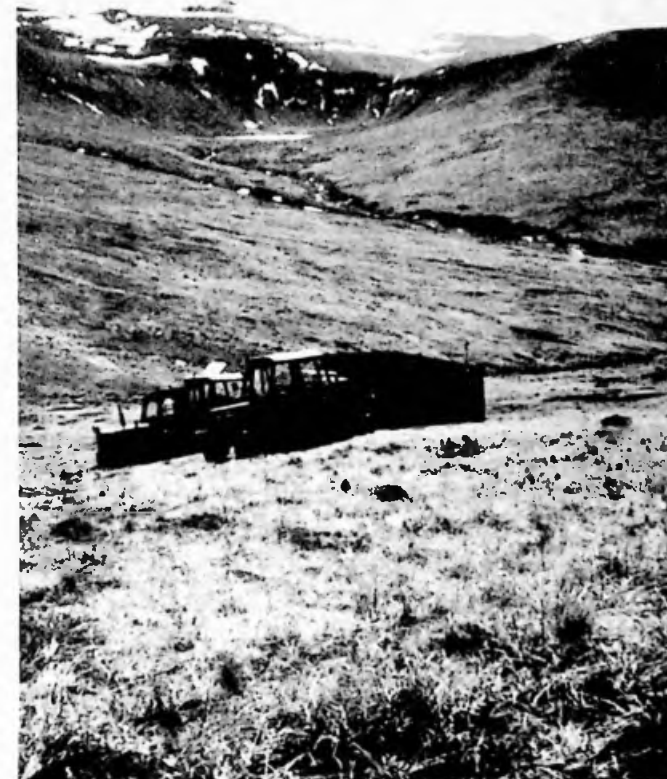
## Third time lucky when new home reaches Harps Farm

LAST week on West Falklands saw the moving of a Portakabin from Dory Valley (situated at the back of Shingle Mountain) to Harps Farm.

Frazer McKay (who had given the building to the Smiths) helped by Robin Smith, made a first attempt to pull the Portakabin up the mountain using two Zetor tractors. However a broken axle on the wheeled structure under the Portakabin resulted

The second attempt saw Iain Bernsen also helping. The axle was removed and the Portakabin then towed on skids using 3 tractors. "The tractors didn't have enough grunt to get it up the mountain" said Iain. On reaching a steep incline however, it wouldn't go any further. The ground didn't have enough grip for the tractors, despite one of the tractors being a Fordson Major on tracks. The team gave up at around 7pm that night.

On the third attempt, Bill Pole-Evans from Many Branch and Miles Lee from Port Howard also went out to help. They took the Port Howard County and Bill's Zetor. With all the extra help the Portakabin finally came up the hill and down the other side. It was then picked up with the White Rock Low Loader and taken to Harps Farm. The White Rock



Low Loader was used again to get a second Portakabin from Bill at Many Branch to take to Harps.

These Portakabins are to be Heather and Robins home until a new house is built.

### Suggestion for Vietnamese refugees on West Falklands

A SUGGESTION was made to councillors in a letter from Mr Wilford Price that a large number of Vietnamese refugees be settled on 100 square miles of West Falkland Islands. Councillor Eric Goss, Chairman of the recent General Purposes Committee told FIBS that the suggestion had received a fair hearing. However all of West Falklands was now privately owned and the immigration policy was presently under review, thus the suggestion could not be followed through.

### Appeal from Dominica

THE Falkland Islands recently received an appeal for financial help from Dominica in the West Indies. The appeal comes as a result of the impact of hurricanes Lewis and Marilyn and tropical storm Iris when the inhabitants (76,000) had 98% of their main export crop of bananas destroyed. A considerable amount of homes, schools and hospitals were also damaged. The GPC decided that a sum of £5000 should be sent, however the Standing Finance Committee will make the final decision.

### Defence positions

WORK will soon begin on the building of defence positions around Government House and Stanley Airport. Provision for such defence positions was made in the capital estimates.

### Constitution review debate ending November

IT WAS noted at the meeting of the General Purposes Committee that time was running out for the public to provide input into the issue of the review of the constitution. The public debate will finish towards the end of November 1995.

### Court News

IAN CORCORAN, stationed at RAF Mount Pleasant appeared before the Senior Magistrate, Andrew Jones in the Magistrate Court on Friday the 3rd of November faced with charges of rape and assault.

The rape charge will be dealt with in the Supreme Court as trial by jury, when the Chief Justice will be in attendance for the trial on January 21, 1996. Mr Cocoran was granted conditional bail until he appears in court on December 12 charged with assault, on the condition that he remain within the jurisdiction of the islands until the January trial and that he surrenders his passport to the court.

### Legislative Council

**Question for written answer.**  
**Question number 3195 by The Honourable E M Goss MBE**  
Was the incident of 23 September when the Argentine Corvette "Granville" ordered 7 ships licensed to fish in Falkland Waters, to leave the gap and the FOCZ for the high seas, an example of the efficiency or value of joint commissions?

**Reply by The Honourable The Chief Executive**

The action undertaken by the Argentine naval vessel "Granville" was illegal and an unwarranted interference with legitimate fishing activity. The entire FOCZ falls within Falklands' jurisdiction and is more than 200 nautical miles from Argentina. On 05 October, the British Embassy in Buenos Aires delivered a formal protest to the Argentine Foreign ministry.

Although brief, this incident was clearly frustrating for the fishermen involved, for the Falkland Islands and, we suspect, for the higher levels of the Argentine Government. It is equally clear that one such incident does not negate the entire work of the joint commission on fisheries. There have been ten meetings of the South Atlantic Fisheries Commission. Progress on some issues has been slow and difficult, however, there have also been some solid achievements which have been of benefit to the Falkland Islands.

### Camp patrolling by Royal Falkland Islands police

SUGGESTED camp patrolling by the Royal Falkland Islands Police was discussed at the recent General Purposes Committee.

A number of questions were

raised including, whether there were enough spare policemen for such a project? Would the police have enough transport and would the cost of allowances for overtime be a considerable expense?

### Port Howard Lodge

Port Howard Lodge is pleased to announce that our new chef Sharon Foster has arrived and has already baked many fresh farm produce meals. These include fried smelt, local mussels, rhubarb crumble, roast lamb and many others.

If you would like to take a break away from the pressures of work, or the noise and bustle of MPA - and enjoy good food in a warm friendly atmosphere, then Port Howard Lodge is the place for you.

Both our main bathrooms were refurbished during the winter months especially to cater for people from MPA. We can now offer two of the largest and warmest baths in the Falklands.

The fishing has been good this season, due to the snow melt coming down from the Mount Maria range and flowing into the feeder streams of the renowned Warrah River. Access to the Chartres River is now possible from Port Howard along the new camp road.

We can offer fishing rods for hire - even a landrover if you wish to drive yourself.

There are many other interesting things to do and see at Port Howard. If you would like to learn more about us, then please phone direct on Tel 25125 or Fax 42187. We offer some of the cheapest rates in the Falklands and would be very pleased to have you to stay.

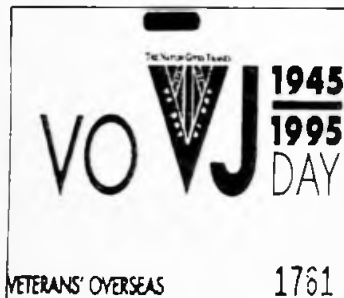
Bookings can also be made through Stanley Services Ltd, phone 22622 or the MPA travel office





THIS year Remembrance Day takes on special significance as 1995 marks fifty years since the ending of World War II.

In August, as we reported in *Penguin News*, a small detachment of Falkland Islands WWII veterans marched with veterans from all over the Commonwealth to participate in the VJ Day celebrations. This is the story of those celebrations as experienced by Overseas Veteran Number 1761, better known to us as Frank Howatt.



FOR anyone the heat in London this Summer was a challenge, but particularly for the thousands of World War II veterans who gathered there in August to commemorate VJ Day with former comrades-in-arms from all over the world. It was certainly on the mind of Frank Howatt on the evening of August 18th, as he prepared himself in his hotel for the march down the Mall, the first event of two days, which he will never forget.

In the event, though the march - London's biggest parade since 1946 - took place in temperatures which reached the eighties, Frank, fresh from the cold of Stanley and resplendent in blazer and panama hat, did not notice the heat as he marched alongside fellow Falklands veterans, Elizabeth Monti and Pat McPhee, in the Falklands detachment, second from the front of a column of thousands of marching veterans. In his own words, "I didn't seem affected by the heat and tried to march like I did in the F.I.D.F. over sixty years ago".

"With about a quarter of a million people lined along the streets cheering, waving flags etc., I even heard the cry 'Good old Falklands!' as we were marching down the Mall. I found it all very exciting and emotional."

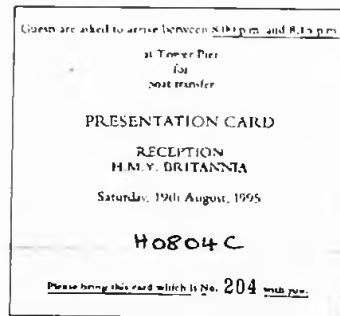
According to *The Sunday Telegraph* of August 20, twenty-five thousand veterans and their families

# Days to remember

gathered in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace and around the Queen Victoria Memorial for a service led by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Rt. Reverend James Harkness, which, he said, was "to give thanks for the end of a conflict which engulfed the world."

Throughout the service, guardsmen in bearskins brought chairs and cold water for any of the veterans who were suffering from the effects of the heat and at the most solemn moment, after the sounding of the Last Post, the silence which followed was punctuated by the drone of a sole Lancaster bomber, which flew over the crowd, dropping as it went one million red poppies. Frank now keeps one of these poppies with his other souvenirs of a day, which was to contain other great moments for him.

After the service, which was attended by the Queen and other members of the Royal Family as well as the leaders of the political parties, the veterans marched back down the Mall, past Her Majesty the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince and Princess of Wales.



MARCHING past the Queen on the Mall was not to be the extent of Frank Howatt's contact with royalty that day, however. Armed with photographs of the Falklands pinned to the inside of his blazer, Frank made his way that evening to the river Thames and a reception aboard the Royal Yacht *Britannia*.

Taken out by barge to the yacht, which was anchored in mid-stream, Frank and the other guests were received on board by Her Majesty. Later, after chatting to a military chap who had served in the Falklands, and remembered a number of locals including Harold Rowlands, Frank showed him his photographs and wondered whether he thought the Queen would like to see them.



The military gentleman, whose name Frank unfortunately did not catch, disappeared, only to reappear later with the news that Her Majesty would be very interested to meet Frank and to see his photos.

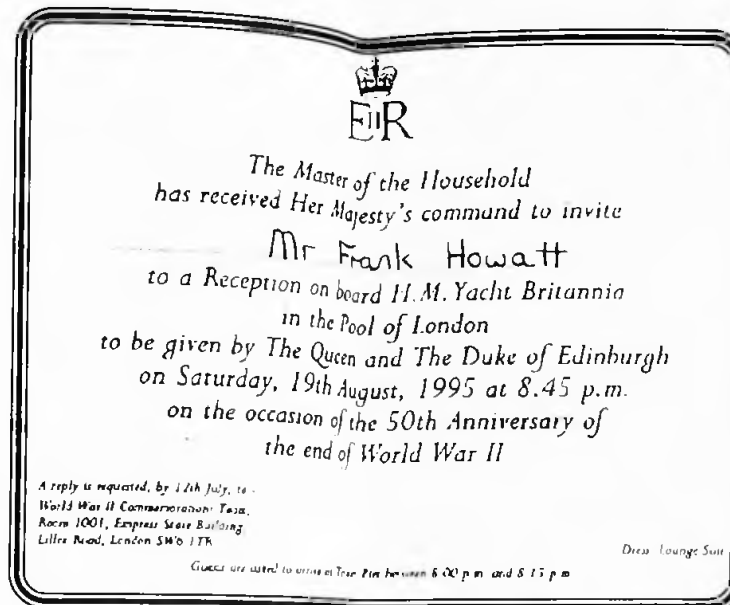
Frank made his approach to the Royal Family on the deck of *Britannia*, during what was described as "the best ever fireworks display in Britain". To the Duke of Edinburgh he showed photographs of the latter's visit to Stanley in 1957, including one of the Duke on horseback - "I think I've got one of those somewhere" said the Duke - and another taken in the old gym, showing Frank's daughters demonstrating spinning to the royal visitor.

Somewhat hampered by the poor light in his efforts to show the Queen pictures of the dreadful winter we experienced this year, Frank says he took her over to a near-by window with the words, "Come over to the light, dear". Just in case she should get the wrong idea about our climate, he then showed Her Majesty photographs of son, Derek's Stanley garden, in full bloom. Altogether, Frank, who later had "a brief word" with Princess Anne, spent some five minutes chatting to the Queen and the Duke, before a wonderful day ended with a taxi ride home to his hotel, thanks to the kind help of a companionable Lt. Colonel from the Isle of Wight, one of many "top brass" that Frank met on board the *Britannia*.



NOR was that the end of events for Frank. In his own account, "The following day it was the great reception in the Express State Building, London where I met people from all over the world some in their national dress, plenty of Gold Braid worn by army and many of high ranking officers."

In the evening of the same day, I took my seat at Beating the Retreat and Sunset Ceremony. It was a lovely show and well-organised.



Below: Frank Howatt, Elizabeth Monti and Pat McPhee march down the Mall.



## A brief account of a long life

"WHEN I was 10 years old I bought my own pony; if you wanted to go out of Stanley those days most people depended on the 4 legged friend to get you from A to B. The following year I joined the Boy Scouts and later became patrol

leader of the Curfews. Some years after I joined the Sea Scouts and often encountered rough crossings at Port William and in Stanley Harbour. I can remember how we rowed from hulk to hulk as we made our way to the jetty soaked to the skin. I still continued using my pony at various weekends to farms a few hours riding away. I was sent boy from the age of 11 years until I

started work at the age of 13 years and worked at the same firm, *Estimate Louis Williams Globe Store* until I was 61! 1941 I was married to a school teacher and shortly afterwards war broke out, my wife went to North Arm with the school children.

I was detailed from F.I.D.F. to Sapper Hill where I was promoted to Gun Layer on the 6" Gun. During this time we stopped one ship sailing up Port William that did not answer the light house signals. A 6" shell was fired was over Stanley which landed about 50 yards ahead of her, and the ship came to an immediate stop.

Shortly after the war I came out of the Falkland Island Defence Force to continue my work, also my riding, along with my wife who was a very keen jockey.

The singing by many thousands must have been heard for miles, along with bands, the performing soldiers and the clatter of beautiful horses as they performed their duties. All must be highly congratulated on a most attractive excellent performance."

Lest we forget.  
This coming  
Sunday is  
Remembrance  
Day in Stanley

## The Falklands: Memories of a Distant War

by Maggie Barclay-Cooke

AS we commemorated the 50th anniversary of the end of World War two, many thoughts and memories of war went through our minds. My own thoughts were focused upon my experience in the Falklands Conflict of 1982.

At the time I was a nursing Officer in the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, working as an army theatre Sister. I had been commissioned as a Lieutenant on 31st January 1977 and promoted to the rank of Captain seven months later. One morning I was called to the Matron's office at the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital at Woolwich where I was serving. She handed me a piece of paper headed Loose Minute. This proved to be my formal notification of attachment to 2 Field Hospital - part of the Royal Army Medical Corps - as their theatre Sister. I thanked her and returned to my duties, little realising how this brief encounter was to change my life.

As the name suggests, 2 Field Hospital is a mobile canvas hospital providing medical support to the fighting troops in the field. I attended a pre stand-by exercise, returning to Woolwich a fortnight later feeling prepared to work under canvas but wondering what it would be like to perform surgery under such primitive conditions. All the up-to-date equipment in the modern operating theatre suits to which I was accustomed would be left behind. As I pondered this, Argentine invaded the Falkland Islands on the 2nd April 1982. On the following day the Prime Minister announced that a task force would be sent to the South Atlantic. My fate was sealed.

Over 300 men of the army medical services were employed with the task force; but the 14 QA's were to remain on duty at home for the time being. They had to be prepared to leave at a month's notice. This unsettling period continued until the official surrender and ceasefire.

On 16th June I travelled to Aldershot to prepare for the 8,000 mile voyage. Three days later we were at

Southampton Docks - 14 women, comprising 12 nurses and two female clerks. Our mission: to establish a military hospital on East Falkland for the British service personnel in the South Atlantic. The three days of preparation in Aldershot had been hectic. There was endless documentation, the writing of a last will and testament, and the all-important visit to the Quartermaster for an issue of cold weather clothing. It was very clear to us that HM Forces clothing department had never anticipated sending young women to Antarctica! The clothing was certainly not designed for the female figure with its natural curves - still less for someone my size, 5'2" in height and weighing less than eight stones. The neckline of my army issue vest sank below my bust and the hem well below my knees! The cold weather jacket was so ill-fitting and heavy that I could scarcely walk upright, rendering it totally useless for the gale force winds of the South Atlantic.

A last minute visit to the hairdresser, final shopping and telephone calls to the family, and the morning of the 19th June soon dawned. On our arrival at Southampton we were met by members of the local and national press all wanting to record the first pictures of our departure. As one of the tabloids put it: "Angels leave for the task force". I neither felt nor looked like an angel, dressed in dark green military combats! At 1400 hours the "Rangatira" slipped her moorings to the sound of the band of the Royal Engineers playing "A life on the ocean wave".

For the next three weeks our life on board was sparse, with simple food and cramped living conditions. There was physical training and lifeboat drills daily, videos and home-made entertainment in the evenings. There was a well-attended Church service each Sunday. Soon the sunny weather deteriorated and the harsh South Atlantic winter became painfully evident - particularly when the ship's central heating system failed!

Our arrival in Stanley on 11th



Elderly peoples/military end of old hospital

(The photo, left, taken in about 1927, shows Frank, 2nd from right on the back row.)



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The last 3 weeks have been quite busy with various events happening. The Public Speaking Contest was held on the 19th. There were 2 Geography field trips to Estancia. The schools inspector (Dr Wallace) arrived to look around the school from the 17th to the 20th. Mr Shorrock was off ill for a couple of weeks but thankfully made a full recovery. All classes had dental check-ups which I think weren't very popular. Year 7 gave their united nations assembly on the 17th. Each pupil gave a little speech in turn and at the end all pupils recited a poem.

This issue has been a bit of a challenge for the team as we have had to use some new programs on the new computers, so there were a few frustrated faces recently.

Stephen Betts will be taking over Mark Gillberts post of Sub- editor for a few months.

When we had that lovely day of weather we all thought that summer was on it's way at last, but my veiws are now different!

I also have to mention the school photographs which were taken on Mon. 16th. Also if you have not yet done so, all jump rope for heart monies should be in by now to Sarah Allen.

Stephen Betts

## YEAR NINE FIELD TRIP

On Friday, October 20th year 9 Fitzroy went on a geography field trip to Estancia (year 9 Ross went on the 18th). The purpose of this trip was to study the river (Estancia Brook), to look at the Alternative Energy facilities at the farm, and to look at vegetation at a part of the farm land given to the school for study purposes.

We left at 9.00 a.m. armed with lunches, fishing rods and equipment, and aided by Miss Houlan, Mr Midleton, Stella Midleton and Fiona Didilick. The drive took us about 45 minutes.

After we arrived we walked 2 km along the river and on the way back we studied it every 500 metres. Things we studied were depth, width, the size of the pebbles on the floor of the river as well as other things. Some ('Well ard'?! ) people had to roll up their trousers and get in the water when the river widened.

When we finished this we had lunch (Stanley House egg sandwiches are smelly aren't they?!!!!!!) also some people went fishing at the colvets. We even caught 25 fish (which is 23 more than the Ross group).

After lunch we went to a patch of land to study vegetation and also to plant trees. We studied soil pH, wind, vegetation varieties, soil wetness and gradient of the ground. After this we went to the farm house to look at the Alternative Energy facilities which we all found highly interesting. After this we all piled onto the rovers and started the boring drive back to Stanley.

On the way back we pulled a joke on Jenny Sanchez by putting a fish on her lap - I have never heard anybody scream so loud in my life.

Stephen Betts



# NEW

## COMPUTERS

Recently the Community school received 23 new computers as part of the F.I.G. Computer upgrade. There are 15 in the Business Studies room, 3 in the Seminar Room, 3 in the Computer Studies room and 2 in the library. The Junior School also received 22.

The computers (Apricot XEN 486's) are replacing the 'Apricot 386's that were previously used. Some new packages available on these new machines are:- 'Corel Draw', 'Encarta '95' and 'Microsoft Office'.

All of the new computers are equipped with CD - ROM and a

floppy disk drives and have far more memory and hard disk space than the previous ones.

However the printers have not changed - as the current printers ('Deskjet 560c's') were only bought last year.

My personal opinion is that I think this move is for the better and I hope that nobody has any trouble using them. I think this upgrade gives the pupils incentive to use computers for other parts of the curriculum.



## PUBLIC SPEEKING CONTEST



"Good evening" - Mrs Crowe greeted the audience. She was wearing a smug smile (understandable - she could sit and watch other people getting embarrassed) which she directed at us, the competitors. The word competitors summons up an image of a group of happy - go - lucky athletes, warming up for a race. Not of the 11 nervous victims who were unlucky enough to be chosen to speak. But, we were certainly warming up. In fact I was radiating enough heat to keep the whole audience warm. The shade of my face deepened visibly as the seconds ticked nearer to when I would have to face the audience. Mrs Crowe was saying that the judges looked just as nervous as the speakers. "They have just as hard a job". I know which side my que cards I'd rather be on. The judges sat there, clipboards in hand, a doubting trio. A year seven scrambled on to the stage. Did we all have to scramble on to the stage?! Scrambling is not advisable in a skirt and high heels. Mrs Crow and her desk occupied most of it. One step and we'd topple off the edge. What about body language? An exaggerated gesture could black madam chairs eye. Akira turn. Akira leaps onto the stage. He wouldn't do that wearing a skirt. A laughter filled 3 minutes later and later and he leaps off the stage. There goes Pippa. She has sense, she stands in front of the stage. Mrs Crowe announces the intermediate section. What was my speech about again?! Kelly, Nyree, me then Nicola. They all looked so calm. Kelly did her speech, then Nyree. My turn. I was standing in front of a multitude of people. Was it the whole of Stanley and Mount Pleasant? Why not throw the rest of the Falklands as a good measure? I started to speak,



Mr Campbell starts waving at the back. That means 'louder'. I focus on a point above his head and carry on. A few stumbles later and I find myself sitting down again. Surprisingly I could not remember a thing. Nicola spoke, then that was the intermediate section over with. We celebrated by destroying our que - cards. Melisa spoke next, then Adam, forgetting his speech, made one up. Amy then delivered her winning speech. That was it over with. RELIEF!!!  
By Andrea Poole



looked as if she wished she wasn't there even more than we did!

When we came to Barrack Street a fluorescent pink arrow told us to go down it where, at the bottom of which we were pointed East again by another freezing cold Marshall. We were almost at the end now and as we saw another fluorescent arrow pointing us up the last hill we began to feel the beginnings of what was to be an afternoon of rain falling on our heads.

As we crossed the finishing line the dropping turned into rain and as the last people laboriously ran the last few steps of the race, the rain got worse and we were thankful to go into the shelter of Monty's restaurant for the prize giving.

The results are as follows :-

1st Man = Richard Thomas (MPA) Time = 10.57  
1st Woman = Sarah Allen (Stanley) Time = 15.26

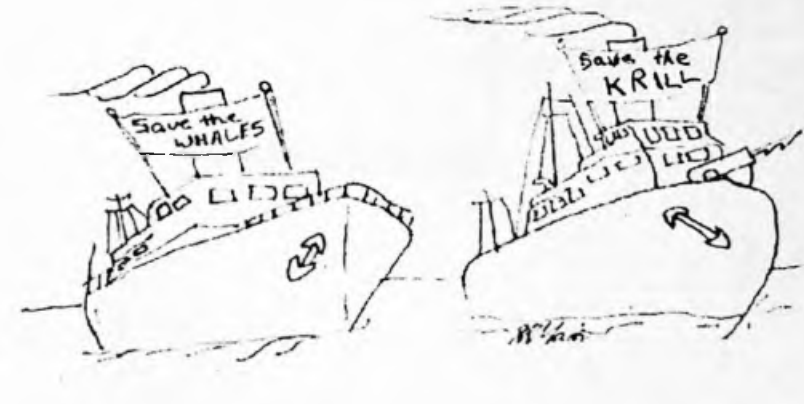
1st Boy (Under 16) = Claudio Ross (Stanley) Time = 14.37  
1st Girl (Under 16) = Claire Kilmartin (Stanley) Time = 24.37

By Rob Burnett

## JOKES PUZZLES AND CARTOONS

### Pop Quiz

1. Which two people have recently left Take That and Eternal?
2. What was last years Christmas No. 1?
3. What type of house do Blur live in?
4. Who sang "Oh Carol"?
5. When was Cliff Richard due to go on holiday?
6. Who were entered to represent the UK in the Eurovision Song Contest?
7. Where are Oasis from?
8. Who will we meet again?
9. Who was the Rhinestone Cowboy?
10. Who was in chains?
11. Who had an Achy Breaky Heart?
12. Who sang "Secret Love"?



### Jokes

1. What is Dr Jekyll's favourite game?  
Hyde and seek.
2. What type of horses do zombies ride?  
Nightmares.
3. How does Satan travel?  
By helicopter.
4. What Dracula's favourite breed of dog?  
A bloodhound.
5. Name the sea monster's favourite football team.  
Slitherpool.



## SNAKES AND LADDERS

If on the 14th of October you happened to be in and around the FIC carpark in the centre of town at around a quarter past ten in the morning you might have noticed a crowd of sportingly dressed athletes assembling outside Deano's Bar. This was the starting line for the Snakes and Ladders race organised by the Stanley Running Club.

Our course took us, from the starting line outside Leif's Deli', Eastwardly along John Street to Philomel Street where we were to travel Northerly and then turn right into Crozier Place. After running along there we had to climb Hebe Hill until we reached Fitzroy Road. We then had to travel Eastwardly again, up Snake Hill, (Quite appropriately!) and turn right onto Davis Street. We carried on, Westwardly for the first time until we reached Philomel Hill again where we ran down to Fitzroy Road. It was on to Dean Street from there which we arduously climbed, enviously watching people travel up the hill in their vehicles.

By this time most of us, (Especially me!) were getting quite tired but fortunately, after Dean Street, most of the course was either on a flat or down hill. After we had tacked Dean Street we ran along Davis street and then down Villiers Street and as the wind was in the North, when we were going down hill the effect was similar to that of running towards a helicopter's rotor blades when they are on full power. When we reached the Drury Street turn off we were directed West by a rather windswept and cold Marshall who

# Nick's Trip To Venice



# School Book Review

This is the first of occasional travel articles by pupils who have been on leave.

The first of these is by Nick Rendell and is about some of the time he spent in Venice.

Thursday 21st of September

Caught the number one ferry at 10.00am, which goes all the way down the Grand Canal to the station. It was very interesting and we saw all of the palace houses at the water's edge. Once we got to the station we walked back to the flat, looking at things on the way.

We looked around in the Frari. It is full of really good paintings by Titian and Tintoretto. It is a beautiful church having an amazing set of choir stalls carved out of oak. After we had looked around there we went to an art gallery just next to the church. It is dedicated to the end of the Plague which killed thousands in the 1640's. It is decorated by paintings and statues just by Tintoretto. We then had lunch in a pizzeria in our square. We had a pizza each. Each one being about 30cm across. We all managed to eat our pizzas without giving up.

After lunch we had another ferry trip. This one was out to one of the outer Islands, Burano. The ferry trip takes about 50 minutes. Burano is quite different to Venice. All the houses are painted really well in bright colours. We stayed there for a few hours and then took the ferry back. We walked back from the ferry stop, looking in shops, back to the flat.

Friday 22nd of September

Went to the Rialto Market over the bridge. It is amazing; the fish stalls have all sorts of things, lobster, eel, sole, krill, crayfish, huge crab, John Dory and even a giant ray in one stall; and they were all alive! I forgot the Octopus! There were also loads of fruit stalls and even a stall just with different types of mushrooms on it.

We did not go back over the bridge. We took a Traghetto (Gondola taxi which goes back and forth along the Grand Canal) back instead. It did not take very long, but at least we can say we went on a Gondola.

Book = Eric

Author = Terry Pratchett

## Blurb

*Eric*, a fourteen year old demonologist, only wants three wishes. But he chose the wrong person for the job.

The wrong person happens to be an incompetent wizard called Rince Wind. Through a series of finger clicking spells, Rince Wind somewhat unsuccessfully

tries to show Eric that he is not, in fact, a demon, but a wizard and still cannot grant Eric his three wishes.

## Opinion

*Eric* is a very funny read which has an element of adventure thrown in, which makes it an all round good book.

The Falkland Islands Company Ltd

## West Store

### *New items now on sale in Pastimes:*

Bananas in Pyjamas, Thomas the Tank Engine playsets and pull along toys.

Pingu is back- collectable playfigures, plush toys, walking Pingu, talking Pingu, Pingu igloo playsets.

### *Other new toys include:*

Biker Mice from Mars, Micromachines, Robocop figures and vehicles, Skydancer Flying Dolls, Rupert the Bear playsets and more Polly pocket playsets.

From Britains we have an exciting new range of vehicles including Landrover Defenders and Discoveries.

**Lots more toys to open soon, make sure you check out Pastimes soon.**

ILLUSTRATIONS



50p for a pre-designed badge  
75p for your own design

**BADGE MAKING**

Contact Daniel Fowler, Stephen Belts, Rob Burnell,  
Rachael Freeman, Jackie Cotter or Caroline Cotter



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July was greeted with enthusiasm. There had been a fresh fall of snow and the temperature was 18 degrees below zero. Ships and helicopters were everywhere. We disembarked the following day, with a precarious vertical descent via a rope ladder and a short journey to the jetty. We were taken to the King Edward Memorial Hospital, where our military unit was set up with some urgency.

The hospital was small, single story, with corrugated iron roof. There was hard work to be done - cleaning, organising and re-equipping. With the help of two technicians I had the task of making the old operating theatre into a realistic clinical environment where surgery could be safely carried out. With the insufficient equipment available this was a daunting and arduous task!

During the occupation the Argentinians had set up their hospital in a local school. The surgeon and I visited this to see what we could salvage, and to our delight it was a Pandora's Box of surgical instruments and equipment. Many of the items were British and made easily recognisable. I took away what was needed, and made up sets of instruments for our own use.

Our life was busy. There was rarely an empty bed in the hospital. We maintained such medical and surgical care as was required.



Left to right: the author, Sir Rex Hunt, Lady Mavis, Elspeth Disney

Soldiers were receiving terrible injuries from exploding mines left by the Argentinians. Throughout my army career I had assisted many surgeons operating on wounds resulting from military accident, gunfire and shrapnel, but somehow in the South Atlantic, 8,000 miles from home, I shed invisible tears for the young men who would forever bear the scars of their wounds. I prayed that my resolve would not collapse, wishing that we could do more than our limited resources allowed.

The weeks passed. Life was basic, with few luxuries. Our food was mostly "compo" dried and processed. We had little free time.

## Falklands War Memorial Project saved by English Heritage

JOCELYN STEVENS, the boss of English Heritage, recently saved a project to create a memorial to the Falklands War dead.

£90,000 was presented to the campaign after the English Heritage Chairman read about the scheme's predicament in the *Daily Mail*. As we reported in *Penguin News* (September 20), the award committee of the National Lottery had refused a £1million grant to the project.

The chairman described the plan to dismantle a near-derelict chapel in Salisbury and rebuild it at Pangbourne College as a tribute to the war dead as an "inspired idea".

The brain-child of Admiral Sir Sandy Woodward, the chapel will become the only national memorial to the Falklands war dead, apart from the Liberation Memorial in Stanley.

By last September when a request for National Lottery money was turned down, the Falkland Islands Memorial Fund had already attracted more than £625,000 in donations from individuals and from industry.

## Main recommendations of the Landholdings Report

1. That the plans made for the fulfilment of undertakings and obligations to the employees be carried out without delay.

2. That the Board and Management Committee be constituted as recommended in the second draft.

3. That the appointment of the General Manager be unfrozen.

4. That Stabex funds be utilised for the provision of fencing for both sheep and cattle.

5. A study on the possibilities of a locally provided mixed fertiliser be carried out.

6. Grassland improvement studies be applied.

7. A cattle specialist be appointed.

8. The possibility of a new dairy farm be studied.

9. A tree scheme be set up as recommended.

10. Policies with regard to settlements and housing to be implemented.

a) Proper contracts of employment, with security assurances b) Pension scheme c) equalisation of earnings with Stanley public sector employees d) training programmes

Supervisory Board Management Committee

Candidates who were in the pipeline will be re-contacted.

Up to £1m of Stabex funds to be sought for this.

Study to be carried out by Ag Dept on locally available materials, including abattoir waste, local shell sand and kelp.

To be responsible for improvement and increase of cattle on all four farms.

Dedicated to secondary products such as cheese, butter, cream and yoghurt.

50 year scheme of financial support applying to private farms as well as FLH.

Includes employees right to buy their own houses at a discounted rate.



## Falklands Conservation report by Fiona Didlick

THE Penguin Census planned by Falklands Conservation for 1995/96 commenced on 26th October. The aim is to visit and record every Gannet, Rockhopper and King Penguin breeding colony in the Falkland Islands. For the census takers this will involve approximately eight weeks of working on the move. Two survey teams will tour East and West Falkland by landrover and motor cycle, with outlying islands being visited by a third team landing ashore from the Penelope. A number of volunteers, including military personnel, are also involved.

The main task of the census is to record numbers of penguins, which is done visually with the aid of tally counters. To ensure the results are as accurate as possible, each colony is counted twice and the results compared. In the event of a significant difference between the two results, a third count is made to determine a final total. Other details are also noted. Each penguin colony is photographed, the location is marked clearly on a large scale map and the grid reference noted. Sightings of other bird or mammal breeding colonies are also recorded, with a particular lookout kept for breeding sites of elephant seals. The information collected is essential as an indicator of flourishing or falling

populations and shifts in locations of breeding sites. New previously unknown colonies may be found and old colonies may have been abandoned or may have moved to a new site. On completion of the census all the results are returned to Falklands Conservation in Stanley where they are used to update records.

West Falkland will be surveyed by Jeremy Smith and Sinead Doherty. Jeremy, a Falkland Islander, and Sinead, from County Donegal in Ireland, have recently completed masters degrees in Environmental Science at Aberdeen University. Their starting point will be Fox Bay East where they will pick up a landrover and motorbike shipped out earlier. From there they will travel along the coastline to Port Stephens, round the west coast then back to Fox Bay with the last count being taken at Kelp Point.

East Falkland will be surveyed by Mike Bingham, our local Conservation Officer. Travelling by landrover and motorcycle, Mike's first count will be of Gannet penguins at Bull Point on the southern tip of East Falkland. From there he will travel round the coastline with an additional flying visit by FIGAS to West Point Island to survey Rockhopper colonies.

The third team comprises of Mike Riddy, Kio Smallwood, and

Kate Levick. Mike Riddy, who will lead the Penelope team to the outlying islands, has previously worked in the Falklands and is experienced in wildlife surveys. Another familiar face is Kio Smallwood, who has recently completed A level studies at Peter Symonds College. Kate Levick is a student from Oxford who has also recently completed A levels. She has become involved in the census through the GAP Activity Project scheme which gives young people the opportunity to become involved in volunteer work overseas. Kate is also working towards a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, having already completed the Bronze and Silver.

The Penelope team's first call will be Lively Island from where they will travel on round the small islands of West Falkland. The penguin colonies on Beauchene Island, Steeple Jason and Grand Jason will also be visited. While on Beauchene the team will check for signs of rats from the sinking of the Shackleton in 1992 and hope, if time allows, to conduct a census of albatross.

This will be the first time that the whole Falkland's population of Gannet or Rockhopper penguins has been counted since 1932/33 when a similar project was undertaken by the Government naturalist, Mr A G Bennett. The data from

this year's census can be compared with previous figures and enable Falklands Conservation to confirm the population trends which have been evident from their monitoring of study sites annually over the last ten years. The funding for the project has come from money raised overseas during last year's Penguin Appeal and especially from the Wellcome Foundation.

Conducting a census of every penguin breeding colony in the Islands is a massive task which will be supplemented by invaluable assistance from a number of volunteers. These include landowners and enthusiasts who will survey sites on East and West Falkland as well as several islands. Help from the military includes the RAF Ornithological Society whose members will be visiting the penguin colonies on Saunders Island, Pebble Island and various other colonies to which they have access.

The Military will also be involved in taking aerial photographs of several very large colonies.

Volunteer assistance for such projects is always welcomed. If you would like to help or to know more about Falklands Conservation telephone 22247 or visit the office in the Beauchene Shopping Centre.

## Diary of a farmers cat by Baldrick Wilkinson

### Property owning cat or just a trojan house?

I'VE been feeling a little low over the past weeks. This condition could be due to any combination of factors, eg the un-summery weather, the black cloud (low wool prices etc) hanging over the Boss and the Missus, or simply the fact that my legs are shorter than most. But whatever's been causing it, I am now feeling ten feet tall, thanks to some kind people in the UK who recognised how undervalued, underloved and underpaid I really am.

I am here to say that you can keep your tatty cardboard boxes, mate, and your old chicken crates, and your dusty, draughty corners. Joined the property-owning class. I have, and not before time. Joined the elite body of no-mortgage, no worries house-owners, in fact.

It arrived on the plane yesterday, my new pad, and all I could say when I saw it was 'Like, wow, man...' (A trifle old-fashioned I may be, but who cares? When you're gobsmacked you don't always choose your words carefully.)

Single-storey, it is, with red walls and a yellow tile-effect roof. Nice windows, a back-door fluffy walls and pile carpets. None of your moth-eaten smelly old jump-

ers for this cat. Not any more...

Although delighted, I have to admit I was a bit suspicious at first. Seemed too good to be true, though I hate to look a gift horse in the door. When the Missus rather, crudely shoved my front end inside and rammed my rear end after it, my worst fears were realised and I did a smart U-turn. (I won't tell you what she said when she saw the scratches, but it wasn't polite.) She should have realised that a chap needs time to adjust to things new. It's a culture shock, going from rags to riches. It needs taking one step at a time - a bit like realising you've won the lottery.

My suspicions were founded on the fact that every time I've been shoved into a confined space before now, I've ended up flying on a noisy plane and being carted into That Place in town where they stick needles into you and do unmentionable things to private bits of your anatomy. It's not altogether surprising, then that I suspected this wasn't really the generous gift from an admirer but a cunning plan on the part of the Missus. A sort of Trojan house, in fact...

Anyway, that's all water under the bridge. Twenty-four hours later

I've got used to my new home, pausing only to admire my name over the door - and eject the occasional squatter since some cats just don't know their place - before settling in for a snooze. I have to admit it takes a bit of teeth-gritting to ignore comments like 'Blimey, who does he think he is?' or 'Yah, you big wimp!' from some of the riff-raff, but then that's life. Go up in the world, and someone's immediately there trying to shoot you down. Jealousy is an unpleasant little beast when it's let loose. I reckon it should be taken to the vet for a seeing-to...

Apart from 'Chez Balders' - not a lot has happened here since last week. The Boss is still working on the sheep pens, and the Missus is still going slightly mad(d)er in her woolly workshop. Oh, and the boat's been and gone with the usual stores, fuel and heap of timber for a new jetty - which is a laugh, since it's all too short, apparently. The Boss reckons once the things built it'll either be under water at high tide, or float off to Chile 'cos it's not been put in deep enough...

There were some people on the boat, and they came up to visit the

Missus (who doesn't work the boat any more - some excuse about her back. Huh. Pull the other one).

Nice people, they were. One of 'em chatted to me for a while before realising who I was. Apparently he's quite important, the Missus told me afterwards. Makes a change to mix with my own class, I must say...

Talking of lower classes - the new pullets and rooster have settled in well. The Missus can often be found talking to 'em, sad old bat that she is. The rooster's a funny - looking thing, more like a turkey. Though he's growing like mad so I'd better not upset him. He's a Barred Rock, the Missus tells me but I wouldn't know. Rooster is a rooster is a rooster, I say...

Piglet, she calls him, and he's got a fiendish appetite. Eats out of her hand, the crafty sod, so of course she keeps on feeding him. If that's what it takes to get round the old bat, you can forget it. You won't catch this pussy-cat demeaning himself...

Cheers, chaps - from chez Balders

Baldrick



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# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 1995

## New ExCo starts with a light agenda

*WE are indebted to His Excellency the Governor, Mr David Tatham, for permission to print the following account of ExCo proceedings, based on his broadcast on FIBS News Magazine. It is not intended to be other than an impressionistic account and may not be exact or complete in every detail.*

THE THREE newly elected Executive Councillors, Councillor Teggart, Councillor Check and Councillor Stevens, met with officials for the new ExCo on Tuesday 31 October. We had a fairly light agenda and finished at 3.00pm.

### Dog Legislation

Among subjects discussed in matters arising was dog legislation. It was agreed that the Agricultural Advisory Committee would consider a new draft of the legislation and then put it to Executive Council with their comments. If ExCo agreed the draft legislation it would probably come before Legislative Council in March.

### Oil Launch

In the main body of the meeting the Chief Executive briefed Councillors fully on the progress which

had been made in the oil launch and on the handling of oil material in the Administration. He referred them to a letter he had written to the Oil and Gas Journal in response to an advertisement from the company "Monarch Exploration". It was agreed that information should be made available to the public and in particular to Falkland Islands Companies, giving the names of the oil companies who attended the two launch conferences, so that if local firms want to get in touch with them, they could do so. The Chief Executive said he would be preparing a paper on how we handled the administration of oil within Falkland Islands Government.

### Camp Telephones

The camp telephone system was discussed and the chief Executive explained the improvements which had been proposed by Cable & Wireless. Councillors agreed that the cost of these improvements should be shared equally between Cable & Wireless and FIG. A sum of £3000 will be set aside for our current financial year and an additional appropriation bill will be needed for the November meeting of Legislative Council.

### Tax Rules

A proposal from the Financial Secretary to increase the value for taxation purposes of certain benefits, such as free housing, free food or meals etc. was considered by Councillors but rejected.

New rules were agreed for tax relief on pensions contributions and life insurance, which will encourage saving among tax payers.

### Housing Improvement Assistance Scheme

Requests for additional assistance under the Housing Improvement Assistance Scheme were considered and Council agreed to increase the amount of grants from £7,500 to £10,000. Council asked the Administration to encourage elderly people to take advantage of these grants which are not being fully used at present and which can be of great help in modernising and insulating houses.

### Sheltered Housing

Plans for sheltered housing were considered and it was agreed to build in the Government Jetty area, but preserve Gilbert House to be used as the home of the Warden for the housing.

### Buildings

It was agreed that funds should be guaranteed for the archives over a 2 year period, so that stages 1 and 2 of the new building could be carried through with some savings of costs. It was agreed that Public Works should prepare designs and call for tenders for a water supply from Megabid through to Stanley Airport using a basic alcatel pipe.

### Computer Strategy

A computer strategy document was subject of long discussion and was finally adopted. It was accepted that each individual department should produce its own plan for computerisation and put this to the Computer Steering Committee. It was agreed that the scope for further electronic communications and for more extensive use of our newly purchased computers was very considerable.

### Royal Visit

Finally we discussed funding for the Royal visit in 1996 and it was agreed that funds would be provided to bring people from the outlying Islands by FIGAS into the centres which Princess Anne would be visiting.

## INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR CAMP

**NEEDED:** Six young people aged 17-18 by July next year;

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For further information, please contact:

**Mr. Juan Manuel Ipinia**

Washington 2360,

Buenos Aires (1430)

Argentina,

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## SERVICE OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

The Queen has commanded that a service of the order of the British Empire is to be held in St Paul's Cathedral at 11.30am on Wednesday, 8th May 1996. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, Grand Master of the order, will be present.

Those belonging to the Order and holders of The British Empire Medal who wish to attend should apply for a ticket giving their name, address, appointment (GBE, KBE, DBE, CBE, OBE, MBE, BEM) and other decorations in BLOCK CAPITALS as soon as possible and not later than Friday, 8th March 1996, to:

The Registrar,  
Order of the British Empire,  
Central Chancery,  
St James's Palace,  
London SW1A 1BH

Each overseas member or Medallist or Honorary member or Medallist may bring one guest (either his or her spouse or a friend) to the service. Due to the size of the Order and the seating capacity of the Cathedral, only one guest ticket can be permitted and no exceptions can be made.

# sport sport sport sport sport sport sport sport sport sport sport

## Riders enjoy tough conditions in Round 2 of the 1995/96 Moto X

STANLEY Dairy has in the past been renowned for the sheer hard work it takes to race on this small piece of the Falklands and this year has been no exception. Together with an already used track and a winter such as we had, conditions just had to be tough. It's either a bike breaker or a b\*ll breaker and quite often both.

Racing got under way at 11.00am with the McPress Clubmans, albeit a slightly depleted field, however Shane Blakely on his first ride of the season proved to be the rider to challenge Bill Stewart, the overall winner of the Goose Green race. These two battled for the lead in both races constantly changing positions, thrilling the large crowd with superb riding. Christian Berntsen also on his first ride of the season, leading for a few laps settled for two steady third places. Owen Betts, Wayne Clement and Nunka Summers all rode with determination on this difficult track. In the first race Christian came third, Shane second with Bill Stewart in first place. The second race Christian came in third again, with Bill and Shane coming in joint first almost running Kelly Moffatt into the ground as they shot off the track just before the finishing line. A lot of cursing, swearing and general arm waving followed, 10 minutes and a handshake later calmed the situation down.

With the crowd growing to a hundred plus the UV's belting down, and a wildcard in the shape of Ian McLeod on his first ride on the McKay Honda, the Speedwell Sponsor Experts class is guaranteed to keep the large gathering enthralled.

In race one, as in the previous races, it was Johnny Summers who grabbed the 'hole shot' storming into the lead on the first turn. However, his lead was to be short lived as Arthur Turner rode into first place. Arthur and Johnny battled for the lead throughout the race as Ian McLeod, starting to get used to his bike, stormed through the field. He caught and passed Johnny to take second then started to close on the race leader to finish just a few seconds behind race winner Arthur Turner.

The second heat was no less exciting as the Experts showed the Argentine film crew how we do it in the Falklands. Speaking to them a day later they were suitably impressed.

Arthur, Ian and Johnny, constantly battled for first place with Derek Jaffray, Andrew Alazia, Jan Clarke and Mark Summers all riding superbly not too far behind.

Race two ended with Johnny coming home third, Arthur second and Ian first.

The Juniors, sponsored by Beckside Dairy, set off for their races just after lunch. Yet again Jay Moffatt proved he was the boy to beat. He stormed into the lead in both races and never looked back, riding to two convincing victories. Ian Jordan had a good race and came second in both heats, with

young Sean Moffatt and Eddie Grimmer both taking two thirds and fourths each. Praise must go to these four lads for braving the heavily rutted course.

The Stanley Services Open Class always the last race of the day, and just as exciting as previous races, did not disappoint anyone. Johnny Summers, Jan Clarke and Arthur Turner all battled up front taking tremendous risks in

order to take the lead. Eventually Jan came third, Arthur second and Johnny first.

Thanks must go to Malcom and Glynis Ashworth for the use of the land; the sponsors, Speedwell Store, McPress Motorcycles and Stanley Services and the organisers and public for helping to make a great day out. The next race is at Estancia on November 26-see you there.

### Overall Points To date

McPress Clubmans

Bill Stewart	80
Owen Betts	56
Wayne Clement	41
Shane Blakely	37
Christian Berntsen	30
Karl Harris	30
Dave Myatt	28
Dustin Clarke	22
Craig Clarke	21
Nunka Summers 20	
Boogie	16
Jim Moffatt	9
A Corduroy	7

Beckside Juniors

Jay Moffatt	77
Ian Jordan	71
Sean Moffatt	58
Eddie Grimmer	41

The Tool Box Experts

Arthur Turner	69
Derek Jaffray	65
Jan Clarke	53
Andrew Alazia	50
Johnny Summers	47
Ian McLeod	37
Mark Summers	31
Steve Jennings	19

Stanley Services Open Class  
Johnny Summers 37

Arthur Turner	37
Jan Clarke	30
Andrew Alazia	26
Owen Betts	18
C Berntsen	11
Bill Stewart	11

Gerard Ford	10
Dave Myatt	10
Jim Moffatt	8
Craig Clarke	8
Boogie	7



Bill and Shane battle it out in the McPress Clubmans

## Stanley v Mount Pleasant sports afternoon

ON Saturday October 28, a successful sports afternoon was held at MPA. Over 50 sportsmen and women from Stanley travelled to MPA to compete in a running relay, men's and women's 5-a-side soccer, badminton, squash, volleyball and netball.

The prize at stake, a trophy to be held by the winners - Stanley or MPA - until the next competition.

The event was very well organised by the P.Ed. O Mick Flaherty and his team at the gym at MPA, and co-ordinated in Stanley by Sarah Allan at the Leisure Centre.

**Results:**  
Road Relay: 1st and 2nd: JCUFI A and B, 1st mixed team: Stanley Running Club

**Soccer (Men)** JCUFI 0 - Stanley A 2, JCUFI 2 - Stanley B 3, HMS Westminster 1 - Stanley B 1, HMS Westminster 0 - Stanley A 3

**Soccer (Women)** MPA B 1 - Stanley A 2, MPA A 1 - Stanley B 0, MPA A 2 - Stanley A 0

**Volleyball** HMS Westminster 21

- Stanley 16, P.Ed. Flight 19 - Stanley 21  
Squash MPA 15 - Stanley 1  
Badminton MPA 8 - Stanley 2  
Netball MPA 22 - Stanley 33  
Overall Points: Stanley 31 - MPA 40

Competitors from Stanley and MPA greatly appreciated the opportunity to compete in their chosen sports. Unfortunately the organisers were disappointed that no Stanley competitors stayed for the

trophy presentation and social. Perhaps the Stanley teams did miss an opportunity to do some public relations work at MPA, however, with families to feed, bikes to prepare for Sunday's motocross, gardens to dig and all the other weekend jobs awaiting, this was understandable. Let's hope that this does not prevent the MPA competitors making a return visit to compete in Stanley in a similar event next month.



Volleyball, Stanley team in foreground



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**1 Britax child's car seat,** brand new £5. **Commodore 128 computer** and monitor, disk drive and printer. Ideal set up for the home accountant. Also disks, some games. Offers to D Peck 41007

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**Wondering what to give the diver in your life for Xmas?** Special discounts up till Christmas on many items, far too many to mention. Call Paul Howe on tel: 21230 or call at 36 Davis St.

### WANTED

**Small 4-wheel drive reliable vehicle** as a runabout. eg. Panda/Suzuki Jeep. Anyone having such a vehicle for sale please telephone Kate Tingey on 22136.

### NOTICES

#### Lord Shackleton Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are now available for the Fly-away raffle from shops and pubs in Stanley. The raffle will be drawn at the bazaar in the Guide Hall on Sat 2nd December.

Anyone requiring a child minder from 8am to 12noon Monday - Friday please contact 22150.

### TO LET

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### PERSONAL

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**FOLLOW** our weekly training guide and get fit for the BIG DAY! Saturday 9th December.

**Training Schedule Nov 8-14th**  
Wednesday - 5 miles run  
Thursday - REST  
Friday - 3 mile run  
Saturday - Moody Brook Challenge  
Sunday - REST  
Monday - 4 mile run  
Tuesday - REST

## MPASuperteam Competition 1995

OPEN to anyone from Stanley or Camp

**Events:**

14 Nov Running Relay

23 Nov Swim/Run Relay

5 Dec Gym Tests

19 Dec Swim/Run Individual

30 Dec 5km Fun Run/10km Road race

If you have any queries about any of these events, do not hesitate to contact POPT Mick Flaherty, or Cpl Jed Robinson, Gymnasium, ext 3107

## FIDF Rifle Association

**RESULTS** from 29th October shooting at 3, 6, 900 yards.

K Aldridge 97, T Petterson 94, S Smith 90, M Pole-Evans 86, J Mac Donald 86.

The Markham Gleadell Memorial Trophy was competed for on the 5th November - 10 rounds at each of the five ranges. The trophy was won by Ken Aldridge after a tie shoot with Gerald Cheek.

Scores: K Aldridge 216, G Cheek 216, S Smith 214, M Pole-Evans 209 and T McCallum 202.

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## SUPREME COURT OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Notice under the Administration of Estates Ordinance (Cap 1)

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** Rose Ellen Binnie, deceased of Fox Bay, West Falkland died at Fox Bay on the 22nd day of August 1995.

WHEREAS Horace James Binnie, widower of the deceased, has applied for Letters of Administration to administer the estate of the said deceased in the Colony.

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

B. Greenland, Registrar Supreme Court  
6 November, 1995

## Postscript from The Tabernacle

**Do you feel lonely?**

IS something missing in your life? Even when you are with your family or friends?

Do you feel there's got to be something more?

I felt alone all the time. I thought there must be something wrong with me as everyone else seemed happy and content. One of my questions was, "Why do I exist if after living through heartaches and troubles all that was going to happen to me was that I was going to die and that would be it?"

Then one day, as I was having a conversation with a friend, he started to tell me about Jesus and what a difference he could make in

my life. I was very sceptical at first, but my friend did not give up on me and always answered my questions. I asked Jesus into my life and he has made such a difference, filling me with his love.

He said, "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you".

If the questions asked above fit how you feel, learn about Jesus. He will take you as you are. We have the certainty that if we accept him, we have in him a friend who will never leave us.

Loneliness becomes a thing of the past.

## Auction Bridge

Another encouraging gathering enjoyed another evening of Auction Bridge on the 1st November. Prize winners were:

**1st:** Mr & Mrs B Hill

**2nd:** Mrs V Malcolm & T Petterson

**Booby:** Mrs I Finlayson & Mrs N Smith

The next evening of cards is scheduled for Wednesday 15 November in the Day Centre at the KEMH. All are welcome.

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# Cllrs. Goss and Birmingham fight rearguard action on constitution

THE DRAFT report on proposed changes to the Falkland Islands Constitution, compiled by a Select Committee headed by Cllr. John Cheek, is due to be laid on the table at the Legislative Council meeting on Friday November 24.

The movement towards constitutional reform can hardly be said to have been a popular one, judging by the sluggish public reaction to a lengthy opinion and fact-gathering process carried out by the Select Committee. This involved inviting written or oral comment from the public, a number of opportunities for public debate and the visit to the Falklands and subsequent report by Mr Walter Wallace, who is a leading authority on constitutional matters.

Despite these efforts and the lack of response to them, it would appear that a significant minority of councillors now want to see the public given access to the proposals contained in the Draft Report, of the Select Committee before they are put before LegCo. Cllr John Birmingham expressed the view that it was unfair that while the opinions of the public had been widely canvassed, they had so far had no access to the findings of the Select Committee.

Speaking on Tuesday, Cllr. Goss expressed his fears that there would be no further debate on the matter after the 24th and contrasted the extensive distribution of reports like the Draft Town Plan and the Reports on the Future of FLH, with

the limited distribution of Mr Wallace's report.

As the Select Committee on the Review of the Constitution is a 'whole council' committee, its report clearly can not be laid on the table at Legislative Council without the support of a majority of its members.

The fact that the report has been laid before the Council does not automatically mean that it will be accepted, wholly, or even in part. Council has before it a number of options, which could include deferring any final decisions until the public has had the opportunity to see the Report and make their feelings on it known.

A constraint on extending the consultative process indefinitely,

it would seem, is one of time, if any changes to the Constitution and any new legislation stemming from them are to be in place for the next General Election.

Assuming that all the recommendations of the Select Committee were to be adopted on the 24th, this would just be the beginning of a lengthy process of drafting and consultation involving FCO lawyers, Legislative Council and a Committee of the House of Commons in Westminster, before the Constitution could be changed. This process can be expected to take around eighteen months and, we were warned, it would be a mistake to assume that changes proposed in Stanley would be accepted "on the nod" in Westminster.

## Report of the Select Committee of Legislative Council on the Review of the Constitution

Thanks to Cllr Birmingham, who provided a copy of the Draft Report, here are some of the main proposals embodied in the Draft Report:

### 1. Composition of Legislative Council:

Agreement with Wallace's suggestion that the numbers of members of Legislative Council should be increased from eight to eleven. A quorum shall become seven members, including the person presiding if a member of the Council.

In this context, there is agreement with Wallace that provision should

be made for an elected Speaker, a member of LegCo, but not of ExCo, who shall serve for the life of the Council and only be removable by a vote of two-thirds of the elected members.

### 2. Constituencies:

Reference to Camp and Stanley constituencies shall remain in the Constitution. The proposal is that a minimum of 3 councillors should be returned by each constituency and that the remaining 5 members shall be returned on a demographic basis; it being proposed that the split initially should be 4 to 1 in favour of Stanley.

### 3. Expansion of ExCo:

Agreement with Wallace that ExCo should be expanded to five with a minimum of two from each constituency and with his proposal that a quorum shall be four members of whom at least three shall be elected members with at least one from each constituency.

### 4. The Franchise

To avoid dangers of population "swamping" Wallace's proposals (5.18 & 5.19) accepted with regard to Falkland Islands 'belongership' or 'status' being no longer automatic for persons not born here, after a qualifying period of

residency, but dependent on the "discretion of the Governor in Council" and depending on "such requirements as may be specified by Ordinance being fulfilled." Qualifying period of residence before "status" can be applied for to be increased to 7 years.

Children, natural or adopted, spouses (of either sex), or widows and widowers of any person born in the Falklands or a naturalised Falkland Islander or a Commonwealth citizen already on the electoral roll by 31st December 1995, shall be regarded as enjoying Falkland Islands status, if resident, regardless of place of birth.



Artists impression of a new statue for Stanley Narrows to celebrate the new constitution



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THE FALKLAND Islands is a very peculiar place, not just because of its weather, its wild-life, its lack of roads, or its loyalty to Carlsberg lager, but because of its determination to act like a nation, despite a population so small that it wouldn't fill the average English village.

Among the side-effects of this laudable ambition is the danger of a recurring career 'log jam', of which there are signs in the Government Service. So many senior posts are occupied by relatively young people, that those immediately under them can see no prospect of promotion for ten, fifteen or even twenty years - a lifetime away, from a young person's perspective.

Aside from the negative effect this career 'log jam' might have on the motivation and performance of those trapped underneath it, it does not bode well for the performance of those at the top. Unless they are exceptionally self-motivated people, they must be in danger of losing the competitive 'edge' and energy which got them where they are and, succumbing over the years to boredom and complacency.

In larger societies this is less of a problem - the ambitious are accustomed to the idea of moving to achieve promotion - effectively going round the 'log jam' instead of joining it. Loyalty over a long period, once regarded as a cardinal virtue in an employee, is now often regarded as the sign of the "stick in the mud" and valued less than breadth of experience and a history of success.

I have recently heard it argued - with respect to one particular government department, but it could apply equally to nearly all of them - that we should draw back from the attempt to localise completely, and maintain a quota of expatriate contract staff to ensure a constant injection of "new blood" into the system. While there might be some merit in this, it is a bit of an "easy fix" which brings with it almost inevitably the danger of a return to the old colonial "us and them" attitudes, which did so much harm in the past. I would prefer first to look at ways of encouraging our own gifted young people to spend more time away from here gaining experience, safe in the knowledge that there will be no barriers placed on their return and a reasonable chance of employment at an appropriate level of seniority.

Such a policy would inevitably necessitate a dramatic restructuring of government terms and conditions of employment, and might be resisted by those already in post; there would be some sacrifice of job security at the higher levels and the process of staff assessment would begin to have real consequences. It might mean that agreement to undertake periodic in-service training overseas would have to become a prerequisite of appointment to certain positions, in which case levels of recruitment would have to reflect the need to maintain 'cover' in the Falklands. Increased practical help for officers going overseas with families might also be required.

Equally important, recognition of the desirability for more Falkland Islanders to spend longer periods abroad, would need to be reflected in some changes in the Constitution. At present whenever someone born in the Falklands returns here after being away for six months or more, other than as a student or on Government service, he is liable to find himself disenfranchised for twelve months - reduced, in effect, to new immigrant status. This is not welcoming and does not happen to UK citizens returning to the UK, who can in any case, if they so wish, continue to vote in British elections while living abroad.

Children who happen to have been born overseas to Falkland Islanders run into even greater problems, as Jenny Luxton discovered recently when attempting to get son Andrew on to the electoral roll. Andrew is undeniably a Falkland Islander, but was born in the UK and therefore his absence from the Falklands to go to sixth form college disenfranchises him for a period of at least five years. If he goes on to tertiary training, he will be rewarded by being unable to vote in his own country well into the next millenium. What encouragement to participate in the democratic process is such treatment of a young Islander?

OUR small size makes for other special peculiarities; not least a tendency to turn on their heads political and economic theories from elsewhere. Witness the fact that in the Falklands, Lord Shackleton, who it is often forgotten, was the leader of the Labour Party in the Lords, is often held up as the champion of privatisation and the free market economy. All sides in the debate over the future of Falklands Landholdings have claimed Lord Shackleton for their own, but the inescapable fact is that the demise of well-heeled absentee landlords in the Falklands has left only Government with the necessary economic 'clout' to shoulder the sorts of risks that might be necessary to carry out Lord Shackleton's wishes and lead into diversity an industry which, fifteen years after the first sub-divisions, is still wedded almost exclusively to wool production. Whether or not FIG also has the will, we shall soon discover.

## YOUR LETTERS

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### From big house to state control

GOVERNMENT'S 1995 Falkland Island Management Handbook leads one to believe that the sale of farms and homes to Falkland families is complete. Exemplified in the Introduction by:

"1991 saw the last remaining absentee owned farm in the Falklands revert to local ownership. Just 16 years after Lord Shackleton formulated the policy objective of land sub-division and local farm ownership." (FIG 1995)

Lord Shackleton recommended that:

"Urgent steps be taken to transfer the ownership of absentee-owned farms, with the main objective of creating as far as possible owner-occupied smaller farming units... As a priority sell farms to Falkland Islanders or to suitable outsiders." (Shackleton 1982)

Shackleton was a big hearted man who cherished the Falklands and he is sadly missed.

Today a third of the Falklands consists of state owned farms. Overcoming labour shortages with transient foreign workers.

Controlled by state administrators.

(Observed in PN's Irregular Column/Farming Phobia 1st Nov

95)

State farms are the antithesis of the transfer of farms and homes to local ownership. Land reform has halted.

Several small farms constrained by limited land, production and sufficient income are not allowed to develop.

Worst of all, a number of Falkland Island families continue to be denied the opportunity of owning their own farms and homes.

Colin M L Smith  
North Yorkshire HG5 8HX

### Moved by eloquent plea for world peace

WE were deeply moved by Gail Steen's observations on the 50th anniversary of the founding on the United Nations (Ref: "As I See It", November 1st), and her thoughtful, yet eloquent plea for world peace

Margaret and John Leonard  
Stanley

## A definitive description for the capital

IF you could direct some of the energy of the Stanley name debate into more practical channels, would you please consider the following:-

Cruise/expedition ships visiting Stanley would appear, from their advertising literature, to be following routes and places originally laid down by Lindblad: indeed the similarities are very noticeable so some degree of copying must exist. A glance at a large number of 95/96 brochures has revealed the following descriptions of Stanley, most of which seem to show a common origin.

1. "The capital, Stanley, is reminiscent of Victorian England with colourful homes, distinctive pubs and friendly inhabitants".

2. "The capital of the Falklands... offers a taste of Victorian England in the South Atlantic. It is the smallest and most remote capital city in the world built on a north-facing slope to catch the sun throughout the year. Stanley Harbour saw much traffic as vessels called there regularly during journeys round Cape Horn. Now most Islanders are sheep farmers, fiercely loyal to Britain and warmly hospitable to all who visit".

3. "..... Stanley, capital of the Falkland Islands and explore this

channing town which blends old-world charm with the energetic spirit of the frontier....

4. "..... the main port of Stanley, we see colourful houses and a landscape reminiscent of the Scottish Hebrides".

5. "..... Stanley, the capital and only settlement of any size - a Victorian town dominated by a 19th Century cathedral".

6. "..... Stanley, with its Victorian, small town atmosphere...."

7. A tiny population of only a few thousand is concentrated around Stanley, the picturesque little capital with its gaily painted Victorian style houses".

These are all current; indeed I have several more in similar style. Perhaps FIT, or even Penguin News, should organise a competition to find a definitive description?

Jim Elliot  
South Yorkshire

### 8 Across

"Damaged swag"  
"Splice the wound then finish off with a dressing"  
or "Nips trophy for 100m dash"  
Robin Hawkes  
Yacht 'Alarich Wen'

## Thyer lends new colour to the future of horse racing

STANLEY Sports Association stallion, *Thyer*, continues to prove his siring abilities with the birth of two more foals. In the past week a mare foal was born to *Dyllis* owned by Hayley Bonner and a horse foal to *Lucille* owned by Stuart (Tooty) Morrison.

Hayley described the foal as reddish (a lighter version of *Thyer*) with a black mane and tail. She has a white spot running into a blaze on her nose and three white socks. As yet unnamed she was born very late last Friday night in Stanley.

Tooty's foal was born on Long Island (farm owned by Neil Watson) where it was spied on Saturday morning. The foal, which is a half brother to Tooty's ever successful race horse *Sandown*, proved its strength, when he and his mother joined the troop in a three mile gallop across the island and sandbar to Long Island house.

The foal, which would be described in Falkland terms as *Colorado*, is a rich ruby with a white star.

*Thyer's* off-spring will provide a colourful contrast in the future, with the number of darker siblings produced by Diana Turner's popular stallion *Clandestine* when they meet on Stanley race course. Racers sired by this particularly at-

tractive stallion, have already shown good form on Falkland race courses over the past few years. Because of this, punters,

owners and jockeys alike will be watching with great interest when they can be matched with the first of *Thyer's* off-spring.



Dyllis and foal

### Information Note Following Meeting of the Planning and Building Committee on November 2

AT the meeting of the Planning and Building Committee which was held on November 2, the Building Adviser-Planning Officer mentioned the disastrous fire which had occurred at Harps Farm on October 10.

He said that from what he had heard it had centred around the stainless steel twin-wall chimney which passed through the roof of the main building - a type of installation which was very common in the islands. In the majority of cases where he had made an inspection of such chimneys he had found them located much less than the manufacturer's required minimum distance from combustible material and only recently had he seen signs of an improvement in this as installers had learned that it is easier to get it right the first time.

Mr France then described an incident he had been told of by the Chief Fire officer which had occurred on the Jersey Estate in 1989 when the Fire and Rescue Service had been called and discovered that a ceiling joist had been notched-out during construction to allow the twin-wall chimney to pass through. A defective boiler had caused the chimney to over-heat which led to the wood sap, oozing from the joist and smelling strongly, alerting the householder.

It is almost certain that if undetected at that stage there would have been a major fire at the new dwelling.

Very many of the buildings in Camp, and a lot in Stanley, are lined internally with timber and other combustible boards, he pointed out, so that if a fire starts there is a very rapid spread of flame over these wall and ceiling surfaces, giving little time to extinguish it, the "fire loading" of the premises being extremely high and much more so than if plaster-board was used.

Further catastrophes can be limited, Mr France went on, if all house-holders (whether in Camp or in Stanley) were to check their twin-wall chimneys to see if they are less than the 2 to 3 inches from timber, roofing felt or anything else which can burn. Some manufacturers recommend 2 inches (50 mm), others 2½ inches (63 mm), and nearly all put a label on each unit of the chimney telling the installers how far it should be from any combustible material. Properly installed, there was nothing wrong with such chimneys which give good service.

He also said it is good advice to put a smoke alarm in a loft space containing a chimney and wire it up with one in the accommodation

below. This will give the earliest possible warning of a problem developing before it has gone too far. It is, however, very important to remember that when using battery-powered alarms (that is, not mains-powered units) that Low Battery signals will sound only in a detector that needs a new battery. Therefore it is vital to check loft installations regularly and to replace all batteries at least once every year or immediately when the Low battery "beep" signal sounds once per minute. The Low Battery signal should last at least 30 days so a monthly check is advisable on loft alarms.

Mr France concluded his remarks by saying that if anyone has any doubts about their particular appliance and chimney and would like advice then they should contact him at the Building Control Office on Ross Road. His office had, since 1990, been issuing to the public a number of advisory drawings called Preferred Construction Details, and two of these cover the installation of factory-made stainless steel twin-wall chimneys - for solid fuel such as peat burning stoves or boilers, and for oil burning appliances. Copies of these drawings are freely available as is the advice issued, he added.

### Maximum and minimum temperatures for October

AFTER a fine warm start to the month, the following 18 days were rather windy and changeable with temperatures around normal. The weekend of the 21st and 22nd was fine and very warm, but by midweek it had become cold and very windy with frequent snow showers. By the end of the week conditions had improved and another fine, warm weekend saw the month out.

Both maximum and minimum temperatures were within a degree of average.

The monthly rainfall of 34.7 millimetres was a little below average and rain fell on just over half of the days.

Snow fell on just 3 consecutive days towards the end of the month.

The sunshine total of 132.4 hours was well below average and only the October of 1994 had less sun since the beginning of the Mount Pleasant records.

Levels of ultra violet radiation were high for the week from the 10th to the 16th and were near danger levels on the 15th.

The average wind speed during the month was 16.4 knots with gales on only 3 days. The highest gust, 55 knots, occurred at 1600z on the 19th.

Long term averages for Stanley are shown in brackets. Temperatures are in degrees Celsius, winds are in knots, rainfall in millimetres and sunshine in hours.

Highest daily max temp 17.6 (18.4)

Lowest daily min -2.6 (-3.6)

Mean daily max temp 10.0 (9.3)

Mean daily min temp 2.4 (2.2)

Total monthly rainfall 34.7 (40.6)

Total monthly sunshine 132.4 (170.5)

Number of days with rain 17 (15)

Number of days with snow 4 (5)

Number of days with snow lying 1200z 3 (1)

\*Number of days with fog 5 (3)

Number of days with air frost 7 (4)

Number of days with hail 5 (3)

Number of days with thunderstorms 0 (<1)

Number of days with gales 3 (6)

Number of days with gusts 34kts or more 17 (21)

Highest gust 55 (79)

\* includes reductions due to blowing snow or heavy snow showers

## Memories and thanks from Whitby councillor



Richard Wastell with Rex Greenwood (Captain Cook)

COUNCILLOR Richard Wastell, Deputy Town Mayor of Whitby Town (the town with which Stanley was twinned pre-conflict), recently wrote to Mrs Tim Simpson of the FICS to thank her for greetings cards made by her pupil. The cards which were sent to the Spa Pavilion in Whitby, England were displayed during 'Captain Cook Week' in Whitby.

Councillor Wastell was particularly delighted to receive the cards, as in 1942 as a member of 727 company Royal Engineers, he was based in Stanley, staying with Sam Bonner and family on Davis Street and Joe Lannin and family

'down on the green'

Councillor Wastell has many happy memories of his stay in Stanley during which time he was a member of the concert party giving shows in the Town Hall. He also at the time, taught members of the community some dances including 'Pollyglide', which he understands is still popular today.

Councillor Wastell added in his letter, that as the children's cards were of such high standard it was decided that each pupil would receive a Captain Cook medallion and a framed photograph of their Mayor Councillor Miss Jane Kenyon.

## Jennie receives diploma with distinction

MRS JENNIE Forrest of International Tours & Travel, Stanley, recently received a Diploma with Distinction for an examination sat with International Air Transport Association - Universal Federation of Travel Agents Association in Geneva, Switzerland.

Jennie has over ten years experience in the Travel & Tourism

Industry, achieved through working as a travel consultant in the Cayman Islands.

The Diploma achieved is described as having become the benchmark for the travel industry as it guarantees high standards of training and has gained world-wide recognition and acceptance as a quality product.

## First Falklander joins Islands history



Mrs Anne Short who recently became the first proud owner of a Falkland Islands jumper, presents it to John Smith for the Falkland Islands Museum

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## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

11.11.11

THE ANNUAL service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance and the laying of wreaths at the Cross of Sacrifice took place this year in perfect weather conditions. The sky was blue, except for occasional fluffy clouds, the harbour sparkled in the sunlight and, best of all, the breeze remained gentle.

As at the service in the Cathedral which preceded it, there was a large turn-out of military per-

# Sorrow mingled with sunshine on Sunday

sonnel from MPA, who with many Stanley people, including representatives of the Council and the Administration, gathered on the slope below the Cross awaiting the arrival, first of the CBFFI, Commodore Backus, with Mrs Backus and ADC., Capt. David Fitzpatrick and then, making his last such public appearance in the Falklands, HE The Governor, Mr David Tatham. The Governor was accompanied by Mrs Tatham and

his ADC, Captain Gerald Cheek of FIDF.

Making a now very rare public appearance was the Governor's red taxi, showing some signs of the corrosion to its body work which has it heading for retirement and replacement.

On parade were representatives of the Falklands' youth organisations, the FIDF and a colour party from the Royal British Legion and the Royal Naval Association.

HM Forces were represented on parade by detachments of Royal Gurkha Rifles, RAF and Royal Navy from HMS Westminster. The Gurkhas also provided the bugler for the Last Post and a bagpiper, who played laments during the laying of wreaths at the memorial.



Frank Howatt on parade again



Below: detachment from HMS Westminster.



Below: H.E. The Governor arrives in the red taxi.



Above: Royal Gurkha Rifles arrive.



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THE ROYAL BRITISH  
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# Full circle after 50 years

SOMETIME in 1945, probably just after the Second World War had ended, there was a parade of colonial forces in the Royal Albert Hall. The Falkland Islands were represented by a small detachment of four, three men and one young woman, Elizabeth Roberts, smartly turned out in the blue uniform of the Womens' Royal Air Force. At a given signal they took their place in the parade, one of very many detachments from all corners of the earth, and marched proudly past the dais, where the salute was taken by the young Princess Elizabeth.

Fifty years later, no longer in uniform, but clad in a smart floral dress and flanked by FIDF veterans Frank Howatt and Pat Mc Phee, the same lady said to herself "This is it" as the column of thousands of veterans marching in the London VJ Day celebrations turned in to the Mall, with the small Falklands contingent, of which she was once again a part, almost at its head.

Marching again after almost exactly fifty years, past a saluting dais on which stood Her Majesty the Queen, Mrs Elizabeth Monti experienced a special feeling that a wheel in her life had somehow come full circle. Once again Elizabeth was experiencing the same thrilling pride at being chosen to represent her country that she had felt as a young woman, embarking on a life of travel, romance and adventure, which was not to bring her back to live in the Falklands until almost fifty years to the day after she left - another wheel coming full circle.

Right: Elizabeth in WRAF uniform  
Below: VE Night 1945 Elizabeth in foreground, right, demonstrates the Conga steps in an aircraft hangar at RAF Tempsford.

The story of Elizabeth's war-time service began in 1943, when she left the Falklands to join up in the RAF. At this time, she says, most young people growing up in the Falklands wanted to leave, and when the war came along she felt a great desire "to be part of it". First stop was Montevideo, where along with other volunteers from the Falklands, and other parts of South America including Brazil, she reported to the British Consulate to have a medical examination and to sign a declaration that she would sign up in His Majesty's Forces on arrival in UK.

With only twenty-four hours notice, Elizabeth and some twenty other young women, mostly civilian, but including some nurses and a WREN or two, found themselves embarked aboard a smallish converted troop ship with 150 RAF officers and 350 army officers, for a voyage which was to last nine weeks and end in Glasgow, a city which Elizabeth has never visited since in all her subsequent travelling around the world.

After Montevideo, the ship crossed the Atlantic to West Africa,

waiting in Lagos, Nigeria for a week until it could join a convoy of some sixty other ships for the perilous journey north. There were further delays, including the whole convoy returning to Gibraltar after reports of danger of attack from either submarines or planes in the Straits. Despite becoming used to the sound of depth charges being dropped against submarines by the accompanying naval corvettes, Elizabeth claims that she was not at all afraid during this long voyage; at that stage she says, "I had never experienced anything which would instil fear".

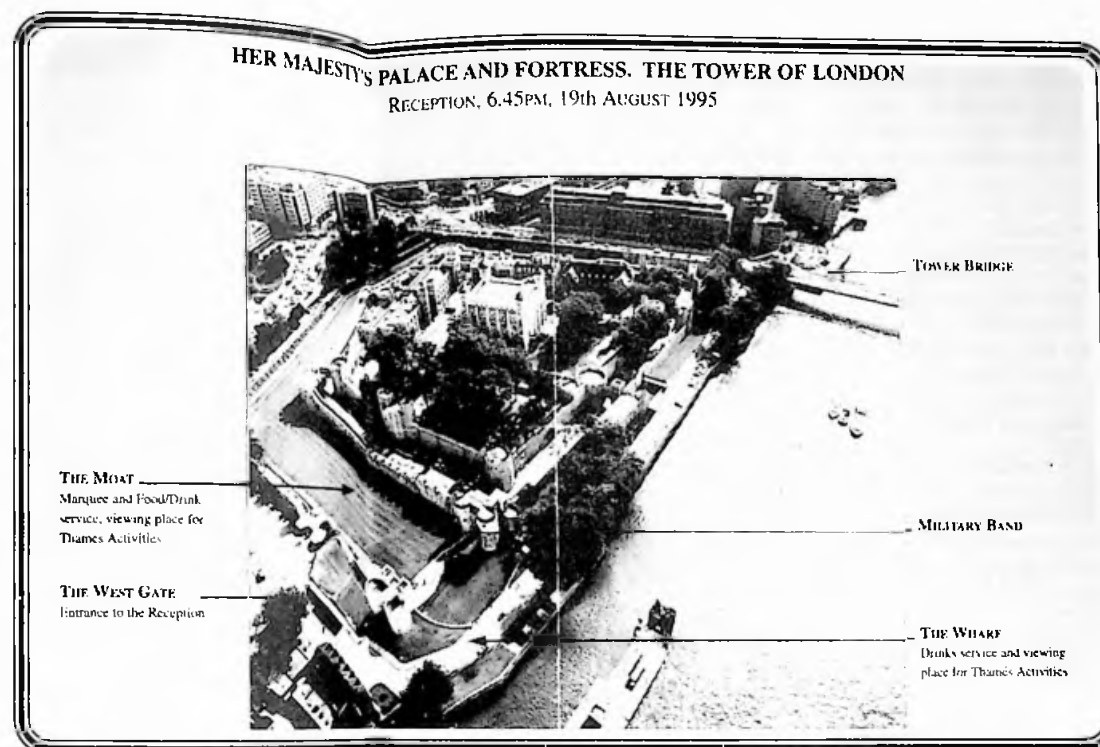
Apart from a memory of eating at long mess tables and of the rationing of the cakes at tea-time, Elizabeth has no particular memory of this strange cruise and wonders now how she and the other passengers passed the time.

Arriving at last, at night in Glasgow, the volunteers from South America and elsewhere were met and put straight onto an over-night train - the first Elizabeth had ever seen - to London, where Elizabeth signed on with the WRAF and was sent to Wilmslow in Cheshire to be trained as a Telex Operator, an occupation she continued after the war and her three years of war service ended.

Elizabeth stayed on in London after the war for eight years. It was so exciting, she says, to watch the city coming to life again after the restrictions and shortages of the war.

During this period she met future her husband in London, an Italian, who worked with NATO from its very beginnings. Eventually, after a cross-channel courtship, they married and Elizabeth moved to Paris, where they lived for some years until NATO moved to Brussels.

Elizabeth considered Brussels where she lived with her husband for three years, very provincial and a great disappointment after Paris.



Above: the invitation to the VJ Day Reception at the Tower of London

Below: Elizabeth, 2nd from right, back row, with WRAF colleagues at Tempsford in 1945



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When her husband retired from his work with NATO, the couple moved back to Signor Monti's native Italy, settling on the shores of Lake Maggiore, where they had easy access both to Switzerland and Milan.

Becoming a widow, nine years ago, Elizabeth's thoughts once again turned to the Falklands. At first she was just a visitor, then in October 1993, almost fifty years to the day since she had first left Stanley to join the WRAF, she returned as a resident to the pretty stone cottage on Fitzroy Road, which is now her home and packed with mementos

and photographs that bring to life memories of her travels around the world, including a recent world cruise aboard *Canberra*.

Among so many memories, being chosen once again to represent her country at the London VJ Day celebrations, clearly had a special significance for Elizabeth - "It was such an honour to be there", she said, "especially after having done that first parade, fifty years ago".

Elizabeth's sister Siggie Barnes and brother Bill Roberts still live in Stanley.

## Falklands' girls see service with HM Forces in Bosnia

HAVING been a full-time member of Her Majesty's Forces for two and a half years, ex FIDF member Barbara Cheek of Stanley, recently qualified for the UN medal due to her four month service in Bosnia.

Barbara who is a member of 10 Transport Regiment RIC joined her regimental colleagues on June 16, 1995 in Split to become one of a group of only five other female military personnel in the area. She soon moved on to Vitez, where the Devon and Dorset Regiment were based on Mount Igman. Vitez is approximately one and a half miles from Sarajevo, but an area she described as relatively safe, despite the tendency for UN vehicles to be hijacked.

Possibly the most disturbing experience of her time in the country was the sight of Bosnian children running at the side of military and civilian aid convoys, begging for food. The civilian convoys she said responded by throwing the children packets of biscuits. Military convoys were forbidden from responding in a similar manner, however Barbara indicated that few military drivers were able to resist the pleas for food.

The roads in the Vitez area, she said, were constantly busy with aid convoys, however despite the appearance of considerable aid they were always uncertain how far the convoys would be able to go.



Barbara in Bosnia with her impressively gigantic truck

Barbara who holds the rank of private, is a driver. Her deployment in Bosnia involved the delivery of mail for 8 hours every day in the area of Vitez. She drove a DROPS vehicle (a fourteen ton Demountable Rack Off-loading Pick-up System) or to the layman, an impressively gigantic truck. Apart from the delivery of mail, she also enjoyed the privilege of transporting the CSE show around the area which included pop-group 'The Searchers', who then came to the Falklands.

Barbara described herself as feeling reasonably safe during her time in Bosnia due to the distance from war-torn Sarajevo. However she did on occasions feel vulnerable to hijacking when driving solo.

Back to the Falklands for a holiday, Barbara will return to her regiment in Colchester in a few weeks for the medal ceremony after a short respite with her sister in England. She will not however be the only Falkland female to have the honour of receiving the UN medal; LCPL Anne Morrison, daughter of Sue and Mike Morrison of Port Louis is presently serving a six month tour in Bosnia with 30 Signal Regiment. Anne who spent the first part of her tour in Kisljack will now have to face a Bosnian winter in Sarajevo. Although we presently have few details of Anne's employment we hope to receive more news of both Barbara and Anne in the future.



## UK Newsletter from Sir Rex Hunt

### Sacrifice not in vain if sovereignty not negotiable

I AGREE with Sir Bernard Ingham that few things better restore the soul than a lecture cruise on the QE2 (Daily Express, 2 November), particularly when most of our 1600 passengers were British and supporters of Lady Thatcher and the Falkland Islands.

My feeling that all was well with the world was further heightened by Dave Gray's wildlife report on Sea Lion Island, which I read in the Penguin News shortly after our return home. I was delighted to see that the numbers of seals and birds had increased from the previous season. We hear of such terrible depredations of Asian and African elephants, it is reassuring to learn that the elephant seal is at least holding its own on Sea Lion Island.

My complacency was shattered, however, by a cutting from an old friend who commented 'what do you think? I should like to know'. Some of you may have seen the article in the Daily Mail of 8 November under the headline 'Why Diana is betraying my son's memory.' Written by Janet Stuart, the mother of sailor Matthew, who was killed on HMS Argonaut on his 18th birthday during the Falklands war, it argues that the Prin-

cess of Wales is wrong to visit Argentina.

I have the deepest sympathy for Janet, my heart goes out to her. On the night of the invasion, I was haunted by the thought that I was risking the lives of boys in the Royal Marines and Falkland Islands Defence Force little older than my own son, who was also 18 in 1982. I understand how Janet feels; but I think that her argument is wrong.

My reasoning is simple: the better our relations with Argentina, the better our chances of persuading them to recognise the Islanders' right to self-determination. No matter if President Menem makes political capital out of Diana's visit. As long as we continue to say 'Sovereignty is not negotiable', Matthew's sacrifice will not have been in vain.

An old friend from the Islands, who clearly supports Janet's argument, has written to me expressing his alarm at recent 'signals' HMG have made to Argentina and how they bear a striking resemblance to those made prior to 1982. I cannot see the resemblance.

The crucial difference is that, before 1982, sovereignty was on the agenda. Since 1982, successive Prime Ministers and Foreign Secretaries have said in the strongest and

most unequivocal terms that sovereignty is not negotiable. Lady Thatcher said it in Stanley Town hall in 1983. Douglas Hurd said it out in Stanley in April last year: 'We entirely uphold the British sovereignty of the Falklands.... It rests on two very strong foundations: the wishes of the people who live here and the protection of the armed forces of the Crown.' John Major, after inviting President Menem to Britain, said 'The men who died saving the sovereignty of the Falklands did so to ensure that the Falklands could remain British for good. That is my objective too'.

In other words, there can be no compromise over sovereignty. No exchange of VIP vis-

its can alter this. Nor can any oil or fisheries agreement, no matter how President Menem cares to interpret the fine print to his own people.

The sovereignty door remains securely shut, unlike the situation before April, 1982, when Nicholas Ridley was touting the leaseback idea. The Argentines saw the door ajar then and thought that all they had to do was push. They may hope now that the open-ended nature of the oil agreement will lead to an unlocking of the sovereignty door; but it is up to our (British and Falkland Island) representatives on the Joint Commission to ensure that any extension of the Special Area is restricted to blocks that straddle the putative median line.

### "Angel" Astiz attacked

CAPTAIN Alfredo Astiz one of the most notorious participants in Argentina's "dirty war" against leftwing subversion has been attacked and abused in the streets of Argentina. *The Sunday Times* reported that the citizens, infuriated because he continues to walk the streets unpunished,

have twice attacked Astiz in the past two months. Astiz was recognised by the people as the "blond angel" of the torture camps.

Astiz was briefly in British hands after surrendering during the Falklands war but was returned to Argentina despite appeals for his extradition by Sweden and France.

## The Falkland Fisheries by Sheila Stewart, Argos Ltd

*ILLEX argentinus* usually known just as *Illex*, supports the main fishery in the Falklands.

This species spawns to the North of the Falklands and migrates South, down the Coast of South America, entering the Falkland Zone in February/March. They will remain in the zone up until the end of May or June. Upon leaving the zone they migrate back Northwards, spawn and die.

In both 1994 and '95 the fishery was closed early as catch rates were very poor and there were concerns about the amount of stock which would survive to spawn at the end of the season. This is thought to be caused by excessive fishing including that which occurs in international waters north of the FOCZ and outside the Argentine zone. Prior to the early closures many of the vessels targeting *Illex* had left the zone as it was obviously not feasible to continue fishing due to limited catch rates not covering overheads.

The awarding of *Illex* licences for the 1996 season will be granted towards the end of this month.

*Illex* is much larger than *Loligo*, ranging in size from 18-40cm mantle length and is caught mainly in the north of the FICZ and FOCZ whereas *Loligo* is caught mainly in the south and east.

*Illex* is much more complicated

to manage than *Loligo*. It is shared with Argentina and additionally is a straddling stock in that its distribution extends beyond 200 miles to the High Seas. Conservation measures are coordinated with Argentina in the South Atlantic Fisheries Commission. Additionally an agreement on straddling stocks has been concluded at the United Nations which may provide a better mechanism for managing straddling stocks. The Falklands has previously used a system of voluntary restraint to extend conservation measures beyond 200 miles, however such schemes can only really be effective if a common approach with Argentina can be adopted.

*Illex* is mainly targeted by Jiggers from Taiwan, Korea and Japan although it is also targeted by trawlers using a bottom or pelagic trawl similar to that used when targeting *Loligo*. Many people will have seen Jiggers in Stanley Harbour with their lights on and so will appreciate the strength of the lights. These lights are used to attract the squid towards the boat at night. To catch the squid a number of lines fitted with barbless hooks are 'jiggered' in the water, these are brightly coloured to attract the squid. The lines are drawn up over an open pulley on the end of an 'ann' whereupon the squid

fall off the hook, down the ann and into a gutter in the deck of the boat. The photo shows the ann with the pulley on the end. The line can be seen coming up with *Illex* on it and squid lying on the bottom of the ann. In recent years most of the jiggers in Falkland zones have been Korean, as the Japanese and Taiwanese have tended to go to Argentina where licence fees are believed to be lower.

On seeing jiggers in Stanley Harbour most people comment on how dirty they look, this is because as the squid comes out of the water its body is full of water which it sprays out mixed with

large quantities of ink. This comes out with considerable force and frequently goes right over the boat and into the sea on the other side. The ink which doesn't go back into the sea covers the boat (and crew!!) in a slimy mixture of ink and water, causing the discolouration down the sides of the boats.

For the financially minded among you, in the 1995/96 financial year this fishery brought in 50% of the fishery revenue (£8million) compared to 75 to 85% of the total fishery revenue it attracted between 1987 and 1992.



Catching *Illex*

### Sport Sport Sport Sport Sport Sport Sport Sport

## Forty runners in Moody Brook Challenge Run

FORTY runners ranging in age from pre-school to veteran, gathered at the Whalebone Arch in Stanley on Saturday November 11, for the 6 mile Moody Brook Challenge run.

The youngsters ran very well to complete the course with Claudio Ross as the first under 16 home. Even the youngest team of Michael Clifton, Cathy and Andrew Rhodes and Anne Connolly finished in just over an hour.

Out in front Richard 'Speedy' Thomas notched up another Falklands victory in 29.15, however with Colin Simpson only 34 seconds behind, and claiming to prefer the longer distances, these two could be facing a real battle in the Cape Pembroke Half Marathon on December 9.

The first local to finish was Boyd Watson, who despite looking tired at half way finished strongly in 6th place, followed 45 seconds later by Tony Burnett.

First lady was Sarah Allan in a commendable 38.41. She too found it tough running into the wind, but gathered momentum on the return trip, discarding extra layers of clothing as the sun and tail wind sent temperatures soaring.

**Results:**  
1st Richard Thomas 29.15  
2nd Colin Simpson 29.49  
3rd Simon Hall 32.14

**Women**  
1st Sarah Allan 38.41  
2nd Lyn Gill 40.48  
3rd Nicky Sweeney 43.33

**U16**  
1st Claudio Ross 40.29  
2nd Kevin Ross 46.09  
3rd Matthew Burnett, Evan Jones and Marty Barnes (running in relay) 51.05

**Girls**  
1st Karen Rozee and Claire Kilmartin (running in relay) 60.26

### Half Marathon Newsflash!

WITH the Cape Pembroke Half Marathon now only 4 weeks away a good number of entries have already been received. In fact, the organisers at Stanley Running Club believe there could be a record number of entries this year, and ask that people get their entries in as soon as possible. This is to give them time to order more race tee-shirts if necessary.

Entry forms available from Stanley Leisure Centre or the MPA new gym. Report : S Allan

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# Disaster and indecent exposure in the first week

THE FIRST WORD of the designation perfectly summarises the role of an ADC: it is to 'aid' his chief in any and every possi-

ble manner, seemingly a straightforward task.

My indoctrination began immediately. The day after *Lafonia*

## Public Notice

The Fisheries Department invites applications for the responsible post of Fisheries Officer.

This involves the surveillance and patrolling of the Falklands Conservation Zones, and the enforcement of current Fisheries Legislation. It will be necessary to undertake duties ashore and at sea on a rotational basis.

The successful candidate would ideally hold a Class 2 Certificate of Competency or a Skipper (Full) Fishing Certificate, however, candidates with other qualifications or experience may be considered. Candidates must be physically fit.

Salary attaching to this post is in Grade G5 which ranges from £15,684 to £18,648 per annum. Interested persons should contact John Addinall at the Fisheries Department for further information and to obtain a job description.

Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Chairman, Senior Appointments Board, Secretariat no later than 4pm on Friday 17th November 1995.

crossed the Line, Clifford made the apparently innocent suggestion that I should stroll around the deck with him every morning before breakfast so that we could discuss my future duties at leisure, an arrangement which commenced the very next day after I had fulfilled my four hour stint on the bridge.

So far we have met only two Cliffords, but in fact there were three in the family, the third being 'Buttons', a minuscule Yorkshire Terrier which was adored by both Mr. and Mrs. Clifford. He, too, participated in that morning promenade and, after being confined to his owners' cabin for the night, he invariably fouled the deck as soon as he was released. With his customary perspicacity, Clifford had equipped himself for this social indiscretion by his canine friend, carrying a small hand-shovel with which to deposit the offending ordure over the rail. Now it became my job to wield this implement! I

am relieved that the term 'pooper-scooper' had not been coined in 1946, for Freddy White would have ensured that I bore the pseudonym for many a long year thereafter. As it was, his daily inquiry: "Been shovelling shit this morning, John?" was bad enough!

*Lafonia* called at Recife for bunkers, providing the passengers with a welcome opportunity to stretch their legs, and it was then that disaster struck the party of the Fids. We went ashore with our swimming trunks and, after finding a magnificent beach a short way out of town, changed into them at a discreet distance from other bathers. What followed was totally unforeseen, especially as none of us anticipated that Brazilians might prove prudish to such matters. While I was desporting myself in the water I noticed that one of our number (later to become an eminent biologist), who had been left to guard our belongings on the sand, was

## The story of a Governor's aide, by John Huckle



Sir Miles Clifford

surrounded by a dozen or so of the gendannerie. Wondering what was afoot, we all abandoned swimming and hastened to where Bernard and the Police were engaged in a lively altercation: a somewhat fruitless exercise since none of the Brazilians spoke English, and we not a word of Portuguese. What became plain was that we must pick up our clothes and accompany the posse, which we duly did, surrounded by a sizable number of the local populace who had assembled to enjoy the fun.

Behind the beach ran a highway bounded by a wide concrete promenade which, in the blazing noon-day sun, was baking hot. Here we signed that we wished to don our clothes once more and, after our escort had signalled their consent, I truly believe that the incident might have ended there and then but for a most unfortunate lapse by one of the party. John had spent many months fighting in the Jungles of Burma, where respectability took second place to practicality. So while we others hastily pulled on our garments over our already dry costumes, he buttoned up a very abbreviated bush shirt prior to the removal of his trunks in order to replace them with his trousers. We still had the throng of spectators about us, and immediately all the females drew vociferous attention to the enormity of this further crime with squeals of "Ooooooh! La-la!" and similar exclamations of alarm. One

can scarcely blame the constabulary for continuing to detain us after this exhibition, and we were bundled on to a tram (on which we had to pay the fares of the police as well as our own), eventually to be deposited at a small police station somewhere in Recife.

Here we incarcerated in a tiny room with a single guard in civilian clothes who discouraged any thought of a jail-break by twirling a pistol around on his index finger. Obviously a devotee of John Wayne films. The minutes ticked by and with nothing happening we became more concerned. *Lafonia* was scheduled to sail at four o'clock that afternoon and, although it appeared unlikely that Freddy would depart without us, we knew that he would not exactly be over-

joyed if we delayed him. Unfortunately the language barrier remained unresolved, but I eventually persuaded the guard to provide a pen and paper on which I inscribed the accompanying sketch. This was taken to an outer office and his superior, who apparently knew a few words of English, came in to signify that we were free to go. Presumably as a will of good gesture he stood at the head of the steps leading from the station, courteously shaking hands with each in turn as we departed, his limited knowledge of our tongue confining him to:

"So pleased! Thank you! Very good! Yes?"

Most of us mumbled a "Thank you" in response, but the last to leave was Bernard who, because he had been looking after our gear, had never actually disrobed and was consequently justifiably disenchanted at being apprehended. He expressed rather less gratitude:

"Thank you too: and I do hope your rabbits die!"

"Oh lord!" I thought "Now we'll be back inside for sure!" But the policeman appeared stuck with his favourite English phrase:

"Sopleased! Very good! Thank you! Yes?" in an appreciative tone.

Clifford's only comment when he heard of this escapade was "I hardly expect my ADC to be arrested for indecent exposure during his first week!"

The morning chats did little to inform me about the precise duties expected of me, so I sought enlightenment from other sources. One of the Fids purported to know a lot about an ADC's role, assuring me that my principal task would be to interpose myself between the Governor and would-be assassins, an unappealing prospect, having just spent four years in which sundry Nazis, Fascists and Nipponese had been firing in my direction, so I did not savour further exposure of that nature. More realistic was Freddy's assertion that I would be required only to dance with elderly spinsters at Government House (GH) balls. Alas! I did not dance, so those good ladies seemed

doomed to remain wallflowers, or be crippled by my efforts.

The Royal Navy had extracted its pound of flesh before agreeing to my release. On the very morning *Lafonia* sailed from Tilbury I had attended a meeting in the Citadel, that part of the Admiralty built on Horse Guards Parade during WWII, so I was actually still in uniform when I joined the ship. This meant that I could dress correctly for my new work except I lacked aiguillettes, those cords which dangle from the shoulder of an ADC and look like a pair of gold-plated lavatory chains. Clifford decreed that these should be obtained in the next port of call, Montevideo. Even in Britain such items can only be found in specialist tailors, so to have them made up during the three days the ship was to be at the Uruguayan capital seemed a forlorn hope. However, a Secretary at the Embassy was very helpful, providing a detailed description of their appearance, while a colleague of my father found a shop which could undertake their manufacture. It was just as well I had this timely assistance because I found myself overtaken by a whirl of social activities. On the first day Clifford entertained some Embassy personnel aboard and, as his cabin steward was otherwise engaged, I was called upon to serve the drinks. Then, the next morning Freddy inquired:

"Can you do something for me today? Adrian (Adrian Monk, the First Mate of *Lafonia*) and I will be busy but Neil and Margaret (their wives) want to go shopping. Will you go with them?" Then with that mischievous grin which endeared him to all who knew him, he added:

"It will provide you with a little practise escorting ladies, and you'll have to get used to that kind of thing!"

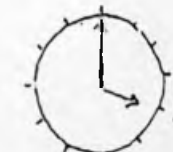
Maybe, but I doubt if those two charming young women would have been ecstatic had they known that Freddy equated them with "elderly spinsters at GH balls".

On arrival in the Falkland Islands *Lafonia* anchored in Stanley Harbour while the Governor's party proceeded ashore in the barge of the Naval Officer-in-Charge (NOIC). Clifford was arrayed in his dress uniform and I was displaying the newly-acquired lavatory chains. Purely as a matter of protocol, I have often wondered whether it was strictly correct for us to be attired in our finery on this occasion, for HE still had to been sworn in and my appointment had not been gazetted.

My introduction to the soil of the Falklands was traumatic. As I stepped ashore I measured my length on the ground like His Holiness the Pope does arriving at a new destination. The public Jetty steps have always been a nasty slippery place!



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To all friends in the Falklands. Thankyou for your cards and flowers of sympathy on our recent bereavement of Ken Court, who passed away peacefully on October 14 at home. My family and I would like to express our thanks to the staff of the KEMH who looked after Ken when he was in the Falklands.

Kitty Court

Morgan and Annagret would like to express their thanks to all family and friends for the cards and gifts received upon the birth of Ariane Storm. Also thankyou to the staff of the KEMH for looking after us so well and special thanks to Pam, Ally and Adrian for assisting Ariane Storm navigating her way to a safe touchdown on November 2nd, 1995.

In fond memory of Fifi who was brutally butchered by Johnny Rooks on Sea Lion Island last weekend. May ewe never be fleeced again.

Bryn Rozee  
 Happy Birthday for last week



You were so cute....what happened?

To Michael  
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### PERSONAL

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WHEREAS Gavin Phillip Short, son of the deceased, has applied for Letters of Administration to administer the estate of the said deceased in the Colony.

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

B Greenland, Registrar, Supreme Court

## Postscript from St. Mary's

### The Right Time

SHARON and Bob had been married for seven years when Sharon's mother began to sense that all was not well. One day she asked Sharon: "If I pay for a baby-sitter, will you come shopping with me tomorrow?" Sharon jumped at the invitation.

While eating lunch together the next day after shopping, mother leaned over and said to Sharon, "I had a reason for inviting you. I have something to tell you, something my mother told me and asked me to tell my daughter when the time was right. My mother called it 'Three guidelines to a happy marriage'."

"The first guideline is this: Never keep score in marriage. Don't ever say to your husband, 'I've done more than my share. It's not fair.' The day you begin to keep score is the day your marriage begins to die."

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# Major and Menem to meet in Madrid

ACCORDING to a report in the Argentine newspaper *Clarín* of Sunday November 19, President Menem of Argentina and British Premier, John Major will meet again in Madrid on December 15, not in private, but as part of a Mercosur-European Union Summit.

A meeting between British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind and Argentina's Guido di Tella to sign a fishing agreement was also not being ruled out for the same occasion, the paper said.

Falkland Islands Fishery

Director, John Barton is currently in Buenos Aires for a meeting of the South Atlantic Fisheries Commission on Monday, but FIG sources had received no information on the progress of these talks on Tuesday. Last month, speaking in Shanghai, China, Argentina's President had stated that a new fishing agreement was "assured."

### Cod liver oil?

According to FIG sources, Mr Barton will be remaining in Argentina to attend what was described as a "ceremonial

matter"; the opening session of the UK/Argentine Oil Commission. This will be followed by a series of preliminary meetings of the Commission in London on December 6, 7 and 8, at which the Falklands will be represented by Attorney General, David Lang and Director of Education, Phyllis Rendell.

What was described as the first 'full-blown' meeting of the Commission is expected to be held sometime in February. Falkland Islands representation was still to be decided.

## Royal visit recce delayed but not 'dashed'

GOVERNMENT House has advised that the visit of a reconnaissance team to prepare for the visit to the Falklands and Antarctica by HRH Princess Anne, has been delayed from Tuesday November 21 to Friday November 24, as the British Antarctic Survey *DASH 7* aircraft is at present unserviceable.

Fortunately there will be almost no changes necessary to the recce team's programme on the Falkland Islands. According to the release, they will be visiting the West Falklands on Saturday November 25, Stanley and the East Falklands on November 26 and spending Sunday night on Sea Lion Island.

Anyone in Camp who was planning to meet the team can be reassured that their programme has not changed, despite the shorter time of the visit.

BAS office in Stanley confirmed that the *DASH 7* was grounded, but would not comment in advance of a forthcoming press statement.

## ExCo discuss Aerovias DAP service

A BRIEF exceptional ExCo meeting last Tuesday 14 November discussed the air link with Chile operated by the company Aerovias DAP of Punta Arenas. Councillors Cheek, Stevens and Teggart were present, as was the General Manager of the Development Corporation, Mr Mike Summers.

The first of two topics discussed was the change in aircraft type. Councillors had originally agreed that FIDC could offer a guarantee to a jet link run with a British Aerospace 146. However, DAP had not been able to obtain one on satisfactory terms so they were renting a Boeing 727 instead. This

is a larger but older aircraft and works out somewhat cheaper. Councillors agreed that the guarantee could stand with the new type of aircraft.

The second point was how the guarantee should be applied. In the end it was agreed that in return for provision of the assistance, DAP's local agents, the Falkland Islands Company, should set up a credit facility against which FIDC could acquire tickets for the service. These tickets could be on-sold to FIG or local businesses at their full value, or if the tickets were used by FIDC, the full value should be charged to the relevant project. All

monies collected by FIDC would return to the Budget as revenue to reduce the overall commitment.

Mr Summers informed Council that the proposed Apex airfares were \$US 790 for a return flight from the Islands to Santiago and back and \$US 790 for a flight from Mount Pleasant to Punta Arenas and back.

Speaking on Tuesday, Mike Summers said that it was hoped the bi-weekly service with flights on Thursdays and Saturdays, would start early in December. It was hoped that the plane would arrive in Santiago on November 25.

Pictured, L to R,  
Back row: Stephen  
Dickinson, British  
Virgin Islands, Tom  
Russel, Cayman  
Islands, Kwamer  
Kubweza,  
Montserrat, Biull  
Samuel, Turks and  
Caicos, Erville  
Hughes, Anguilla.  
Front Row: Albert  
Poggio, Gibraltar  
and Sukey  
Cameron,  
Falkland Islands.



## Sukey in the chair

FIGO Representative, Sukey Cameron, has become Chairman of the Dependant Territories Association.

The Association was set up after the successful Dependant Territories Conference, "Progress through Partnership", which was co-sponsored in 1993 by the governments of the Falkland Islands and Gibraltar.

Missing from the above photograph of DTA members are Suzanne Stibbins from Bermuda and Corinda Essex from St. Helena.

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OF LATE, as the Falkland Islands has been taking its first tentative, toddling steps in the direction of becoming an oil-producing country, there has been a tendency among commentators to use the word "historic". Thus we have had the "historic" passing of our first oil legislation and then the "historic" launches of the Falklands' first oil licensing round. The oil licensing round was facilitated by a "historic", if somewhat ill-defined, oil agreement between Britain and Argentina, which created such a cloud of euphoria and mutual preening between the protagonists that it was followed by a number of "historic" meetings between Major and Menem and assorted military top brass. All this will ultimately climax in a low-key sort of way in Britain with a "historic" state visit by President Menem, and much more ecstatically, one would imagine, in Argentina, when our own royal super-star, Princess Diana, pays a visit to Buenos Aires.

Making claims for the historic importance of any event is a fairly safe business as proof will only become available at some remote time in the future and who's to say how anything will look in hindsight? For example, the view of the 1995 oil launches from 2020 will depend largely on whether those looking back on them through history's telescope are rich, independent and happy dwellers of a land which has preserved its environment and its culture or the few oil-slicked, bedraggled and possible Spanish-speaking paupers who may remain here if there is no oil, or worse still, if there is oil, but it all goes sadly wrong.

Despite these reservations about the use of the word, "historic", however, I am tempted to offer the tentative view that this week, councillors will be involved in discussions, the outcome of which could well have real historic significance. On Wednesday, ExCo discusses the future of Falklands Landholdings and on Thursday, Legislative Council discusses the report on the review of the Constitution put forward by the Select Committee. While oil may or may not ever be of consequence in our lives, except as a commodity on which we all depend, what the debates about the Constitution and the future of FLH have in common is that whatever decisions are arrived at will have almost immediate consequences for both the future and the present in the Falklands.

Whatever the outcome of Councils' deliberations, they will have been informed by unprecedented long and public consultative processes - the one, in many ways a model of how these things should be conducted and the other, perhaps less so. Both debates are still running in the public domain and will be until the doors of the Council Chamber or the GH Conference Room shut to keep us out.

While it is probably too late to influence any of the protagonists in any way, my own last "pennyworth" consists of the hope that in the Landholdings debate, councillors will consider the issues and challenge some of the glib, but wrong assumptions made by both sides. In no particular order, some of these seem to me to be, as follows: (Readers may have their own list:)

1. **Government has no business interfering in agri-business.** Too late, it already does. If you doubt this, when did you last hear of a Falkland Island farmer going bust?

2. **State-owned does not necessarily mean state-run.** Many so-called private farms in the Falklands farms were bought with substantial loans from Government, yet are run independently. Need FLH necessarily be any different?

2. **Every one who wants to work in agriculture wants to own the land he works.** In an innovative situation, being able to lease land might be the preferred, relatively stress-free option. Being self-employed is not everyone's cup of tea. If FLH offered good pensions, started paying decent wages and allowing house ownership, some currently struggling independent farmers might well think hard about joining.

3. **Small farms are always more efficient.** Not necessarily so. The incentives for the small owner to be efficient in what he does, may be greater than they are for the employee, (forgetting for the moment the fact that he probably work hours that no employee would) but may not come near the opportunities for economies that large-scale operation can bring.

I very much hope that decisions on reform of the Constitution will be deferred till February. There are things that need changing before the next election, but I agree with Cllr. Birmingham that the public are only just now waking up to the importance of the subject. This situation could have been avoided had a similar "think paper" to the first draft of the FLH Report been circulated, but it wasn't and it would be a shame if too long a period, when the public could not air views they did not have, were to be followed by too short a period for public discussion of the recommendations of the Select Committee.

Special pleading! Shift the franchise goal posts by all means, but not for those of us, who are already residents, but not yet voters.

## YOUR LETTERS

Write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley  
Falkland Islands

## Film crew sends thanks to Islanders

WE would like to thank all those people who helped make our recent visit to the Falkland Islands such a success. When this current television cycle ends, later next week, we will have screened over four hours of footage (over one hour live). One third covering the visit of the Argentine next-of-kin to Pebble Island and Darwin Cemetery and the rest on the Islands today on prime Argentine television time, giving not so much out personal opinions, but Islander views on Island realities today.

We feel that this coverage is a major contribution towards the better understanding of the people on the Islands and those in the

mainland.

The visit of the Argentine next-of-kin was an accomplishment which went beyond our expectations, both for the families themselves and for us, as representatives of the Argentine media covering the story.

Our thanks to the Falkland Islands Government, Legislative Council, British Forces, Falkland Islands and above all, islanders who made this possible.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon

Nicholas Tozer, Monica Cahen D'Anvers and Eric Schmidt

## Wrong implication about Penguin surveys

IN A recent issue you published an article entitled Falklands Conservation. What makes a survey "baseline"? by Mike Bingham.

I feel I should comment on the section about Falklands Conservation's intention to embark on "an historic survey of Falklands penguins this coming November. In 1932/33 the Falklands Government Naturalist, Mr A G Bennett, conducted a complete census of the entire Falklands population of Gentoo and Rockhopper penguins. It is Falklands Conservation's intention to repeat this survey after more than 60 years, using funds raised last year in the UK during Penguin Appeal".

Using Mr Bennett's name and the date of his survey, "historic"

and a comment about "after more than 60 years", the writer unfortunately gives the impression that this might be the first census of those two species since 1932/33. The same error was made when reporting on last year's Sea Lion census!

On behalf of several individuals who for some years have carried out census work on their own penguin colonies, together with those who assisted me to carry out more than one Island-wide survey of the three species mentioned, I must respectfully point out that the implication is not correct.

I wish them well on their undertaking: it is no mean task.

Ian J Strange  
Stanley

## Whose prey is the Upland Goose?

NORTH West of Byron Heights and towards Grave Cove is a fertile piece of land, where I came across several Turkey Vultures on the ground. On closer inspection I found that a female Upland Goose had been killed at the nest, the head had been severed, also the feathers and flesh had been removed from the back. The male was in the vicinity and showing distress. From the general appearance, the brightness of the eye and warmth of the eggs the incident had not long occurred. There was no other presence of humans in the area and indeed the Patagonian Fox does not occur on the main land...or does it?

Other birds in the area were

Giant Petrel, Skua, Kelp Gull, Striped Caracara, Turkey Vulture and Red-backed Hawk (a male had been seen). It is considered that the Red-backed Hawk must be the villain. The other birds mentioned are scavengers and the goose too big to be taken, unless by several. Also the nest was not disturbed. No other birds apart from the Vulture were present on the ground and they had not plucked up enough courage to go near the carcass.

Has anyone else come across a similar situation. I had always considered that a goose was too big for a Red-backed Hawk to take.

Captain Carol O'Nians  
HQ BFFI

## Holiday in camp for young people

### Would you like to spend a week on Pebble Island?

Who Can go? Places for 10 people, male or female aged 16+

When? A week in February or March 1996 to be arranged. Suggested dates welcome.

Where? Pebble Island-four bedroom house (peat fired). Bedding for 6 persons - mattresses and pillows available for additional 4 persons. One mutton free.

Cost? £25 per night for the property. Flights to Pebble Island and back to Stanley £84. Total price-person for 7 nights £101.50 based on a group of 10 persons.

Co-ordinator If you are over the age of 18 and would be willing to co-ordinate the holiday and organise the group on Pebble Island, we would like to hear from you.

More details can be obtained from Jennie Forrest on telephone 22041 (International Tourist Travel). Please contact her by 14 December in order to plan the holiday.



ON November 17 the Governor, Mr David Tatham, received two generous donations to the Shackleton Scholarship Fund from Korean companies. Mr B K Jo of Kosac, handed the Governor a cheque for £10,000 on behalf of that association. He also handed over a cheque for £3,000 on behalf of the Korean trawlers association S K Cha.

The Governor thanked Mr Jo for the companies donation and said that he was very encouraged that so many companies in the fishing sector had contributed so generously to the Fund.

Mr Nutt Goodwin and Mr Bob Kluzniak of Goodwin Offshore Ltd, who are sole agents for Kosac in the Islands, were also present.

## Governor begins Gallery at the Falkland Islands Community School



His Excellency the Governor, Mr David Tatham and Director of Education, Mrs Phyllis Rendell with artist's work

A LITHOGRAPH by Delia Delderfield, was presented to the Falkland Islands Community School by the Governor, on Monday November 13.

A photograph of the artist and details will be placed next to the work.

His Excellency presented the artists impression of Government House to the school in the hope that other artists would donate work, and a gallery of local and other work would eventually result.

## Falklands Landholdings Ltd Press Release

In view of the forthcoming Executive Council debate on the future of our company, the members of the Board, in unanimity, wish to make the following statement.

1. We regard the diversification of agriculture within the Falklands as presenting us with a great opportunity to improve both the profitability and lifestyle within camp.
2. We believe that such diversification will lead to an increase in the population in Camp. It also represents the foundation for the development of our only sustainable resource and as such is capable of securing the future for generations of Islanders.
3. The proposals contained in the current report and its recommendations allow for many ideas to be actioned regarding leaseholding, share-farming and other forms of ownership or joint venture that provide a wide range of opportunities for those who wish to work for themselves.
4. The balance of land ownership within the Islands at present also provides us with the opportunity to ensure that those who wish to live and work in Camp without being exposed to the financial risks and uncertainties of farm ownership are catered for. We believe that it would be a retrograde step to alter that balance before it is proven conclusively that other options are capable of ensuring that situation. We are also convinced that much smaller sub-divided farms cannot create the critical mass essential for managed diversification.
5. As a Board we welcome the improvement in the performance of FLH during 1994/5, where the net positive cash flow per sheep, after all costs, was £1.86p. Allowing for the fact that there is no mortgage element within that cost, it represents an improving base upon which to build a prosperous future.
6. We are conscious that our stewardship, as Directors, is to manage the company profitably in the interests of ALL the people in the Falklands and we are delighted to continue the process that has begun utilising the options outlined in our chairman's report.

Signed: Owen Summers }  
Richard Wagner } Managing Committee  
Ian Dempster }  
on behalf of the Board



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JUST the other day, I took a guided tour through London's National Gallery. Apart from seeing a variety of famous pictures, the guide showed me how some of them had been composed, how they'd been painted and even, in some cases, where bits of one painting had been lifted to fit another. The tour was greatly enhanced from time to time by the clever use of video clips to demonstrate particular points; like how early photography was used to discover exactly how bodies move.

It was all fascinating stuff, and before I went back to the office I took the opportunity to look at some articles and photographs from back numbers of the Times newspaper and locate exactly where in the Bronx Father Monaghan used to live. All this in less than half an hour and without shifting from my seat in front of the CD Rom at the Public Library.

For most readers over sixteen, the notion of sitting in front of a computer screen in a public place may seem like an invitation to shame and humiliation, but, relax! Whether you have a specific interest or just want to wander at will through libraries of knowledge, attractively presented and yours to control, the experience does not hurt and, thanks to the patience and good nature of librarian Elaine Jaffray, it could hardly be simpler. You don't need to know what a CD-ROM is or have any prior knowledge of computers to find the experience utterly fascinating; the experience is rather akin to the "magic books" of fairy stories. Pictures can move and the reading matter is reinforced by music and speech where appropriate. One warning is necessary, however,



Elaine shows Sharon Harding Price how to use CD ROM

once you've tried the CD ROM experience, you will definitely want one of your own.

The Public Library now has some twenty-five CD-ROM programmes, each one holding the equivalent of a mountain of books. New arrivals include *The Way Things Work*, the *Ultimate Human Body*, *Incredible Cross-sections*, *Stowaway* and *3D Dinosaurs*. My own "arm-chair" journey was courtesy of Art Gallery (Based on the National Gallery Collection in London), *The Times Newspaper* (This contains all the articles and pictures which have appeared in *The Times* and is up-dated every three months) and *Global Explorer*. Other titles include *Encarta Encyclopaedia*, *American Journey through History*, and *The Bible Library*.

If you are still unconvinced about CD-ROMS, which many reckon will ultimately replace books in the libraries of the future, the Stanley Public Library has

much else to offer. Members can borrow up to six books at a time and keep them for up to three weeks, though if this is not enough time, renewals can be made by phone and librarian, Elaine, has even been known to deliver books to the elderly and house-bound.

With an annual budget of £11,000, Elaine is happy to respond to suggestions about what she should purchase. New acquisitions for this year include a whole bay of new fiction aimed at the 10 to 13 age range, selected in consultation with the FICS English Department. As well as books, the library gets in a large cross-section of newspapers, magazines and journals and, again, suggestions from the public are welcome.

If you missed a TV documentary series the first time round, don't despair, the chances are that the library will have it on video for you to borrow, along with many 'classic' movies and TV series. It's all part of the service.

## New titles at the Public Library

## Fiction

Virginia Andrews: Pearls in the Mist, Darkest Hour  
Danielle Steel: Accident, Lightning  
Nancy Cato: Marigold  
Dean Koontz: Icebound, Watchers  
John Jakes: Homeland

## Non Fiction

Spence: Complete Baby Names - Traditional and Modern  
Joanna Gutman: The Assertiveness Workbook  
Dent: Who's Who in Non Classical Mythology  
Excel At Interviews (Student Helpbooks)  
Classical Mythology - Concise Dictionary  
Solomon: Help Your Child with Reading  
Pickford: Jackson's Hallmarks  
McKenzie: Business Skills & Successful Presentations  
Anderson: Successful Selection Interview  
Letts: Study Skills for GCSE & A Level  
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## Videos

BBC Treasures in Trust - Celebrating the centenary of the National Trust.  
BBC The Human Animal presented by Desmond Morris  
BBC Crusades - Terry Jones tells the dramatic story of the Battle for the Holy Land  
BBC Shakespeare - Taming of the Shrew  
Films: Kes, Dr Zhivago, Watership Down, 1984

## Darwin Boarding School History

THERE has so far been a very good response to our appeal for information and photographs connected with the history of Darwin Boarding School. A number of people having contacted me with details of the material they have in their possession.

Please keep this information coming. While I am not yet at the stage of needing to collect material together, I would like to know who has got what for when the time comes to start making a selection.

When that stage is reached, it is my hope to get together an informal group of interested people to review the material available and help me decide how best it might be used.

Ultimately, I would like to be able to produce an illustrated booklet for sale to whomever it might interest. The proceeds, if any, could go towards meeting production costs and, perhaps, ultimately, another DBS reunion "bash" in the Town Hall or wherever! JATF



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### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### Apprenticeship Opportunities

Applications are invited from school leavers or any other young people who are interested in taking up an apprenticeship in the following trades commencing in the new year:

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Full details can be obtained by contacting the following people in the Public Works Department: Mr Willie Bowles or Mr Peter Coutts for the Carpenter's vacancy, Mr Ron Buckett or Mr Rudy Clarke for the Mechanic's vacancy and Mr Les Harris or Mr Bob Gilbert for the Electrician's vacancy.

Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Establishments Secretary by 4.0 on Monday 4th December 1995. Candidates are requested to submit their school records of achievement with their application forms. These will be returned after the Appointments Board has met.

#### Notice to Creditors and others to make their Claims against the Estate of a Deceased Person

Re JOHN MCKEE deceased late of Stanley, Falkland Islands (South Atlantic) who died on the 1st day of March 1986.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that creditors and other persons having claims against the estate of the above deceased should give notice thereof in writing to the Official Administrator, PO Box 143, Stanley, Falkland Islands, South Atlantic, administrator of the estate of the said John McKee, not later than the 31st day of January 1996 after which time the administrator intends to distribute the estate of the said John McKee among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been then received by the said administrator

B D Greenland, Official Administrator

## John Fowler reviews the Community School Production

# The importance of getting it right on the right night

*IT WAS one of those occasions when the perils of journalism in a small community were suddenly blindingly obvious. Here I was in the Town Hall to review the second night of the FICS production of Androcles and the Lion by George Bernard Shaw, aware that reports from the first night had been mixed - there had been pages of dialogue skipped and complaints about inaudibility - and I was married to one of the directors. Zapristi! What a tight corner to be in!*

To my relief, whatever gremlins might have attacked the production on Thursday night, on Friday everything seemed to go right. The production looked good (full marks to

Tim Stenning for sets and to Marion Purvis, Linda Burnard and Veronica Fowler for costumes) and from the Prologue on standards of clarity and audibility were set by Pippa Lang (Mrs Androcles) and Robert Burnett (Androcles), which were to be maintained by the rest of the cast throughout the production. This was important, because the play, a dramatisation by Shaw of a Roman legend, contained a lot of words.

The plot concerned the persecution by Rome of the early Christian community and centred on the refusal of a lion (played to great effect by Simon Jones) to eat a Greek Christian (Androcles), who had earlier removed a painful thorn from its

foot.

Shaw makes use of the story to entertain us with some comedy of a slap-stick nature and provides opportunities for comic characterisation, which the young actors exploited with relish. We saw the foppish and vain Emperor (Stephen Betts), the simple-minded NCO (Karl Tapper) and the street-wise likely lad, (Jay Moffat), who called for the next candidate for martyrdom in the arena as if ordering a burger at the chip shop.

The main drama, however, was centred on the internal conflicts between their beliefs and their natural desires experienced by the central characters: Ferrovius (Mark Gilbert),

by nature a strong and violent man, struggled hard to live up to Christian ideals of love and peace, while Lydia, a young Roman patrician, fought against the inclination to fall in love with a handsome Roman officer (Mateus Short) and return to her former life of ease and comfort. To convey these tensions convincingly required understanding, acting ability and, above all, audibility on the part of a cast drawn from Years 8, 9 and 10.

However they might have fared on Thursday, on Friday night the whole cast rose to the challenge superbly and vindicated the faith shown in them by joint directors Alison Blackburn and Veronica Fowler.



Above: Androcles, the Greek tailor and animal lover, makes friends with the lion. Simon Jones. Below: The whole cast takes a bow.



Above: Ferrovius (Mark Gilbert) the 'Man of Iron' takes his leave of Androcles (Robert Burnett and Lydia (Ingrid Newman)).



Above: Lavinia (Ingrid Newman) and the Captain (Mateus Short). Below: The Lion (Simon Jones).





# Military contacts follow Menem - Major meeting

MARSHALL Nigel Baldwin, from the British Defence Ministry, variously described in reports in the Argentine Press as 'Chief of Staff' and 'Overseas Advisor' was received at the Argentine HQ by Chief of Staff, General Martin Balza, just two days after the meeting in New York between President Menem of Argentina and British Prime Minister, John Major.

Marshall Baldwin was received formally by a formation of the historic Patricians Regiment and guided to Balza's office by Army Vice-Chief, General Raul

Gomez Sabaini, according to a report in *Clarín*, which described the army HQ as being decorated with British and Argentine flags for the visit.

In what appears to have been a parallel gesture to the invitation to Menem from John Major, it is believed that during the meeting, General Balza, who commanded an artillery group during the 1982 war, was invited to visit London next year.

Among the British party, who were presented with souvenir plates at the end of the fifty minute

meeting, was Western Hemisphere Defence Commitments Assistant Director, Cmdr. Nigel Maddox, who, again according to *Clarín*, was Chief of RAF Operations at Mount Pleasant in 1990 and 1991. Also present were British Embassy Military Attache, Robert Lawson and Naval and Air Attache, Andrew Ades.

During the meeting, Balza and Baldwin are reported to have conversed, in English on UN peace-keeping operations in Cyprus, where Argentine and British troops serve together.

# Back home after forty-six years, Leon finds things still much the same

THIS month saw the return to Stanley of someone who went down the steps of the Public Jetty in 1949 and has not set foot in the Falklands since.

Leon Harries, then a youth of nineteen, left the Falklands with his family on the *Lafonia*, bound for England where they were to settle.

Interestingly, in view of Frank Howatt's recent war-time reminiscences in *Penguin News*, Leon's father, John James, "Buff" Harries, was Frank's commanding officer at the time, in charge of FIDF's 6" gun batteries on Canopus and Sapper Hills.

Like so many young people in those days, who had been through the Stanley School and attained the grand old age of sixteen, Leon and his late brother Douglas, both did stints as travelling Camp teachers - Leon visiting Roy Cove, Carcass, West Point and Port North and Douglas taking Port Stephens, New Island and Weddell Island. The Superintendent of education at the time was H.L. Baker.

Although he has been away from the Falklands for over forty-five years, Leon has always looked forward to returning one day. Surprisingly, despite all the changes of recent years, he says that Stanley



is still essentially very much as he remembered it.

During his visit, which he expects to last till January, Leon is

staying in Stanley with Sharon and Dennis Middleton and would be happy to hear from anyone who might remember him.

# Wishing they were here

PASSENGERS arriving at Ezeiza International Airport out side Buenos Aires are now given postcards

proclaiming Argentina's claim of sovereignty over the 'Malvinas'.

The card, described by one source as "not a jewel as far as graphics go" features on one side a sketch map of the Islands, the official seal of the Argentine President, the Argentine flag and the inscription, "The Malvinas Islands are Argentine."

On the reverse side, on a pale blue background, there is a statement signed by President, Dr. (!) Carlos Saul Menem, as follows: "

"The Malvinas Islands are part of Argentine sovereignty that cannot be renounced. They will form once again part of our national territory and its inhabitants, because they are Argentine, will have the broadest prospect of economic, political, social and cultural development.

The new international reality demands that we move into the

# Released from bail after leak to press

THE FOUR Islanders arrested last month by the investigating team from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary on suspicion of being involved in the disappearance of Marine Alan Addis, and later freed on police bail, were this week told that the conditions of their bail had been lifted.

All four were informed in a letter from Police Chief, K.D. Greenland, that there was clearly "now no justification for requiring you to surrender to custody on 28 November in accordance with the terms of the notice issued at the time you were bailed from police custody." The letter continued, "In these circumstances, I am obliged to advise you that you are no longer under any obligation to answer your bail."

Unusually, the message contained in the letter, had first been conveyed orally in some cases, after a leak to the British Press had caused a somewhat premature report to be carried on the BBC, leading to what Mr Greenland described as "a certain amount of embarrassment".

# Ric's replacement

A VISIT to the Falklands in the near future is on the cards for FCO's Mr John Thurlow, who has been chosen to succeed Mr Ric Nye as the Falklands (Internal) Desk Officer in the Foreign Office.

Mr Thurlow is 28 and married with one daughter. Previously he has worked in Algiers and Bridgetown.

XXI century without any vestige of colonialism."

It is difficult to see this postcard being popular with travellers as it does not appear to have much space free for writing "Having a lovely time in Argentina. Wish you were here!" or even a postal address.

These practical considerations aside, this propaganda postcard clearly will not be as embarrassing to the Argentine authorities as the English language brochures produced recently by the Tourism Secretariat in Buenos Aires, which were discovered to contain a map of Argentina, referring to our archipelago, correctly, as the "Falklands Islands".

Once this 'error' had been discovered, an order was issued that the brochure, printed in thousands, should be withdrawn from circulation.

# Argentina must not be allowed the faintest hope says Hattersley

ROY HATTERSLEY in *The Times* of October 26 reminded readers of the price owed to those who gave their lives for the liberation of the Falklands. He began by stating, *the sight of John Major shaking hands with Argentinian president Carlos Menem stirs mixed emotions. Of course, it is right that old enemies should put differences behind them and hope for peace in the future. But Argentina is not an old enemy. It is a mere 13 years since our nations went to war over the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands, and though the fighting ended mercifully quickly, the issue at the heart of the conflict still remains.* The writer felt that it was no wonder that the islanders are worried, noting that Argentina's ambassador referred during BBC interviews to the islands as the Malvinas-Falklands. He felt that it did not matter where they (the islands) appeared on the maps of the Atlantic, but what did matter was the will and the wishes of the people who live and work on those rocky remnants of our imperial past.

He went on to say *The empire - of which the Falklands was once the smallest collection of red dots on the map - was rightly dissolved when the colonial people demanded freedom and independence. It was right to let India, Kenya and Singapore go. It must - on the same principle - be right to let the Falklands stay, and to underwrite the free choice with a cast iron guarantee..... there was a time, not so long ago, when the Argentines believed that they could negotiate the annexation of the Falklands. They must not be allowed even the faintest hope of talking themselves into a victory which their armed forces could not win. The freedom that the islands now enjoy was bought by the men who fought at Tumbledown and Goose Green..... the dead and wounded from the fire-swept Galahad... If we now allowed the hotheads in Buenos Aires to doubt*

*our resolution to preserve the freedom of the Islands, we would betray the men and women who fought and died, as well as the South Atlantic families who want to remain British.*

The writer from his own experience told of the presence of hot-heads in Argentina who cry "the Malvinas belong to Argentina", those being still a potent force. These he said were still smarting from their 1982 defeat and are foolish enough to believe they can redeem their honour in a return engagement. He added *We would do no favours to President Menem*

# Committee say thank you for success of Photographic Exhibition

THE Photographic Committee would like to thank everyone who sent in photographs for this year's exhibition. The impressive standard of the work on display attracted the attention and admiration of a large number of visitors.

It is anticipated that next year's exhibition could be held in September. However the Committee would like to invite comments or suggestions from anyone interested as to how it might best be organised, including the timing of the event.

The Committee is very conscious of the investment of time and money involved in participating, and would appreciate any input from photographers which could help to increase interest and enjoyment of the event both for exhibitors and the general public.

Comments may be directed to any member of the Committee; ie. Jane Cameron, Kathleen Clarke, Dave McLeod, Des O'Shea, Phyll Rendell, Ian Strange and Brian Summers

*and his democratic government by giving this collection of irresponsible and irreconcilable the slightest reason to believe that they might get their way by stealth.*

# Iceberg the size of Jersey heads for shipping lanes

BRITISH Antarctic Survey have warned that an iceberg the size of Jersey is moving towards busy shipping lanes off the southern tip of Argentina. *The Daily Telegraph* reported on November 2, that the 82 square mile block broke away from a section which fell off the Larsen ice shelf and has floated 300 miles north-east.

# Falklander jumpers ready for grand launch on The Clothes Show Live

BETWEEN 90 and 100 classic Falklander jumpers will be flown to the UK on Saturday in the care of Pam Summers, Margaret Humphreys and Dotty Goss.

As well as the classic jumpers which will be sold for £197.00 each at the Clothes Show Live, the ladies will be carrying the complete Falklander collection ready to be launched at the show in the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

# Signs not good for farms as season starts

AS the shearing season opens, local farmers are getting their first chance to observe the effects on their stock, of the recent bad winter. A truly accurate idea of stock losses will not be available to them until after shearing and lambmarking, however with a number of farmers having shorn the majority of their young sheep, signs of severe losses in some areas are emerging. Small farms appear to be experiencing losses from 'average to poor' in less hard hit areas, to severe (around four hundred or more) in other areas.

Neil and Penny Ford of Mossvale Farm, Hill Cove lost around 379 of their younger sheep, having finished their hoggets last Sunday. Jock and June McPhee of Brookfield had not begun shearing at the time of phoning, however had brought hoggets in for eye locking. Having observed those sheep, they felt that losses had not been severe, but could not be certain. June felt that the cattle looked particularly poor.

Ian and Susie Hansen of Main Point felt relatively lucky in that their losses appeared less severe than others had experienced in the Hill Cove area, however felt Main it's normal lamb marking percentage of 75-80. Ian thought a figure of 60% would be more likely.

Dave Dunford of Saddle Farm approximated a 40% hogget loss and suspected like most other farmers that his lamb marking percentage would be considerably lower than past years. He also expected a big loss of breeding ewes.

*Penguin News* hope to provide a more comprehensive report of stock losses as the shearing season progresses.



# What a Liberty!

FOR those readers who may have been a little puzzled by the utterance of the 'cheeky' Statue of Liberty in our front page cartoon last week, the real Statue of Liberty, which stands at the entrance to New York Harbour, bears the inscription, "Bring me your huddled masses." This is a reference to the rôle played by the USA in providing a new home for millions of immigrants from Europe and elsewhere.

The Statue of Liberty was made in Paris and was a gift to New York from the French Government.

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## Memories of a Government House parlourmaid by Mrs M Morrison

# Government House and the ghosts of the oval picture

**OBSERVANT** readers of our feature 'Restoring Government House glass is all in a day's work for Dave' in Vol 7 No 37, may have noticed in the top left hand corner of the photograph of the interior of the drawing room, an oval shaped painting. That painting depicted two little girls, and was the favourite of two other little girls, those being the granddaughters of a Falklands Governor. Governor Kerr's two granddaughters died in the drawing room of Government House after becoming seriously ill. Mrs Minnie Morrison a parlour maid at Government House tells a story which she feels was connected with the oval picture.



Oval painting in top left hand corner of photograph

I went to work at Government House in the Falklands Islands, as chief parlour maid in May 1944. Lizzie Morrison was cook, Doris Ford scullery maid and Hilary McGill second parlour maid. Mr E Headford was chauffeur/butler. Douglas Morrison was one of the gardeners. While I was there some very frightening and disturbing things happened.

To begin with, one night Hilary's pet kitten couldn't be found at bedtime. In the morning Douglas found it hanging from the ventilator in the main conservatory; hanging as though it had jumped up from the floor, which was impossible as the vent is about 10-15 feet from the floor. Later that day David James - Author of *Escapes Progress* - who was a guest at Government House at the time, arrived home to find the door locked and had to ring for me to let him in.

Of course, I was blamed for locking it by mistake, but I hadn't. Next day all the bells in Government House started to ring at once, and had us all running everywhere. Alex Mercer who was head of the Electrical Department was called to Government House and he spent a long time testing wiring etc. but everything was perfect! Mr Headford was detailed off to spend the day in the dining-room cupboard and keep a watch out.

The Police Force was called in and they kept watch at each outside door, but nothing happened and still the bells rang. Quite late in the same evening they stopped. While this was going on someone or something moved the shellcases from the door and put them in front of the book table. When we looked there was fine scribbling all over the visitors book like a child would make. As far as I know that page was never torn out so could still be there.

Next day was very quiet and nothing happened until afternoon. The Governor Sir Allan Cardinal was moving from one room to another for his tea. He moved out

into the hallway only to find his way blocked with shell cases which were all stacked neatly by the doorway.

That night when I went up to put the hotwater bottle in his bed and turn back the blankets - this was always done while the main dinner course was being eaten - I walked into the bedroom; every doyley and all the ornaments had been taken off the dressing table and arranged neatly on the floor in front of it. Mr Headford came running in from the dressing room - where he was laying out the Governor's clothes ready for the morning; he couldn't believe his eyes.

Next day the morning was again quiet but in the afternoon the Hallway tables were stripped and everything put neatly in front of them. We were all very worried and quite frightened by now as no one could offer any explanation for it.

The next night as usual I went to do the curtains and bed etc. I walked into the room and put the lights on, then decided to pull the curtains first. As soon as I caught hold of the curtains the lights went out. I yelled at Mr Headford to stop frightening me and he came running into the room. He said he didn't put the lights out, but said he would hold the switch up so it wouldn't happen. I walked over to the window and caught hold of the curtains and the lights went out again. This happened three times so we decided to leave them until Mr Headford could do them later. The next day nothing happened. That night I took the drinks down the long passageway (called the Magellan Straits) to the study. As I was coming back, the curtains from one of the windows came out and wound themselves around my head. I screamed and screamed. The Governor and Comm. Cobbold came out into the hallway and saw me fighting with the curtains.

The Governor said to me, "You must make sure those windows are

shut Minnie". He pulled the curtains aside only to see they were shut and locked. Needless to say I didn't sleep much that night.

The next night was a Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey dinner party at G H and as usual, everywhere had to be cleaned and polished. Everything was OK until we got to the big dressing room and it was locked. After looking for the key for ages we found it was in the lock on the inside, so it meant it had been locked from the inside.

The Chief of Police was notified and arrived with his on duty constables, and said "stand back and we will break the door down" I didn't like that idea as it was late

and we would have had to clean up for the party, so I said "can't we slip a sheet of paper under the door and poke the key out onto that?". So he let us do that and then unlocked the door and the place was empty, not even the window open.

After that we never had any more trouble thank goodness. I have always believed that it was caused by a picture taken off the drawing room wall. Governor Kerr's daughter married a man called Anson from Chartres, and several years later their two daughters fell ill and died in the drawing room in the South East corner. The oval picture of two little girls was their favourite picture and always hung on the West Wall. It was dedicated to always hang in that corner in memory.

I believe that the spirits of those two children were angry that it had been moved and decided to play mischievous tricks on everyone. That picture was crated and sent on to the Anson family in UK sometime after I went to work in Government House. While I was at Government House it was stored in the loft in the North/West corner.

There was always something peculiar about that picture it used to be on the wall and gently sway from side to side. I was not the only one who saw it (Ann Cameron had noticed it as well).

I remember it all so clearly, despite it being many years ago.

## Early selection of representatives for Golden Shears

THE Golden Shears World Championship will take place in Masterton, New Zealand between Wednesday February 28 and Saturday March 2 1996. This event takes place every four years, the last one being held at the Bath & West Show in England at which John Jones and Peter McKay competed.

This year the Falkland Islands Government have agreed to pay passages for two Falkland Island shearers to attend. Heidi Blake (about whom *Penguin News* has reported in the past) will be representing the Falklands in the wool handling competitions in Masterton.

In 1992 the winners of the shearing competitions held during East & West Sports went to the Golden Shears, this time, due to the early March date, it will be necessary to choose the shearers before the Sports. Thanks to Tony & Ailsa at the Estancia it will be possible to select the competing shearers.

### Public Notice

The Falklands Islands Government has for sale by tender a further 28 computer systems surplus to requirements comprising of machine, keyboard and screen. These computers are the final batch of surplus 386 Apricots.

Tender documents are available from the Secretariat, Stanley. Tenders endorsed "Sale of Surplus Falklands Islands Government Computers" should be returned to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat to reach him on or before Monday 27 November 1995.

# Farming Phobia an irregular column

THERE seems to be a serious lack of topics to grumble about at the moment, but to be honest I suppose it's really the onset of shearing that has kept us busy, with no time to pick on those who need to be discredited, or on the other hand those who deserve an accolade. With a welcome short break looming I thought I'd find the time to see who merits a mention, it would be most unfortunate for someone to miss out due to a few wethers being shorn.

The demand for the current version of Andrew Gurr's Landholdings report must be so overwhelming that the secretariat have run out of copies, or were the previous drafts so under-subscribed that they decided only half a dozen needed to be printed this time? Personally I think that either they they've run out of paper or a few more people thought that they

needed a good laugh. Anyway to keep those critics happy who say that criticism shouldn't be made until such reports have been studied, I will refrain from further comment until I have had time to look at my copy.

I guess Ian Hansen of Main Point doesn't get 'rattled' that often judging by the lack of letters that appear in *Penguin News*, from him. However he must have made an exception this time, or perhaps it is something I've said in the past. They always say that the truth hurts. However with reference to the last sentence of his letter in the November 8th edition, I resist the urge to reveal all and put a name to this column. Quite a lot of people do know who writes this and most agree that it is better left anonymous. I can only assure Mr Hansen that I would have the guts to include the words mentioned in the

same sentence, and put my name to it if the need arose. Whether he believes that or not, I couldn't really give a damn, but I can say that although this column may contain 'red herrings' now and again it never lies.

Come back Patrick, all is forgiven (where is he anyway). When *News Magazine* reduced to twice weekly, we thought at least with only the two editions that we would be in for a treat and that they would be interesting and full of news each time. Okay, there isn't always a lot happening, I know that with trying to fill this column at irregular intervals, and not always succeeding but come on, last Tuesday's broadcast was pathetic. It lost my concentration just after yet another boring Stanley Services interview started. I think we might have heard it all before. The only thing of any interest at all was

Colin Smith's very brief report (at least we found out what country Patrick was in).

I was going to go on at length about Nigel Knight's report on The World Sheep & Wool Congress of 1995, which arrived in the mail alongside 'The Woolpress', but realising that this wouldn't be of great interest to our non-farming readers, I've decided to keep it brief and comment on his summary only, but even that will take up more space than I have left here so will have to come in a fortnight's time. I'm afraid that these comments will be 'mostly negative' and will be against such things as general subsidies for sheep farmers in The Falklands.

To end with an accolade that I'm sure that most would agree with, this is to Hugh Marsden who adds that human touch to dealings with the agricultural department.

## ● Your Letters (continued from page 2)

# Try to make a living and the big boys don't like it

I AM writing to you regarding the high cost of motor vehicle insurance in the Falkland Islands.

Recently I purchased a 45 seater coach. It cost me £20,000 in total, but I am unable to get it on the road because of high costs.

The road system in the Falklands is extremely limited. We have one road that goes from Port Stanley to M.P.A. The conditions along the road are appalling. The road is over 40 miles in length, and we do not have any toilets or telephones in case of emergencies or even a tow truck in case you break down. Basically there are no facilities at all. I would like to know why everything for a vehicle is so expensive, and why the agencies in the Falklands have not informed the Insurance Company in the U.K. of the road conditions. I know that the agents in the Falklands receive a percentage from all the motor vehicle insurance.

For one of my coaches I pay over £1,000 per annum to insure, while the other costs £1,346.50 every three months. There is no way that I can afford such a high cost to insure my coach.

I feel that my insurance is political. It appears that they are trying to keep me off the road. I am trying to make a living for my family and myself and I think it is unfair the way Royal International Insurance are treating us. The agency, who have not offered any help or support, know this has been going on for the last two years, and every time I have approached the agencies they have been unable to help me; that is all I can get from them.

I have approached other insurance companies but they say they will not insure motor vehicles. When asked why, they reply that they do not want to interfere with Royal Insurance who, apparently, have the monopoly down here. I feel this is unfair. Granted, the Islands are not very big, however the trade will surely expand, so why won't the insurance company come to some understanding over the cost of insuring the coach? In fact, not only my coach but all motor vehicles.

The cost of insurance was all right to start off with, then, over a year ago there was an accident where two military personnel were killed. Since then, the cost of insurance has gone up. I inquired as to why and the agency told me that they had the SIF motor vehicles on their books and that the accident had necessitated them to increase the cost of insurance. They have since stopped insuring SIF vehicles but have not dropped the cost of our insurance. I feel that we are being made to pay for someone else's mistake. I would like to see someone from the insurance company visit the Falklands and see for themselves exactly what our complaint is!

It is my opinion, as long as the agents in the Islands are getting their cut they will do nothing about it. There are 1,900 people in the Falklands and about 2,000 vehicles on the Islands and the numbers are continually increasing. So why does the cost of insurance continue to rise?

When will the insurance company come to its senses and help

the small companies in the Islands? If you don't try to make a living, you don't survive, but when you do try, the 'big boys' don't like it. I don't want to draw attention to myself but I feel something has to be done to help people like

myself make a living.

Let's be fair and look at the high rates of insurance in Falkland Islands.

W.J. Sutherland  
Stanley

# Sickened by the powers that be

WHILE I am angry and sickened by the powers that be, I would like to object to a number of things, which to me, are abhorrent. Firstly, to the French, for their nuclear testing in the Pacific, with total disregard for the people and their environment in that part of the world. If the testing is no harm then why not do it in your own part of the world. Worse than the French for carrying out the testing, are the countries who won't speak out against it. I know some of them do not agree with it, but won't say so, for fear of upsetting the French. There is something deadly wrong with man when he can't, or won't, speak out against evil. The rich countries of the world have not made it a safer place to live in, but a much more dangerous one. Poorer countries want their share of lethal weapons now.

Secondly, the hanging of nine men in Nigeria for speaking out against the oil business and its effect on the people and their environment in that area, is, to me, horrific. We may protest about the oil exploration in the Falklands, and no one

may hear, but there is no death penalty.

The last two things I want to object to, have no connection with the above, but cause more misery and suffering than anything else. One is the experiments, in laboratories, on live animals. No animal should be tortured to save another life, be it human or otherwise. Many of the experiments carried out, are totally unnecessary. There has got to be another way.

Another horror story is factory farming. Animals and birds are given injections to make them grow, and are kept in conditions beyond belief. How can one eat creatures who are fared to exist like this. We don't have this sort of farming here yet, but we have just as much cruelty, in other ways. Brutality is one that comes to mind.

After what I have written, I would like to ask you one thing. If you have a conscience you wouldn't do any of these things, if you haven't any conscience, what are you.

Joan Stephenson  
Stanley



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## Postscript from the Cathedral

DURING a heated argument, an Arab struck and killed another man. Knowing the inflexible custom of his people, the young Arab ran across the desert until he came to the big sprawling tent of the tribal chief. The young man confessed his guilt and asked for protection. The old man put his hand on one of the guy ropes of his tent, swore by Allah, and accepted the murderer into his tent of refuge. He was now safe.

The next day, others came looking for the fugitive. However, the chief would not let the pursuers take the young man.

"But, do you know who he has

killed?", they asked.

"I have not the slightest idea".  
"He has killed your only son!"

The chief's heart and mind began to fill with confusion. Then the old sheik looked at the young man and accepted. He said, "You have killed my son. But I am going to make YOU my son, and you will inherit everything I possess".

News of these events reached a nearby Christian hospital. Some of the patients who had heard about Jesus recognised that just as the sheik had offered his son in death for the freedom of a stranger, so God has offered his Son's death in our place.

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## Landholdings stunned by lead balloon

REPORTS coming in from the Falklands Landholdings farms in the wake of last week's Executive Council decisions (see page 5) speak of morale among the workers being at an all-time low, with many angry, that a review begun, ostensibly to enable firm decisions to be made about their future, has ended by making that future even less certain than previously.

"Just last year" said one employee, who preferred not to be

named, "Government gave the guarantee that all the farms would remain at their original size for between five and ten years. Now, while we know that nearly half of FLH may soon be up for grabs, we do not even know which bits. We were right not to listen to all their assurances in the past."

It would appear that the strong feelings against the ExCo decisions have resulted in an Islands-wide petition of protest, which is

currently being circulated in the Camp.

FLH employees in the Camp were not alone in condemning the decisions made by the two Stanley members of ExCo. Camp ExCo member, Richard Stevens having declined to take part in any voting on this issue, because of his well-publicised interest in the outcome. (He was, however, party to the discussion process) At the Legislative Council meeting on Friday, five out of the eight councillors expressed feelings ranging from surprise to shame at the ExCo decisions. What was described by Cllr Teggart as "an exciting challenge for the future" was described by Camp Councillor, Norma Edwards as likely to provide "a rod for someone's back in the present circumstances" and "a blow beneath the belt", by Cllr Sharon Halford, herself an FLH employee, who went on to state that "sub-division does not repopulate the Camp".

(See report on Page 5 for more coverage of this issue.)

## Rebels resist rush on Review of Constitution

COUNCILLOR John Cheek, resigned from the Chair of the Select Committee on the Review of the Constitution, on Friday, when a five to three majority of councillors voted in LegCo to delay adoption of the Committee's report for at least three months, until there had been a full opportunity to gauge the response of the public to the Report's recommendations.

Before the vote was taken, Cllr Cheek had urged acceptance of the Report "as a whole" and had described the process - lasting eighteen months and involving the recruitment of Mr Walter Wallace as an advisor to the Council - which had led to the Report's compilation.

Seconding the adoption of the report, Cllr Teggart drew attention to one of the current anomalies in

our constitutional arrangements, which meant that two of her six children were not automatically entitled to vote on reaching their majority, because they were born out side the Falklands.

Commenting on the fact that six hundred of the Falklands' population were born outside the Islands, she wondered whether the future would be "secure for our children".

(See LegCo supplement inside)

## Working visit for Princess Di

THE Princess of Wales arrived in Argentina on November 24 on what was publicised as an 'unofficial working visit' at the invitation of Argentine medical charities.

(See story on Page 8)

## New Governor comes in from the cold

THE Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of Mr Richard Peter Ralph CVO to be Governor of the Falkland Islands and Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich islands in succession to Mr David Tatham CMG who will be transferring to a new Diplomatic Service Appointment.

Mr Ralph was born in April 1946, educated at King's School, Canterbury and obtained an MSc from Edinburgh University. His career in the Foreign Service began in 1969.

Although new to the Islands,

Mr Ralph has served in such posts as Vientiane, Lisbon, Zimbabwe and Washington, and latterly as Ambassador in Riga, Latvia.

He married Margaret Elisabeth Coulthurst in 1970 and they have two grown up children James Patrick and Lucy Katrina.

He is said to enjoy classical music and sailing, although "motorcycles" is listed as a hobby in *Who's Who*.

It is expected that Mr Ralph will arrive in the Islands on January 5, accompanied by his wife.

## In brief

### Baseline survey contract

A CONTRACT to undertake environmental baseline survey work around the Falkland Islands has been awarded to a consortium involving Brown and Root Environmental (B&RE) and Imperial College Consultants Ltd, (ICON). Local participation in the successful bid includes Falklands Conservation and South Atlantic Marine Services.

(Full story Page 8)

### No deal yet, but fishing talks cordial

FALKLANDS Fisheries Department Director, John Barton, returned to the Islands this week after attending the eleventh meeting of the South Atlantic Fisheries Commission in Buenos Aires. The meeting did not result in a long term agreement of the sort recently spoken about by Argentine President Carlos Menem. Mr Barton agreed with the assessment of the writers of the ensuing joint statement, that the atmosphere had been both "friendly and constructive."

While in Buenos Aires, Mr Barton attended what he described as a preliminary discussion on the role of the Joint Commission on Oil Development, whose first formal meeting is now expected to be held in February.

(Joint Statement on Fishing, page 8)

### 727 Service

MIKE Summers of FIDC and Terry Spruce of FIC issued a joint statement on November 24 to the effect that the aircraft to be used in the proposed Aerovias DAP Santiago/Punta/Stanley jet link, a Boeing 727, was to be inspected in the USA by Chilean Aviation Authorities on Monday November 27.

Assuming a successful outcome of this inspection, the plane would be delivered to Chile and an inaugural flight in the early part of December could be anticipated.



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IT WAS good to see a group of Community School pupils in the Public Gallery for the Legislative Council meeting on Friday - it is their future which is often invoked at such sessions and if such an experience does nothing other than allow them to recognise those whom they may later grow up to blame, it will have been worth it.

The students were lucky to have been present at such an interesting session. Often what is visible for the public to view is only the smooth, plastered surface of the parliamentary edifice, but on Friday we had glimpses from time to time of unexpected cracks and fissures in the facade, through which real passion and feeling could be glimpsed - for example, three councillors stated at different times that recent decisions by the the Legislature had made them feel ashamed to be part of it.

In the morning, the Report on the Review of the Constitution, prepared over eighteen months by a Select Committee made up of all the elected councillors, was 'knocked back' by a five to three majority, to the obvious distress of Cllr. John Cheek, who promptly resigned his post as the Committee's Chairman. The more alert of the young people present, who may have been as surprised as Cllr. Cheek by this turn of events, were surely equally puzzled to find the Governor, whom they may have thought to be the ultimate symbol of authority in the Falklands, expressing relief at being freed from the necessity of commending to the Secretary of State a report with which he was clearly not entirely happy and which, he felt sure, would "raise some eyebrows in Whitehall".

In the afternoon, had the pupils still been present, they would, perhaps have been puzzled once more, during the councillors' adjournment speeches to hear the five Legislative Council members not also on ExCo roundly denounce the decisions taken on the future of Falklands Landholdings Ltd. earlier in the week, by the two ExCo members for Stanley - (the member for Camp having quite properly declined to vote in view of his well-known long-standing interest in acquiring a piece of FLH land). The ExCo policy paper on Falklands Landholdings was denounced most eloquently by Camp Councillor and FLH farm manager, Eric Goss, who described it as "thoughtless and cold-hearted". Its timing was criticised by Cllr. John Birmingham, who drew on his own personal history to state that the manner in which the FLH decisions had been so badly communicated to the people they most concerned, showed that "we don't seem to have learned anything!"

While one might hesitate to agree with Cllr. Goss's assertion that "evil forces are at work to bring about the demise of the big farms", Council was offered plenty of evidence that in Falklands' farming terms, small is not necessarily beautiful, either. Rather extraordinarily in a week which saw the rejection of most of Andrew Gurr's hopes for the future of Falkland Landholdings, Cllr. Luxton's motion called for the Chief Executive to prepare another report for Council, this time on the perceived "increased divergence in standard of living between the inhabitants of Stanley and those living in Camp." As sub-division and the de-population of Camp appear to have gone hand in hand over the past fifteen or so years, a cynic might argue that the ExCo FLH policy will go some way towards solving the problem of these inequalities by hastening the day when there is no one left in Camp to experience them.

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### Let's share data

I WAS interested by the letter in last week's PN suggesting that complete population censuses of Falkland penguin populations have indeed been conducted since 1932/33. There is no denying counts of individual colonies and islands, and indeed Falklands Conservation has been doing so annually for over ten years. However in all my searches of available data, and requests to local naturalists (including the author of your letter), I have come across no other complete Falkland Island censuses of penguin populations in the last sixty years. Such a census would be unlikely to go unnoticed, since it involves contacting every single land owner, and visiting every breeding site in the Falklands in a fairly short space of time.

It is Falklands Conservation's view that the information we gather belong to the people of the Falklands, and as such we publicise our

results locally, and make copies of our reports available to the public through our office and the public library. What a waste of resources it would be if everyone who wanted this information had to pay for their own census. Not everyone takes this view however, and some visiting naturalists prefer not to pass on their data to anyone. In such instances the data is of little use to anyone but the person who performed the work, and other conservationists can hardly be blamed for not including data to which they have never been allowed access. I therefore invite anyone who has data which may be of benefit in determining the long-term population trends of our wildlife, to share it with both Falklands Conservation and the people of the Falklands.

Mike Bingham,  
Falklands Conservation

### Mistaken or romancing?

WITH REFERENCE to an article appearing in the November 1st issue entitled 'How to become an ADC by John Huckle', he refers to a voyage by *RMS Lafonia* to the Falklands. In a paragraph headed 'A Quandary', Mr Huckle stated Captain White asked him to take the morning watch from 4am to 8am. Mr Huckle is mistaken or romancing: I kept the 4-8am watch

morning and evening. I was the Chief Officer of *Lafonia* and Chief Officers kept that watch. I did not need or have John Huckle assisting with my stellar observation. He may have been practising somewhere below, of course. The *Lafonia* was, in fact, 2249 tons and not 1300 tons as stated.

Adrian Monk,  
Dyfed

### Baptism of fire on the Murrel

STAN SMITH'S adventure with No 1 Bofors on Snake Hill (PN, Sept 25) brought back two memories to me. It was the summer of 1940. There were six of us riding through the Murrel camp to gather the wethers for shearing. It was a beautiful morning, calm and warm. We were riding down the valley approaching Sparrow Cove without a care in the world; suddenly there was an almighty bang. Confusion followed while riders struggled to calm frightened horses. Some of the dogs cleared out for home.

When the gater was finished and we returned to the old Murrel house for a meal, we discovered what it was all about. Jimmy Miller had arrived in sight of Cape Pembroke light in a small Chilean steamer, I think she was the *Pilar*, with a general cargo. Cape Pembroke failed to get a reply to a request for a recognition signal and Sapper Hill 6" gun crew was alerted. I believe Bell (Carty) Browning was in charge. A warning shot was fired which was close enough to produce an agitated Jimmy standing in the bows shouting

"Don't shoot, it is me, Jimmy Miller".

The second incident took place at dipping time 1940. We were again gathering the Murrel wethers. I had not long left Sparrow Cove when I was aware of gunfire. I saw two shells explode about fifty yards behind me on land I had just covered. I do not know if it was a creeping barrage, I did not stop to find out. I have since wondered if there was some character with a warped sense of humour manning the gun on the other side of Port William, or if it was purely accidental. I enlisted in the Royal Air Force later that year but did not mention that I had already been tested under fire.

Jim Clement, Wilts

### Suffering Sharks

Shark, shark, sharkin', shark; shark, shark, sharkin', shark; shark, shark, sharkin', shark, shark, shark, shark. Boring isn't it?

Ray Robson,  
Stanley

(Readers outside the F.I., BFBS broadcast zone, be grateful you don't understand this letter. Ed)

## A tribute to Bob Skene

written by Eric Goss

BOB was born in Lumphannan, Aberdeenshire, Scotland and began his working life as an erraman on a small farm near Kincardine O'Neil. One term sleeping and living in a n un-heated chalmers (phonetic chamber), keeping your boots in the chaff bed with you at night, pulling neeps at 5am on a winter's morning was enough of the farming life for him.

He then joined Sandy Angus of Midmar, an agricultural contractor who had a steam threshing mill. After about six months he had an accident when he was caught between the tender and the steam engine by the wrist when it slipped down an icy hell near Torphins.

After six months recuperation he returned to work and on his first day fell off the threshing mill and broke the same arm further up.

He then went to Aberdeen where he joined the Harper Motor Company, maintaining and demonstrating experimental agricultural equipment and machinery.

After seven years he became self employed and worked in the Donside area as a fencing and draining contractor until being employed by Kinlune Farm, Glenkindie on machinery and building maintenance.

In 1958 he read one of Mrs Moir's advertisements for farm workers in the Falkland Islands and sailed on the old 'AES' to be employed at Fitzroy. He worked with the late Charlie Robertson on the Buffalo draining scheme, and it was during this time he met Greta when he gave her and her sister Jill a lift in the Bren

Gun Carrier.

Who could resist a man who drove around in a Bren - Bob and Greta were married on 23rd May 1960.

They lived at Fitzroy for just over two years. After a holiday in Scotland, (another trip north on the 'AES') returned to the Camber for a five year contract. In those days the Navy ran on Furnace Fuel Oil and Bob was one of the last people to work the steam boiler and pumps at the Camber, as the Navy discontinued using FFO.

Bob's next job was back in Scotland where he was employed for 16 years at THE Glenlivet Distillery. Here he saw the changes of the firing of the Stills from coal to natural gas to oil. Here his job was maintenance engineer.

In 1983 he moved Mosstodloch, Morayshire and joined the Moray District Council as Miller/Guide when they opened Old Mills in Elgin to the public. Old Mills is a water driven oatmeal mill and the present building dates from the 18th century with 19th century additions, but there has been a Mill on this site since the 12th century.

In 1989 Bob and Greta returned to the Falklands, where he built the house at 22 Ross Road East, which was awarded The Beautiful Falklands award for the most attractive new building in traditional Falkland style in 1991. His previous building experience had been Doll's wash house and the Dutch Barn at Fitzroy. Bob died suddenly after a short illness on Monday 20th November, at the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital.

## Silver cups from Somerset



Gerald Cheek, Pat Peck and HE The Governor lived at Fox Bay.

ON Tuesday 21st, two silver cups were presented by the Governor to representatives of the Rifle Club. The cups were sent to the Falklands by Air Commodore Tindall-Carol Worsley of Somerset. They had been won by his wife's father during World War II; her father being Doctor Stanley Turner who

FATHER Augustine Monaghan will be leaving the Falklands on Wednesday, November 29. He 'came to the rescue' at St Mary's after Easter and will continue part of his ministry on Tristan da Cunha.

## Red Cross remember 'a light to their generation'



Les Halliday with the painting dedicated to the memory of Peggy

THURSDAY afternoon was a time for presentations at the KEMH.

At 3.15pm in the day room, on behalf of the Red Cross, Mrs Tatham called upon Les Halliday to unveil a painting of Bodie Creek, dedicated to the memory of his late wife, Peggy. The subject of the painting, a beautiful study in oils by Mike Peake, was very appropriate. Mrs Tatham said, as Peggy was born and spent her childhood in Bodie Creek House. It was also appropriate that the painting should hang in the hospital's day centre where Peggy had put in so many hours of work for the community.

She was remembered by the Red Cross with love and gratitude. Before Les unveiled the paint-

ing, Stephen Palmer dedicated the painting to Peggy's memory with a prayer which made reference to those who, like Peggy, had been "a light to their generation."

Later the same afternoon Cllr. Eric Goss and Red Cross representative, Alison Hewitt presented the hospital with a £615 portable syringe pump drive. The pump will be used to allow terminally ill patients who require constant relief from pain, to remain mobile and in their own homes, rather than requiring hospitalization.

£247 (which, with bank interest, had grown to £252) had been raised towards this machine by the North Ann Social Club with their successful chop-eating competition last year.



Cllr Eric Goss, Dr Barry Elsby, Mrs Therese Lang

## Public Notice

## The Planning Ordinance 1991

## Notice of Planning Applications Received

Notice is hereby given that the following applications for planning permission have been received: Below: Applicant in bold

## Reference No

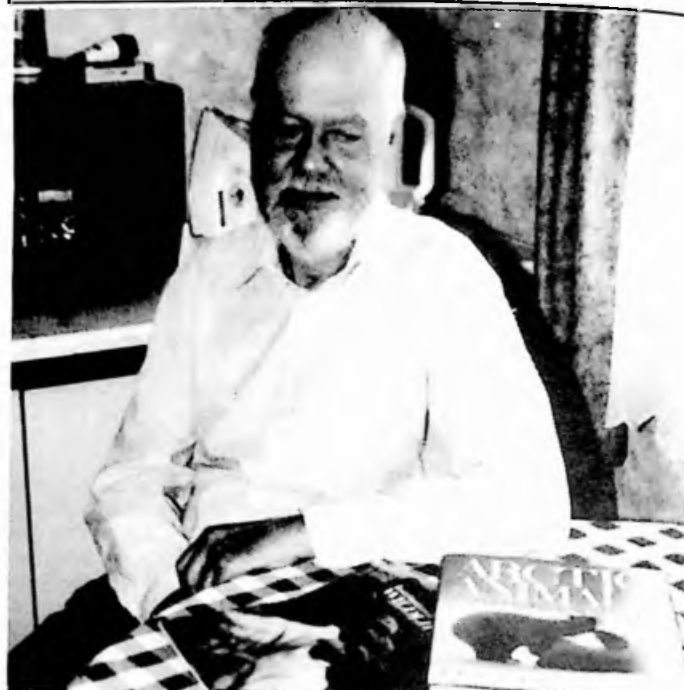
## Development

- 77/95/P **FIG** Outline application for the erection of a purpose-built archive store adjacent to Britannia House Museum, Jeremy Moore Avenue, Stanley
- 117/94/R95 **Mr A T Lowe** Renewal of temporary planning permission for erection of double garage and workshop for taxi business at 54 Davis Street, Stanley
- 79/95/P **FIG** Formation of a container park with new vehicular access on land at the junction of Airport road and road to FIPASS Stanley.
- 108/93/R95 **Gordon Forbes Const** Renewal of temporary planning permission to use one room in dwelling as an office at 24 Shackleton Drive, Stanley
- 80/95/P **Mrs A M Biggs** Erection of 1.2 metre-high boundary fence at 3 Dairy Paddock Road, Stanley
- 111/93/R95 **Mr R Clarke** Renewal of temporary planning permission to site a Portakabin for storage at Plot 16 Lookout Industrial Estate, Stanley
- 70/94/R95A **Mrs G Anderson** Renewal of temporary planning permission for the siting of a C&R accommodation unit at Eliza Cove Road, Stanley
- 81/95/BP **Mr & Mrs N Knight** Resiting of mobile home from Eliza Crescent to Mobile Home Park on Murray Heights, Bypass, Stanley.
- 82/95/P **Mr RW Hills** Erection of boundary enclosing fence 1.2 metre high on Brisbane Road frontage at 5 Davis Street, Stanley
- 83/95/BP **Mr J McEachern** Construction of garden shed and erection of boundary enclosing fence 1.5 metre high at 2 H Jones Road, Stanley
- 31/94/R95B **Mr M N Johnson** Renewal of temporary planning permission to site the mobile home at 5 Kent Road, Stanley, until such time as Government's Mobile Home Park is available
- 84/95/BP **Mr J Battersby** Siting of Portakabin with addition of dual-pitched roof as domestic workshop and porch extension to dwelling at 16 Fieldhouse Close, Stanley
- 85/95/BP **Mr J Battersby** Siting of container for use as shelter and food store for grazing animals on land (Plot 3), Airport Rd, Stanley.
- 86/95/BP **Mr M Hernandez** Resiting of mobile home from Eliza Crescent to Mobile Home Park on Murray Heights with erection of larger porch, Bypass, Stanley
- 87/95/P **FIG** Location of GPS aerial on chimney with lightning protection rod on west gable of PWD Design Office, Ross Road, Stanley
- 101/93/R95 **Guild of Spinners** Renewal of temporary planning permission for siting of a Portakabin for use as a Guild meeting room and for storage at 6 Villiers Street, Stanley
- 89/95/P **Mr R Meads** Outline Application for dwelling at Pensioners Special Allotment No 13, Murray Heights, Stanley
- 90/95/P **Hanswell Maritime Ltd** Installation of 10 metre-high pole for radio antennae at 28 Davis Street, Stanley
- 91/95/P **FIG** Construction of 1.1 metre-high reinforced concrete wall at North-East corner of junction between Dean Street and Fitzroy Road, Stanley
- 39/95/DP **Mr A Jacobsen** Extension to bar comprising lounge area, toilets, office and stockroom, with provision of lay-by parking area, at the Victory Bar, Philomel Street, Stanley (for approval of detailed plans following grant of outline permission).
- 93/95/P **LMW(BM) Ltd** Container park for LMW at Plot 35 Lookout Industrial Estate, Stanley.

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

Dated 23 November 1995

## Fred follows the seals



ACCORDING to writer and photographer Fred Bruemmer a famous explorer once said "adventures are the result of poor planning". However despite having adopted these words as his motto, sixty-six year old Fred (of Baltic Gennan origin but having adopted Canada as his home) has discovered, in his years of travelling, that some adventures are simply a matter of fate. Having started a career in photographing the wildlife of the world forty years ago, he has survived a heart transplant and an Islander plane crash in the wilds of Alaska.

The purpose of Fred's three month visit to the Falkland Islands is to photograph the three species of seal in this part of the world. During his visit, ably assisted by naturalists Ian Strange and Tony Chaier, he will travel around the islands capturing, on film, the lifestyles of the fur seal, the sealion and the elephant seal.

Fred has written around nineteen books on wildlife, two of which have been bestsellers. He writes many articles for US wildlife magazines; his subjects ranging from polar bears in the Arctic to turtles in Costa Rica. He is now delighted to be able to return to the islands which charmed him in the 1970's, when he was invited by the Government of Argentina, (an invite he described as part of Argentina's 'Cham offensive'). He felt that Argentines at the time, were trying to convince the world that their intentions towards the islands were honourable. However despite the "unhappier circumstances" of his last visit he is pleased to have the chance to return. He describes the islands as "special" in that they have the best of both worlds; while Stanley is a modern town with excellent facilities, just outside the town is the unexploited land and wildlife.

Despite his policy of always working alone and for himself (less restrictions) he was pleased that in such a small population, two very competent naturalists, Tony and Ian, were available to advise him on the whereabouts of local seals. Fred will be spending Christmas with Tony on New Island and hopes to celebrate New Year at Volunteer Point with the King Penguins and a bottle of wine. His base in Stanley is at the house of Kay McCullum, which he describes as 'a home from home'.

For those of you curious about Fred's 'near misses', having escaped death nine years ago due to a heart transplant, he is held as an example to other patients, as one who did not consign himself to a post-operative life as a semi-invalid. Many other transplant patients he describes as being 'over cautious' after their operation. A film of him and his work is used to show patients that life can go on as normal despite the usual need for medication and check-ups.

In the case of the Islander crash, Fred and the pilot were flying through a snow squall when they emerged only a few hundred feet from a cliff. He described how the pilot pulled the aircraft up so that the undercarriage took the impact of the crash. The Islander then plunged around 200 feet tail first to the bottom of the cliff where it landed in soft snow. The back of his seat, he said, took most of the impact and both he and the pilot emerged with no serious injury.

Fred assured me that he had no qualms about travelling in the FLGAS Islanders, not least he said as the air service in the Falklands seemed far more safety conscious than most other bush air services.

One of Fred Bruemmer's books 'Seasons of the Seal' can be found in the Falkland Islands Community School Library.

## FLH employees worry for the future

THE decision by Executive Council (made up of Cllrs, Teggart, Stevens and Cheek) has been declared unpopular by a number of Falkland Landholdings employees.

Councillor Eric Goss in his speech to the Motion for Adjournment on November 24, said "In His Excellency's farewell speech the absence of one very topical subject was noticeable in that no reference was made to the unpopular decision taken by Executive Council on Wednesday 22, on the future of Falkland Landholdings Limited. This was a matter His Excellency had charged the Chief Executive to resolve shortly after taking up office. A number of reports have been produced and just when the employees think they are about to gain stability, a new Executive Council is elected and the direction takes another turn. This leaves the future in limbo until March 1, 1996 when further alteration or confirmation by LegCo on March 29 will occur." Cllr Goss went on to say that "I knew at the very beginning when the idea to purchase the FIC farms was first floated that uncertainty would become a feature in our lives." Cllr Goss understood that assurances had been made to existing employees, however he was concerned for those part-time employees who worked full hours but did not have benefits such as holiday or sick pay cover.

He also felt there had been an error in the timing of the decision, as farms could be short-handed at a busy time (due to people not wishing to work on a farm whose future was uncertain). Cllr Goss felt the decision would bring "stagnation" to the work-force due to uncertainty and depression. Quality of work, he felt, may be affected as an employee would not feel they were working towards the future of a farm which would involve themselves.

Cllr Goss declared himself "ashamed to be associated with you (ExCo members) for being so thoughtless and cold-hearted towards your fellow countrymen."

Robin Lee, ex General Manager of Falklands Landholdings, felt that the ExCo decision did not make sense. He had found the Chief Executive's second draft of the 'Future of Falklands Landholdings' "as near perfect" as could be reached and was disappointed that it had not been thought worthy of implementation. Robin said he was under the impression that the ExCo decision was not what the employees at Falklands Landholdings wanted; he knew it to be unsettling for them. He added that he was also disappointed that, after all this time the future of Landholdings was still being haggled. This, he said, was not good for the company and therefore not

good for the tax payer who owned the company.

June McMullen of Goose Green was deeply upset by the ExCo decision, feeling it left everyone very unsure of their future. It would have helped greatly, she thought, if the decision had not been made until it had been decided which farms were to be sold. She felt there would be a great deal of worry over where people would go if there lay the possibility that the farm was to be sold, especially as there was a shortage of houses and jobs in Stanley. She described "many people" as worried by the decision.

Bill Kidd who runs the store at Goose Green, said many ex-employees would be searching for jobs if Goose Green were to be sold. In a population of around 27 adults he said the people were aware that approximately 14 would have to find other employment. Quite apart from this, he felt that not everyone would want to own a farm. Some people, he said, wished to live in the Camp, perhaps owning a house without owning a farm; this was becoming impossible.

Phyllis Jaffray at Walker Creek also felt that it would be better if the people knew which farms were to be sold, but apart from that was reasonably happy with the ExCo decision. She felt Landholdings did not need to own such a large area of the Islands.

Cllr Richard Stevens in the Motions for Adjournment, said it was an emotional issue and there was a need to look at it sensitively. Workers on the farms he said had been given constant assurances since they had been purchased.

Cllr John Birmingham objected in particular to the way the news was communicated to the farms.

## ExCo decision is birth of the 'absentee councillor' says Bill

WITH the demise of the Absentee Landlord a new breed of absentee has been born: The ABSENTEE COUNCILLOR.

ExCo has just made some decisions about FLH. It is interesting to note that no ExCo member consulted FLH employees about their thoughts on the future.

The CAMP member of ExCo lives very near to Goose Green. He passes within two miles of the settlement whenever he moves to or from Stanley. In the run up to the last election he pledged to look after the interests of his constituents. Since being elected he has never been near the place in his capacity as a councillor. How can he look after our interests if he can't be bothered to find out what they are. How can he represent the

## The Future of Falkland Landholdings and Related Matters

AT the Executive Council meeting on November 22, 1995, the report prepared by the Chief Executive was considered and the following decisions made.

- The Chief Executive is to make recommendations by March 1, 1996 for the adoption of a National Agricultural Policy.
- A proportion of FLH land (33-50%) will be offered for sale or sub-division as considered appropriate, during 1996.
- The arrangements for that sale will be recommended to Executive Council at a meeting after the formation of the statutory corporation (see e)
- The sale offer will be made initially to existing employees, who will have first refusal.
- The changes that are being recommended will require the creation of a statutory corporation to replace the FLH Board and proposals for the creation of that corporation will be presented to Legislative Council on 29 March 1996.
- The remaining balance of land (67-50%) will continue to be run by the statutory corporation for at least five years. Thereafter a consideration of the sale of further areas may take place and cognisance taken of the need for a model farm, or some such exemplary mechanism.
- Particular note will be taken of the need for training.
- In all these the provision of public access and amenities and the designation and preservation of areas of heritage and environmental importance will be given careful considerations.

The following were the decisions on the 11 recommendations of page 24 of the report.

- The principle of diversification for both private and public sectors is accepted.
- The obligations to existing employees will be honoured.
- The Board may cease to exist, in its present form, after Legislative Council on March 29, 1996.
- The appointment of the General Manager of the new corporation will now be made. The General Manager is to be regarded as a manager of progress and improvement, working within the public sector yet relating to the private sector.
- The utilisation of STABEX funds will continue within the present mechanisms, and FLH and its successor will qualify on the same basis as other farms.
- The fertiliser study will be carried out by the Department of Agriculture.
- Grassland improvement studies will be applied.
- A cattle specialist will be appointed, reporting to the Department of Agriculture.
- The possibility of a dairy farm will be studied.
- A tree scheme and the appointment of a tree specialist will be accomplished by the Department of Agriculture.
- Detailed recommendations regarding settlements and housing will be made to Executive Council in March by FIDC in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture.

people of the Islands abroad when he never consults the people he is representing. Stanley councillors have public meetings. We never see ours. Could it be that we are only employees and not landowners? Imagine the British Government acting in the same manner. In fact we have seen more British MPs in Goose Green than councillors.

Our camp member has just been party to the biggest non decision made by ExCo for many a year. Despite valiant efforts by the Chief Executive and the other members of the FLH board to reassure us that all is not gloom and doom we now have to wait until March 1996 for ExCo to have another GOOD IDEA. Could the end of the season have anything to do with the date.

In conclusion I would like to remind our CAMP member that his majority was thirty five votes. There were about seventy electors on the FLH farms. Keep the day job.

J N Kidd  
Goose Green

## C&amp;W campaign for camp telephones

At a LegCo meeting on November 24, the Chief Executive gave November 1996 as the earliest date possible for the completion of the C&W campaign, to improve the camp telephone system.

Due to the need to work from the centre, the worst locations would not necessarily be the first to be improved.



# Falkland Islands Operatic and Drama Association presents:

Review and photographs by Lisa Riddell

## THE MIKADO (Or the Town of Titipu)

HAVING once, some years ago, been forced to sit through a very unmelodious Rhinedahien production of 'The Pirates of Penzance, I must admit to entering the town hall on Thursday night with a certain amount of trepidation. This rather negative attitude was, perhaps, not allayed by Musical Accompanist, Kevin Holland's untimely and definitely ill-chosen words on entry, regarding (in his opinion) the failing quality of *Penguin News*...

Perhaps, having visions of all his hard work being publicly trashed by a vengeful reporter, Director Tony Burnett vehemently contradicted Kevin whilst simultaneously ushering actors back-stage, shouting orders into his rather professional looking head-set and sending out members of the audience for free champagne.

Despite this start, minutes into the overture any negative vibes were dispersed by the soothing and extremely competent sound of Crispin and Kari Fisher on clarinet and violin (accompanied by some short bloke on keyboard).

The audience were soon drawn into the colourful plot in which Nanki Poo, a wandering minstrel, yearns for the love of Yum Yum who is engaged to Ko-Ko, a cheap tailor (recently promoted to Lord High Executioner). In the words of the programme, Nanki-poo (Norman Black) is presented with an opportunity

and persuades Ko-Ko (Jock Elliot) to allow him to marry Yum Yum (Kari Fisher), albeit temporarily, in exchange for his solving a problem for Ko-Ko.

All of this was helped along by the proud Pooh Bah, Lord High Everything (Crispin Fisher) and interference from the touchy Katisha (Fiona Didlick) who wants to marry Nanki-Poo.

In terms of value for laughs the show was stolen by Crispin Fisher and Jock Elliot. The grandiose Pooh Bah was heard to declare that he was

unused to saying 'how do you do' to anyone below the rank of Medical Officer whilst, the terribly common Co-Co, was a hilarious contrast. Co-Co's song, listing those in the community who would not be missed, was greatly appreciated by the audience as the cleverly arranged words poked fun at a number of Falkland Islands institutions.

The singing abilities of Norman Black and Kari Fisher were particularly enjoyable - in fact I can think of few moments in the whole production when the audience (as is

common in amateur musicals) could be seen to cringe with embarrassment at a badly sung piece. Some singers may have missed the odd note (or six), and the occasional line may have become a little confused, but it was easy to forgive in such a generally humorous and competent production.

It may be a cliché to applaud a production's members for 'hard-work and enthusiasm' but in the case of the Mikado it is definitely appropriate.



Above: Pooh Bah and Pitti Sing



Ko-Ko (Jock Elliot) lists what won't be missed



Three little maids



Members of the chorus await make-up



A bottle of hair dye makes all the difference



communications tested before curtain up



The Finale



If it can distract a boy from his crisps it must be good



EVEN had the meeting of Legislative Council on November 24 not been the last session presided over by His Excellency, the Governor, Mr David Tatham, it would have been considered an epic meeting - starting at 9.30, it proceeded with only one short coffee break till 2.45pm and could have lasted longer had some members not had later engagements.

On an ordinary day, some of the bills alone would have produced enough debate and discussion to fill the pages of this paper; the subjects covered ranged from lotteries to seat belt wearing, from the rights of individuals to have access to the range of information stored on them by various arms of Government, to the need to extend our fishing licensing to the high seas, from a bill relating to the recognition in the Falklands of international organisations to one allowing boys over fourteen to own air guns without a licence.

One of these bills, designed to bring the rare *striated cara-cara* or Johnny Rook more completely under legal protection came closest to

creating a rift between the members and was eventually withdrawn, pending further research into the extent of the problem that might be caused to sheep by these birds and ways, other than shooting, by which the problem might be treated.

Next week we shall look more closely at the issues raised by this debate, as well as giving more coverage to the motion proposed by Cllr. Luxton, which highlighted the increased gap - described by Camp Councillor Richard Stevens later as, "a chasm of difference" - which is growing between the standards of living of people living in Stanley and those living in

Camp, particularly on islands other than East Falkland.

We shall also in next week's issue hope to be able to bring to our readers more detail of the proposals for constitutional change included in the Report of the Select Committee on that subject and, hopefully, some verbatim reportage of the introduction of that report to LegCo and the debate that followed, before Council voted five to three to adopt an amendment to the original motion, delaying further consideration of the Report until early in the new year, to allow time for the reaction of the public to the Report's recommendations to be assessed. This

amendment was proposed by Cllr John Birmingham and seconded by Cllr Sharon Halford, who said that this was such an important issue that it would better for Council to be accused of being over-cautious than over-hasty. It was, she said, "not just the Council's Constitution, but the people's" and raised the point, in relation to the essential question of 'Islander status' that everyone here stems from immigrant stock.

When this amendment was passed, the Governor took the opportunity to express his relief that consideration of the Report had been deferred, particularly in view of the difference he per-



ceived between some of the recommendations of Mr Wallace and those of the Report. H.E mentioned Paragraph 18, which dealt with the matter of citizenship as being one that was

particularly difficult to understand. The recommendation that UK citizens should have to reside here for seven years before becoming eligible to apply for Falklands 'status' was one which he thought would be particularly difficult for his successor to commend to Whitehall. Remarking that six of the councillors had spouses who were not born in the Falklands, the Governor said that he found this emphasis on place of birth, "rather depressing". There would be some eyebrows raised in UK at the notion that while the Falklands might trust people to run their health service, they did not consider them competent to vote.

The Governor went on to stress that the reform of the Falklands' Constitution was not something that was being urged by the British Government as some speakers had suggested. The visit of Mr Walter Wallace had been funded by the FCO, but only as "a service to coun-

cillors". In next week's issue, with the co-operation of FIBS, we hope also to be able to bring readers the adjournment speeches of the councillors, where once again many issues were covered.

The longest speech of the day came from Mr Tatham himself in his final address to Council. In that it provides a typically thoughtful review of a very busy period in the Islands history and some provocative suggestions for our future, we had no difficulty in deciding to print it in its entirety. Like councillors, we wish him and Mrs Tatham well, wherever they are going!

# The Governor's last LegCo

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday 24 November 1995  
commencing at 9.30 am at the  
Council Chamber in the Town Hall

### ORDER PAPER

1. Prayers
2. His Excellency the Governor opens the meeting.
3. Papers to be Laid on the Table by the Honourable Chief Executive.
4. Questions for Oral Answer.
5. Motions.
6. The Report on the Select Committee on the Review of the Constitution.
7. Orders of the Day-Bills.
8. HE the Governor to present new photograph of Governor Moody to Legislative Council.
9. HE the Governor-farewell speech to Legislative Council.
10. Motion for adjournment.

## A Penguin News extra





*(Introducing his speech the Governor remarked that it had been prepared before the session of Legislative Council and should not be taken as a commentary on the morning's discussions.)*

IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE to chair the sessions of Legislative Council over the last three years. This was a totally new experience for me, and one which I cannot expect to have again. I am grateful to two Legislative Councils for their advice and support. I believe relations between Government House and Gilbert Cottage are close and warm.

Three years ago I came with the intention of encouraging Councillors to exercise the responsibilities which the Constitution accords to them and I think between us we have ensured that the two Councils have acted as Government and accepted the praise and the blame for the conduct of government. I should like to share some thoughts with Councillors on the events and lessons of the past three years, and also some ideas for the future government of these Islands.

### Living with our neighbour

I believe the events of my term of office have reminded us forcibly that exploiting our major assets - real and potential - fisheries and oil - to some extent involves our neighbour. We have to live with a neighbour who still talks of annexing us in despite of our clearly expressed wishes and who has even spoken of doing so by the year 2000 - around the conclusion of my successor's term of office. The past three years, however, have also shown us that it is possible to reach practical agreement with that neighbour without in any way compromising our sovereignty or lending support to her more absurd claims.

The South Atlantic Fisheries Commission has been in existence for five years now - the eleventh session has just concluded in Buenos Aires. As Councillors know we were ably represented at it by our Director of Fisheries, Mr John Barton. I believe that the work of the Commission has minimised the danger caused by Argentina's entry into the squid fishery.

It is true that our *Illex* income has declined quite sharply - income from *Illex* licences last year was down £12 million on the peak of *Illex* revenue in 1989. It is also true that the catch has fallen in successive years - by 20 per cent last year and by another 20 per cent in the previous year. However, the damage has been far less than we feared in late 1992 when we suddenly found that our previous Far Eastern customers had deserted us for easier pickings across the water and we have the Fisheries Commission at least partly to thank for this.

I believe that our Fisheries Department, our scientific advisers in London, and our fishery protection effort have earned the respect of their Argentine counterparts. I would even say that we have to some extent educated Argentine fishery scientists and perhaps officials. On two occasions we have persuaded the Argentine government to close the *Illex* fishery early to protect stocks - not as early as we would have wished, but it was a difficult decision for the Argentine government because they have a large domestic fishery.

### Shared interests

We are now starting to negotiate a long-term fisheries agreement which we originally proposed some years ago and which was taken up by President Menem and endorsed by the Prime Minister, Mr John Major, when they met in New York.

I believe a sensible agreement will do a lot to protect the future income of the Islands. There are important interests which we share with Argentina in the fisheries - conservation chief among them but also the need to control fishing on the high seas, the need to build our own fishing industry and the need to ensure better access to the highly pro-

ected Far Eastern market, so both sides can benefit from a long-term agreement.

The Fisheries Commission was in many ways our model for the Hydrocarbons Commission which was established by the Joint Declaration signed by the Secretary of State, Mr Riffkind, on 27 September. I think most people here - and I recognise that two honourable Members hold opposing and very sincere views - believe that the Joint Declaration has had a very positive impact on the oil companies we have been in contact with, without in any way damaging our sovereignty. Members of the Hydrocarbons Commission had a preliminary meeting in Buenos Aires two days ago and have still to grapple with the serious work ahead of them.

The Foreign Office are very keen that we have our say in the Commission and we here are determined that we should do so, but we have in effect to establish a second and new regime for the special area. I am confident that we can play our part in this process, but it is going to be an additional burden on the Falkland Islands Government and in particular on the Oil Management Team.

### Changing Attitudes

Looking back over my three years here as Governor what has impressed me has been the feeling of rising confidence and growing self-reliance. I believe the fear of a sell-out, of some backstairs deal between London and Buenos Aires, no longer dominates public opinion. I have teased Councillors from time to time about the mental attitudes of the 1970s.

I think that attitudes are now catching up with the realities of the 1990s - the reality that we are effectively protected by the garrison at Mount Pleasant, the reality that we have a very healthy income and excellent financial reserves and the hope that the discovery of hydrocarbons may yet add immeasurably to the resources and authority of the Falkland Islands Government.

I find further evidence for this self-confidence in the private sector. During the past three years we have seen the fishing industry develop into a real partnership between local companies and their foreign - usually Spanish - partners, with the consequent growth of commercial and technical knowledge of the industry and increasing local investment in fixed assets such as boats and shore facilities.

We now have seven deep sea fishing vessels registered under the Red Ensign in the Falkland Islands - the largest deep sea fishing fleet under the Red Ensign anywhere in the world.

We have seen the establishment of a local company - Consolidated Fisheries - which has made a successful start in catching and marketing the toothfish resources of our outer zone.

In the rest of the economy, we have seen a reduction in the number of outside contractors, but a growth in local talent. Perhaps I can single

# FAREWELL SPEECH TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

*Made by His Excellency, the Governor, Mr David Tatham, in Stanley, on Friday, November 24.*

out particularly the success of White Rock Ltd in building the West Falklands rural roads.

There are other budding entrepreneurs and contractors in Stanley and I hope that FIG and FIDC can give them the support they need to develop from one-man bands into regular companies - with all the necessary administrative know-how and continuity - while not losing their individual character and enthusiasm.

The other important sector of our economy, tourism, should stand on the brink of a breakthrough once the jet link with Chile opens. Tourism both brings in money and wins us friends - not a bad contribution.

I have just been on a voyage round West Falklands with my wife, and I was very struck then when talking to farmers by their degree of commitment, by their intelligent appreciation of the wool market and of the possibilities for improving their own land.

I was also struck by the strain which the responsibility of farming particularly during a difficult winter and a hectic summer, places on them. I know that Councillors are determined to maintain our support to the farming industry, and to encourage it to diversify. The abattoir will help in this, but I also wonder whether we should not encourage selected immigration of farm workers, mechanics and engineers.

### Looking ahead

Looking ahead, I have always had in mind some remarks by a fellow colonial governor. Governor John Winthrop of the Massachusetts Bay Colony told his fellow colonists - in 1630 at a stage when the city of Boston was far smaller than Stanley is today:

"We must consider that we shall be as a City upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us. So that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken, and so cause him to withdraw his present help from us, we shall be made a story and a by-word throughout the world." I think we too always need to consider how the world sees us.

We were thrust from our quiet life into the centre of the world stage in 1982. In particular we were placed in the forefront of British domestic politics I know Councillors and the public are very aware of the need to preserve good relations with all the British political parties and to ensure that they appreciate our problems and our point of view. The change in the attitude of the Labour

Party in the past year has been welcome and reassuring and a tribute to the skill of our representative in London, Miss Sukey Cameron, and her office, but we need to be constantly on the alert. There are all sorts of aspects of our life which are far removed from the sovereignty dispute, but which can have an instant impact on how we are seen in Britain. The environment, animal welfare, how we approach oil, and the general perception of whether we are using our now considerable resources wisely will all affect the support we can expect from the British public. I think we all realise this and I have no special recommendations to make - merely to urge that we watch the situation with continuing care. We are "as a City upon a hill" and while many people want us to succeed, there are those who will be watching for a slip.

### Ambitious objective.

As far as our neighbour Argentina is concerned, I believe we should set ourselves an ambitious objective which may take years to fulfil. We should aim to persuade the Argentine people and their political leaders that their claim to our Islands has been a delusion and a snare for many years and would be better dropped. There is an increasing realisation in Argentina that the dogma of the primary school textbook is no longer an adequate guide to the real world.

A small but influential number of Argentine academics are urging that the claim should be dropped.

A former adviser to the Foreign Minister, Dr Escude, has commented in print that "The Argentine claim in 1833 derived from the supposed 'inheritance' of Spain is thus much more relative than the typical Argentine with a university education believes it is."

We have to work to enlarge this area of understanding. There is enormous interest among Argentines in the Falkland Islands - we need to capitalise on it.

Visitors from the Argentine media have been impressed by our achievements and by the Britishness of our society. I think every journalist visiting us has had his or her perceptions radically changed - and from our point of view - for the better.

I welcomed the lecture tour earlier this year undertaken by Miss Janet Robertson and Mr Graham Bound. The level of ignorance which they uncovered was truly startling. A well produced illustrated pamphlet on the Islands in Spanish funded

by the Foreign Office is about to issue and this will do something to correct Argentine views.

We are looking at a Spanish translation of Mr Tony Chater's book on the Islands, which I think could do nothing but good. I believe we should also be looking at establishing a Spanish language news agency here in Stanley - to produce material for the press in Latin America which reflects positively on the Islands and gives an accurate picture of what we have achieved and what we think.

And eventually I hope Councillors will be prepared to speak up on our behalf in Argentina. Nothing is more convincing than a Falkland Islander speaking on behalf of the Islands and their people. No British Minister or diplomat can match the commitment, knowledge and experience of an Islander speaking about his or her own country. It becomes very difficult for Argentine propagandists to tell us - face to face - that they know better than we where the true interests of Falkland Islanders lie.

So I hope Councillors will think very carefully about whether to attend the next session of the Argentine-British Conference in Ushuaia. It may be the right moment.

### Aid to others

There is one more issue which can affect how the world sees us very directly. I have been very struck during my time here by Islanders' generosity and willingness to support good causes. Whether it be local disasters like the fire at Harps Farm, or foreign catastrophes like the events in Yugoslavia, people have reacted quickly and generously to appeals for help.

At the governmental level Councillors recently donated £5,000 to the Caribbean state of Dominica which had been damaged by successive hurricanes. And I personally - as Chairman of the Falklands Committee for the Shackleton Appeal - am very grateful to Councillors for their generous matching of funds raised privately to the value of £100,000. This has enabled us to meet the target for the Shackleton Appeal in a much shorter period of time than I thought possible.

I know at the CPA seminar held here in January, Councillors were touched by the appeal of the delegate from St Helena, and indeed it was thanks to contributions from FIG that Councillor Bill Drabble of St Helena was able to join us here.

What I wonder now is whether we should formalise this spirit and make an effort every financial year to devote part of our income to the relief of suffering and poverty in the world. This could be partly devoted to appeals for help in natural or man-made disasters. But we could also look to help our neighbours in St Helena and Tristan de Cunha, and to foster contacts with the southern province of Chile, where the British school - with which we are establishing good links - will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year. I do not think we need an elaborate apparatus for this. We have no wish to

create a mini-ODA in Stanley. But a committee of Councillors and citizens interested could make recommendations, and the Financial Secretary could make payments with only a negligible addition to the administrative burden. I had in mind a figure of £100,000 which would amount to only one-third of one per cent of our current income. I have been very struck that, when talking about the possibility of oil revenues in the medium-term, people have stressed that they want a large proportion of our funds to go to help develop less fortunate countries. I believe a small programme now on the lines that I am suggesting would give us useful contacts and expertise if we are ever blessed with significant oil income.

### Thanks

In conclusion I should like to record my very sincere thanks to all my colleagues in the Falkland Islands Government service. It has been a source of pleasure and of pride to be head of an administration which, in my view, is efficient and responsive.

I am grateful for the unfailing support which I have received from everyone in the Service, and I should like particularly to mention my staff at Government House, both from the Falkland Islands Government and from the Foreign Office.

The next couple of years may see fundamental changes in the nature of the Civil Service work in the Falklands. I hope the result of our consultants' enquiries will lead in many ways to better and fairer working conditions and an even more efficient and effective Service. But I think it is essential we preserve these standards of honesty and civility which characterise the Service today.

There is one further group of people in the Islands I should like to thank - I shall call them the contributors, the carers, the givers. I mean

those who devote their spare time to community activities whether they be defence, sporting, educational or musical; to do with the young or to do with the old.

We are lucky that we can count on a reserve of enthusiastic volunteers for a great many tasks. May they always be ready to serve.

Among this group may I publicly pay tribute to my wife for the help and support she has given me - she shares my sorrow at leaving and my pride in what all of us in these Islands have achieved.

And finally may I thank everyone on the Islands for their help, kindness and hospitality during what have been - for us - three very happy years. I hope we shall see you all again. We have plans to come back in the year 2000 just to check that the right flag is still flying at Government House.

The other day looking through some of the papers in the Archives I came across Governor Moody's farewell speech to the first Legislative Council, nearly 150 years ago. We can be justly proud that we have 150 years - less 74 days - of representative government in these Islands. There are not many countries in the southern part of America who can match this.

Despite the passage of time and the very changed circumstances I think Moody's words still make a good note on which to close:

*"My successor having arrived I have now to take leave of you.*

*In doing so I wish to express my thanks for the advice and assistance you have afforded me. It is peculiarly gratifying to me to bear away with me the remembrance that our discussions and debates have been conducted with so much good temper and good feeling; freedom of debate is the glory of Englishmen.*

*I now resign the office entrusted to me by my Sovereign and heartily wish you and the colony for whom you legislate every success."*



# Questions before Legislative Council

## Questions for oral reply

**Question No 8/95 by the Honourable R J Stevens**

Could the Chief Executive say when the renovation of the Post Office is going to start?

**Answered by Chief Executive**

The renovation will start in February 1996 as per the existing programme

**Question No 9/95 by the Honourable R J Stevens**

Now that FIG has agreed with Cable and Wireless to upgrade VHF to Micro stations is the Chief Executive able to confirm roughly the start of work in the Camp and an estimated completion date, plus the existence of a priority to start such upgrading in the worst and more isolated areas?

**Answered by CE**

March beginning of April as envisaged from the start. November 1996 was given as the earliest completion date. Logistics of the operation demand building outwards from the centre therefore the worst locations need not be the first to be improved.

**Question No 10/95 by the Honourable R J Stevens**

Can the Chief Executive say what progress has been made in constructing a deep water port at Port Howard?

**Answered by CE**

The STABEX Steering Committee have not met since May 1995 when there was a recommendation that a portion of STABEX funds of 1.2 million écus should be set aside for the establishing of jetties to facilitate a ferry service between Port Howard and New Haven. The Transport Advisory Committee is now awaiting the report on transport which FIDC is putting together.

**Question No 11/95 by the Honourable E M Goss MBE**

Can the Chief Executive please advise how the Public Relations Company Shandwick are performing in relation to cost?

**Answered by CE**

The CE was confident they were performing well. The test would come after one year when another Mori Poll would be carried out in the UK on how the Falklands was regarded by the British public. In the meantime their performance has been monitored on a weekly basis by FIGO in London and Shandwick themselves were reporting monthly to the CE. The oil launch had required more work by Shandwick than had a first been anticipated.

**Question No 12/95 by the Honourable E M Goss MBE**

Will the Chief Executive explain the delay in the re-surfacing of the MPA Road with tarmac when bearing in mind November is almost behind us?

**Answered by CE**

There had been no delay as

such. PWD had surfaced 0.6 miles in the last three days. It was their hope to be able to continue this work for four days of each week until the end of the season, by which time the distance covered could be 20K.

**Question No 13/95 by the Honourable J E Cheek**

Following the introduction of the proposed DAP enhanced flights between Stanley - Punta Arenas - Santiago de Chile, with connections to British Airways flights from Britain, are plans in place to introduce Air Parcel Service?

**Answered by CE**

Attempts to establish postal links with Chile had so far not met with much success.

**Supplementary question by J E Cheek**

Having heard that the 727 plane required by Aerovias DAP had already made 60000 take-offs and landings, would it be a reliable service?

**Answer** The CE had no information as to what these figures might mean in aeronautical terms.

*(Director of Civil Aviation Gerald Cheek later informed Penguin News that due to the regulations regarding the servicing of aircraft and their certification there was no reason to believe that this aircraft should not be perfectly serviceable)*

**Question No 14/95 by the Honourable J E Cheek**

Would the Chief Executive say what is the current shortfall in housing requirements in Stanley taking into account all known housing needs, including that required for Contract Officers from overseas currently deferred because of that shortfall.

**Answered by CE**

At present there were 45 names on the application list for housing. 11 of these applicants would themselves release housing, there were 8 overseas staff in the pipeline requiring quarters. He believed the net shortfall to be in the region of sixty units in Stanley.

**Supplementary question by Norma Edwards**

Would Government consider housing people in Fox Bay where there were empty houses?

**Answer:** Yes if practical

**Question No 15/95 by the Honourable J E Cheek**

Would the Chief Executive please indicate what plans, if any, are in hand to improve the safety and convenience of access by launches and their passengers to the Public Jetty, in particular the need for a floating landing stage or pontoon and some means of reducing the force of the prevailing westerly waves coming under the jetty.

**Answer by CE**

He was currently not aware of any plans to improve the public

jetty access (later in the meeting Cllr. Teggart was able to advise that plans had been drawn up by PWD for a multi-height landing stage at the public jetty which were only awaiting arrival of materials for their implementation.)

**Question No 16/95 by the Honourable Mrs N Edwards**

Can the Honourable the Chief Executive please assure the general public that the new DAP Air service which is to come into effect shortly will be departing from Santiago, Chile and not from Buenos Aires and can we be assured that this will not be changed to Buenos Aires in the future?

**Answered by CE**

The licence to operate was unique to the Santiago, Punta Arenas and Port Stanley route.

**Question No 17/95 by the Honourable Mrs N Edwards**

Would the Honourable the Financial Secretary tell us how much money is allocated for Consultancy Services during the financial year and does he envisage more money being required before the end of the financial year?

**Answered by the Fin Sec**

For consultancy services £247,300 allocated in estimates with an additional £7,300 approved subsequently by SFC. In capital estimates £1,135,000, with more likely to be needed.

**Question No 18/95 by the Honourable J Birmingham**

Could the Honourable the Chief Executive state whether dangerous chemicals are being stored on farms in Camp, and I am particularly concerned about organophosphorous compounds

**\*Answers to questions for oral reply given in summary**

## Questions for written reply

**Question No 4/95 by the Honourable J E Cheek**

Would the Financial Secretary please advise the current number of tenants defaulting on payment of rents for Government houses, would he also indicate the total sum of such default. Please exclude from your answer payments that have been outstanding for less than one month.

**Reply by the Honourable Financial Secretary**

At 31 October 1995 there were 18 tenants defaulting on payment of rent for Government owned houses.

There were also 8 former tenants who had also defaulted on payment of rent.

Thus there were a total of 26 debtors in relation to rent.

At 31 October 1995 the current tenants owed £14,053.71 which included £1,777.82 in respect of October; thus if the October debt is excluded there is a balance of £12,275.89.

Thus the total debt from both current and former tenants prior to 1 October was £14,295.50

such as sheep-dip. What arrangements exist for the safe disposal of hazardous substances in the Falkland Islands, and would financial or other help, be available to farmers to dispose of dangerous chemicals if so required?

**Answered by CE**

A vexed question due to the requirements of the Ordinance relating to the disposal of such hazardous substances. (The suggestion was made by Cllr. Goss and accepted, that this matter should form the subject for a paper to ExCo.)

**Question No 19/95 by the Honourable J Birmingham**

Can the Honourable Financial Secretary inform me of the annual cost of Civil Service pensions, and the number of people currently entitled to claim them?

**Answered by Fin Sec**

Current cost was £335,000 for pensions and superannuation, 105 people were entitled and were claiming

**Question No 20/95 by the Honourable J Birmingham**

Following the severe winter it has been recognised that major damage has occurred to some of the roads in Stanley. Can the Honourable Chief Executive inform me whether short term interim measures will be taken, such as filling the pot-holes and making good other damage of a repairable nature, until such time as major works are undertaken?

**Answered by CE**

No remedial works were currently planned. A report by civil engineering consultants Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick was awaited.



# WORK IN PROGRESS

A mid-year review of the work of the PWD by its Director, Brian Hill

COMING up to the half way point of the financial year and the construction season, it is opportune to review the work being undertaken by PWD, both directly by its own labour force and also by contractors.

Two building teams are putting the final touches to the Moody Street Flats which have been completely refurbished to a high standard, and to the latest phase of four 2-bedroomed government quarters in Auster Place. Their next projects are a new workshop and office for the plumbing section and a general catching up on a lot of small jobs.

Although the severe winter caused delays, Endurance Avenue

and the top of Philomel Street have been resurfaced and two major road jobs are now underway, the resurfacing of the MPA road and the continued construction of the North Camp Road towards Port San Carlos. Both teams have ambitious targets, 20km of new tarmac road towards MPA and the reaching of Port San Carlos before the weather conditions force the winter shut down.

On the contracting side White Rock have set their sights on reaching Fox Bay to complete the road joining Fox Bay to Port Howard, Stanley Builders and Decorators under Paul Chapman have just signed the contract to extend the Junior School over the

next ten months, and Gordon Forbes Construction Ltd. are underway with the installation of services at Lookout Industrial Estate, Ross Road East and Snake Hill. Following the recent decision by Executive Council, the first one hundred fully serviced plots at East Stanley are to be developed as one major multi million pound project and tendering will commence in the next few weeks.

Of the senior personnel in PWD, Brian Hill retires as director in the New Year to be replaced by someone to be chosen from a short list of four or five which includes two local candidates. Ross Chaloner, son-in-law of Roddy

and Lilly Napier recently joined the design office under Tony Lee, and in the near future a new Assistant Design Engineer will arrive.

On the down side, we were all saddened by the sudden death of Alexander Spinks, a popular member of the Dockyard gang.

On the sporting front the local football league is currently being enhanced by a new team, PWD, who are looking for support from work colleagues as well as friends and relatives.

All in all, the PWD as the Falkland Islands' largest employer looks forward to the New Year with the confidence born out of hard work and high morale.

## Royal visit to BA from Page 1

ALAN Hamilton reporting from Buenos Aires for The Times said that, the visit had the discreet approval of the Foreign Office as a primer to closer formal ties, including a visit planned by the princess Royal for January and President Menem's state visit to Britain next year.

Princess Diana visited four hospitals on her first day and was at the first within three hours of landing in Buenos Aires. She visited disabled children and adults and child victims of domestic violence and adolescents suffering from drug and solvent abuse. With tongue in cheek both the *Daily Telegraph* and *The Times* christened her 'The Queen of Hearts', as her agenda included much hugging, kissing and holding of hands.

The *Daily Telegraph* said that The Foreign Office was keen to avoid the perception that the princess was being used to rebuild relations after the Falklands conflict. With such a high-profile charge, though they were keeping a close eye on the minutiae of protocol. For example, there had been particular care to ensure that on her various flights in Argentina, the Princess was not carried in President Menem's helicopter; its official name is *Malvinas Argentinas*.

Despite the joyous welcome by many Argentines on the royal route, most people, according to *The Independent* declared "I don't care one way or another". However one man was reported to have said that "The Malvinas defeat is a scar that will never heal...we'll never forget". This feeling was echoed by Argentine Falklands war veterans when questioned on Argentine and CNN television.

Whatever other conclusions are reached as a result of the Princess' visit *The Times* says that "their meeting will enable Senor Menem to show the public that relations with Britain, renewed in 1990 have improved considerably"

## Environment baseline survey

(Continued from front page)

THE BASELINE survey work is part of the environmental programme being put in place as a result of the opening of the Falklands' oil licensing round in October 1995.

The environmental baseline survey has three main components:

- a desk study to collate information already known on the Falklands' environment; a survey of the shallow marine environment which will be conducted primarily by diving; the creation of a geographic information system to record and display data collected on the environment.

Additionally, surveys of the shoreline in the vicinity of the dive sites will be undertaken. It is anticipated that most of the fieldwork will be carried out prior to the oil licensing round closing in mid 1996.

There was a high level of interest in undertaking the baseline survey work with 24 bids received in response to the invitation to tender. The selection of the successful bid was made by the Tender Board, with the final decision being confirmed by Executive Council.

Mr John Barton, Chairman of the Falklands Environmental Task Group (FENTAG) stated that "safeguarding the Falklands' environment was one of the key issues as the Falklands move towards oil exploration. The current environment is relatively free of pollution and contains a number of wildlife populations of global importance. The Falkland Islands Government wishes to ensure that neither the economically important fishing industry or the growing wildlife tourism industry are threatened. The environmental baseline survey will play a vital part in expanding our knowledge of the

existing environment, as well as contributing to our ability to monitor future changes in the environment".

The Project Manager for the contract is Mr Roy Carryer of Brown & Root Ltd. Mr Carryer has worked in the Falklands previously as Planning Officer for FIG; he now heads the Environmental Studies section of B&RE.

Mr Carryer will be visiting the Falklands during 1-9 December 1995. It is planned to have a public

session with Mr Carryer in the Falkland Islands Community School at 1900 on Wednesday December 6. At this meeting Mr Carryer will be able to explain the environmental baseline survey in greater detail, and will be interested in comments and views from those attending. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

If anyone wishes to meet Mr Carryer, please contact Mrs Ewing at the Fisheries Department who is co-ordinating his programme.

## Joint Statement on South Atlantic Fisheries Commission

THE ELEVENTH meeting of the South Atlantic Fisheries Commission took place in a friendly and constructive atmosphere in Buenos Aires on November 20-21, 1995. Mr Tony Longrigg attended as Head of the South Atlantic and Antarctic Department for Britain and Ambassador Alberto L. Daverede headed the Argentine delegation.

Applied to this meeting and its consequences was the formula on sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands as agreed in the Madrid Joint Statement.

Both delegations expressed their commitment to the conservation of fish stocks (particularly Illex and Southern Blue Whiting) in the South West Atlantic. They recommended that an understanding should be reached in the course of 1996.

They recommended that there be no increase in the level of fishing effort in the relevant areas. It was also recommended that appropriate measures be taken to monitor and exchange information on the level of fishing activity on the high seas.

The investigation of possible improvements to the 'Early

warning system' that is the ability to subject the fishery to early closure, was suggested. This should be tested in 1996.

A research cruise was recommended to estimate the size of the Illex recruitment, in 1996, as was a workshop in June 1996 to develop methodology to estimate the stock size of southern blue whiting.

Satisfaction was expressed in the Rapid Communications System and both delegations also welcomed the agreement on straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks of 1995.

The Argentine delegation presented a list of measures for conserving species within the competence of the Commission.

It was noted that fishing in the area described in the Annex to the Joint Statement (Nov 28 1990) had been allowed from the start of the 1994 season and will continue during the 1996 season.

The Argentine delegation referred to Argentina's concern about the situation created by the British decision with respect to the area west of the area described in the Annex. The British delegation stated its position.

## "As Simple as ADC" by John Huckle

## Part 3

THE days following our arrival in Port Stanley were the most interesting, possibly the busiest, in my whole life. At Government House I was allocated a tiny room next to the Governor's office in which to work, and a comfortable bedroom which had one drawback: it was the principal guest room, so had to be vacated whenever a visiting VIP stayed overnight (the layout of Government House is different today). As terrorism among the Kelpers was unknown I never had to interpose my body between the Governor and a bullet: nor was there a multitude of unescorted elderly matrons at the balls, which was scarcely surprising, since it was I who prepared the guest lists. But there were many other duties which could only be accommodated by adhering to a rigid schedule. A typical day might include:

6 a.m.: Start in the office, deciphering messages from the Colonial Office, or writing out invitation cards, etc.

7 a.m.: Weather permitting, accompany HE on a ride in the vicinity of Stanley. Clifford was an accomplished horseman: I the veriest tyro (Diana Pitaluga described the sight as a "sack of potatoes"). However, the Agriculture Department kindly provided me with its most docile creature, 'Princess', whose only vice appeared to be that she might expire of old age at any moment, so 'involuntary dismounts' (my terminology for falling off) were minimised.

After breakfast with the Cliffords, HE would require my attendance while he visited one of the Government departments or installations. During these inspections I was expected to make a note of any aspect he felt required attention, and often a sharp look or a nod would be the only indication I received of this. When we returned to Government House he would ask for my notes and if something had been omitted I was hauled over the coals for oversight. One day I inquired why he did not jot down his own observations, thus ensuring that nothing was missed or forgotten. His reply was typical of the man:

"Don't be a fool, John. Do you want me to demoralise the whole of my Civil Service? How do you think they would react if they saw me scribbling down all those items which needed improvements in their departments? No one takes any notice when you make a note or two."

This last sentence was not quite true for I was already known as the 'Governor's spy'.

After lunch I was supposed to have a few hours to myself, free to do as I wished until the evening's social activities commenced at about six o'clock, but many afternoons were spent escorting Mrs. Clifford when she called on peo-



The Government Ship Philomel

ple who had signed the GH visitor's book. Most people enjoy dances, cocktail parties and dinners: I do myself, but not as a nightly occurrence, and not as an ADC expected to be attentive to any guest shunned by the others. Engaging them in conversation after an arduous day's work became a severe test on my patience.

It is impossible to do justice in a few paragraphs to the breadth of the survey Clifford conducted into the work of the Falkland Islands Government (FIG), the first task he set himself in the Colony. Suffice it to say that within a matter of weeks he had identified many of the shortcomings which he subsequently corrected during his Governorship. To take a single example, and one in which I became involved subsequently, the Medical Service. I was not present during the long discussion HE had with Dr. Sladen, the Senior Medical Officer (SMO), but that evening as we worked together on a cipher from London 'for Governor's eyes only', Clifford kept interrupting with observations on the difficulty the SMO encountered when a patient had to be brought into the hospital from camp.

He claims it has occasionally taken weeks to get an urgent case to Stanley. Sometimes forty-eight hours elapse before a message gets through that a person is seriously ill. Do you know they are actually using smoke signals at some of the Island farms? Of course a doctor can reach a patient on horseback, or by any means a small boat, but that is not a proper solution. We must have some kind of ambulance to meet the needs of the

Nor did Clifford concentrate solely on major issues: sometimes apparently minor details attracted his attention. After inspecting the Edward VII Memorial Hospital he commented:

"Miss Strong (the Matron) seems to have the place very well organised, but did you notice where the nurses sleep?"

In fact I had: it was in an attic dormitory, approached up by a ladder, so I rather facetiously replied that it was as well that our angels of mercy were young and

nimble.

"It's no joking matter, John. If that hospital ever catches fire we may find all our nurses have been fried!"

So a new nurses' hostel came to be added to the list of necessary developments.

As the days went by my respect steadily increased for the manner FIG employees administered the business of the Colony and I am sure Clifford shared this opinion. They were understaffed and patently under-resourced, yet somehow contrived to 'make do and mend'. Occasionally there were lighter moments during these inspections. One in particular occurred when Clifford looked into the work of the Police Force. There was a cell in the Police Station (I cannot recall it being used while I was in the Falklands, but suppose it must have been), and as he stood within it HE suddenly inquired:

"How long do you think it would take me to get out of here if you locked me in, Sergeant?"

"Oh! I don't think you'd escape from here, Sir!" Norris replied.

"No?" was Clifford's monosyllabic query as he rattled his swagger cane across the bars in the window. Two fell out. "Oh dear!", said the red-faced Sergeant: "We must get that fixed!"

As we drove back to GH Clifford told me that he had heard (from whom I never discovered) that it was the practise to allow a prisoner to 'escape' every evening provided he re-entered the cell before the duty Constable conducted rounds after supervising the closure of the Stanley pubs. I cannot vouch for the truth of this extraordinary tale, but assuredly the bars on the cell window were removable at the end of 1946.

There was so little crime in the Falklands I had very few contacts with the Police: indeed, I only learned of their activities when one of the Constables cut my hair. However, there was an occasion when GH had to enlist the help of the Force to remove an intruder. It must have been well after midnight when HE noticed a light flickering momentarily in the greenhouse. When the Chief Constable arrived in response to Clifford's summons, he was disconcerted to find the Governor armed with his ceremonial sword, and even more alarmed when ordered to:

"Flush him out, Chief! I'll skewer him if he tries to escape!"

Perhaps it was as well that HE was persuaded, albeit reluctantly that the King's representative was not expected to 'skewer' those he had been appointed to govern, for it turned out to be nothing more dangerous than a slightly inebriated Kelper bent upon picking a posy for his lady-love!

## Diary of a farmer's cat by Baldrick Wilkinson

# Smoko tins are bulging and the sheep are in the pens

THE shearers are coming. I can feel it in my bones. Us cats aren't daft. Centuries of ancient wisdom in our very fibre, and mysterious knowledge ingrained in our minds. Nothing escapes our marvellous intuition. If knowledge is power, us cats are top of the heap.

Though if I'm honest - which I am occasionally - I have to admit there are certain telltale signs of what's in the wind...

For one thing, the Boss has been chasing sheep around lately, coming home totally and utterly whackered. Sinking into a deep hot bath, he's had to be hauled out for a late supper and then propelled gently up the stairs to bed each night. Poor old sod, why doesn't he choose a less strenuous way of earning a crust? (Or crumbs, if he's to be believed...) Why doesn't he realise that Man and Motorbike can never be truly compatible?

And then there's the Missus. Normally the dust layer protecting the furniture goes undisturbed, the windows stay opaque and the spiders are free to spin their little

webs in peace. Totally laid back, she is. Practically horizontal.

But not with shearers in the offing. Oh, dear me. No. Action stations it is, and every cat for himself. Frantic spring cleaning, tidying of junk into corners where she hasn't a snowball's chance in hell of finding anything again, desperate appeals to the Boss (between chasing sheep) to 'PLEASE kill some mutton for the freezer' - and some interesting if unprintable answers from the Boss. (From next door, too, when she asked him very nicely if he could fix his overflow so there'd be enough water for shearing time...) - Yep, the shearers are definitely on their way. I've seen it all before.

The current cooking marathon is what gets me. Why doesn't she do a gentle build-up? Why doesn't she plan ahead, stash stuff away in the freezer gradually when she's cooking anyway? Instead of that, it's a mad panic. You'd think there were a dozen people coming, the way she's carrying on. And of course she's not organised. Never was, since I've known her any-

way. Panics 'cos her stores haven't arrived (by air), and worries herself silly over them. Starts to cook anyway, and it all goes wrong of course.

forgets to sift the flour (then beats hell out of the mix to try and compensate), is missing half the ingredients for fancy recipes and has to make do with substitutes, and then finds the icing sugar is a solid block when she's ready to ice something. And what does she do then? Empty it into a plastic bag and roll the lumps out? Nope, nothing so sensible for this old bat. Throws the packet on the floor, she does, hard, to 'break the lumps'. And - Yes, you've guessed it - the packet bursts, and there's white stuff over most of the kitchen...

I'll be glad when the shearers have been and gone and our version of normality is restored. So will the Boss, poor old lad. He gets all the 'seconds' to eat, all the charred remains and the soggy underdone bits. No wonder he's got a gippy tummy at the moment. It'd need to be cast iron to cope with the Missus' cooking when

she's in full flight. Me, I'll stick to my usual diet, thanks.

The Smoko tins are now bulging, and the happy couple are about to draft young sheep. There's rain threatening, and it's not the only ominous sign. Although the new handling pens and race may help matters, I suspect there will still be plenty of foul language and the odd tantrum on the part of the Boss - and consequently a lot of woe on the part of the Missus. Sheesh. Reckon I'll curl up in my smart new house and sleep until it's all over. I dislike being used to mop up tears. Makes my fur go all salty...

LATER:

I knew it. I could've written the script for that little performance. Sheep defiant, the Boss hyped up and the Missus convinced it'd all go wrong before she went anywhere near a sheep. The new pens helped a bit, but not so's you'd notice with all the histrionics going on.

Some people never learn...

Cheers, chays - from your poor tear-sodden chum

## Meeting of the Executive Council November 22, 1995

EXECUTIVE Council met on November 22 to consider a reasonably full agenda. The meeting concluded at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Councillors Teggart, Cheek and Stevens were present.

### Falklands Landholdings

Much of the morning session was taken up with a thorough discussion of the future of Falklands Landholdings. A separate paper was prepared recording Councillors' conclusions on this subject, and I think it best not to add to that.

### Business Representatives on FIDC Board

Council discussed the Executive Board of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation and suggested two names to represent the business community on the Board in the places of Mr Dik Sawle and Mr Hamish Wylie whose terms of office will be completed at the end of this year.

### Prison (Amendments) Bill

The Attorney-General introduced the Prison (Amendments) Bill 1995 which Council agreed such be introduced to LegCo. This makes a number of amendments to the existing Prison Ordinance which has not been changed since the mid-1960's and is not entirely in accord with present circum-

stances or with the provisions of the Constitution.

### Reflagging Fishing Vessels

There was a long discussion on the subject of reflagging fishing vessels on the Stanley register. Councillors agreed that the Senior Crown Counsel should prepare a full report on reflagging policy after consulting the relevant departments of Government (particularly Fisheries and Customs), the FIDC and representatives from the private sector.

### Training for Civil Service

The Chief Executive proposed that a further programme of training for the Civil Service and the private sector would be arranged by the industrial society next year, and Councillors approved this recommendation.

### Data Handling of 1996 Census

Councillors agreed that government should negotiate with a local private company to handle and process the data emerging from the 1996 census, which is expected to be held during April, in a prompt manner.

### The East Stanley Development Project

The East Stanley development project was discussed and it was

agreed that it should be re-introduced as a single phased project so that the existing design package and tender documents can be used as they stand. Tendering should be complete by February next year, work on site should begin in May, and the first two phases should be completed in January and June 1997. The third phase should be completed by February 1998. Around 100 fully serviced house plots should be made available when this project is complete.

### Health and Medical Services Committee

A new Health and Medical Services Committee is to be established to provide overall strategic guidance for the Health Department. This would be established by legislation which would also ensure that the new Committee takes over the present statutory responsibilities of the Board of Health.

### Garbage Disposal

ExCo endorsed the outline of a new contract being prepared by the Deputy Director of Public Works for garbage disposal, and noted that it might be necessary in the future to engage waste disposal consultants to look at particular problems, which include the disposal of waste oils and garage wastes.

### "Carried Interests" in Oil Development

Council discussed the attitude of the government to "carries" or "carried interests" in oil development. It was agreed that, subject to the views of HMG, FIG should allow genuine Falkland Islands companies to join consortia applying for oil licences under strict conditions.

### Briefing for South Atlantic Hydrocarbons Commission

The Chief Executive reported to Councillors on oil related matters and Councillors agreed that they should brief the two Falkland Islands delegates going to the preliminary meeting of the South Atlantic Hydrocarbons Commission in London on 7-8 December before they depart. (The delegates will be the Attorney-General, Mr David Lang, and the Director of Education Mrs Phyl Rendell).

### Income Tax Position of Permanently Moored Vessels

Council received an information paper on the liability of fishing crews to Falkland Islands income tax and asked that Treasury should investigate the position of vessels permanently moored or working mainly within Falklands territorial waters.

### Any Other Business

In Any Other Business, Councillors mentioned their concern that excessive quantities of *Loligo* squid were being caught by boats not licensed to do this. They also discussed the possibility of government subsidies for the cost of transporting houses, and the obligation on Stanley Services Ltd to provide heavy fuel oils. They raised the need for a crash barrier on Snake Hill. It was agreed that an amendment to the Wild Animals and Birds Protection Ordinance should be introduced to protect the Striated Cara Cara. The Government Secretary reported on the problem of noise levels in the power station.

In conclusion, I thanked Councillors for their cooperation in Executive Council during the three years of my term in office.

## A Sorry story from Southern Patagonia

MRS Ann Robertson of Port Stephens wrote to *Penguin News* with a story of Jimmy and Christine Halliday who farm at "Los Pozos" just north of the Gallegos river. Jimmy is a descendant of William Halliday who emigrated to the Falklands in 1862 and then to Patagonia in 1885. Christine writes "This year we were to have had a bumper crop (of wool) when at the end of July we were hit with a killer. It caught us with preparations to load 2,000 sheep to the freezer and just covered us with snow to end all our hopes. It came with a howling gale that covered fenced sheep and roads for over 2 months. We managed to crawl out once with horses when in August we got a second storm from the East this time, so covered the remaining fences on the opposite side. The sheep were in very

good condition, so the ones that weren't snowed in took off and just walked to the coast over fences, sometimes crossing 2 farms. We only managed to dig out some of the ones near the settlement as even the horses couldn't walk in places, with snow up to their bellies. We now have sheep in every neighbouring farm and of our 14,300 odd only gathered 3,800 for shearing: over 3,000 counted dead and the rest we are getting back in dribs and drabs - so far not even 1,000. Many of them must be dead with over a year's wool on them there is little hope of them arriving safe and sound. We went to a neighbouring farm yesterday where they had put aside some of our sheep: 40 had lambed and died, so the spirits are very low indeed."

I guess even the worst-hit farms here don't tell such a sorry story.

Ann Robertson  
Port Stephens



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Pork Chops, Bacon Middle Unsmoked 5lb, Back Smoked 350g, Streaky Smoked 350g;  
Pork Roasts 2-21/2lb, Back Unsmoked 5lb, Back Unsmoked 350g,  
Streaky Unsmoked 350g, Middle Unsmoked 350g;  
Chicken Tikka Makanwala & Rice, Lamb Rogan Josh & Rice,  
Chicken Curry & Rice, Prawn Curry & Rice

### New in at the Paperbox:

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The business and property known  
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ness.

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Tel: 22616 or Fax: 22617

### PERSONAL

**Roger and Anne Howells**  
are delighted to announce the  
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McLeod. Congratulations from  
Mum, Dad, Lorna, Martin and  
Barbara.

### NOTICES

#### From the Globe

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lounge. Barsnacks available from  
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1 1/2 weeks to go

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est or any tender

### Public Notice

APPLICATIONS are invited from persons interested in working as  
Assistant Teacher at the Falkland Islands Community School to help  
in the teaching of children with special needs. The successful applicant  
will be required to work 5.25 hours five days a week commencing 1st  
February 1996.

Candidates should preferably have some experience of working  
with children but this is not absolutely necessary as training and  
supervision will be carried out by the special needs teacher.

Rate of pay will range from £6.86 to £9.92 per hour depending on  
the successful applicants age, qualifications and relevant experience.  
This rate is calculated on the number of school days in a year and  
candidates will not be paid during school holidays or on public  
holidays.

For further details please contact Mrs Judith Crowe, the Head  
Teacher on telephone 27147.

Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed  
forms should be returned to the Establishments Secretary, Secretariat  
by 4.00pm on Tuesday 5th December 1995.

### Public Notice

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill an immediate vacancy for a staff  
nurse at the King Edward Memorial Hospital.

The successful applicant should be RGN qualified and preferably  
have several years nursing experience.

Salary is in grade G4 ranging from £13,320 to £15,204 dependent  
on the successful candidates qualifications and experience.

Further details can be obtained from the Chief Nursing Officer, Mrs  
Heathman.

Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed  
forms should be returned to the Establishments Secretary, Secretariat  
by 4.00pm on Tuesday 5th December 1995.

## Honours even

DURING the past year another  
'battle' of the Falklands has been  
fought - not across Camp with  
guns blazing, but in the quieter  
atmosphere across green baize with  
even more deadly weapons in hand  
- Aces, Kings and Queens!

The protagonists in this 'thea-  
tre of war' have been contract  
bridge teams from Stanley and  
MPA. Thanks mainly to Nick  
Smith of the Royal Engineers, four  
matches have been played.

The Stanley team has consist-  
ently been Roger and Jean Diggle  
and Brian and Penny Hill, but Nick  
has fielded his 'irregulars' as and

when they were available, includ-  
ing David Ogg, Mike and Roz  
Bowles, Steve Scott, Alan Lam-  
bert and (from Byron) Paul Casey.

In the first two matches Stanley  
were soundly beaten, but retali-  
ated strongly bringing the score to  
2-2, with a recent score of 110-38  
IMPS.

Before Nick ends his tour next  
January, a decider is being ar-  
ranged, with the hope being that  
the intrepid Stanley four can find  
further adversaries from MPA, or  
even from the Mountain Stations  
perhaps. Watch this space!

## Postscript from the Baha'is

### ARE we on the road to peace?

At a time when humanity's great  
hopes for the future of our planet  
have almost been extinguished by  
conflict, suffering and ruin, there  
appears a bright glimmer of hope.

Everywhere the signs are mul-  
tiplying that a great transforma-  
tion is occurring in the way ordi-  
nary people are coming to see them-  
selves. More conscious of their  
responsibility in helping to design  
the future, the earth's peoples, along  
with many world leaders, are en-  
deavouring to reach a common  
understanding of the issues affect-  
ing mankind.

In response to the crying needs  
of the age, ordinary folk are work-  
ing locally, regionally and inter-  
nationally for the advancement of  
women, protection of the environ-

ment, human rights, elimination  
of prejudice, primary health care,  
moral education for children, lit-  
eracy and for many other con-  
cerns.

In this urgent search for values,  
ideas and practical measures to  
advance prospects for peaceful  
development can be discerned an  
emerging unity of thought in world  
undertakings, the realisation of  
which the Baha'i sacred scriptures  
describes as one of the lights of  
unity that will illuminate the path  
to peace.

Hopefully, we are on the way  
because, as Baha'u'llah has writ-  
ten, "The well being of mankind,  
its peace and security, are unat-  
tainable unless and until its unity  
is firmly established."

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## Hopeful signs at North Arm protest



VISITING North Arm shearing shed last week, during his farewell tour of Camp settlements, the Governor was met by a peaceful demo. Signs calling for the resignation of ExCo had been hung up by residents protesting at the recently taken decisions on the future of Falklands Landholdings. (See last week's PN) According to Sharon Gallardo, who took these photographs, Mr Tatham seemed supportive and offered the encouraging view that Falklands Landholdings could not be dissolved, except by a legal process, which would require LegCo support.

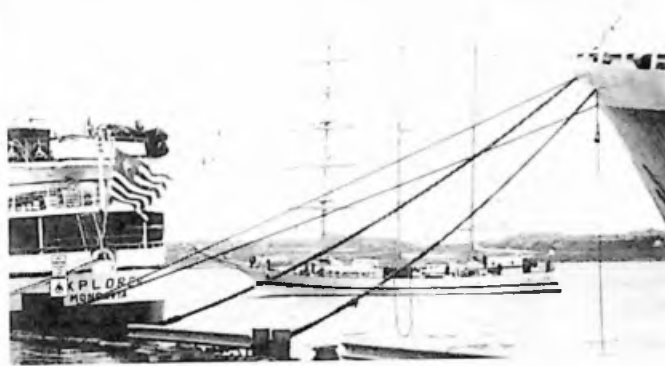
### Signing on the baseline



THE CONTRACT for Phase I of the Environmental Baseline Survey of the Falkland Islands was signed at Government House on Tuesday by H.E. the Governor, Mr David Tatham.

In attendance was Mr Roy Carryer of Brown & Root Environmental, who, with Imperial College Consultants Ltd. will manage the survey programme, in which Falklands Conservation and S.A.M.S.Ltd of Stanley will participate.

Mr Carryer was formerly Planning Officer with FIG.



### BATTLE DAY 1995

THE official programme for Friday 8 December 1995, the 81st Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands on 8 December 1914, when the Royal Navy successfully defended the Islands and destroyed the German East Asiatic Squadron commanded by Admiral Von Spee. (6 members of the Navy and 2,260 German Sailors lost their lives in this action):

**9.15am.** Detachments from HMS Westminster and the FIDF will enter the Cathedral.

**9.30am.** Memorial Service. All members of the public are invited to attend. It is appropriate for decorations and medals to be worn.

**10.15am.** (Approx) Royal

Navy detachments and FIDF will march to the Battle Memorial led by the Royal Marine Band.

**10.45am.** A short ceremony will be held at the Battle Memorial. Members of the various youth groups will also be present. His Excellency the Governor will inspect the parade, and after prayers, he, the Commander British Forces and the CO HMS Westminster will lay wreaths.

**11.10am.** Fly past.

After the ceremony at the Battle Memorial there will be a March Past. His Excellency the Governor will take the salute from a dias at the entrance gate to Government House Lawns.

### Tall ship visit brings a touch of elegance to FIPASS

THE urgent need to get a crew member to hospital brought the Polish Naval Barque, *Iskra*, to Stanley unexpectedly on Tuesday morning and a touch of unusual elegance to FIPASS.

Pictured (left) framed between the tourist ship, Explorer and the bows of the Falklands' patrol vessel, *Cordella*, *Iskra* left barely four hours after arriving.

### Falklands Tourism prepares for growth

FIDC this week released a comprehensive report on the development of the tourist industry in the Falklands, together with a draft review of strategies for further development in the future.

A long document, running to some seventy pages with appendices, the review goes a long way towards replacing the popular myths about Falklands tourism, with facts and statistics, which show an industry making headway and poised for growth.

Reactions to the strategy document are invited by FIDC, before December 20, please.



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SADLY, such was the 'bumper' nature of the last LegCo meeting that despite devoting some thousands of words to it over two weeks, we have still been able to do little more than skim the surface of some debates which, while appearing relatively minor, nevertheless raised weighty matters of principle and created some odd coalitions within the councillors' ranks.

The debate about seat-belt wearing would fall into this category, with one side arguing, not against the effectiveness of seat belts, but for the freedom of the individual to choose to act unwisely, while the other side argued against allowing people to expose themselves to risk and, by extension of this argument, for what in Lady Thatcher's time used to be known as the "nanny state".

Lacking any other information about the protagonists in this debate, a British listener might have assumed the anti-seat belt group to be Tories and the others to be socialists. Such an analysis would, however, have been far off the mark; I doubt whether Cllr. Birmingham would be entirely happy to be called a Tory and 'socialist' is not the first term you would think of in connection with Cllr. Luxton.

In this instance, the councillors were divided, unusually, by origin, immigrants versus locally-born, but they were arguing, as usual, not in support of some party 'line', but from their own, individual experiences and philosophies. Later in the same day, Cllrs. Birmingham and Stevens, who had been united over seat belts, were at odds over Falklands Landholdings as were Cllrs. Luxton and Cheek, who earlier had been on the same side over the Constitution.

During the debate on the Bill to bring under the full protection of the law, the *striated cara cara*, which is considered by sheep farmers to be a pest, but also happens to be one of the world's rarest birds, some councillors even began to find difficulty in reconciling their public concerns as members of a responsible legislature that has campaigned hard against the despoiling of our natural environment by oil companies, with their private inclinations as sheep farmers. Conservation is a world-wide, high-profile concern, and it is not just about preserving the 'cute and cuddly' members of the animal kingdom, as some of the arguments raised two weeks ago seemed to imply. (Unfortunately, the world now has very large ears and this lapse from corporate consistency was picked up by a party of foreign tour organisers listening to the radio on Sea-Lion Island and may yet come back to haunt us in the future.)

Shifting alliances and inconsistencies are bound to be a feature of a legislative process centred round individual people rather than political parties. In a party political system, some of the elected representative's individuality might occasionally have to be sacrificed in the interests of party discipline, but at the same time, the member has at his disposal the party machine which has the capacity, in terms of man-power and expertise, to research, consider evidence and make policy on a variety of different topics, without losing sight of the larger picture.

Thus far in the Falklands' history as a democracy, a political system based on representation by individuals acting independently, appears to be what we prefer and what our population size dictates, but the inconsistency and unpredictability we saw displayed two weeks ago by both houses of our legislature, may bode ill for the future, if the number of Council members is significantly increased.

## Farewell Reception

In honour of His Excellency the Governor and Mrs Tatham, a farewell reception will be held in the Town hall on Monday December 11, from 6pm to 8pm.

The Band of the Royal Marines will be performing at this event, and refreshments will be provided.

A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the public to attend this social occasion.

## YOUR LETTERS

Write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley  
Falkland Islands

### Shattered by ExCo's FLH blow

AS AN employee at North Arm I was horrified to hear the decisions of ExCo regarding the future of Falklands Landholdings Ltd, the future of my colleagues and myself.

I have signed a petition of no confidence in the ExCo Councillors, but being a British Citizen, who has only worked in Camp for the past five years I am not entitled to vote, so my signature will no doubt be dismissed by the Councillors involved. This is why I feel compelled to air my views via Penguin News.

As a young couple, my husband and I were intending to settle at North Arm, especially since the new report by Andrew Gurr, which was needed to build our lives on, has been smashed by three people who appear not to give a damn about the people affected by their decision.

We have several young families here at North Arm. What are they supposed to do? Sit and wait for another five years for you to let them down again? Tell them to move to Stanley and, for some, return to the chain gang?

I am personally disgusted by Councillors Stevens, who as Councillor for camp took this decision without consulting any of the people on our Farm. Councillor Stevens was once a young immigrant like myself who sought opportunity and stability to build a life in the Camp. Where is our choice? Not everyone can afford or wants the responsibility of their own farm?

Councillor Stevens, you have dealt a blow that some of your fellow Campers will never forgive or forget.

Mrs Sharon Gallardo  
North Arm

### Praise for Norman and for the good woman behind him

WE WOULD like to follow up your review of 'The Mikado' by bringing to general public attention the role played by Norman Black (its producer) over many years of FIODA productions. In fact, were it not for Norman, FIODA, arguably would not exist today.

His involvement apparently originated in a chance remark made by his wife, Janice, to the effect that the Falklands 'needed a Panto'. Being a literal, not to say, obedient man, and recognising that Janice's remarks are rarely 'chance', Norman took her seriously and from this small seed has grown the FIODA of today, which is, by any standard, a thriving and well organised amateur dramatic association. That it is, is in large part due to the countless hours of work, encouragement, cajoling and gentle bullying contributed by Norman in the name of "Culture". Anyone who has been involved in any of FIODA's activities would vouch for the enthusiasm and dedicated dynamism Norman has injected into the Association over the years. Indeed, in recognition of his service he was awarded an "Honorary Life Presidency" of FIODA after the final night of The Mikado.

Sadly this was to be Norman's last production with FIODA. With

support from Janice (whose post production parties are now the stuff of legend) he has given the Falkland Islanders an amateur dramatic association to be proud of.

We shall greatly miss both Norman and Janice, and though the final curtain still has some time before it falls on their stay in the Islands, we wish them every happiness and success in the future.

Tony Burnett  
Crispin Fisher  
Stanley

### Churlish treatment

I REFER to the letter from Brian Paul and Annabelle Spencer which was printed in the November 1st issue of PN. Who is the commercial Representative to whom they refer? What does he/she spend his/her time representing? Is he/she worth the money?

I look forward to reading the reply from the Falkland Islands Government Office in London, explaining the churlish treatment meted out to the exhibitors and the failure to attract interest from the BBC.

Jim Clement,  
Wilts

## Cubs plant daffodils in Memorial Wood



Mrs Tatham doles out the bulbs

IN a typical gesture, combining both her love of flowers and her love of young people, Mrs Tatham arrived at the 1982 Memorial Wood on Monday afternoon with the back of the Government House Landrover full of daffodil bulbs which she had bought to be planted there by the Stanley cubs, under the supervision of Akela, Jan Miller.

About a dozen cubs eventually appeared and worked with a will from four o'clock till six, when a halt was called. By this time, around seven hundred bulbs had been planted on either side of the path leading up to the sheltered seat and Jan's husband Tim, who was digging the holes for the planters, had long since had to call for reinforcements to keep up with his young work-force.



Planting starts as Akela looks on and Tim tries to keep ahead.

## CASP attempt to shorten odds of 10-to-1 oil gamble

LA FONIA, so often regarded, unfairly, as the 'Cinderella' area of the Falklands, may prove to hold the key to our financial future, according to David MacDonald, leader of a three man team currently gathering geological data in the area.

David MacDonald is himself no stranger to the Falklands as this is his eighth or ninth in a series of visits which began almost exactly twenty years ago. However, for his wife Tina, mother Mary and children, Eleanor (6) and Sarah (2), who are with him, this is a first, which they seem to be enjoying.

Beginning his career in this part of the world with BAS, Dr. MacDonald later worked for BP, then returned to BAS, after the Falklands war, for a further nine years before being appointed Chief Geologist and Chief Executive of the Cambridge Arctic Shelf Programme (CASP).

CASP is a non-profit making geological research group, working out of the Department of Earth Sciences at Cambridge University, but not subject to the university, which specialises in gathering data relevant to oil exploration in remote areas.

Surprisingly, not much geological work has been done on the Falklands - far more is known about the geology of Antarctica, according to Dr. MacDonald - and Lafonia, thought to be the newest area of the Falklands in Geologi-

cal terms, has hitherto been studied least of all.

Geologists believe, that Lafonia represents a fraction of the top layer of the earth's crust as it was before the rifts - the massive global movements and disturbances, which lead to the establishment of today's continents. If this is the case, then a study of Lafonia's geology might yield valuable clues to the oil industry about the nature and age of the rocks in the less accessible basins under the South Atlantic, where, it is hoped, oil will be found.

Dr. MacDonald has many years of experience in the oil in-

dustry, as well as a wealth of experience of Antarctica gained with BAS. While he is enthusiastic about the potential for oil around the Falklands, the basic realism of his perspective is a useful antidote to incipient "oil fever". The South Atlantic is a high cost 'frontier area' a long way from the market and it will require the discovery of really significant quantities of oil to make its exploitation economically viable.

Looking for oil is a phenomenally expensive and uncertain business, says Dr. MacDonald. The cost of sinking one exploratory well works out at around £10 million and the average expectation of success in an area where the geology appeared right, might still

be 1 to 10 in favour of a strike; "it's like horse-racing on a massive scale", he says. A successful company is one that can reduce the odds to 1 in 7 and it is in the oil companies' hopes of acquiring that extra "edge" that the data from organisations like CASP acquires considerable commercial value.

Byron Marine have been assisting with the logistics of Dr. MacDonald's expedition and in Lafonia, the transport of the group, which includes Drs. Malcolm Hole and Nigel Trewin of the Department of Geology and Petroleum Geology, University of Aberdeen, has been in the capable hands of Mel Lloyd of Falcon Tours, who has been impressing them with his off-road driving abilities.

## More hands to the pump drive

WE are grateful to Mrs Tim Simpson of the Falklands Islands Community School for reminding us that the first £120 of the cost of the portable syringe pump drive featured in our article on Page 3 last week, was raised last December in 1p, 2p and 5p coins, by her tutor group, 10 Ross, as part of their annual "small change" collection. (See PN, V6 No 46 of December 24, 1994)

Apologies are due also to Alison Hewitt; she was not on this occasion representing the Red Cross, but the Cancer Support and Awareness Trust, who also contributed to the cost of the syringe pump drive, with the North Arm Social Club.



Cllr. Eric Goss and Dr. Elsy again, this time with Alison Hewitt of CAST.



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## Familiar faces in Falklands film team

INDEPENDENT film maker, Clive Myer, who made the original, award-winning Falklands Tourism video, is back in the Islands again, approaching the end of a three week stay in which he hopes will result this time in a winning double - a new tourism film, commissioned by FIDC and a more general documentary on life in the Falklands for FIG.

If Clive's face might be familiar from his last visit here, that of his interviewer/sound man/equipment carrier and native guide is even more so. Briefly forsaking his role as the new voice of the Falklands on BBC World Service's *Calling the Falklands* programme, Graham Bound has accompanied Clive throughout a gru-



Clive and Graham in action at Penguin News

elling schedule, which by last Saturday afternoon when they returned to Stanley from a whistle-stop tour of the West, was showing signs of sapping the energy of even this most dynamic of duos.

When not making films all over the world - one of his recent projects was on jazz in South Africa - Clive Myer is a Senior Lecturer in Video and Communications at Gwent College in Wales.

## Blue bus thanks Janice Black



JOHN Birmingham, councillor and Blue Bus volunteer driver presented a gift to Mrs Janice Black at a tea party given in her honour by the Blue Bus users last Wednesday afternoon. It was, he said, a gesture of thanks and a tribute to all the support that Janice has given to the Blue Bus project since its beginning.

## Shearing Records shatter

EARLY indications are that Falklands shearing records will not survive this season and that some shearers will surpass their personal best tallies.

In order to be sure that we are getting the whole story, we would be glad to hear from shearers, shed owners or contract gang bosses, with any relevant statistics you may have to hand.

The best performances we have heard of so far, were both at Port Howard. Fred Parker from New Zealand sheared 364 hoggets in one day, just thirty ahead of local shearer, Andrew Smith, who tallied 334. Both men are members of John Jones' gang.

## West Store solves ozone problem

STANLEY's West Store has in stock a product, which claims to supply the real answer to the cause of the depletion of the ozone layer and the allied threat of global warming. Forget CFCs, car exhausts or even flatulent cows, the hole is caused, of course, by smelly feet!

Penguin News is grateful to Dr Crispin Fisher for showing us the description attached to a pair of socks, which his uncle had just purchased at the West Store. "Super Quality, ozone friendly" it read, then continued,

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## A Penguin News Extra

# Legislative Council November 1995

Part 2 (continued from last week)

Motion Proposed by:  
The Honourable W R Luxton  
This House views with concern the increasing divergence in the standard of living between the inhabitants of Stanley and those living in camp and especially those living on islands other than East Falkland, their ability to access services provided by the Government and the much greater cost of those services. We ask the Chief Executive to consult with the various departments of Government and bring forward to Council ideas to rectify this situation.

Cllr Luxton explained that the seriousness of this situation had been made worse by the extraordinary winter recently experienced saying, "many constituents either feel they may have to give up farming or find work elsewhere for part of the year." He did not feel this to be a healthy trend.

He added that other contributory factors included: the farmers lower than average income, everything costing more than in Stanley e.g. diesel costing 10% more because of freight charges, every item needed by camp people to live and work costing more to get to camp from Stanley, than from UK to Stanley and agricultural help, health and dental care being Stanley based, therefore more expensive. Cllr Luxton said that although everyone contributed to the hugely expensive fire service it could not be used by people on West Falklands.

He declared himself ashamed to be a member of the council with regard to the decision to refuse help to a family whose life work had been wiped out by fire.

Cllr Luxton described the Camp water supply and garbage disposal as not being subsidised and electricity costing up to 70p per unit. He said that to use leisure facilities in Stanley it would cost £84 on top of the price of usage.

Cllr Luxton asked whether the council wished for the camp to deteriorate or be an asset to the islands.

Every other country, he said, who had moved from being an agricultural subsistence economy had maintained the levels of income of its agricultural community at reasonable levels, when industrialisation threatened to create a huge difference between agriculture and industrial incomes. He suggested that negative income tax might be possible as well as a colony wide fuel price. All residents, he felt, should have access to medical facilities at the same

cost to each individual. He thought there was a need for assistance from FIG, possibly based on a system of comparing one years wool production with previous years.

Cllr Luxton suggested introducing some sort of income equality for equal effort throughout the community and as far as possible making Government provide services at similar cost to that experienced by Stanley residents. He hoped that if anyone had any constructive ideas they would contact a councillor or Government official to put these forward.

Cllr Norma Edwards rose to second the motion, and agreed there was a split economy. Regarding the subject of shipping items to camp, she added that it cost even more to those with low graded jetties, and said wool was freighted at a higher rate than anything else. She felt the motion should be given serious considerations.

Cllr Stevens supported the motion. He felt the community was fragmented, not just divided, depending on where you lived in the Falklands. He felt a deep water port was a necessity and referred

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with all Cllr Luxton said, however understood as an ex-wester the inability for campers to use many of the services available to those in Stanley, such as health care.

Cllr Birmingham gave his support saying he agreed with the raising of standards of living anywhere in the islands.

Cllr Halford also gave support to the motion, saying as far as essential services were concerned the disparity between Camp and Stanley left a lot to be desired. She added that in the case of disasters such as the Harps Farm fire, she hoped that the Government in the future would be able to help.

The Chief Executive welcomed the motion, but felt that he should make it clear that he would start by making the assumption that the camp must be kept populated (assuming it was the councillors assumption also). He assumed also that people should be encouraged to inhabit the Camp and there must not be an evolution of double standards of living within the society. This he felt, should be the foundation of what should be looked at. He felt the report should include a measurement of the existing divergence; he said he had suggested this in his report (as opposed to what Cllr Luxton said, i.e. that the Chief Executive had suggested that camp workers be paid the same as Government employees.) He also felt that there should be some sort of charter for the people of the camp where guarantees were given regarding their standard of living, that the Government would adhere to. He said he did not believe in eternal subsidies, but added he was a firm believer in making camp profitable, feeling that an increase in effort in the form of diversification (i.e. grants for diversification) would make more cash, and that would lead to a better standard of living.

He welcomed the task he had been given and hoped to be able to come forward to council with recommendations at the earliest possible moment.

Cllr Luxton thanked his colleagues for their support, saying the wording was deliberate, that is, he did not know all the answers thus the onus was put on the Chief Executive to investigate.

He said that it was his hope that the standard of living would be raised for both employees of Landholdings and independent farmers.

The motion was passed with no one opposed

to farming subsidies in the Highlands of Scotland. He felt that to keep areas such as outlying islands inhabited and the population spread out, the chasm of difference referred to, should be closely examined.

Cllr Goss supported the motion, congratulating Cllr Luxton on his in-depth look at the disparity between Stanley and the Camp. He felt it was an issue that must be addressed, the wages in camp being low and the work being hard. He said that the overtime rate in the camp was only £3 per hour, lower than the lowest paid SEP worker in Stanley.

Cllr Cheek supported the motion (saying he rose as a Falkland Island councillor and not a Camp or Stanley councillor) saying the Falklands would not be politically viable if the whole population came to be based in Stanley.

He felt the problem should be carefully examined and answers found. However he felt that if grants were to be given, then it should be avoided that overseas investors could come in and make money from them.

Wendy Teggart supported the motion saying she did not agree

## Edited Highlights of Councillors' adjournment speeches

(N.B. All councillors paid tribute to the Governor and Mrs Tatham and wished them well, but these sections of speeches have been omitted, as have other passages, which had either been reported elsewhere or were merely repetitions of points made previously.)

### The Hon. Eric Goss.

#### Aerovias DAP Service.

The Extraordinary ExCo meeting on Tuesday about the Aerovias DAP Boeing 727 leaves a lot for the imagination - this old airframe does not now conform with acceptable noise levels in the more advanced parts of the world, hence the availability at a lesser cost than the BAE 146. I have had strong reservations about giving financial support to a foreign company for some time now.

#### Chilean support for Argentina

In July this year, Councillor Edwards and I attended the United Nations Committee of 24 in New York. We were both more than a bit surprised to learn that Chile was a co-sponsor along with Venezuela and Cuba in supporting the Argentine claim to our Sovereignty when during the previous year we had been working hard to court members of the Chilean Government and setting up student and scout exchanges.

#### Falklands Landholdings:

(The early part of Cllr. Goss's speech on this subject has been omitted as it was extensively reported last week)

The general expression from the farms on the latest communique is one of depression. Almost like evil forces are at work to bring about the demise of the big farms. Yesterdays press release shattered morale in the North Arm shearing shed and I suspect had a marked effect on the commitment to work quality. Since my election in October 1993 I have been striving to bring some security and permanence of employment to an ever reducing number of workers - people who want the wide open spaces of the big farms. The big challenge in any working day that returns them to their homes in the evening, tired but satisfied is that they have done their best for the company. If I have failed in my mission I can only call on my fellow councillors to think of the anxiety your decision will have on some fellow Falkland islanders.

Another question coming from the farms last evening was 'who voted for this break-up policy?' (I think Cllr Teggart answered this earlier this morning) and why is it taking place when most of FLH farms out performed the sub-division farms. The people on the streets of Stanley are horrified and disgusted with the ExCo policy statement and I am ashamed to be

associated with you for being so thoughtless and cold-hearted towards your fellow countrymen. We have enough enemies abroad without making them at home.

#### Addis Case

I would like to ask if a brief statement could be made on the conclusion to the enquiry on the missing Royal Marine Addis case conducted by the Devon & Cornwall Police who left the Islands in early October. I would further like to learn if apologies might be forthcoming to those wrongly arrested?

### The Hon. John Cheek

#### Oil revenue

On December 8th last year Councillors wrote a letter to the then Foreign Secretary. I am not sure that it is possible that this letter in fact has now been published and passed to the press. Basically what it said was that in the event of revenues for oil, Falkland Island Councillors or at least those in office at the moment, would, following the satisfaction of our own requirements, be more than willing to pay for the current defence of the Islands. If some of the stories we hear about possibilities of oil consequent to revenue are correct and there are vast revenues, then we would be willing to pay for past defence and the monies involved in infrastructure since the end of the war. What we specifically excluded and I would continue to exclude, is any agreement or any offer to the British Government of a percentage cut from the revenues that we may receive. There's another country that has an interest in us that has already said that they are going to take such a cut. I don't believe that they have any legal right to demand any such percentage and I believe it would undermine the political stance of Britain and ourselves taken during the war and since. We are as independent a country as we can be, while we continue to be a colony but the degree of colonialism that used to exist, which meant that the mother country took from that colony, I believe, is long gone.

#### Minimum Wage

I would like to see us introduce a guaranteed minimum wage within the Islands.

I would also like to see us introduce a transfer of undertakings - I believe that's the correct wording - where people are working for one firm, one company, one contract and that contract is changed to someone else and the payment that is made to such people remains the same or at least is not diminished.

#### Conservation & Animal Welfare

I think it's been mentioned that within the next few months we will have conservation legislation coming forwards. I welcome that we have to have it because of the oil industry that is maybe approaching. But we cannot be selective enforcing that conservation, it must apply to all. In fact I'd go further than that and say that I believe that we Islanders have to be the leaders of it. Associated

with that, I believe we have to introduce more modern animal welfare standards. I don't want to introduce animal welfare requirements that penalise farms to an impossible degree, but I don't think we can continue with animal welfare that is probably more related to the beginning of this century than to the end.

### The Hon. Wendy Teggart

#### Population

With your indulgence I would just like to clarify that in my earlier remarks, (During the debate on Constitutional Reform Ed.) I in no way meant anything derogatory to anybody who has entered the Islands to live here. I was just trying to point out the trend in population and the way it has changed over the last few years and warn of the dangers with oil coming that Falkland Islanders, including those who have moved here, might one day be significantly outnumbered.

#### Housing

One of the things that is concerning me at the moment is the housing needs. It worries me greatly that we are not in a position to offer any housing to local people who are in need of accommodation at the moment. I hope that the decision that was made by Executive Council this week (and supported in Standing Finance Committee) to go ahead with the East Stanley development quickly and bring 100 housing plots on line over the next two years, will do something to alleviate that housing shortage.

#### Support for new house building

We have also requested in Executive Council this week for a paper to be prepared on the Falklands Islands Government contributing towards the cost of new houses built in the Falklands, perhaps up to 50% of the freight. This is a paper that I hope we will get next month for discussion. While I know we're being considered as particularly callous by some of the camp members because we didn't feel we were in a position to help the people at Harps Farm, I would hope that their new house falls within this category and perhaps could be the first that we could look at under this new scheme, providing it gets support from Councillors.

#### Aerovias DAP link

I heard this morning that DAP airlink will be starting on the 7th December. I personally welcome this link. I think that if we are going to have oil, if we are going to develop in any way, that it is important that there is another route in and out of the Falklands which businessmen in particular can take. I am not in any way being derogatory to the Tristar and I would hate it if anyone thought I was, but it does concern me when we have a long waiting list of Falkland Islanders, particularly those who are overseas training, who are not able to get a flight home for Christmas. Falklands Landholdings Ltd. The Landholdings development

has been mentioned. I particularly welcome this. I think that people have to consider that there is a huge tract of land in Landholdings, 800 000 acres I believe, something like that. I believe that it is unrealistic to continue going along the lines we have over the last four years. I believe that there is room for compromise which is why I was happy to support a sell off of 33 to 50 percent of this land, in the foreseeable future. I believe that gives plenty of scope for the Statutory Corporation, which hopefully will be introduced and take over from the Board, which in some ways had to find itself working against the wishes of the Government, simply because its a board.

I believe we have some good people on the Landholdings board and I will hope that they will see this as a new, and dare I say it, an exciting challenge for the future. The decision has basically been taken out of their hands as to what to do, but I hope that they will meet this challenge and carry on as they have done in the past.

I think that one of the good things to come out of the Chief Executive's report on Landholdings was the fact that we have decided on Executive council, to adopt it as a national rural development policy rather than something that applies just to Landholdings. I feel that if we are going to develop, I would hate to see Landholdings itself develop and leave every other small farmer as poor relations. I believe we have to have a national rural development policy and I hope that this will be enacted.

#### Public Jetty

The materials for repairing the Public Jetty are ordered and are expected to arrive on the boat which is due on the 3rd of December. A design has been drawn up by the design office and the work is shortly to go out to tender. What we could describe as a series of landing stages will be built along the side of the jetty. It will depend on the height of the tide, where the launches go alongside the jetty. I think it will add greatly to the safety of that facility.

#### Media coverage

I do worry over some of the media coverage that Councillors have been given over the last few months. I think we've all been away doing quite interesting things, but I don't know whether it just applies to me or it applies to everyone else, but we haven't been asked to comment on our particular trips abroad.

It was mis-reported I think in *Penguin News* or it was implied that we were a 'have country' who that we were a 'have country' who were singled out, I think the implication was, for relief from Dominica. In fact that was far from the case. Dominica circulated an appeal to all countries who were present at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in Sri-Lanka. Something else that came out of that conference which I have told other Councillors about but I haven't had the

opportunity to say about it publicly, is that Claudette and I, acting as individuals from the Falklands rather than representatives, signed a petition at the CPA Conference, condemning the nuclear testing in the Pacific. The petition was introduced by two countries, the Cook Islands and the North Western Australian territories, who are particularly close to the area of testing. Some of the stories that they had to tell about the changes in the atolls caused considerable concern among the delegates of this conference and we joined with a large proportion of the delegates in signing a petition. I would also like to add that I wasn't, as reported in the *Penguin News*, at Party Conferences with Cllr Stevens that was a privilege which my colleague Cllr Halford undertook.

### The Hon. Richard Stevens

#### Animal welfare

I must say that I thought in the past I'd be standing here defending, or discussing really, with an open mind, the Dog Ordinance. It hasn't come up, but animal welfare was mentioned by Councillor Cheek. The two things, in a way, are connected, because I think a lot of farmers, I'd say most farmers, not all farmers, are very interested in animal welfare. They wouldn't be in farms if they weren't. However, the problem we're always going to have is one of logistics and cost in an industry where we don't seem to get very good financial returns. When these things are deliberated I think we should consider those problems, not as an excuse, but a reality. A lot of my constituents that I speak to are very worried that some measures will be brought in which they cannot physically or financially stretch to.

#### Falklands Landholdings

I'm going to mention Falkland Landholdings - I've probably said more about Landholdings in this forum than other members and it's a very emotional issue - there's no doubt about it. It doesn't alter the fact that there are some very hard working, loyal people on the farm that something isn't quite right and I back this up by asking people to look at the electoral register and see how many people are still on the farms and the problems with the next generation. It's got to be wrong if there's two children at Port Sussex and three children going to school at Goose Green. This is an area that certainly subdivision would help but I know I'm not going to stand here and be aggressive when we should be looking at this change sensitively. No-one has to be pushed out and the assurances of work have been constant from purchase. That's a thing that has never changed from the onset and I don't believe it's a case of 'in with the new and out with the old'. I think we can bring new people to the area in a different manner.

#### Relations with Argentina

I would just like to answer part of your speech - I believe also that we

should deal with the Argentines with more confidence - and this council certainly has. But it's a fine line now with other countries looking at us in a highly focused manner at the beginning of this oil venture, with the Argentines very actively pursuing their case. I don't believe, at this time, that we should be seen in Argentina, because the perception to the outside world will be of us warming to the Argentines. We do take our message everywhere we go but I would want to see Argentines high profile political stance diminish substantially before councillors consider taking the Falklands' message there. We have an ever increasing number of intelligent and well educated members of our community who are very able to spread the Falklands' message. Personally, I would rather leave it to them, at this time, until there is a change of attitude. I don't believe they'll ever drop their claim publicly, but I look to the time when they might be less high-profile in their political stance.

One more small issue along the same lines is (the question of) letting a limited amount of Argentines into the islands. I believe if councillors went to Argentina, we'd have to reciprocate with their people coming to us and again, I don't think it's helpful. But it is helpful letting a limited number of Argentines on this dual passport rule into the islands.

### Hon. John Birmingham

Councillor Goss touched on the subject of Landholdings and I feel I must follow through. In the past honourable members have given the benefit of their experience to this house and I feel that if you would bear with me for a couple of minutes I would like to give the benefit of the experience I had. In 1980 we were at Roy Cove and there were 10 full time workers at Roy Cove. Three weeks after the last employee was taken on, we were told the farm was going to be sold - this was just at the start of the season. That's the way people were treated in those days. So we moved to Fox Bay West and we were there during the occupation. In '85 a rumour started that Fox Bay West was going to be sold so we went through most of the season not knowing what was going to happen there. I thought I had to move to Fox Bay East to try something over there - to be self-employed - a month before that was sold and I actually met someone whose now a farmer over there, and he'd actually heard that the farm was sold from the BBC. He hadn't heard it from anybody in Falklands, he'd heard it on the BBC. That was the way people were treated in 1985. In 1995 we don't seem to have learnt a great deal. The decision the other day to sell off up to a half of Landholdings - as soon as I found out, my mind went back to how I felt. Imagine coming back from the shed sweaty and dirty and being told "well I'm

very sorry but there's a piece of your organisation that is going to be sold off - up to half of it - but we don't know which, we don't know where" and apparently these people aren't going to be told anything till early next year - if then. So I would say that we have just not learnt anything about dealing with people.

This morning the welfare officer stopped me on the street and she asked me if it was true that people at North Arm were going to be thrown out of their houses. Apparently she'd been having telephone calls from employees at North Arm. They'd got information, certainly not from Councillor Goss, I'm sure, but they'd got the impression that was it and they'd have to come into Stanley. I myself phoned around the camps last night and I spoke to Goose Green and they've been told most of it and the notice was going to be put up in the shed today. Fitzroy have been told and the notice has been put up in the shed. The person I spoke to at Walker Creek didn't know anything about it. So I really made his night when I told him what was apparently going to happen.

When I came onto council, I came on with the firm conviction the FIG should never have bought Landholdings, shouldn't really have anything to do with farming. I was appointed to the Board and I actually went round to the farms and spoke with people and the feeling, to me, that the majority - and that's the word I didn't use on the radio interview the other week that seems to have got me into a bit of trouble - the majority view is that people wanted to live in the camp and that they wanted to be able to live their lives and not have the responsibility of owning property. The report that the Chief Executive spent so much time doing gave many options for people that wanted to work in camp. The honourable member from Charities the other day, in Standing Finance Committee, mentioned the possibility of leasing land but it's too late, the decision has been made, apparently.

What are we going to tell these people? What are we actually going to say will happen to them? There are people wanting housing now. Do we tell them "you can come into Stanley". Some are of pensionable age - we haven't got enough sheltered accommodation. I think it's been very badly done and I too am ashamed that this decision has been made just like this.

One of the problems with Landholdings as I see it is that since it was bought, the people on the farms have never ever had any kind of confidence in the future. Every eighteen months, every two years, there was going to be a review. This was just going to be another review.

I shan't dwell on it now, although there are people in Lafonia who are going to carry on dwelling

on their futures. The way ahead now perhaps is to come to some quick decision making as to what's going to be done. I would like to see the rest that isn't going to be sold, being set up in the form of a trust so there are at least two large farms and the people that are going to live on these farms do so in the knowledge that in five years time they won't be up for grabs again, because this is what they've been told here. Your jobs are guaranteed, but in five years time, who knows? The farms were bought apparently for the people of the Falkland Islands and presumably that does mean everybody in the islands. I'm afraid that what has happened this week is that to satisfy a few, the majority have had to suffer.

#### Minimum wage

I support a minimum wage throughout the islands and as the Honourable member from Charities also said earlier on the employees in the camp are getting fewer and fewer and we know from this week they are going to get fewer still and I certainly do support a minimum wage.

#### National Agricultural Policy

I don't see how we can have a National Agricultural Policy. I can't believe that any camp farmers are going to accept being told what to do - people are just too independent for that. They want to do what they want to do.

### The Hon. Norma Edwards

#### Oil Agreement

You say sir, that you have been able to reach practical agreement with Argentina without compromising our sovereignty. I will reserve my judgment on that. On the surface, this agreement which has been signed with the blessing of the majority of our council looks like a pretty good deal. In reality what we are going to do is to set up an oil commission jointly launched by Britain and Argentina to discuss and agree or disagree as the case may be, hydrocarbons, and related matters, for example conservation, safety in the South West Atlantic. Representatives of our Government will be allowed to attend and presumably make comment at those meetings, but effectively it will be Argentina and Britain who will decide our future in oil related matters, and not ourselves who will have the final say.

**Fisheries**  
I hope we are not going to agree to further extension of the shared FOCZ, out to the South West of our waters or a new FOCZ to the north of the area. I hope we are going to be strong now and say "No, Argentina if you want any more concessions from us you must drop your claim to sovereignty".

#### Sovereignty

It was refreshing to see Sir that you advise us to pursue that aim to persuade the Argentinian people and their leaders that their claim to our Islands is an illusion. We hear quite frequent utterances that sovereignty will not be compromised



but we never say to Argentina, "stop this nonsense if you really want better relations with us and give up your claim to sovereignty over us". Then it would be an entirely different ball game.

**Oil Agreement**  
My opinion is that the Joint Declaration on Oil signed by Britain and Argentina was put in place because the oil licensing round had to be seen to be successful. And that to me seems a bit premature. We are party to an agreement with a country which still lays claim to us, which is lead by a President who was claiming it was the first real step to the recovery of the 'Malvinas' before the ink was dry. We did it before we even knew whether we have oil in sufficient quantities to make it all worth while.

I want it clearly understood by my constituents where I stand on this Falkland Island/Argentina issue on oil. I do not agree to any agreements with Argentina other than in the conservation or health and safety fields. And I cannot envisage any kind of situation where I would be likely to agree with them, until such times they drop their claim to sovereignty over us.

#### South Georgia Fishery

While this agreement was being signed or just prior to being signed, there were five Argentinian Long liners seen in South Georgian waters. As I've said before, toothfish take a long time to mature - up to ten years I think. If the South Georgian waters are fished in the way they are being fished, I believe they will be fished out before too much longer. It is high time that the British Government, which has been collecting licenses for a number of years down there, puts that money to provide a patrol ship. Let us look after the whole situation under the auspices of our Fisheries Department. We need a bit more than just having a licensing officer down there and no protection.

#### Falklands Landholdings

My one concern on Falkland Landholdings is that Cllr Birmingham was quite right when he said that it was bought for the people of the Falkland Islands, who paid a political price for the land and it was to be handed on eventually to the people of the Falkland Islands. It was said at that time that a large farm would be kept for such people who didn't want to own their own land and it was also said the farms would not be sold on until they were viable. I doubt very much that they will be viable, unless they're split up into 8000 sheep units or more and fear we will only be providing a rod for somebody's back in these present farm circumstances. I think it would have been better to have kept the Falkland Landholdings as a whole for the interim period, until we can see that the financial future of farms is secure.

#### Air Link

I would be much happier if the

proposed air link had been with Uruguay. We are still bound by the whim of Argentina whether we can fly through their air space or not and we are still worried that if this is as successful as everybody hopes it will be that it will damage our Tristar connections. I hope that doesn't happen in the future. We've been assured it won't but we'll have to watch it very carefully.

#### Aid

You talk of the relief of poverty and suffering in the world and I agree with you entirely that we would be well advised to set aside some money to help other people who are not in such good circumstances as ourselves.

I would have been very pleased if the Councillor the other day could have supported Councillor Stevens suggestion to help the people of Harps Farm just a little bit. Sometimes I think charity should start at home.

#### UK - Argentine Relations

I am concerned too, about HMS Endurance's visit to Argentina. We seem to be almost persuaded that now is the time to take a fresh look at Argentina and how wonderful they are. Menem is going to get the red carpet treatment in Britain sometime in the future and it doesn't really give me any assurance for my future, if Britain and Argentina are being this friendly so quickly in such horrendous haste. I hate harking back to the seventies but it looks pretty much like that to me and I really don't like it at all.

#### The Hon. Sharon Halford Overseas visits

I would like to mention that recently I was away from the Islands for nearly two months, during which time together with Councillor Stevens I attended the ABC conference in Oxford and the Labour and Conservative conferences in Brighton and Blackpool.

#### Relations with Argentina

Sir, you mentioned the interest we share with Argentina in the fisheries, particularly with Conservation and also the Joint Declaration on Oil. Both quite significant steps forward since 1982, but steps forward without touching on sovereignty and this must continue to be the case in any future talks, negotiations or agreements that are to our mutual benefit.

The first thing that struck me at the ABC conference was how ill-informed the Argentine people are of the Falklands, its inhabitants and their way of life. It was during this conference that the Argentinians asked if they could get some of the Falklands books published in their country in Spanish, as people in Argentina were only now being aware of the Islands and were keen to learn about them. Quite surprising seeing as they invaded us. This interest seems to stem from their new democratic Government, which has allowed them far greater freedom of speech. I do not believe that they will actually be totally

democratic until they can accept the right of the Falkland Islanders to determine their own future.

#### Addis case

Because of media coverage in the UK, the Alan Addis case was brought to our attention, frequently. The perception in the UK was that a small group of people in the Islands, i.e. the whole population, were guilty of covering up a murder. This of course we had to explain was not the case.

#### Government vehicles

One of the committees I chair is the Government Vehicles Working Group. We currently have 102 vehicles issued to various departments and this figure does not include heavy plant. I think we need to address the life-span of vehicles and also the manner in which they are used and looked after.

#### Stanley Common

The proposals for the extension of Stanley Common were recently shown in *Penguin News* and the Lands Committee would most certainly welcome comments from the public. There is no doubt that with the growing population, we need an area where the public have a right of access for recreational purposes. By this I do not mean for motorcycle circuits to suddenly leap up everywhere or for landrovers to be driven wantonly over the terrain making as much mess as possible. Where people enjoy these activities, they should be encouraged to select a specific area for that purpose and not destroy anywhere else. The Common is meant to be enjoyed by all. An area of land was set aside East of Stanley for the use of the motorcycle association some time ago. It was my understanding that this area would be used for youngsters to ride their motorcycles on; if this is not the case then I suggest they should be getting together and asking for an area, because at the moment these youngsters are still driving, and I must stress, illegally in other areas. If our youngsters are not encouraged to respect our laws, what can we expect in the future?

I believe we have an association of landrover owners in the Falklands, perhaps these people would like a specific area in which to bury themselves in mud in order to enjoy themselves. We know how popular the motorcycling events are and I feel sure that landrover events could become equally as well attended.

#### Housing

I am pleased that the East Stanley housing development is to proceed in its entirety. As we heard earlier today, there is already a possible housing shortfall of some 60 houses. This figure is before the extra demand that the selling off of parts of Landholdings is likely to create. Contrary to what some of my fellow councillors may believe, subdivision does not repopulate camp. As our recent history shows it has the reverse effect and causes depopulation; although

in the case of Port Sussex, it would seem they actually have a better breeding policy than other places.

#### Falklands Landholdings

I am pleased to say that I had no hand in the recent decision made by Executive Council which has been received by most Landholdings employees as a blow below the belt. They may have been given certain guarantees but I do not believe that these guarantees will give much comfort when they still do not know what is to happen in the near future.

I remember some time ago when we were passing oil legislation and Cllr. Teggart opposed it, because she said if she agreed to it she would be unable to sleep easy. Hopefully she will be able to sleep easy having made this decision, knowing that most of the people on those farms will not.

#### Gap students

I find it particularly appalling to find criticism of the employment of gap students around the summer months, when we are quite happy to send our youngsters overseas for training. These youngsters are not depriving others of work; on the contrary they are bringing something to our community and more importantly take away good words on the Falklands.

#### The Hon W. Luxton

##### Camp problems

I was very grateful to all my colleagues for all the support they gave to the motion earlier on. And I've no doubt the Chief Executive will be diving into that with his customary energy.

##### Falklands Landholdings

I hope that we can have a sensitive look at the problems facing the people on Landholdings. That decision was something of a surprise to me. I must admit I hadn't quite expected such a decision to come out of ExCo. I know I missed the GPC meeting the day before. However, it's been made now and I think we have to make the best of it. But certainly the camp is something of a problem. Roads One bright spot is as you mentioned in your speech Sir, the tremendous progress that the roads are making with White Rock on West Falkland going very well towards Fox Bay and equally we shouldn't forget the excellent progress that the Public Works Department are making on East Falkland. I think they have Port San Carlos firmly in their sights. Last time I was there they were building at an enormous rate.

##### Royal visits

We've had mention of the Royal visit to Buenos Aires. I don't much care. We've got our own Royal visit coming up and I think we've probably got the better deal of the two.

I look forward very much indeed to the visit of Her Royal Highness Princess Anne. I'm sure she'll have a wonderful time down here. I certainly hope she does.

# A Splash-in good time

THE Stanley Leisure Centre caught the community spirit last week when it entertained 'across the spectrum' age-groups of the Stanley population. This involved an infant school 'splash-in' on Tuesday 28 and the use of the pool by the KEMH physiotherapist and patients on Wednesday 29.

On Tuesday at 2pm the children of the Infant School reception class and classes one and two enjoyed an hour of water fun showing off their skills to the excellent turn out of parents.

Headmistress, Mrs Jean Smith, introduced the splash-in, informing spectators that there was no competition involved in the event, the aim being, to show the progress of skills across the groups. After water-confidence events and examples of basic skills, the children ended with some 'wet and wild' time, including hoses and buckets of water.

Mrs Smith asked *Penguin News* to pass on her thanks to the half dozen parents who frequently help out with infant/junior swimmers, and to the swimming pool staff who help with lessons and provide life-saving.

On Wednesday, physiotherapist Clare Ovey accompanied by work experience student Kelly Moffat took to the pool with two patients. With floats for support and guided by swimming pool staff the patients enjoyed some gentle exercise moving around the pool. One patient, Len Middleton, confessed to enjoying the experience and did not seem unnerved by it being his first time ever in a swimming pool. The other patient was a little too shy to be photographed.



Above, Len with leisure centre staff  
Below, trying out the pool chair lift with work experience students  
Martin Clark and Kelly Moffat.



Thanks to Mrs Jill Harris for 'Splash-in' photographs



## Estancia Farm venue for Round Four 1995/96 Moto Cross

WAKING up at 7.30am on a wet and windy Sunday morning did not sound a good idea. Looking out, only the most dedicated (point chasers) of moto crossers would have been thinking "what a great day this is going to be". As it turned out some of the most exciting racing to date took place at Estancia Farm c/o Tony and Ailsa Heathman.

The course was marked out by Arthur Turner and his dad and it first seemed an impossible course to race on (in fact part of it was, they had marked the course when the tide was out, and guess what happened). With two widow makers (a steep uphill and a steep downhill) riders gingerly put best foot forward and had a practice, only to find that the track design really was good (it being made up of wide sweeping bends, a bit of soft and a bit of hard terra firma). Even the weather looked like it would clear up, which it did.

Racing got underway as usual at 11.00am with the Clubmans, a disappointingly low turn out did not deter the riders as they lined up for starters orders. Shane Blakely's mum who refused to watch the race but never the less marked it, never saw her son lead from start to finish leaving most of the others to chase Bill Stewart. Bill had what can only be described a disappointing day, as in both moto's

he entered on the very last lap and the very last metre he crashed out twice, only to let the rest of the field through. Some reader may think 'well why didn't he push it across the line'. The finishing post was at the top of a very steep hill and impossible to push a bike up, there was only one way and that was down.

Shane took first in both heats, with Bill second and Owen Betts third. In the second heat Owen came in second with Dustin Clarke coming home third.

The experts lined up next and all eyes were on Ian McLeod who has started to dominate the experts class. Although he won both his heats, Derek Jaffrey and Arthur Turner did not let him off lightly, as all three constantly battled for the lead. Halfway through the race Arthur started to lose a few seconds on Derek and Ian, who continued to battle all the way to the finishing line, where Ian just pipped Derek and Arthur came in third. The second heat was no less exciting; again Ian led Derek and Arthur home. Johnny Summers, who is often out at the front, found his race cut short by flying stones from the widow maker bursting his petrol tap clean off.

The Juniors, breathing a sigh of relief when officials cut out the hills, raced off after lunch to find the track still in good condition,

great burns had formed on the corners making them a little easier and a little faster. Jay Moffatt put these to good use and claimed two firsts, Ian Jorden as ever coming in second and Eddy Grimmer taking both thirds; both these two lads showed a marked improvement on the track and Sean, who had both fourths, is also gaining confidence.

The Open race at the end of the day, I am told, had the best racing to date. Johnny Summers, who bummed a gas tap, battled with, a suddenly on form Andrew Alazia.

These two lads on 250 Suzukis had the crowd enthralled as they swapped positions up front. Jan Clarke and Arthur Turner, few seconds behind, also battled with each other. The track getting better as the day went on just meant that the racing got quicker. At the end of the day Johnny got the better of Andrew (just) with Jan coming in third and Arthur fourth. Many thanks to Falkland farmers who provided trophies for the experts race, Stanley Services, Becksides Farm and the Heathmans.

### Points standing after four rounds of the 1995/96 season

#### McPress Clubmans

Bill Stewart	110
Owen Betts	88
Shane Blakely	77
W Clement	52
Dustin Clarke	50
C Bermsen	30
Karl Harris	30
D Myatt	28
Craig Clarke	21
Nunka Summers	20
Jim Moffatt	20
Boogie	9
A Corduroy	7
Becksides Juniors	
Jay Moffatt	117
Ian Jorden	105
Sean Moffatt	84
Eddie Grimmer	71

#### The Toolbox Experts

Arthur Turner	99
Derek Jaffray	99
Ian McLeod	77
Andrew Alazia	75
Jan Clarke	63
Johnny Summers	60
Mark Summers	31
Steve Jennings	19
Stanley Services Open Class	
Johnny Summers	57
Arthur Turner	50
Jan Clarke	45
Andrew Alazia	43
Jim Moffatt	19
Owen Betts	18
C Bermsen	11
Bill Stewart	11
Gerard Ford	10
Dave Myatt	10
Craig Clarke	8
Boogie	7



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## Diary of a farmer's cat by Baldrick Wilkinson

### A specialist and some stroppy sheep and the missus sees red

WELL, shearing's over - for a few days, anyway, until the wethers come in and some poor sucker returns to relieve 'em of their wool. The new season began badly, with the Boss and the Missus both in a foul mood ('Why are we farming? - Why do we bother? What's the point, with low wool prices and sheep snuffing it left, right and centre' - etc., etc., ad nauseam). The plane arrived with the gang and the two of 'em were still going hammer and tongs at each other. (You'd think they'd be united in their gloom and doom, but nope. Each blames the other for the status quo. And I don't mean the band.)

Some poor old beef specialist was on the plane when it came here, and the Missus took out her wrath on him, poor chap. 'Waste of time and money' she snorted, grabbing the loading ticket from the pilot and marching back to the fire engine. (I heard all about it later.) It seems that farmers are supposed to increase their cattle to supply a new abby-something which is opening (dunno what it is, but it has an ominous ring to it). Even this humble moggy knows that cattle wreck fences, use some of the best grazing as well as some of the worst, (meaning fewer sheep

can be kept) and have a tough time in the winter without hay or hard feed. The Boss had to shoot some of his this spring. It's survival of the fittest round here. And sending dead beef into town is one thing, but persuading beef-on-the-hoof into Seatrucks without proper loading facilities is another game altogether.

So I can understand her feelings on importing an outsider to tell Government what any experienced farmer here could tell 'em, free of charge...

Gathering had depressed the Boss; apparently there's 300 young sheep missing, presumed dead. Those that did come in were lively enough, though. Survival of the fittest, again, I guess. (As the Boss discovered, when a Here came over and scattered 'em at a gateway, thanks to the Missus forgetting to put a NOTAM warning out. She had to go out and help the poor old sod get the little dears back together again and into the pens, and got her ear well chewed. Usually she and the Boss enjoy seeing any kind of aircraft around, but NOT with stroppy sheep to handle.)

The atmosphere improved noticeably once shearing got underway. Nice gang, they were. Appreciative of good-looking

moggies and not averse to having short but meaningful chats with me. The Boss's temper improved rapidly and even the Missus melted out - thank goodness. I was beginning to think of booking a flight outta here. Her chum the hairdresser arrived a day or two later to join in the party, which cheered her up even more. Lots of woman-talk and scathing comments from the Boss (to which she's immune). The shearers had all taken the chance to get their hair chopped while they were here, though, and I'd had a quiet snigger to myself. You should've seen them, peering in a huge mirror to check out their new looks...

The Missus is quite funny when there's shearers around. Tries her best to look after them, of course, and always mothers 'em to death. Does their washing, stuffs them with grub and so forth. Treats them like children, really. They must get so annoyed sometimes, with all the fussing. But this year she went mad and ordered bright red (and I mean RED) tablecloths to brighten up their mealtimes...

I ask you. What the blankety-blank does anyone need with tablecloths, never mind ones that require sunglasses?? Who does she think she is, anyway? Hyacinth

Bouquet?? There were plenty of witty comments from the shearers and the Boss - made her blush almost as bright as the offending articles - but she insisted on using 'em. 'Won't have anyone saying I haven't been dragged up proper' she could be heard muttering, as she scuttled round the table, tugging at the blasted things to get 'em straight. Sheesh...

LATER

Just had a helluva fright. I met the Missus coming out of the house, covered in red spots. Thought she'd got a Plague or Pestilence. Was about to vamoose into quarantine when I heard her tell the Boss that she'd been washing the posh new tablecloths for the first time, and the dye had run badly. Seems the wind was blowing the water back up from the plughole where the washing-machine empties out, and she'd got caught by the updraught. Serves her right for swanking, I say.

But boy, was she angry. Now I understand the expression 'seeing red'...

Cheers, chays -

Baldrick

### • Your letters (continued from page 2)

## Room for a complimentary regime for the whole of Camp

AS a Councillor who has been a critic of FLH it is no wonder that I should pick up the majority of flack.

As someone who has lived in this area for 11 years I have seen the changes. You often hear people say the future is in our children; Goose Green eleven years ago had two teachers, Andy Clarke and Alison Hutton, plus helpers from the community who took turns helping look after all the children. Today there are three children, with the settlement teacher committed to radio lessons to make this location viable. In this time two hundred people have left the four FIC/FLH farms and yet people still associate subdivision with depopulation.

Since FLH (not 5 years) there has been constant turn over even in the top jobs, 4 shepherd bosses at Goose Green, 3 assistant managers at North Ann.

The ageing workforce and short tenism of young single workers is highlighted in the electoral register. North Ann has one third senior citizens, another percentage of the workforce is in its last 10 years. Two of the remaining few young couples have left this farm recently within two months of each other. I am not an ageist but these facts speak for themselves. On top of this, councillors

past and present have been lobbied to make it easier to bring in labour. This is contrary to what happens in Stanley, where OAPs have to retire and Islanders get priority on opportunities.

Andrew Gurr has put a lot of work and energy into the future of FLH. A lot of it however is speculative. I have put my efforts into a complimentary regime for the whole of Camp. In FLH I believe there is room for both initiatives. Selling a proportion of FLH would take the continuous pressure for change of FLH and the two strategies could be compared by the next council in say 5 years. If the Chief Executive's plans thrive, most of my arguments about human resources become null and void.

As for representing Camp, there is a problem. It is true I don't get around enough. A greater commitment of time and I would never be at home. I do meet and speak to people from the FLH farms, as I have Bill in the Goose Green store at the beginning of this year. I was the only camp councillor to attend a public meeting prior to Farmers Week. Many campers attended. I also went to Fox Bay in a demonstration of my commitment to camp. I do spend many hours on the phone, and am more than happy to phone people back. I am not

dietatorial and try to explain my views and welcome constructive discussion.

I am sure some of the FLH employees feel insecure but with the rural development plan of FIDC and some of the Chief Executive's

## Make sure of prizes for winners

THE time of year is fast approaching when we have the Stanley Sports. I wonder have the SSA managed to get all the prizes sorted out for their forthcoming meeting. I ask this question as having won the Maiden Plate last year I am still not in receipt of a plate/cup to show as a record of that win (I know I am not alone in missing prizes from the last meeting). With

plans like £1,000,000.00 of fencing and tree planting to name two, FLH can look to the future from within instead of these opportunities being contracted out.

Richard Stevens  
Port Sussex Farm

this in mind would it not be a good idea for the SSA to display the prizes prior to the meeting for all to see. This used to be achieved in the past and was admired by many. I find it deceptive for a programme to state what prizes are to be given when some of them do not materialise.

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## Stanley Body Repairs Lookout Industrial Estate

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## As I see it by Gail Steen

### Stress relieving executive toys in three personalities

I HAD picked up a bug somewhere and was feeling a bit low; my inspiration was sadly undercharged and my whinging in overdrive. Taking myself off to the bath for a soak (in something the blurb on the packet suggested would bring me out in a sun drenched field surrounded by white horses and handsome men) I quietly contemplated my toes.

I didn't get fields, horses or handsome men, but the potency of the water had an electrifying effect on my brain cells; and as things come to you, as they do at inopportune times, suddenly my creative area woke up, and yelling for paper and pencil (he thought I was making my last will and testament), this month's column was hatched.

On reading the 1995 edition of the F.I. Journal. I was, as always, greatly impressed with the content. In my school days the history of Britain and the world was thrust upon us budding citizens with vigour, which was all very necessary. Not so the local history, which was scanty to say the least. How sad that only now am I learning the history of my own country at an age when I should know more than I do. Now, we can all enjoy our history through the heightened awareness of its value in the Education Department and because of the many dedicated people who have, and still are, researching and writing it down in articles and books. The work of people like Jane Cameron (Archivist), John Smith (Museum Curator), the FI Journal team and contributors. Not forgetting the people who kept journals and wrote letters all those years ago, which make it all possible.

I enjoyed the article by David Tatham 'In Search of Antonina'. I too have long been fascinated by her and the life she led. These 'sightings' merely serve to make me want to see more. They evoke images and when you visit the old places, if you stop and reflect awhile, those old spirits reach out across the years.

Since the first edition of the Journal there have been many articles on successive Governors. An insight into the many; quirky, brilliant, cantankerous, or even able men who have graced our islands for their allotted span. I hope when Governor David Tatham departs these shores that he continues to contribute his excellent articles to the Journal. He and his wife Valerie will be missed by many people in the islands. And I wonder what historians will pen about him and his time in the islands? I predict it will not be as one of the lesser breed, but as one of the best.

One of the best, also was FIODA's production of the 'Mikado'. I suppose I qualify as one of those damnable people on Ko-

Ko's list who 'would not be missed' (about time I got my due recognition), and while that is probably true with regard to me and those other illustrious persons, it certainly cannot be said about Norman Black. He has produced and directed many excellent productions over his time in the islands. You know, I think this is a good time to propose a traditional Falkland toast - So, 'Cheers Chay' to David and Valerie Tatham, to Norman and Janice Black and all those other people who contribute to our colourful history. 'You will be a hard act to follow.'

Well, if I carry on like this you'll think all that bath water softened my prickly bits!

There is one species of lesser breed that we could, do without. They stalk the town under the cover of darkness. They skulk, in cowardly groups. They perform their dastardly deeds, seldom getting caught and portraying all the attributes accredited to Neanderthal man or woman; of limited intelligence, and conscience. Who could qualify? I hear you ask? No, it's not any of those that spring immediately into your unforgiving minds. It's that other imbecile - the vandal!

Their retentive capabilities mean that by the next day they can't remember what they've done, and imagine they were in by the fireside wearing their 'I Love Bambi' fluffy slippers, supping cocoa and dunking choccie biscuits. They kick in people's fence battens, break windows, reduce the wooden seats in public places to kit form, break off vehicle aerials and wing mirrors, urinate on street corners, punch each other as a token of their affection, and probably bay at the moon. It's quite ironic that their ilk probably coined the phrase 'Shit for brains'!! Although in these days of politically correct speak, perhaps we should mildly refer to them as, 'Downwardly mobile, mentally challenged persons'.

About as challenged as I am to trust myself to the safety of the perceived pedestrian crossing on Ross Road. I, and I bet no self respecting feathered sea-going bird, would risk feather, flipper (wing) or even limb to such a travesty of the real thing. Even if it does seem to favour penguins! Come on guys, you need to be airborne to even see it these days and then it would only resemble that grey area we all refer to when in a jam.

Now we all know it's not as intended, no warning to drivers or proper road markings. But the point is some people believe it's safe to use. Not so, you do so at your own risk. I've been reliably informed from a very helpful, and I have to say attractive, (maybe there was something in that bath water) police source, that in fact,

although the legislation is now in place, it will not be deemed a pedestrian crossing until it is set out properly and designated as such. So there you have it - ignore it, it's an illusion. You know it's years since the horse and cart trundled the streets of Stanley but if this wasn't a classic example of the cart before the horse, I don't know what is.

Or maybe I do. I read the report by Andrew Gurr on the future of FLH with great interest. I imagined great things to come. Diversification with the security of FLH behind you, with what I interpreted as a willingness to explore different options on buying, leasing and share farming, which would provide much of the incentive needed for change. I thought that if the report was implemented, and it seemed so good why would it not, that FLH would soon be inundated with many proposals and ideas from people keen to really get things going.

What happened? Did anybody actually read that report? I presume they did, so how have Exco Councillors arrived at such an unpopular decision? Or have they some grand plan we are not privy to? Cllrs. Teggart, Check and Stevens will probably not appreciate the advice but I suggest they get back to the drawing board (Council Chamber). No decision has ever been made that cannot be unmade. Find out what people

really want. Do not impose your own idealised perceptions of rural existence on people who live in the reality. The exception to that being Cllr. Stevens, who should have no illusions about the realities for farmers of today. And who, like it or not, must have a vested interest in the sale of part of the land whether he voted or not. With FLH support, farmers could venture into the realm of diversification with confidence. We already know what does not lead us into agricultural diversification; in five years all chance for change will be lost and you really will be able to go out into the wilderness. Do we really want our epitaph to be 'They were just wool gatherers'? We will never be self supporting in all we could be if you sell off and proceed in the style of yesteryear. Yes, we know how proud the good old sheep has done us, but you do not need to imitate their woolly headed Baaah! Baa!

By the way, did you hear of the opening on the Christmas Gifts Market for home-made stress relieving executive toys? Market research reveals the ones resembling certain local personalities or even sheep are sure to be the most popular. However a tip from the top before you rush to your work table, use best quality FI wool and strongest Velcro to attach limbs. Forecasted usage is expected to be extremely high! I know which one....or three....I'll order!!



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## Fisheries Report by Sheila Stewart, Argos Ltd

FRIDAY morning saw several Argos Ltd joint venture vessels in Port William and considering the relatively short journey it was decided that I should go and take the opportunity to have a look around the factory decks to try and get an understanding of the working practices carried out aboard fishing vessels. (The excellent food and splendid wines were for me an added incentive).

After a ten minute launch journey on the *Frank Wilde* we arrived at our first vessel, a side had been opened so the rope ladder up the side was considerably shorter than I had expected.

I was taken on a guided tour of the factory deck and, having seen pictures and having heard detailed descriptions I thought I was prepared for the sights that awaited me. Having never felt claustrophobic before in my life I was shocked when first entering the factory deck at the amount of machinery in such a relatively small area. Trying to imagine 16 or 18 people working in the factory together with all the machines working was a horrifying thought and I made sure my hands stayed close to my side despite the fact that nothing was actually up and running at the time.

I also took the opportunity to have a look at the trawl doors and Adam explained the practices carried out when "shooting" and "hauling" the nets. At the time about a dozen crewmen are on deck doing a very hazardous job. Two or three times a year there are cases of seamen being washed overboard various vessels when shooting/hauling and unfortunately they are rarely recovered alive. Twice this year fishermen have been washed overboard although in both cases they were successfully retrieved due to the fact that they were wearing life jackets. Wearing life-jackets on deck is of the utmost importance although on many vessels this practice has not yet been adopted.

A larger trawler was tied up alongside and it was thought a good idea if we climb over so that I could have a look at a larger factory. The climb from one vessel to another was an experience not to be missed (!!) and although I found the factory much larger and slightly more spacious than the first it did nothing to change my opinion. I can only hold respect for the average "marinero" who spends weeks or in most cases months at sea working long hours in the factory deck. I was surprised

when first learning that the age of retiring for Spanish Seamen is 55 although I am now surprised that they actually manage that long! As an example of how long the seamen can sometimes expect to be at sea the fishing master of the larger vessel came to the Falklands at the start of July, returning to Spain at the end of September and 10 days later was on another vessel steaming back to the Falklands. He will not see his family again until the end of May '96.

We then had to climb back over to our first vessel where we were invited to stay for lunch before moving on to the next vessel.

When mooring at our second vessel we realised that there was no opening in the side of the vessel

and the rope ladder up the side of the vessel was huge. Taking the easy way out we decided to board the vessel tied to her side (which had an opening on the side) and climb yet again from one vessel to another. Climbing from one vessel to another seemed to get worse each time and a gap of about one foot terrified me; maybe the large rope ladder up the side wasn't so bad after all. Perhaps if like Adam I had long legs and a lot less bulk, jumping from one vessel to another would be as easy as he made it look.

The only mitigating factor in living on the boats that I could see was the delicious food and amazing wine. Despite this it takes a special kind of person to want this kind of life and that person is not me!

## Christmas messages

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If you would like to include a Christmas message in *Penguin News* for either the December 13 or December 20 issues, please phone, fax or drop your message into the office.

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### PERSONAL

**Mally Spinks** would like to thank family and friends for the support shown to her during her recent bereavement

**To Nicholas**  
**Happy 1st birthday**  
Lots of love, mum, dad, gran, Gabi and Sheena

**Happy birthday to my baby soldier.** Lots of hugs and kisses, Gabi

**Happy birthday to the little hooligan** who is 1 year old today - he has to go. Lots of love Auntie Sheena

**To Nicky Roberts** - happy birthday little man. Lots of love from gran and auntie Elsie

### VACANCY

Byron Marine Ltd have a vacancy for a clerk/secretary with the position becoming vacant from the New Year. Applicants should have good typing ability, preferably with experience of a number of computer applications, especially word processing, database and accounts packages. The work is varied and includes the preparation of voyage documents for the coastal shipping service, general office duties and some accounting responsibility. The salary for the post will be between £9,000 and £10,500 per annum depending upon the experience and ability of the successful candidate. For further details of the post, contact the Managing Director on tel: 22245 during office hours. Applications, which should include a CV detailing previous employment, should be submitted in writing to the Byron Marine office no later than Friday 15th December 1995.

### NOTICES

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## FIDF Rifle association

26th November

THE Onyx Box was shot for in, at times, heavy rain. Results were: K Aldridge 96, S Smith 93, G Goodwin 93, C Harris 91.7, T McCallum 91

3rd December

FIRST try in the Try Again Series and December Spoons shot over 300, 500 and 600 yards. Score: K Aldridge 96, M Pole-Evans 95, J MacDonald 94.8, D Pettersson 93.8, G Cheek 92. Spoons won by Mike Pole-Evans and John MacDonald.

The Stanley cup will be held on Friday 8th December commencing at midday.

### Leisure Centre

Opening time for Fri 8th Dec  
Battle Day

Pool: 2.30-5.00 Public  
5.00-6.00 Adults  
Gym/Courts: 2.00-7.00 Public

## Cape Pembroke ½ Marathon Sat 9th December

Start and check-in times:

**Walkers** - check-in at the Totem Pole at 8.25am. Start 8.30am

**Runners** - check-in at Stanley Leisure Centre 9-9.30am. Start 10am at the Totem Pole

**Finish** - 11am-12.30pm Victory Green

**Prize giving** - 12.30pm Stanley Leisure Centre.

## Auction Bridge

RESULTS for 29th November were:

1st: S Smith & M Murphy

2nd: Miss L Vidal & D Roberts

**Booby:** Mrs E Vidal & Mrs D Clarke

The next card evening will be the Pre-Xmas one, on Wednesday 13th December. An enjoyable evening is envisaged. If you haven't been to one of these evenings, you should ask one of the regulars about it.



## GIFT SHOP

NEXT STOP.....  
THE GIFT SHOP  
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To make your life easier, the Gift Shop will be open **ALL DAY** from **10am till 6pm** starting on Monday 11th December.

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**Don't forget, as from 11th December till Christmas the GIFT SHOP will be open from 10am till 6pm**

## Postscript from the Tabernacle

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men. Luke 2 v 14  
AS we hear of wars, persecution and suffering in so many parts of the world, we may well ask what has happened to that message of the angels two thousand years ago. Was it just wishful thinking, or abject failure on God's part?

The peace talked about refers, not to the relationship between man and man, but between God

and man. While man lives his life as though God does not exist, pleasing himself and doing what he thinks is right, he has no hope. He is at war with the perfect and sinless God who made him. In sending his son, Jesus Christ, that first Christmas, God was providing the means of reconciliation between Himself and man, and through His goodwill man has a way of finding the true peace that comes from being right with God.



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### Trial by Jury for rifleman

RIFLEMAN Ian Corcoran of the Royal Green Jackets appeared before Senior Magistrate, Andrew Jones on Tuesday December 12. It was decided that the case against Mr Corcoran, who faces a charge of rape, would be dealt with in a trial by jury on January 12 1996. Chief Justice Sir Renn Davis will be in attendance at this trial.

### 727 getting closer

FIC SOURCES confirmed that the Boeing 727, which will be used by Aerovias DAP on its Santiago/Punta Arenas/Stanley service was due to arrive in Santiago on Tuesday, December 12 and said they were awaiting the next bulletin from DAP before going firm on the date for the first inaugural flight.

Except to say that it was drawing ever closer, the spokesman would not speculate as to when this would be, as there remained a certain amount of paperwork to be completed after the plane's arrival in Santiago before it would be allowed to land at MPA.

### The sheepish view



### Remembering 1765



ON Battle Day, December 8, the Governor Mr David Tatham formally handed a plaque over to Mr John Smith and Mrs Joan Spruce of the Falkland Museum and National Trust.

The plaque is to be erected in the original British settlement at Port Egmont on Saunders Island. It commemorates the founding of the settlement in 1765 by

Commodore Byron and embodies the words of the celebrated lead plaque which was left behind affirming British sovereignty in 1774.

The plaque was made in England by the Royal Label Factory, and paid for by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

(Photo: Norman Clark)

### Help Emma get on her bike for charity

SCIENTIST Emma Hatfield, who many may remember from her time spent in the Falklands and her talks on squid has committed herself to cycling across Israel, from the Mediterranean to the southern Dead Sea, via the Sea of Galilee, in March 1996.

The reason for this mammoth journey is to raise money for the charity "Scope" (formerly "The Spastics Society").

The charity campaigns for and helps people with cerebral palsy which is an incurable, though not necessarily unconquerable, condition. The money she raises will finance a variety of projects, from buying special cutlery to paying for children to attend

courses at the Peto Centre in London to enable them to learn some control over their bodies.

Emma must raise £1500 by February 1996 or she cannot take part. If you wish to help her help others, then please send cheques made payable to "Scope", to Emma Hatfield, 5 Fulbourn Manor, Manor Walk, Fulbourn, Cambridge, CB1 5BN. Also (so that Emma has a record of your donation) include a note with the words, I/We ..... enclose the sum of £... as my/our contribution to the minimum sponsorship of £1500 required by Emma Hatfield to enable her to cycle across Israel in March 1996 to raise money for the charity "Scope".

### Beef offers farmers an opportunity says expert

FALKLANDS beef could ultimately represent better value and quality than its British equivalent, though it might become more expensive for the Falklands buyer, according to beef specialist, Michael Gibson who recently spent two weeks in the Falklands at the invitation of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation.

Mr Gibson, who described his visit as a data collecting exercise will be making recommendations to FIG regarding cattle farming in the Falklands. During his visit, he consulted with farmers, Agricultural scientists, councillors, the Naafi Manager and a representative of Kelvin International at Mount Pleasant.

Included in Mr Gibson's report will be recommendations regarding possible problems farmers may encounter, how beef could be made profitable, new cattle blood lines (such as Highland/Galloway, and possibly Welsh black crossed with Shorthorn) and suggestions for financial help for farmers intending to diversify into cattle production.

During an interview with *Penguin News*, Mr Gibson said that many of the farmers did not envisage cattle farming as profitable, however he himself felt that it was an important window of opportunity with the abattoir as an incentive. It was obvious, he said that the demand for beef amongst the local population was not being met (not including the demand from Mount Pleasant).

In answer to a question regarding mixed grazing (sheep/cattle) he said that this could be beneficial. Cattle he described as removing a lot of the top dead grass, due to a different grazing motion to sheep.

On the whole, he felt that pasture improvement could help the quality of any future cattle production, but did not see this as a difficulty considering pasture cultivation had worked in the past.

## Select Committee Report on Constitution inside

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WHENEVER I am tempted to complain about the weather after a dismal weekend such as we have just endured, I recall two years of my life spent in a country where the sun came up at 6.25 each morning and went down at 6.25 each night and where the temperature, year round, day and night, rain or shine, seemed always to be 93°F. There, on the odd occasions, when the usual remedies of ice-cold beer and frequent dunkings in the ocean no longer seemed to have any effect, I used to lie in my hammock under a palm tree, dreaming of cold winds bringing horizontal rain, and longing for some seasonal change.

The signs of the passing of the seasons in the Falklands may be less flamboyant than elsewhere - the ripening of the diddle-dee berries in Autumn does not quite compete in splendour with the North American forests in the 'Fall' - but they are there and none the less significant for occasionally being harder to spot, though no-one could overlook or fail to be impressed by the din and bustle of a seal or penguin colony at mating time.

In Stanley, the most obvious signs of summer are evident in the older generation, who being reared in Camp for the most part, have already put in half a day's work in the garden by the time most of us are up at this time of year. (If anyone doubts the truth of this, try driving round Stanley at 5.30 on the next fine morning - there'll be more people about than you would expect, but if you spot anyone under the age of sixty, he or she probably works nights and is just going home.)

From our waterfront window at *Penguin News*, we are able to watch yet another seasonal manifestation in the shape of red-coated and life-jacketed tourists scrambling eagerly up the steps of the Government Jetty, like rockhoppers returning to their cliff-top nests. For some reason, public opinion about tourism in the Falklands is often negative and dismissive. This is unfortunate and short-sighted. The recent FIDC Review shows that Falklands tourism is beginning to pay its way in money terms, but it also brings other potential benefits, which could be even more significant. As our story from Honolulu shows (page 3), the Falklands' sovereignty issue can pop up in surprising places, where we may have no defence against mis-information except, perhaps, in the person of the tourist, whom yesterday we cursed for blocking our way down Ross Road. So, smile, wave, be tolerant and helpful; he or she could be our next ambassador in Chicago, Osaka, Bonn or wherever!

## ●Your Letters

### Tourists in our own home

I WOULD like your Newspaper to give the Falkland Island people now living in other countries some answers to the following and would like to ask who put these laws in place:

- Why do ex Falkland Island people (born in the Falkland Islands) have to pay tourist rates?

- When did this become law?

- Who was responsible for this becoming law?

- If the above is true, I wonder when we will also be removed from the Government Department of Births and when you will withdraw our right to hold a Falkland Islands passport?

My parents came home (if I may still call it that) to the Falkland Islands a few years ago and when Dad (Doug Clifton) told me

that he and Mum had to pay tourist prices rather than local prices I was shocked and have since heard many times that this is the case.

Our reasons for spending a large sum of money to visit 'home' rather than other parts of the world is always to visit our family.

In Croatia, where I have been living for the past number of years, they have different rates for tourists and Croatians (Croatians being anyone born in Croatia regardless of which country they are now living in) and their children (regardless of where they were born).

I look forward to hearing your comments

Linda Bilish (nee Clifton)

A proud Falkland Islander now living in Auckland, New Zealand

### Support and advice for beef production

HAVING listened to the phone in on F.I.B.S on Monday 4th December and having no phone to make my call; I have decided to voice my opinion in P.News. I feel a main point was missed or overlooked. I hope that any cattle due for the abattoir, will not be hard driven, not even for 15 minutes prior to disposal. To obtain the best from the meat, the animals must remain in the very near vicinity for at least 5-7 days; then only walked at a leisurely pace, to their final destination.

Age to be not more than 3½ is not a necessity, cattle up to 6 years

are excellent beef. For grazing on grass an animal full mouthful of teeth are only completed when 5 year old. However, treated with respect, and I mean as stated above, the piece on your plate will be worth eating, and tasty.

Whilst I was a shepherd on Darwin Farm, and in the course of my duties, I always had nice eating beef, regardless of age. At the same time have driven cattle at speed, resulting, sharpen your teeth prior to eating. I support the project.

J.S.Smith  
Stanley

### For parents of children in camp, now, in the past and future

PROPOSALS have been made to Camp Education Managers for possible alternative development in the future. A copy should reach parents with the current minutes of the last meeting.

As a mother and Grandmother myself, I would not even consider "sending young children away from home to Stanley" as was stated, was the reaction of the Managers, of their "feelings" about what families would prefer.

Short visits, starting with a duration of one week at the age of eight years, to the nearest settlement school, if these were opened, is a very different matter.

In the care of a trained houseparent (initially on contract, until local people are also trained), they would have the advantage of learning together, regularly, and be able to take advantage of other joint activities.

With the same teacher providing radio/telephone lessons for the

remainder of time at home, more continuity would be possible. Small country schools in U.K. provide an excellent service. An advisor paying regular visits would co-ordinate settlement schools, as well as visiting children below the age of eight, at home, identifying and catching problems as soon as possible.

It has been clearly established that the early years education is important, but sadly this age group has little status.

Life in camp is hard work; there are advantages and disadvantages - but how important is education?

How much time have many mothers to do all they would like to do - given the patience and experience? These lucky parents who have time have no problems.

The democratic decision is yours, to make known, to F.I.G.

M Wiskow  
Stanley

## Write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley Falkland Islands

### A balanced approach for FLH

THE Current Position: Sadly Mr Gurr prepared three visionary reports about Government owned trees, a future timber industry, thatched cottages and even ostriches. But failed to analyse the current position. No where in his report is there an attempt to analyse Landholdings most vital asset. The Falkland families who work on 800,000 acres of FLH land.

For the past thirty years or more, there has been an inevitable drift of population from Camp to Stanley, to securer and better paid employment and prospects.

After 1982, development in Stanley, Fisheries and more Government employment, has widened the gulf of poor wages and conditions for FLH employees.

In the rest of Camp owner-occupied farms, have put a floor under camp population. Falkland families have a real stake in their own future and country. They are overcoming the worst recession in wool income since the 1930's and the worst winter for 95 years. Investing in their futures and repaying capital costs and mortgages. Innovation and diversification abounds under individual management.

Mr Gurr's three reports were unhappily divisive and have led to extreme views being expressed. They were divisive because:

1) He did not present any survey or demographic study of FLH's management and employees and recruitment prospects, by age and skills.

2) He did not report that Falkland Island management and employees at Landholdings consisted partly of those who wanted to secure for themselves a decent job at FLH with good pay and conditions and partly of those who wanted the opportunity of owning their own farms and homes.

In the last two days we have been advised that at least thirteen FLH management and employees are interested in buying their own farms, for their own and their families futures.

3) He reported visiting three farms twice, but presumably not Walker Creek.

4) He did not mention that a number of highly motivated families in Stanley and Camp wanted to buy a farm. Nor of the benefits of remodelling or expanding existing farms.

5) He failed to report that Landholdings Management is attempting to meet increasing shortages of labour with Chileans and by doubling the number of GAP students.

6) He did not analyse the continuing depletion of FLH's permanent Falkland islands employees as they retire or are attracted to Stanley.

#### The Balanced Approach

There are 800,000 acres of FLH land in need of a great deal of work, fencing and improvement.

A balanced approach should take full account of those members of FLH management and employees who want to work until they retire at Landholdings. An optimum amount of land which can be fully fenced, improved and developed could be retained by FLH. There might be an experimental or model farm. Management, labour and land should be balanced. Scrambling to hold onto every inch of 800,000 acres will only create division and insecurity.

The land released could secure homes and farms for Falkland Islanders and their families, especially Landholdings employees, none of whom should be disregarded.

The right of public access to all the most important sites for recreation and enjoyment could be balanced by a legislated country code protecting landowners rights. Certain areas of Landholdings such as Bull Point could be made into public open space or a nature reserve. Public access does not require state control of 800,000 acres.

A balanced report from the onset, would have allayed the understandable fears of FLH employees whilst releasing land to Falkland families, put a floor under camp population, ensured development and protected public access.

Colin Smith  
Yorkshire

### Negative vibes from the Islands

READING Councillor Stevens recent submission to *Penguin News* readers outside the islands must pick up three very strong vibes:

1. Although everyone is ageing at the same rate (strange but true) you must not do this on a Falklands Landholdings Farm. Is he suggesting a policy of "sell off all farms with ageing owners"? Older members society have an important role in educating those younger than themselves through their own experiences.

2. Not enough time for constituents - the days are still the same length as when you put yourself forward for election. As your farm has not yet increased in size has your farm work?

3. Do not try emigrating to the Falklands; we do not want you, instead we must breed our own. What a dreadful perception after the sacrifices made for us in 1982. Get a grip councillor and tough down in the REAL WORLD

Clive Newman  
Stanley.

### It's big enough for everybody

As a supporter of Motorcycling in the Falklands I do not agree with Cllr Sharon Halfords views about the Stanley Common in last weeks *Penguin News*, "Youngsters are still driving".

I went to school and was brought up in Stanley. I, like some others, was fortunate at the age of 12 to buy my first motorcycle. As youngsters on a week-end or school holidays we would take our bikes on the common at the back of Davis Street and drive off for the day to various locations around Stanley like the Murrel, Mullet Creek, Yorke Bay, Gypsy Cove, Lighthouse etc. The list goes on, however, we always had the

choice; we didn't need a specific area as suggested.

What is the problem now Cllr Halford? Are you saying that teenagers should not drive on the common to pursue their interest/hobby, and enjoy the freedom we had.

How would you or your children feel if it was suggested that they could only ride horses in a specific area the size of a football pitch? Boring Eh! I think the Stanley Common is big enough for all interests be it motorbikes, horseriders, whatever your outdoor pursuits. Let's keep it that way.

Neil Rowlands  
Stanley

## Our Man in Honolulu

ONE might have thought that from the perspective of Hawaii, our concerns in the South Atlantic would seem remote and of less interest than the state of the Pacific Ocean surf, but maybe this might be a false judgement.

On October 2, the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* in its editorial column, ran an article entitled *The Falklands Dispute*, which greeted the course of his first ever visit to the Falklands and turned out to be Earle Partington, a Californian by birth and now a senior partner in a Honolulu law practice, who, by chance, had made a study of the Argentine/British sovereignty dispute in the course of writing a doctoral thesis on such matters.

Earle will be writing an article on the Falklands on his return to Honolulu and has promised to send us a copy, so watch this space for more from 'Our Man in Honolulu'.



Earle admires the Governor's very British taxi on Battle Day.

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# A project without end

AN IDEA born among a small group of ladies in Stanley in June 1993 has now grown into an on-going project, which has brought together people from all sectors of our population: civilian, military, Stanley, Camp, expatriate, local, resident and non-resident, in a unique celebration of the natural beauty and heritage of these islands.

The project, to provide decorative kneelers for the Cathedral, was the brainchild originally of Valerie Tatham, Jenny Cox and Jean Diggle, with Angela Lee coming in soon afterwards to provide much hard work and practical expertise.

The first kits were distributed to volunteer stitchers on October 21 and the project has now grown to the extent that on December 3, at Evensong in Christchurch Cathedral, Stanley, Canon Stephen Palmer carried out the dedication of the fourth batch to be completed. The total to date is thirty-seven, with another twenty-seven currently known to be in various stages of design and stitching.

Much research and work went into designing the kneelers and the kits from which they are made. Volunteers are sent all that they require by way of specially marked canvas, selected wools of the right colour, and a stitch pattern for the border, which features the cross of



The 37 kneelers completed to date

Canterbury. The centre panel, within the border around what will be the top of the kneeler, is left blank for the stitcher's own design.

Subjects for these panels may be based either on the Cathedral itself - and many have picked out motifs which appear on choirstalls, screens and windows - or any aspect of the life, history and culture of the Islands.

In some of the thirty-seven kneelers so far complete, the design for the decorative panel has been prepared for the stitcher by someone else - Tim Simpson has

been particularly active in this area, and in others the stitcher has taken control of the whole work, but nearly all represent some aspect of the stitcher's own life; hence we have the Goose Green Social Club in which she was married featured in a kneeler by Phyllis Jaffray, a shearer by Sharon Marsh and the FIDF badge by Trudi Clarke. The Grytviiken Church features in a panel done by Sarah Lurecock, who actually completed the stitching in the church itself, as did Sister Bridie, who chose St Mary's as her subject. Recent additions have included depictions of two Camp

settlements; Port Stephens, designed by Nikki Buxton from a photograph by Anne Robertson, who also did the stitching and Lively Island stitched by Joan Morrison and designed by Angela Lee. To Angela also falls the considerable burden of constructing each kneeler after the stitching is completed - an average of seven hours being required for each one.

A handsome leather-bound register, presented by Des King, is to be kept in the Cathedral, in which the details of the designs and people involved in this 'project without end' will be recorded.

## Servicemen carry out census on Pebble and Saunders

THE Royal Air Force ornithological Society (RAFOS) has recently completed a detailed bird survey during an expedition to both Pebble Island and Saunders Island.

One team of 6, lead by Squadron Leader Nick Smith, covered the 163 square kilometres of Pebble Island, they stayed between 29 November to 9 December. The other team of 5 lead by Squadron Leader Tony Marter, covered the 179 square kilometres of the more mountainous Saunders Island between 27 November to 12 December. RAFOS had been asked by Mr Mike Bingham of Falklands Conservation, to carry out counts of all Gentoo, Rockhopper and King Penguin colonies; in addition, Mr Robin Woods had asked that the survey work be carried out of all areas of wetland, ponds and wildfowl. All results will now be collated, together with a generalised vegetation survey, and will be passed to the two sponsors of the scientific areas, RAFOS will also be producing a report in its RAFOS

journal.

During the course of approximately 1000 man hours of field-work, the team on Pebble Island discovered several rare species of bird, notable were 3 Wilson's Phalaropes, 2 Hudsonian Godwits, 2 Coscoroba Swans, singles of White-winged coot and Cinerous Harrier and the highlight was a fine male Lake Duck, only the second sighting on the Falklands, the previous one being in 1917. On Saunders Island the team also counted all colonial nesting birds and discovered several colonies of penguins which were previously unknown.

The team will return to their respective RAF units on 13th and 20th December. One Army Warrant Officer represented RAFOS' sister organisation the Army ornithological Society. The teams have been most grateful for the hospitality and assistance of James McGhie and Jennifer Hill on Pebble Island and David and Susan Pole-Evans on Saunders Island.

## Over £900 raised by Guide's bazaar



Jackie(?) Cotter runs a stall at the successful Guides bazaar on Saturday 2 December

sport sport sport sport sport sport

## Lots of friendly matches in the spring netball league

THE Netball Club has had a busy and enjoyable spring season including some outside competition. A round robin tournament in September against the MPA team resulting in a victory for the MPA team has led on to return matches played at the MPA Sports Day and a tournament at Stanley Leisure Centre with H.M.S Westminster.

The spring league is now well underway and has proved to be a very relaxed season with lots of

friendly matches. However, there is quite a clear winner at the moment. Team B are leading by 6 points with 3 games left to play till the end of the league. Any new player who would like to give netball a try or have played before and would like to come back are very welcome to turn up to the Club on Tuesday nights 6-8pm. Anybody who turns up is guaranteed a game and all levels of skills/fitness welcome.

## Year six's final curtain

By David Harding-Price



WHICH would you choose, the CSE show or Year Six's playlets?

Year Six entertained a select band of guests to two effectively rehearsed and splendidly presented playlets. "Lady Dorothy and the Pirates" by Kylie Tennant and "Kitchen Conversation" by Rob Conway.

As Black Jack (Matthew Harding-Price) opened with "This makes two years, three months and eight days we've been shipwrecked on this island, at this point Scarface (Michael Poole) points out that they were there to find old Blood and Thunder's treasure. The story continues telling how the pirates are looking for treasure led by Captain Swordfish (Evan Jones), but are finally thwarted by the granddaughter (Sain Ferguson) of Blood and Thunder, who herself is after the treasure, with her crew, and has a map.

The youngsters put on a sterling performance with the young pirates showing their talents as thespians. However, the memorable moment of the playlet is when Captain Swordfish boldly declares "Move, and I'll blow your heads off" holding a sword in his hand he realises his error and rapidly adds "Oh no I can't this is a sword I'll cut your head off then" and prompted the biggest laugh.

In the end Lady Dorothy wins through, gets her map back, wins the duel with Swordfish putting him in his rightful place and tricks the pirates into a peaceful surren-

der.

Kitchen Conversation showed how interesting a kitchen sink (Marty Barnes) could be. The story revolves around a number of household items, holding a conversation in the kitchen. Their aim is to go on a holiday. Firstly they try to persuade a removal firm to take them away, but fail. Then when a burglar arrives to steal them they hope their dream has come true, but it is not to be.

Marty Barnes, as the Sink, delivered some magic lines with such anguish one almost felt sorry for kitchen sinks everywhere. He reminds us that "I've got rights too" when talking about the rubbish people push down the plug hole and "Who ever heard of a burglar taking the kitchen sink". Whilst when the Chair (Joanne Goodwin) points out that "The family have gone away on holiday" Sink says "And they didn't even take me with them..."

The costumes, all made by the youngsters, were magnificently descriptive. Crystal Ross as the telephone justifying her line of "Here I am caught up in all these wires" as the handset had to besid across the front of her costume so each piece of furniture could use it for the delivery of their next line.

As the furniture danced, to Saturday Night by Wigfield, the Director (Cindy Watts) showed that her talents extended beyond the production of the pieces, on to the dance floor.

### Public Statement General Manager FIDC

IN spite of a substantial number of applications for the post of General Manager in the Falkland Islands Development Corporation, we are not satisfied that the choice available on the short list is sufficient to justify any visits from candidates to the Islands at the time. Therefore we shall be re-advertising the position both locally and in the UK as soon as possible.

In view of this it seems likely that the new General Manager will not be appointed and take up his position by 1 January 1996 and Mike Summers has kindly offered to remain in post in order to fill at least part of what is likely to be a short gap. As soon as we arrive at a short list in this second process a further statement will be issued.

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Pageantry, farewells and records mark the Battle Day celebrations in Stanley

# December 8th Still the real National Day



Leading the parade from the Battle Monument on Friday



Drummers outside the Cathedral

PAGEANTRY there was in plenty, on Friday December 8th, for the celebration of the 81st Anniversary of the Battle of the Falklands, thanks to the presence in the Islands of the Band of the Royal Marines. The Royal Marines are holders of the Freedom of Stanley and the familiar sight of their gleaming white helmets added nostalgia to the thrill of their music. Besides playing for this parade and Beating the Retreat in the evening, the band, which includes at least one veteran of the 1982 Falklands War, has fulfilled an intensive schedule of engagements while in the Falklands. Concerts have been given to young and old and elements of the band have played in locations as different as the Cathedral, the Fox Bay Social Hall and the Victory Bar in Stanley.



Waiting for the fly-past



**RECORD BREAKERS:** Sergeant Paul Irwin (extreme left) and wife Rhoda, (née Felton) (extreme right) are not the first husband and wife team to march with the FIDF, but they are believed to be the first to wear 'blues' together on a ceremonial occasion. Rhoda definitely makes history for being the first woman ever to carry arms on parade with the FIDF and the first to wear trousers rather than a skirt with her dress uniform.

While this is a first for Rhoda and the FIDF, it is becoming a common-place event in Britain and Major Summers of FIDF, who evidently has sharper eyes than most of us, said that the HMS Westminster contingent at the December 8th parade and at the Cross of Sacrifice on Remembrance Sunday, contained one female naval rating wearing trousers and carrying arms.



RAF fly-past over the Battle Memorial



**FAREWELL** This was not only Mr and Mrs. Tatham's last December 8th in the Falklands, but also the last-but-one official duty for the red taxi, which has clocked up 25,000 miles in 26 years of ceremonial duties in the Falklands. On Wednesday it will take the Tathams to Stanley airport, then comes retirement, though Chauffeur Glenn Williams hopes it will be sent to Britain for restoration and might one day resume its duties.

## Christmas Messages

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To friends and relations, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from Ellen and Graham Middleton

To all my friends and relations, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, from Cyril Middleton, Southampton

To all relations and friends in the Islands, Merry Christmas and happy prosperous New Year from Maud and Charlie McKenzie.

Regards and best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and health and happiness in 1996 to Boyd, our son, our friends and everyone who remembers us. From Harold, Gwen, Daniella and Katie Watson

Merry Christmas and all my love to Nanny and Grandad Riddell, Uncle David, Great Granny Robinson and Great Nanny and Grandad McKay in England, from Jacob

Christmas and New Year greetings to all relations and friends in camp and Stanley. Also friends in various other countries, especially New Zealand, Stan Smith

To all relations and friends, Christmas and New Year greetings from Freda, 35 Ross Road West

To all our friends and relations, best wishes for Christmas and a happy New Year, from Ronnie and Doreen

Rhoda and Arthur will not be sending Christmas cards. We wish all our relations and friends a Happy Christmas and New Year.

To Sally, Peter and Pippa, Happy Christmas and best wishes for 1996 love Marilyn Keith and Eddie

To all our family and friends, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from Joan and Trevor

Wishing a peaceful and happy time, with warmest thoughts to all at Christmas and throughout the New Year, Doris Brown

I would like to wish all relations and friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, love from Thora, North Arm

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# Review of the Constitution

(At the last session of Legislative Council on Friday November 24, 1995, it was decided to postpone debate on the Draft Report of the Select Committee on the Review of the Constitution for a period of three months, to allow further opportunity for the public to comment on its recommendations.

At the request of Legislative Council, we have printed the Report in its entirety. The text remains as in the original document, though we have added some sub-titles, in parentheses, as a guide to the reader. We have also included some paragraphs from Mr Walter Wallace's paper, which are referred to, but not explained, in the Select Committee's Report.)



Penguin News Supplement

This Draft Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the Review of the Constitution was presented to the President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council of the Falkland Islands, on Friday November 24, 1995, by the Hon John Cheek, Chairman of the Select Committee.

## Introductory

### (TERMS OF REFERENCE)

1. On 28th May 1994, the Legislative Council resolved, on the motion of the Honourable J E Cheek, to establish a Select Committee consisting of all elected members of the Legislative Council, to be known as the Select Committee on the Review of the Constitution, and having the following terms of reference-

"1. To consider whether, and if so what, changes should be made to the Constitution of the Falkland Islands;

2. For that purpose-

(a) to invite and consider written, and if the Committee sees fit, oral representations on the subject from members of the public; and

(b) to seek and consider the advice and views of such officers of the Government as the Committee sees fit.

3. To submit its written Report to the Legislative Council within approximately twelve months from today with a view to any changes sought by the Legislative Council and agreed upon by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom being implemented in time for the next General Election".

### (TIMING)

We have not been able to submit our Report within approximately twelve months but this has been due to the need for us to consider fully the changes we should propose and the views of the public in relation to them. We hope nevertheless that the changes requested in subsequent paragraphs of this Report will be implemented in time for the next General Election.

### (METHODS)

The Select Committee has met in private on a number of occasions to discuss possible amendments to the Constitution (Schedule 1 to the Falkland Islands Constitution Order 1985). In October 1994 and on a number of occasions thereafter, the Committee issued invitations to members of the public to inform the Committee of any changes to the Constitution they considered desirable. While Members of the Select Committee themselves had in mind various possible changes to the Constitution, the Select Committee believed it would be useful if the Committee were to have the advice and assistance of the advice of a person experienced in matters relating to constitutions, constitutional change and political progress, including an increasing measure of self-government. Mr Walter Wallace, who had advised in relation to constitutional changes in the Turks and Caicos Islands and in the British Virgin Islands was recommended to the Committee and in December 1994, Mr Wallace was appointed to advise it.

3. Immediately after the appointment of Mr Wallace was announced, members of the public were invited to submit their views in writing to Mr Wallace or to seek an appointment with him during his proposed visit to the Falkland Islands. As is recorded in his Report to the Select Committee, during his visit to the Islands from 14 February to 16 March 1995, Mr Wallace received written submissions from six people and had discussions with 22 members of the public. The public was invited to attend a public meeting with Mr Wallace and members of the Select Committee to discuss constitutional change, and six members of the public did so.

4. Mr Wallace's report was received by the Committee in May 1995 which immediately published his Report. The Committee has met on a number of occasions to discuss the recommendations for constitutional changes made by Mr Wallace and its views on those recommendations, after taking into account views expressed by members of the public, are set out in the following paragraphs of this Report.

## Mr Wallace's recommendations

5. References in italicised paragraph numbers in subsequent paragraphs are to paragraphs of Mr Wallace's Report.

### (STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE AND EXCO)

6. In *paragraphs 2.1 - 2.4* Mr Wallace recommends that the basic system of government should remain unchanged. The Committee agrees. But we do not agree with his views as to the Standing Finance Committee because we do not see any need for there to be any change in the present practice whereby the Standing Finance Committee considers requests by the Executive Council for additional expenditure. We do not believe that this is in any way objectionable provided, as is the case, that *authorisation* for any additional expenditure is by way of appropriation legislation passed by the Legislative Council and the appropriation legislation is enacted before the expenditure is incurred. We are advised by the Attorney General that subject to that proviso and to the Standing Finance Committee acting entirely within its terms of reference, no breach of the Constitution is involved. We believe that the following points should be noted in relation to the consideration by the Standing Finance Committee of proposed expenditure-

(a) it enables elected members as a whole to indicate to the Executive whether expenditure proposals will receive majority support in the Legislative Council. We believe this to be essential in the absence of a political party system of government which can count on the support of the members of the governing party of the day. And, further, we believe that were Mr Wallace's recommendation to be accepted public officers and elected members' time would fruitlessly be wasted because proposals for expenditure, reflected in appropriation Bills, might be presented to the Legislative Council, and perhaps special meetings of that Council called, when there is little prospect of the expenditure being approved. In a parliamentary democracy, with a political party in power, in the Westminster system, failure of an appropriation measure to pass the legislature would be regarded as a "confidence matter" and usually result in the resignation of the government of the day. This is clearly not appropriate in a non-political party, non-Ministerial, form of government;

(b) it enables elected members to be given information related to the desirability of proposed expenditure which cannot be given in public in Legislative Council because making the information public might be prejudicial to the interests of the Falkland Islands Government (for example, details of the estimated costs of works provided for within an item which would inform a potential tenderer of the amount the Falkland Islands Government expects to have to pay); and

(c) it does not prevent public debate in the Legislative Council, when the requisite appropriation Bill is presented, in relation to the desirability of expenditure as to which there is a division of views between elected members of the Council. On the other hand, even if the Standing Finance Committee were to be abolished, there would hardly be debate in the Legislative Council as to the desirability of expenditure in relation to which elected members are entirely agreed.

7. Mr Wallace states in his summary of recommendations that he recommends in *paragraph 2.4* that the review of Executive Council decisions by the Standing Finance Committee should cease. Since the body of the Report only relates to consideration of proposals for expenditure by the Standing Finance Committee, we merely point out, as a matter of record, that the Standing Finance Committee does not review decisions of the Executive Council generally. We fully appreciate that if the Standing Finance Committee were to do that (which would be beyond its terms of reference in the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council) it would indeed be acting unconstitutionally.

### (GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE)

8. The General Purposes Committee (a committee of all of the members of the Legislative Council) is also mentioned in *paragraph 2.4*. This Committee would not, of course, at least with its present functions, be appropriate if there were to evolve a party political form of government in the Falkland Islands. For that reason we do not think it should be formally provided for in the Constitution. Mr Wallace does not, of course, propose that it should be, and regards the existence, and present functions, of the General Purposes Committee as unobjectionable. We agree.

### (POLITICAL PARTIES)

9. We agree with Mr Wallace (*see paragraph 2.5*) that there is no present sign of political parties emerging in the Falkland Islands and that minor, but extensive, amendments to the Constitution would be required if they were to eventuate.

### (SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCILLORS)

10. We further agree with Mr. Wallace's recommendation in *paragraph 2.5* that "constitutional certainty be given to what is largely the practice at present - viz., the association of individual members of the Legislative Council with responsibility for specific areas of the business of the government."

11. Mr Wallace in *paragraph 2.6* stresses that the constitutional responsibility of the relevant elected member would only be for the conduct of business in the Legislative Council relating to the relevant matter. This means that executive responsibility remains (in the words of section 50(2) of the Constitution) to be exercised "...by the Governor, either directly or through officers subordinate to him". Mr. Wallace is in effect suggesting a "half-way" house to a ministerial system and we agree with that proposal, since we do not believe that the Falkland Islands are yet ready to proceed to a ministerial system, nor do we think that full-time Councillors are yet justified, or indeed practicable. However, the "half-way house" proposal does have the inherent difficulty for the elected member that he is answerable to the Legislative Council (and may be called upon to answer questions in the Legislative Council) in relation to matters as to which he, constitutionally, has no power to direct and which may, indeed, have been done or omitted contrary to his wishes. We believe that the present Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Council (which permit questions to be addressed to an elected member in relation to a matter for which he is responsible, but permit him to redirect the question to an official member) make sensible provision for the elected member who finds himself in the difficulty we have mentioned.

### (POWERS OF GOVERNOR)

12. We agree with Mr. Wallace's recommendation (*paragraphs 3.1-3.4*) that the powers of the Governor should remain unchanged..

### (TERM OF OFFICE FOR EXCO ELECTED MEMBERS)

13. Mr. Wallace recommends (*paragraph 4.3*) that consideration should be given to electing Executive Council Members for a four year term so that-

"Elected members of the Executive Council would thus serve for the life of the Legislative Council unless removed by a resolution of the Legislative Council."

We have considered the matter carefully, but we believe that in a small society it is particularly odious to take action by public resolution to remove a person from office and we therefore do not wish a change in the present provision of the Constitution which provides for members of the Executive Council to be elected to serve for twelve months at a time.

### (VOTING IN EXCO)

14. In *paragraph 4.4* Mr Wallace criticises the convention that in Executive Council only elected members of the Executive Council vote on any matter on which a vote falls to be taken. We

very strongly disagree with Mr. Wallace on this point. The then Prime Minister of the United Kingdom at the time of the introduction of the Constitution informed the House of Commons that only elected members of the Executive Council could vote on any matter before Executive Council. That practice, which has never been departed from, has been reported to the United Nations on a number of occasions since then. We do not believe it can now be departed from and believe that the Constitution should be amended so as to reflect the long-standing practice, that is to say, so as expressly to exclude official members of the Executive Council voting on any matter coming before that Council.

### (INCREASED EXCO SIZE)

15. We support Mr Wallace's proposal in *paragraph 4.5* that the number of elected members of the Executive Council should be increased to five, with a minimum of two from each constituency and his proposal in *paragraph 4.6* that the quorum of Executive Council shall be four members, of whom at least three shall be elected members with one at least from each constituency.

### (TEMPORARY MEMBERS)

16. We agree (*paragraph 4.6*) that temporary members of the Executive Council should only be elected when requested by the Governor, but we believe that Mr Wallace may be unaware that there has been a standing request by Governors for temporary members of the Executive Council to be elected when a substantive member is likely to be absent. We agree that this might not so often be necessary with an increase in the number of elected members of the Executive Council.

### (LEGCO CONSTITUENCIES AND NUMBERS)

17. We do not endorse Mr Wallace's proposal (*paragraph 5.3*) that the present reference to the number of constituencies should be removed from the Constitution, and believe that, on the contrary, the present provisions of the Constitution providing for the Camp and Stanley constituencies should remain. We agree that the number of elected members of the Legislative Council should be increased from eight to eleven (*paragraph 5.4*) and that provision to that effect should be made by the Constitution. We differ somewhat from Mr. Wallace's proposals in *paragraph 5.5*. Our proposals are that the Constitution shall provide that three members at least shall be returned by each constituency and that the remaining five members shall be returned as shall from time be prescribed by Ordinance. We have in mind that initially it would be provided by Ordinance that four of these five members would be returned by the Stanley constituency and that the remaining member would be returned by the Camp constituency. An elector might vote for as many candidates as there are seats to be filled in respect of the constituency in which he votes, but he would not be obliged to exercise all of his votes. We support Mr Wallace's proposal (*paragraph 5.7*) that the Constitution should be amended so as to remove the requirement that a candidate who is otherwise qualified to stand for election must be registered as a voter in the constituency in which he seeks election. We agree that the quorum of the Legislative Council should be raised to seven members (including the person presiding if a member of the Council) (*paragraph 5.7*). We agree that provision should be made for an elected Speaker (*paragraphs 5.11 and 5.12*).

### (REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS)

18. We accept the proposals set out in *paragraphs 5.18 and 5.19*. We believe, however, that it is possible to improve upon the wording proposed by Mr. Wallace in *paragraph 5.20* for amendments to the Constitution. We believe it is also possible and desirable to avoid the clash, which would otherwise result from Mr Wallace's proposals, and which could cause confusion, between the terms "person belonging to the Falkland Islands" and persons "who have the status of a Falkland Islander" each of which, if his proposals were to be adopted, would exist in the amended Constitution. We propose as follows-

(a) Section 27 of the Constitution should be replaced by a



provision to the effect that a person is entitled to be registered as an elector if he is a person who has attained the age of 18 years and either-

(i) he enjoys Falkland Islands status; or

(ii) he is a Commonwealth citizen whose name appeared on the register of electors for a constituency in force on 31st December 1995,

and, in either case, he was resident in the Falkland Islands on the qualifying date<sup>2</sup> in relation to which his entitlement to be registered as an elector falls to be considered and had on that qualifying date been so resident for the qualifying period.

(b) section 17(5) of the Constitution should be replaced by a provision reading as follows (where the amendments to the existing section 17(5) appear in italics)-

"(5) For the purposes of the foregoing provisions of this Chapter a person shall be regarded as belonging to the Falkland Islands if he enjoys Falkland Islands status and a person enjoys such status if that person is-

(a) a citizen<sup>4</sup> who was born in the Falkland Islands; or

(b) a citizen who was born outside the Falkland Islands-

(i) whose father or mother was born in the Falkland Islands; or

(ii) who is domiciled<sup>5</sup> in the Falkland Islands and whose father or mother became, while resident in the Falkland Islands, a citizen by virtue of having been naturalised or registered as such or as a British subject or as a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies; or

(c) a citizen by virtue of having been so naturalised or registered while resident in the Falkland Islands; or

(d) a Commonwealth citizen who is domiciled in the Falkland Islands who either

(i) was ordinarily resident in the Falkland Islands for *the seven years immediately preceding 1st January 1996*<sup>6</sup>; or

(ii) *has been granted such status under the provisions of an Ordinance providing for the grant of that status to Commonwealth citizens who have been ordinarily resident in the Falkland Islands for a period of at least seven years and has not, in accordance with the provisions of that Ordinance, lost or been deprived of such status*<sup>7</sup>; or

(e) the spouse, widow or widower of such a person as is referred to in any of the preceding paragraphs of this subsection, and, in the case of a spouse, is not living apart from her husband or his wife, as the case may be, under a decree of a competent court or a deed of separation<sup>8</sup>; or

(f) under the age of eighteen years and is the child, stepchild or child adopted in a manner recognised by law, of such a person as is referred to in any of the preceding paragraphs of this subsection."

19. We accept the recommendations for amendments to the Constitution made in *paragraphs 5.21 and 5.22 and 6.3* of Mr Wallace's report. (\* See annex to this document for detail)

20. We reject the recommendations contained in *paragraph 6.4* of Mr Wallace's report. We believe the present provisions of the Constitution and of the Electoral Ordinance 1988 in relation to public officers standing for election to the Legislative Council are satisfactory.

21. The subject matter of *paragraph 7.2(a)* has been dealt with by our paragraph 16, which in effect, accepts the recommendation in question. We accept the recommendation contained in *paragraph*

*7(2)(b)*. This merely requires the replacement of one word in Legislative Council SR & O 18(3). We accept the recommendations contained in *paragraphs 7(d) and (e)*. We note the recommendation contained in *paragraph 7(2)(f)* and await notification of Foreign and Commonwealth Office Legal Adviser's views upon it.

## Conclusion

22. This Report sets out the consensus of elected members of the Legislative Council in relation to the subject matter referred to the Select Committee.

23. We present this Report to the Legislative Council and request that the Council should ask the Governor to forward a copy of it to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office with a view to the amendments to the Constitution agreed by elected members being made and brought into force before the next General Election of members of the Legislative Council, due in October or November 1997.

24. We wish to conclude by expressing our thanks to Mr Wallace for his Report which has greatly assisted us in considering what changes to the Constitution we should request and also to those members of the public who have spoken to or written to members of the Select Committee upon the subject. We have carefully considered all of the views they expressed.

## Foot notes

<sup>2</sup> "qualifying date" is at present 15th May in the year the register of electors for the time being in force was prepared (see Electoral Ordinance 1988).

<sup>3</sup> "qualifying period" is defined by the Electoral Ordinance 1988 and under it there are different qualifying periods depending on the circumstances of the person in question. Those provisions of that Ordinance may of course be amended by Ordinance.

<sup>4</sup> "citizen" is defined by s. 89(1) of the Constitution as "a person who is a British citizen, a British Dependent Territories citizen or a British Overseas citizen".<sup>5</sup> "is domiciled" : i.e. at any time his status falls to be determined. A Commonwealth citizen who has been ordinarily resident for the requisite period will cease to have Falkland Islands status immediately he settles outside the Falkland Islands.

<sup>6</sup> "the seven years immediately preceding 1st January 1996". This will prevent any person in the future acquiring "Falkland Islands status" merely by being resident in the Falkland Islands for seven years and intending to make his permanent home in the Falkland Islands.

<sup>7</sup> He will automatically lose such status, under the opening words of sub-paragraph (d), if he settles outside the Falkland Islands.

<sup>8</sup> The effect of the amendments to this sub-paragraph is to remove the discrimination against men appearing in the sub-paragraph as it at present appears in the Constitution. Executive Council in 1994 agreed in principle that this should be done as soon as the Constitution was first amended.

### \* Annex: Some relevant paragraphs from Mr Wallace's Report

5.21 It is usual in other dependent territories for persons with status to be denied the right to be elected a member of the Legislative Council. I believe, however, that such a ban should not apply in the Falkland Islands where the need, as I see it, is to build up, by the judicious use of immigration controls, a stable population and not one where some enjoy a privilege denied to others. There is also the point that if he does not wish to do so, an elector need not vote for a candidate who is not a born Falkland Islander.

5.22 I recommend therefore that section 23 of the Constitution dealing with qualifications for membership of the Legislative Council should be amended on the following lines:

"Subject to the provisions of section 24 of this constitution, any person who is of the age of 21 or over, is registered to vote and is not prohibited by any law from so voting shall be qualified to be elected as a member of the Legislative Council."

This would also give effect to the recommendation in paragraph 5.8 above that candidates should no longer be required to be registered as a voter in the same constituency as the one in which they seek election.

6.3 While I do not recommend any change in these arrangements (especially as the present Constitution specifically envisages a Public Service Commission Ordinance that there would be advantage in making it clear that the Governor may delegate, for example, to Heads of Departments, some of his powers particularly in relation to Junior staff. While I am advised that a general authority to delegate exists under section 50(2) of the Constitution, I consider it would be helpful (as has been found in other constitutions) to include, under section 76, a specific enabling provision on the following lines:

"The Governor, acting in his discretion, may by regulations delegate, to such extent and subject to such conditions as may be specified in the regulations, the powers vested in him by section 76 of this Constitution to such public officers as may be so specified."

If disciplinary powers are delegated, there must be a right of appeal to the Governor. If the power to transfer officers between departments is delegated, it should be delegated to the Chief Executive.

# School Prize Giving 1995

## Falkland Islands Community School (Dec 5)

### Sue Whitley Exhibition Art

3rd: Samantha Payne  
2nd: Matias Short  
1st: Andrea Poole

### Design Technology

3rd: James Wallace  
2nd: Kirstie Christie  
1st: Tracy Freeman

### Home Economics

3rd: Kirstie Christie  
2nd: Tanya Jaffray  
1st: Luke Clarke

### Spinning Wheel Trophy

Tracy Freeman (prize and trophy)

### Mrs Pauloni's Needlework Prize

2nd: Donna May  
1st: Jenna Adams

### Mr Pauloni's Landscape Prize

3rd: Martin Barnes IJS  
2nd: Tanya Ford

1st: Eddie Grimmer

### Stanley Bakery Prizes (Presented by Mr Keith Reddick)

Year 7

3rd: Tanya Ford  
2nd: Tamara Morrison

1st: Felicity Clarke

Year 8

3rd: Mark Gilbert  
2nd: Joanne Payne

1st: Rachel Jones

Year 9

3rd: Stephen Betts  
2nd: Paula Ross

1st: Michelle Marsh

Years 10

3rd: Melvyn Clifton

2nd: Martin Howells

1st: Luke Clarke

### Special prize for the best presentation of the Home Economics Exhibition

Luke Clarke

### Alastair Cameron Memorial Competition

Highly Commended: Natasha Greenland and Paula Ross (Joint project); Georgina Strange, Michelle Marsh.

Prize: Andrea Poole

### Community Shield

Winner: Robbie Burnett

### Chief Executive's Progress Prize

Nominations: Paul Smith, Philip Jones

Winner: Deena Jones

### Margaret Thatcher Trophy

Nominated: Ingrid Newman, Stephen Betts

Winner: Tracy Freeman

### Prize for Endeavour

Nominated: Clare Crowie, Louise McLeod

Winner: Paul Smith

### Chilean Community Prize for Best Student of Spanish

Mark Gilbert

### Mary Booth Prize for Best Girl Student of Spanish

Dionne Jones

### Councillor Cheek's Award for Sport

Tracy Freeman

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Best Overall Boy: Martyn Clarke

Best Overall Girl: Tanya Jaffray

Prize for Endeavour in Sport (Boy): Kevin Ross

Endeavour in Sport (Girl): Marie Summers

Records of Achievement Jenna Adams (Food Technology), Alan

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## Camp Education and Infant Junior School (December 5)

### Sue Whitley Reception Class

1st Paul Stewart

2nd Kimberley Bucket

Year 1

S Gadd

M Porter

Year 2

1st Megan Middleton

2nd Christine Hewitt

Camp Education Under 7's

1st Nadia Smith

2nd Clint Short

Year 3

1st Sean Moffat

2nd Katrina Lowe

2nd Zoran Zovic

Year 4

1st Samantha Davies

2nd Shaun Newman

Camp Education Under 9's

1st Caris Stevens

2nd Nicole Jonson

Year 5

1st Robin Benjamin

2nd Katherine Jones

Year 6

1st Edward Neilson

2nd Falkland Anderson

Camp Education Over 9's

1st Roxanne Morrison & Justine Goss

2nd Karl Nightingale

Sports

Improved Swimmers:

Falkland & Tony Anderson

Best Boy - Sports Day:

Evan Jones

Best Girl - Sports Day:

Charmaine Duncan

Best Girl - Swimmer:

Tanzy Jacobsen

Best Boy - Swimmer:

Evan Jones

Alice Keenleyside Cup

(Awarded at S Whitley - item of work chosen by DoE): Tanzy Jacobsen

Alice Etheridge Price (good citizenship, helpful, considerate member of the school) Sian Ferguson

Alastair Cameron History Prize I/J School

1st Marti Barnes (History of football in the Falkland Islands)

H C Cara Ford, Jeremy Poncet, Evan Jones

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### Camp Education 1st Mark Mephee, Mum's War Stories

HC Sarah Bemtsen

Tanya Marsh

Farrah Peck

Karl Nightingale

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### Romeo Pauloni Landscape Prize

3rd: Marti Barnes

HC: Alistair Ceballos

Chief Executive's Progress Prize Geoffrey Loftus

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# Land Rover Discovery Camel Trophy LE

Land Rover have recently announced a limited edition production of new Camel Trophy Discovery vehicles.

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on telephone 27631



## A record time in the Cape Pembroke half marathon

AT 8.30am on an overcast, blustery Saturday morning, a starting gun fired at the Totem Pole and 10 walkers set off for Cape Pembroke. Ten year old Gregg Hall set off walking, but broke into a trot and then a gallop on the return journey. Gregg finished in under 3 hours, at about the time the runners were setting off. Not far behind Gregg were Moira Houlan and Sandra Piccone who must also have walked and jogged the course. They were closely followed by Joyce Allan, minus Malcolm, the dog who accompanies her less marathon efforts.

Meanwhile the runners were gathering for a delayed start, after Bristows Helicopters flew to the rescue, to transport the M.P.A. runners to Stanley when the M.P.A. road was closed due to high winds.

The wind may have been a problem for military vehicles but it seemed to provide no problems for some talented runners as the course record was smashed!

Stanley's own Hugh Marsden had his work cut out with strong competition from Welshman

Richard 'Speedy' Thomas, Colin Simpson and many other talented runners from MPA who returned to Stanley following their success in the Snakes & Ladders and Moody Brook Challenge. Although Hugh's pre-race preparation of 3 months touring South America might not seem the ideal training plan, he put in an excellent performance to finish 3rd in a time of 1.16.28. In 2nd place was Colin Simpson in 1.14.51, tantalisingly close but still not able to catch the winner Richard Thomas who's record time of 1.12.51 may last for many years to come.

The ladies made good time under the cool, gusty conditions. Sarah Allan got off to a fast start and then held on to take 1st in a personal best time of 1.40.48. 2nd was Lyn Pearman-Gill in 1.41.40 with a strong performance having recently recovered from illness. 3rd and hard on the heels of the first two ladies in 1.44.23 was Tracey Newton.

Other notable performances included the Stanley Running Club

Juniors-Claire Kilmartin, Evan Jones, Karen Rozee, Rachael Freeman and Toby Poole - who completed the course in relay; also, Robbie Burnett who stood in for his sick brother to run in relay with Rosie Hickey. Claudio Ross, a pupil at the FICS, completed the whole course in an excellent time of 1.45.53 and may be a talent to watch for in the future. Congratulations must also go to Cathy Clifton and Christine Rhodes who began training in September, following the weekly training schedule in the *Penguin News*, and completed their first ever Half Marathon in a respectable time of 2.24.00.

Many thanks from Stanley Running Club to all the helpers at the finish and the drinks stations and to all the sponsors; Beauchene, the Falkland Islands Company, Ian Stewart Builders and Clayton's Bakery.

Apologies to the runners for the poor quality of printing on the race tee-shirts which unfortunately was beyond our control.



1st Veteran Man: Tony Burnett

## Results: Cape Pembroke Half Marathon

### Men

1st Richard Thomas 1.12.51  
2nd Colin Simpson 1.14.51  
3rd Hugh Marsden 1.16.28

### Women

1st Sarah Allan 1.40.18  
2nd Lyn Pearman-Gill 1.41.40  
3rd Tracey Newton 1.44.23

1st veteran man - Tony Burnett

1st veteran woman - Lyn Pearman-Gill

### Teams

1st RAF MPA  
2nd Field Squadron 2  
3rd Stanley Running Club

## DECEMBER

Due to the recent extra number of Penguin News supplements (as a result of the council meetings) and next week's Penguin Eggstra, there will not be a Magazine Issue this month

### Looking at November/December

#### Deaths

November 20 (Stanley) Robert Skene, age 71 years  
November 23 (Stanley) Alexander Spinks, age 58 years  
December 1 (UK) Edith McMullen  
December 5 (UK) Ivan Morrison

#### Births

November 2 A daughter, Ariane Storm, to Annagret and Morgan Goss  
November 16 A son, Adam Daniel, to Timothy and Dilys Minto  
November 21 A son, Rory John, to Christopher and Leonie Dowrick

## ★ Stars of the Month ★

December

The first number against a star is its true bearing, the second its altitude in degrees at 10 pm.  
For example:- At 2200 on 6 Dec Sirius has bearing 84 degrees and altitude 26 degrees.  
Magnetic variation is about 5 degrees East.

December	1st	6th	11th	16th	21st	26th	30th
Aldebaran	41	36	32	27	22	17	12
Rigel	13	15	17	18	19	20	21
Sirius	63	58	53	47	42	40	30
	30	33	35	37	40	41	43
Achernar	88	84	80	76	71	67	62
	23	26	29	32	35	38	41
Adhara	197	217	229	235	238	240	241
	84	83	80	78	76	73	70
Canopus	100	96	92	89	86	80	76
	30	33	36	39	42	45	48
Miaplacidus	119	117	115	113	112	110	108
	50	52	55	58	61	64	66
Acrux	154	153	152	151	149	148	148
	41	43	44	46	47	49	50
Gacrux	170	167	165	163	160	158	156
	26	27	27	28	29	30	31
Hadar	169	166	163	161	158	155	153
	20	21	22	22	24	25	26
Rigel Kent	182	179	177	174	171	169	166
	22	22	22	22	23	23	24
Atria	187	184	181	179	176	174	171
	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
Peacock	198	196	194	192	192	188	186
	35	34	33	33	32	32	31
Kaus Australis	230	228	226	224	222	220	217
	45	43	41	38	36	34	32
Formalhaut	233	229	226	222	219	215	211
	15	12	10	8	6	4	3
Planets	288	283	279	274	270	267	263
	51	48	45	42	39	36	33
Venus	238	240	242	244	246	248	250
	7	8	8	9	9	8	8
Saturn	312	307	302	298	293	289	285
	35	33	31	28	25	22	20
Sunrise Stanley	0433	0430	0428	0428	0429	0432	0437
Sunset Stanley	2050	2057	2102	2107	2110	2112	2113

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

### FOR SALE

**SUBUARU 1800L 4wd estate** - £3,500.

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**Childs red bike** (age 2-4) - £20. Phone: 22132

**LADA NIVA**. 2½yrs old, 15,000 miles on the clock, good condition. Tel: 21758

**TOYOTA COROLLA 1.5SE**. Very good condition - £2500. Ring Paul on 20824 after 5pm.

**3 RAMS** purchased at the first NSF sale. For more information contact Jimmy Tel: 42178

### For Sale by Tender 11B Narrows View, Stanley

The property has two bedrooms and an open plan kitchen/dining area.

Tenders for the purchase of the property should be submitted in sealed envelopes marked "11B Narrows View" to Messers Ledingham Chalmers, 56 John street, Stanley, by 4.30pm on Friday 19 January 1996.

The vendor does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

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### Shoe Repair Equipment

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1 x Sewing machine, for patching & stitching  
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Various shoe horns & stands  
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Large assortment of tools  
+ £1000 worth of stock included

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### NOTICES

Ledingham Chalmers' office will be closed for Christmas from 25th December to 1st January 1996 (inclusive). We wish all our clients a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

If anyone, other than those with whom I have already made contact, has information on a US Barque named 'Helen A Miller', wrecked in San Carlos Water in September 1859, I would be most grateful if they could contact me at the following address:

Mr M Seymour  
21 Corston Village  
Near Bath  
BA2 9AW, UK

Eric Goss did not write Bob Skene's obituary as indicated in *Penguin News* a couple of weeks ago.

Anyone who requires a full or part-time child minder contact Paula on 21714.

With reference to a letter by Stan Smith on Bofor Guns some weeks ago W J Summers should have read W F Summers

### PERSONAL

#### SKENE

Greta would like to thank all who helped in any way during Bob's short illness. Special thanks to all the family for their support, Auntie Dots for her help, all who sent flowers and cards, Tony and the bearers and Monsignor Agreiter. Father Monaghan and Sister Bridie for their comforting services.



Happy Birthday Nats.....

Wednesday  
December 20 is the  
last chance to send  
your *Penguin News*  
Christmas message  
**Only**  
**£2 for 25 words**  
Messages should  
reach us by  
Monday December  
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### Contract Bridge: East meets West

FROM being adversaries at the contract bridge table recently, Stanley pair Brian and Penny Hill joined 'forces' with Nick Smith and Steve Scott from MPA to form the East team, to fend off a challenge from Lord Byron (Paul Casey) and his high-flying team Robbie Robinson, Matt Fleckney and Craig Simpson from Byron Heights in the far West.

His Lordship's team were 'nar-

rowly' defeated due, no doubt, to them being more concerned with planning to bid for Tim and Jan Miller's little porker in the 'Wireless for the Blind' radio auction than concentrating on bidding three no trumps.

We are delighted to learn that they did, indeed, succeed in bringing home the bacon!

### Moto cross at MPA

AS the competition hots up nearing the middle of the season, expert moto crosser's Arthur Turner and Derek Jaffray who have equal points, will be fighting to retain their lead in the championship. Shane Blakely will also be chasing points to lower the deficit between him and Bill Stewart, after a late start due to injury.

The course at MPA should provide plenty of good photo opportunities as the jumps have been enlarged. Don't miss this Sunday at MPA for the fifth round of the 1995/96 Moto Cross Championship



### BEN'S TAXI

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### New Years Rounders Tournament

The tournament will start at 2pm on Mon 1st Jan on the Community School Playing Fields. (Teams to be assembled by 1.30pm please.) There will be shields for the winning team and refreshments will be available on the day.

Entry is £10 per team (10 members per team). All proceeds will go to Stanley Netball Club.

Entries (including money) to Michelle Jones at Split Endz Salon or Stanley Leisure Centre (Sarah Allan)

If the weather is too bad on New Years Day, it will take place on on January 6

*An afternoon of fun for all the family,  
come and join in, or come and watch.*

## Postscript from St Mary's

The Little Prince  
YOU probably know the story called 'The Little Prince'. It is delightful, simple enough to be enjoyed by children and profound enough to be appreciated by adults.

The Little Prince is an alien from another planet. One day he finds himself stranded on earth. Understandably, he is lost and confused. One inhabitant on earth who helps him very much is an animal, a fox. After a while a deep friendship develops between the two.

At one point the Little Prince and the fox must go their separate ways. Just before they do, the fox

insists on agreeing on the exact time for their next meeting and they agree on four o'clock of a certain day.

When the Little Prince asks the fox why he wants the time set so exactly, the fox says, "If I know you're coming at four o'clock, then I'll begin to be happy at three o'clock".

Christmas is only about ten days away. And like the fox, we are already beginning to feel happy as we prepare for the arrival of another "little prince", the Prince of Peace.



# Penguin News



## FALKLAND ISLANDS

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## Councillors respond to crippling sheep losses

A 66.8% reduction in the number of hoggets shorn on West Falkland this year compared to the 1994/95 season was one of the shocking statistics provided by the Department of Agriculture in the Chief Executive's answer to a question for written reply lodged by Councillor John Birmingham.

Councillor Birmingham had asked the Chief Executive for a statement on the scale of animal losses in the Falkland Islands and an estimate of the numbers of farmers who might be facing financial difficulties because of them.

In replying, the Chief Executive noted that the West Falklands seemed to be the most severely affected by the recent bad

winter, with the outlying islands - Port Stephens, Hill Cove, Roy Cove, Fox Bay West and Dunnose Head sections being hardest hit. The winter of '95 would have far reaching consequences for the industry, he wrote.

At the meeting of the General Purposes Committee on Tuesday 12 councillors accepted in principle a proposal put by its chairman, Cllr Luxton that Government should provide some

form of 'lifebelt' for farmers who had suffered crippling losses. The Falkland Islands Government Economic Adviser, Mr Richard Wagner was tasked to prepare a paper, which would outline possible options for the form of this proposed help to farmers.

Councillor Wendy Teggart told *Penguin News* yesterday that she thought the most obvious solution might appear to be help with the replacement of sheep,

however she was uncertain of the availability of surplus sheep due to the very problem of stock losses. In the short term she felt that help might have to be financial, possibly based on wool clip.

At present it is difficult for many farmers to assess the extent of losses among ewes and lambs as they have not yet lamb-marked, but many expect to have sustained losses, whose effects on their flocks will be long-term and cumulative.

## Argentines block Chilean charters

### Karl's a champion



Karl Tapper, 13, wins the Athlete of the Year Award after gaining max. points in the FICSSports and breaking records in 8 out of 10 events won.

TWO charter flights from Chile were denied permission to fly over Argentine airspace, when they filed flight plans to the Falklands at the weekend.

An Aerovias DAP Falcon, which had hoped to arrive at MPA on Sunday to pick up a Japanese film crew, did not receive clearance to over-fly Argentina until Monday. Also on Sunday, a three-engined King Air executive jet, chartered by millionaire, Mr Michael Ashcroft, believed to be one of Britain's richest men, was refused clearance by the Argentine authorities for a direct flight from Santiago to MPA. Permission was refused again after the plane had flown to Punta Arenas and it finally arrived at 6.15 on Sunday evening, some four hours later than planned, after being forced to avoid the problem by flying here via Cape Horn.

Acting Governor, Mr Andrew Gurr said on Tuesday that he would be reporting these events to the FCO and he hoped that this would result in a diplomatic protest being made to the

Argentine Government by the British Embassy in Buenos Aires.

The regular Friday Aerovias DAP Twin Otter flight from Stanley to Punta Arenas was forced to land in Rio Gallegos in Argentina due to shortage of fuel caused by strong head winds.

The Falklands Director of Civil Aviation said on Tuesday that he was still uncertain whether the Aerovias DAP 727 had arrived in Santiago. It was, he thought, unlikely that the remaining paperwork necessary to enable the aircraft to land in the Falklands could be completed in time for the planned inaugural flight on Thursday 21st.

### Half a million to Peter Symonds

FIG is to pay £500,000 to Peter Symonds College in Winchester towards the cost of building of a 40bed boarding unit in the school grounds. The 'pay back' for this contribution, described by the Acting Governor, Andrew Gurr as putting "money up front" will be free accommodation for FI students. (See Exco report)

**THE scene in Stanley last Wednesday morning as Mr. David Tatham arrived at the Liberation Monument with Mrs Tatham, to take his last parade as Governor of the Falkland Islands.**



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SOMEHOW, in the midst of all the opportunities for doing so, I didn't actually manage to say a personal farewell last week to Mr and Mrs Tatham. I hope they saw me waving from the window of the *Penguin News* office as their helicopter flew by, but maybe they were distracted by the FIDF firing cannon at them from Victory Green. In any case, I hope readers will forgive me for taking some space to thank them for their friendship, support and kindness to me personally.

Although as Governor, David Tatham never had to face the privations, indignities and isolation of his first predecessor, Governor Moody, whose footsteps he dogged through the archives, in some senses being Governor of the Falkland Islands must have been an easier matter then. Up until relatively recently, as the John Hickle memoirs indicate, Governors were allowed, even expected, to govern in a very direct and sometimes autocratic way, long after the powers of the sovereigns they represented had been largely reduced in the UK to mere symbolism.

Today such behaviour would not be tolerated by a legislature, which is beginning to grasp its power and, hopefully, its responsibilities in a democracy in the latter part of the Twentieth Century. It may be that the most important role of any Governor is to bring to councillors' discussions the view of the Falklands from the outside world that they might otherwise lack. Nonnally, I suspect, this may be a private process, which doesn't escape the GH Conference Room, but I for one am grateful that in his final public pronouncements on such matters as immigration, aid and the franchise, the public were also allowed to hear the views of a man of principle and integrity, which we would all do well to reflect on.

In adding my sincere good wishes for the Tathams' future to all the others they received last week, I welcome them to the growing worldwide number of *Penguin News* subscribers with the warning that wherever they are going, they may run into other members of this exclusive family. Our circulation is relatively small, but we do turn up in some surprising places. Little did we know, for instance that when we carried a story on the Middleton family's visit to Falkland Ontario, it would later be read by Vi Felton's sister, Rebecca Short, in Ontario, who was upset to discover that a family from the Falklands might have been as close as a ten minute drive away.

## Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders for the provision of services for the Public reception in honour of the visit of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal to be held in the Stanley Town Hall from 19.00hrs to 20.30hrs on Thursday 1 February 1996.

The successful tenderer will be expected to provide a finger buffet for 300 persons plus a beer and wine bar service including soft drinks, with waiting staff.

Tenders endorsed "HRH Public Reception" should be returned to the Chairman Tender Board to reach him on or before Thursday 4 January 1996.

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

## Public Notice

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders for the provision of services for the lunch in honour of the visit of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal to be held at Goose Green Social Club from 14.15hrs to 15.15hrs (Stanley time) on Wednesday 31 January 1996.

The successful tenderer will be expected to provide a finger buffet for 100 persons. The tender price should include delivery to Goose Green, the setting up and clearing away of the buffet.

Tenders endorsed "HRH Goose Green Lunch" should be returned to the Chairman Tender Board to reach him on or before Thursday 4 January 1996.

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

# Pond gives up its secret

TEAL RIVER, between Chartres and Hill Cove on the West Falklands, is a lovely place to live; a trout stream runs behind the house and in front there is a large shallow pond, which attracts the attention of widgeon and teal ducks, but occasionally dries out.

Christine and Frazer McKay have farmed at Teal River since 1987 and remember the pond drying out in their first year. Eddie and Ann Chandler, who used to

live there remember it happening more frequently; according to Eddie, the pond was very shallow and muddy and didn't seem to have much life in it.

A couple of weeks ago the pond dried out again, as a consequence, no doubt, of the high winds and lack of rain, but this time there was an amazing difference. As the water gave way to mud, crowds of squabbling gulls were attracted to the pond.

Christine went to investigate and discovered to her great surprise that there were "fish all over the place" - trout in their hundreds, weighing, she thought, between 1½ and 2 pounds.

With the help of mother-in-law, Clara McKay and a couple of buckets a rescue attempt was mounted by Christine and between them they managed to return many of the trout to the river, but sadly, despite their best efforts, the majority perished.

# Falklander surprise for Mrs Tatham

MRS TATHAM interrupted her last minute packing two weeks ago to receive a cheque for £655 from Ian Dempster of FIDC, on behalf of the "Shack Committee".

The money, which will be used to provide equipment for the youth club, which Mrs Tatham was instrumental in helping revive, came from the radio auction of the first 'Falklander' sweater in October.

Later, to Mrs Tatham's evident surprise and delight, Ian presented her with a 'Falklander' of her own, on behalf of the Staff and Management of Falklander Ltd., the new company set up to produce the sweaters.



# From Estancia to the Golden Shears

THIS year the selection of two shearers to represent the Falklands at the prestigious Golden Shears Competition will take place at the Estancia Shearing Competition on Friday 29th December, courtesy of Mr and Mrs Tony Heathman.

The Golden Shears competition, to be held this year in Masterton New Zealand is held every four years - the last was held in Britain at the Bath and West Show - and is widely regarded as the most prestigious shearing competition in the world. The choice of the Estancia competition rather than those held during Camp Sports was forced by the fact that the Golden Shears starts this year on February 28th.

FIG will pay the passages of the two successful shearers and their accommodation and other costs will be met by The West Falklands Sports Association, the Darwin Harbour Sports Association, Falkland Farmers Ltd and the Farmers' Association.



Christmas Messages  
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Atlantic House Café wish all their customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Christmas and New Year Greetings to all friends and relatives from Ginge and Bill

Dr. Mary Elphinstone, who worked at KEMH during the war, sends her good wishes and Christmas greetings to all in the Falklands who knew her.

John, Veronica, Rachael and Daniel send Christmas Greetings to all friends in Stanley and the Camp

## Travelling in Canada?

F.I. visitors welcome at Vi's sister's home: (See Editorial) Pat and Rebecca Biggs (née Short) 467 Montcalm Avenue, Sarnia, Ontario, N7S 2P8, Canada Phone: 151933, 72584



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Call early to avoid the congestion which will occur on Christmas Day.

International Directory Enquiries will not be available on Christmas or New Years Day.

A new rate of £1.60 per minute has been introduced to the following European countries: Belgium, Cyprus, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Ireland, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. No off-peak rates.

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## A legendary voice falls silent

THE funeral of Edith McMullen took place on December 11 at Haverhill Methodist Church, Suffolk, England.

Edith was aged 79 when she died. A large number of church friends and neighbours attended the funeral in recognition of Edith's work and regular attendance over many years, demonstrating the love and respect which she had built up during that time.

The funeral service was conducted by Reverend Michael Allen who paid tribute to Edith's valuable work in Government and church service in the Falklands as well as her dedication to the church in Haverhill, where Paul Charman (Tabernaclminister 1967-71) read the lessons.

Edith worked within the Falkland Islands Government for many years. From her work as a telephone operator she moved to the Radio Telephone where she became a legend in the Camp for her helpfulness and 'unflappability'. In 1973 she received a BEM in the New Year Honours and she retired in 1974.

Edith had been living with Kay and Wilf and their children and grandchildren before she died on December 1, 1995.



## Summary of Executive Council Meeting

### December 14, 1995

THIS was an average length EXCO. All members were present and the meeting ended around 3.15pm.

Under matters arising it was confirmed that the Junior School extension contract, won by Paul Chapman, had started today on schedule.

It was also determined that a special meeting of Legislative Council will take place on Friday 23rd February in the afternoon. This meeting is being held to reduce the period of uncertainty over the Falklands Landholdings issue as well as the proposals to revise the Constitution.

The proposal to have a return visit from the Industrial Society in order to train both public and private sector employees over a two week period in January was approved. The issue of crash barriers on Snake Street was also discussed under matters arising and it was agreed to consult with local residents.

A paper prepared by our very first graduate trainee recommending the purchase of hardware and software to begin the process of information transfer by modern within Government particularly applicable to Councillors, was passed.

The presence of privately used

containers at Stanley Airport was debated and it was agreed that they could remain for one more year but a report should be prepared making recommendations regarding the siting of all containers and portable buildings in Stanley.

The suggestions regarding the questions to be asked in the 1996 census were agreed after some amendment.

The financial assistance to Peter Symonds College to help with the construction of a new student accommodation block was approved. This block will have a 40 bed capacity, it will be built in the grounds of the college and our payback will be in the form of guaranteed free accommodation for 93 students at no more than 20 per year. We welcome the increase in stability this brings to our education plans and the fruitful relationships we now have with Peter Symonds College.

In February 1996 the FIC will have operated the Tristar ticketing agency for 3 years and it was agreed that in keeping with good practice, the agency should be re-tendered having given FIC the required notice.

It was agreed that Pennine Services Ltd should be granted similar tax exemption status to that en-

joyed by their predecessors at Mount Pleasant. This is in order to ensure that we minimise the cost to the UK of the defence of these Islands. The policy however is to be reviewed in order to see if a less distortive mechanism can be found in order to achieve the same effect.

The Rural Development Assistance Scheme as proposed by FIDC was approved. This scheme will run from 1996 and will be both flexible and performance oriented.

A paper by the Attorney General preparing the way for Nature Conservation Law, was discussed. It was agreed that a working party should be set up in order to create a draft Green Paper based upon consideration of a report from Mr Kevin Standing.

A report from the Stanley Lands Committee proposing approval of applications for land purchases near FIPASS was discussed. It was decided that from now on the preferred policy of EXCO would be to lease rather than sell Government land in areas that have clear development potential and thus the requests were referred.

A request for renewals of the vehicle stock in the Government transport fleet was approved, but a study is to be commissioned by the

Vehicles Working Group to determine the most suitable alternatives to the expensive and ubiquitous Land Rovers for around two thirds of the fleet.

The establishment of the post of Aerodrome Fire Officer was approved.

Expenditure for the refurbishment of Government House was also approved.

The monthly report on the progress of the National Stud Flock was accepted.

As the Post Office will be relocating to the old Standard Chartered Bank in January, the matter of payment of private post boxes in the Post Office was discussed. It was decided that from 1st January 1996 no charge will be made for a box although charges will be made for replacement keys.

The decision to provide sheltered accommodation in the dockyard area adjacent to Gilbert House approved at the last EXCO had run into some problems related to the proximity of adjacent buildings, this matter will therefore be referred for future consideration.

A substantial amount of work was accomplished in a meeting of nearly 5 hours.

*Penguin News are grateful for this radio report from Acting Governor Mr Andrew Gurr*

## Royal Engineers sail the southern ocean



Wildflower in Grytviken (Photo T Carr)

THREE Royal Engineers left recently for South Georgia, in order to rescue a 33 foot yacht, Wildflower, left there by its Australian owner, Ann-Lise Guy. The owner left the yacht after she suffered terrible storms during her single-handed, attempt to circumnavigate the Ice Cap in 1994.

The three engineers, Major Andrew Mills, Lance Corporal Martin Silk and Sapper Paul Hurst, who are all based in the Medway

Towns, must first re-build the yacht where she lies, in Grytviken, before leaving for Cape Town on Boxing Day.

To avoid the worst of the storms and icebergs they plan to sail North North East for 1000 miles before turning East for the final 2000 miles to South Africa. The voyage should take 25 days but if they meet foul weather they will have to, to wait for the weather to improve.

The crew have considerable sailing experience, which include Fastnet and Trans-Pacific races as well as shorter voyages nearer to home and, as skilled sapper tradesmen they expect to be able to cope with any breakdowns that might occur.

The exercise, said skipper Andrew Mills, is a challenging way to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Royal Engineer Yacht Club.

## Weather for November

NOVEMBER was a dry and sunny month with average temperatures. There was a short unsettled spell between the 7th and the 10th when temperatures failed to rise above 9 degrees and wintry showers occurred. During a convective day on the 3rd, the first thunderstorm was noted at Mount Pleasant since February.

Temperatures were just a shade above the normal with an average maximum of 13.5 degrees centigrade; the highest maximum of 20.8 degrees centigrade occurred on the 12th. The average minimum temperature was 3.9 degrees centigrade and air frosts occurred on 3 nights during the first third of the month.

The monthly rainfall of 24.3mm was well below normal with only 1990 having a drier November since Mount Pleasant records began.

There were no days of snow, but sleet fell on 3 days during the month.

It was the sunniest November since 1987 with 242.3 hours recorded during the month which equates to an average of 8.1 hours per day.

Ultra violet levels were just above normal for much of the month.

The average wind speed during the month was 17.9 knots and there were gales on 3 days. Both figures are above average. The maximum gust of 55 knots occurred during the early hours of the 8th. Long term averages for Stanley (1962-81) are shown in parenthesis. Temperatures are in degrees Celsius, winds are in knots, rainfall in millimetres and sunshine in hours.

Highest daily maximum temperature 20.8 (24.8) Lowest daily minimum -0.7 (-5.5)

Mean daily maximum temperature 13.5 (11.2) Mean daily minimum temperature 3.9 (3.5)

Total monthly rainfall 24.3 (43.6) Total monthly sunshine 242.3 (196.9) Number of days with rain 24 (16) Number of days with snow 3 (3) Number of days with snow lying at 1300z 0 (<1) Number of days with fog \* 1 (3) Number of days with air frost 4 (1) Number of days with hail (5) (2) Number of days with thunderstorms 1 (<1)

Number of days with gales 3 (5)

Number of days with gusts 34Kts or more 24 (20)

Highest gust 53 (68)

\* includes reductions due to blowing snow or heavy snow showers

## Coppenniners cash for cancer



Class 9 Ross at the Falkland Islands Community School (representing the support group) by Marie Summers of 9 Ross.

THE COPPENNINERS, more commonly known as class 9 Ross, of the Falkland Islands Community School, pooled their spare cash over a year to raise money for The Cancer Support and Awareness Trust.

The generous donation totalled £68.20 last Wednesday, when it was presented to Shiralee Collins,

Those students who contributed to the donation were, Cara Ross, Sara Halford, Nyree Heathman, Claudia Rosas, Louise McLeod, Paul Smith, Georgina Strange, Stephen Aldridge, Michelle Marsh, Kerry Middleton, Mathew McMullen, Marie Sum-

mers and Karen Marsh (Teacher, Mrs Tim Simpson)

Shiralee expressed her gratitude to Tim Simpson and her class behalf of the Trust.

She thought most of the money would be used to buy phone cards for patients receiving treatment overseas.



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## Beauchene Paper Box

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THE AIM of the History Prize, which is awarded annually by the Alastair Cameron Memorial Trust is not merely to commemorate Alastair's own love for these Islands and their history, but also to foster similar interests in young people and to encourage their active participation in the process of uncovering those aspects of our past, which might otherwise not be brought to public notice.

The Award is given in three categories, Senior School, Junior School and Camp Education, for the best project in the field of Falkland Islands history.

A wide range of activities is encompassed within the terms of the Award, which can include written and photographic projects, mapping and model making and even practical preservation work on sites, buildings or artefacts, in consultation with the Museum or

with the Historic Buildings Committee.

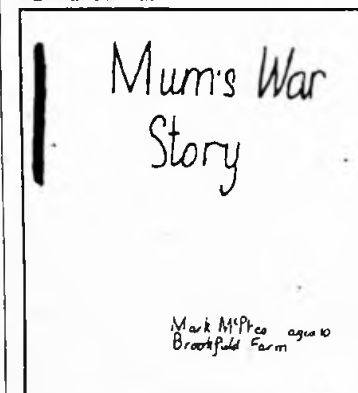
Participants are encouraged to research subjects which already have a personal meaning for them, be it their own house or the history of some member of their family, and where, as is so often the case in the Falklands, there are no relevant reference books to consult, the youthful researchers are urged to talk to people who may have appropriate and valuable information to give. The kind of information that can be got from talking to people is easily lost and yet it is vital to the social history of the Islands.

The winner in each section receives a medal, on the face of which is engraved the original Badge and first Public Seal of the Colony, as well as an additional prize appropriate to the skills or interests involved in their project.

## Alastair Cameron History Prize winners in 1995

# The competition which touches the parts of our past that the history books don't always reach.

TYPIFYING the personal approach to history encouraged by this prize (and, it must be said, the sterling work on local history done in our schools) was the winner of the Camp Education Section in this year's competition. By Mark McPhee of Brookfield Farm, it was entitled simply "Mum's War Story" and tells the story of the help that his mum, Trudi, with Pat Whitney and other North Campers, gave to the advancing British troops in the closing stages of the Falklands war.



While their contribution is recorded briefly in the official records, and indeed on the citations that Trudi and others received with their commendations from the British military at the war's end, these official accounts lack the human interest and humour of Trudi's own story, which in the version retold by her proud son, will now live on, complete with armed Argentine soldiers being refused entry to the house "because Aunt Cook was afraid of guns" and the person who tripped over the SAS guns at the back door and gave everyone a fright.



PERSONAL involvement was a feature of many of the written entries

### PRIZE WINNERS ALASTAIR CAMERON MEMORIAL TRUST HISTORY PRIZE 1995

#### SENIOR SCHOOL

PRIZE WINNER: ANDREA POOLE - FALKLAND SOUND

Highly Commended:

Natash Greenland/Paula Ross - Time Line of Falkland Islands History  
Georgina Strange - New Island Whaling Station  
Michelle Marsh - Sheep Farming in the Falklands

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL

PRIZE WINNER: MART BARNES  
THE HISTORY OF FOOTBALL ON THE ISLANDS

Highly Commended:

Cara Ford - My Family Tree  
Jeremy Poncet - Sealers  
Evan Jones - Sheep Shearing in the Falklands

#### CAMP EDUCATION

PRIZE WINNER: MARK MCPHEE - MUM'S WAR STORY

Highly Commended:

Sarah-Jane Bernsten - The Mystery of Kit  
Tanya Marsh - John Hamilton's Life Story  
Farrah Peck/Karl Nightingale - The History of Adelaide Station

*THE trustees of the Alastair Cameron Memorial trust declared themselves delighted with the quality of the entries for the annual history prize this year, and visitors to the Standard Chartered Bank in Stanley will soon have a chance to understand why, when a selection of entries, which have been displayed in their entirety in the Community School last week, will go on display there.*

*In a statement which accompanied the announcement of the winning entries, Government Archivist, Jane Cameron, speaking on behalf of the trustees, admitted that they had a difficult job in choosing prize winners from so many superb entries and congratulated all who took part. They were, she said, very conscious of the time and effort that goes into producing projects of this kind, which are making increasingly valuable contributions to local history and building up an outstanding record of local history in which we can all take great pride.*

this year. No one could fail to be moved by nine-year old Sarah-Jane Bernsten's "The Mystery of Kit"; an imaginative and sympathetic account of the life of a black woman, who around a hundred years ago lived in a rough dwelling on the shore near Sarah-Jane's own home at Albemarle. At one stage, Sarah tells

Evidence close at hand featured in other projects also, including "Sealers" by Jeremy Poncet, which involved a degree of archaeological work at his home on Beaver Island and "History of Sheep" by Nicole Jonson of Bombilla.



Taking full advantage of the latitude offered by the terms of the award, all the entries were not limited to written accounts; there was an amazing model of the Cathedral in Stanley by Alastair Ceballos, a very lengthy "Time Line of Falkland Islands History" by Natasha Greenland and Paula Ross of the Community School, an example in itself of the sort of project which can be added to indefinitely.

Always interesting are the family trees, which have been a feature of the entries in this competition since its beginning.

Cara Ford's 'highly commended' family tree contained photographs of Uncles Gerard and Raymond, which by themselves will make your visit to the Bank worth while, loaded as they are with echoes of the "swinging sixties", that over-indulgent era.

One test of any good work of history, I suppose, is whether or not it contributes anything new to our knowledge or understanding of the past and on that score, many of this year's entries must be judged a success. I wonder how many residents of East Falklands, for example, are aware that the West holds a stone house as fine, architecturally, as the old Shallow Bay House, mentioned in Farrah Peck and Karl Nightingale's excellent, "History of Adelaide Station."

tioned in Farrah Peck and Karl Nightingale's excellent, "History of Adelaide Station."



One of the most fascinating characters in the history of the West Falklands must be John Hamilton, a Scotsman, whose eccentric notions with regard to wild-life resulted in the importation of Patagonian foxes, guanacos and other exotica to these Islands. He was brought to life in a very well-executed and well-illustrated study by Tanya Marsh, which contains much information that many long-term residents of these Islands will be unaware of.

### SMALL COASTAL FALKLAND VESSELS



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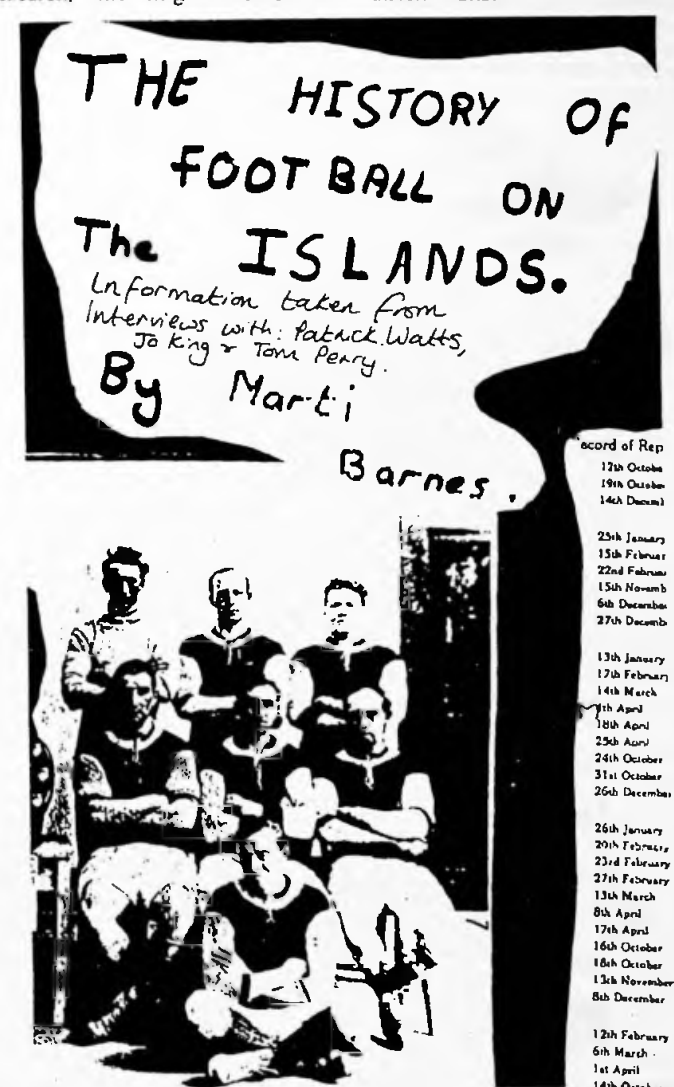
BY LEW PONCET

As happened last year, it is hoped that extracts from this year's winning entries will be reprinted and published in a future edition of the Falkland Islands Journal.

THE WINNER in the Junior School section this year was Mart Barnes with a project on the History of Football in the Falklands, which the Trustees regarded as exemplifying the valuable contribution to the history of their own Islands that children can make by doing original research, which might involve in-

terviewing friends and family, on subjects which have missed the attention of the writers of history books.

In Mart's case, the research for his project had included talking to former 'stars' of football in Stanley, such as Tom Perry, Jo King and Patrick Watts.



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## TUMBLEDOWN

## RUN



The Tumble-down run took place on Saturday the 25th of November. The runners assembled at Mount Tumbledown at 10:00 ready for a 10:30 start. It was quite a good day for the race as the weather was a lot better than last year's race day. Perhaps this is because the run is usually held in the Autumn rather than the Spring (as it was this year). It was postponed from the Autumn due to bad weather conditions and other events happening at that time.

Quite a lot has been happening since the last issue of *Penguin EGGstra* came out. All the sporting events have taken place such as the Tumbledown Run and the sports days on the last days of term three. These included the javelin, shot put, discus, high jump and long jump. The running events also took place which were the one hundred metres, two hundred metres, four hundred metres, eight hundred metres and the fifteen hundred metres. The Cape Pembroke Half Marathon was also held on the ninth of December.

The school Prize Giving was on the fifth of December. This was the Governor's (Mr and Mrs David Tatham) last school event before he and his wife left on the Wednesday the thirteenth of December which was also the last day of term for all Education departments.

Both the Year Nine groups have been to Port Louis with Mr Shorrock. The Year Nines have also been doing their Alastair Cameron history projects this term which were on display in the school street and which Andrea Poole won. The Year Nines have also taken over the Tuck Shop ready for next year as they will be Year Tens.

The *Penguin EGGstra* will be taking a break over the school holidays but we will be back in February. We say goodbye to Stephen Betts as this will be his last issue of the *Penguin EGGstra* and he goes into Year Ten next year.

This year only 14 runners entered the race compared to 56 competitors last year! One explanation for this is that it was held on a Saturday morning and not during school time as it was last year.

As the runners reached the top of the course Miss Houlan was there on a rock shouting words of encouragement and something else that was music to our ears - "It's all down hill now!". On reaching the finish we were greeted by various members of the Community School staff who were shouting even more words of encouragement and congratulations.

The first three runners to complete the course were :-  
1st - Claudio Ross  
2nd - Kevin Ross  
3rd - Elvis Mackrae



## Mary and Joseph Make It To Stardom!!

This year's annual Infant/Junior Nativity play was performed by the Infant classes with assistance in music from the Junior classes. The children acted and sung the story with songs such as "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" and "Little Donkey". The Angels were played by Reception. Year One were the Shepherds and Sheep. The Three Wise Men and their helpers were played by Year Two and Mary and Joseph were played by Christine Hewit and Stephen Collins. The young performers entered from the back of the town hall walked up the middle aisle on to the stage and began the show. The year six's were aiding the performance by playing the recorder on various songs while the other Junior classes were singing. The production was held on the fifth of December in the town hall at six thirty and then again on the sixth at three PM.

Thanks must go to all the teachers involved, the singers and of course, the actors.

# YEAR SEVEN OUTDOOR PURSUITS



On Tuesday 21st of November both seven Fitzroy and Ross went on Outdoor Pursuits to Bush Pass near Fitzroy. One of the pupils on that camp has written this report.

## Tuesday 21st

We left the school grounds at half past nine and reached our destination two hours later. The first things on the agenda were, unpacking the vehicles and pitching the tents. After that some people went fishing and then we sat down to eat our packed lunches. When we had finished three people went to set up a nightline. About half way through we came to a drop, and that's what I did. DROPPED! When we finished we were told that we had been going around in circles! For the rest of the day we were canoeing and messing around. Then it was time for supper (which we had prepared earlier). We then sang some songs and went to our tents.

## Wednesday 22nd

We were rudely awoken at half past six!! Someone else had been banging on the side of the tents and we weren't even supposed to be up until eight! Once everyone was up the breakfast bustle began. When the clearing up had been done and the freetime finished, preparations began for the walk to Fitzroy. What a walk that was! It started off fine but Mrs B caught her foot in a fence and then it started raining. On arriving at Fitzroy we ate our packed lunches behind a shed when the people who had been watching the shearing came back. After lunch we walked to the monuments, then back to Fitzroy, and finally, back to Bush Pass! Mr Middleton told us we had walked about seven miles in all.

We arrived back at the camp to find Mrs Didlick sorting things out for a plant hunt. We had a sheet of plant pictures and their names, a set of markers and a book to look them up in. We had to find the plants and put the correctly labelled marker near by. Next we got a list of things to find, e.g. something yellow. After a while some of the parents came for a bar-b-cue, while the bar-b-cue was being done we went canoeing again and then some of us repositioned our tents. Later we sorted out our house points and then we all had to go into our tents.

## Thursday 23rd

After breakfast we had a tidy up then we emptied our tents. Next thing was to take the tents down and put the bags in piles. After that we sat down and ate our packed lunches around the portacabin. More freetime!! We all got called to different areas to do different activities. One group did archery, another did kite making and the other group did orienteering. The last activity.....FREETIME!!! When freetime was over, we packed the vehicles and left. On the way back we discovered we had a flat tyre. After a lot of hustle and bustle we all went home. Relaxation at last!

Thanks to Miss Hickey, Mrs Burnard, Mr Middleton and Mr Stenning for putting up with us, and to Stella Middleton, Miss Hickey, Mr Stenning and David Ford for taking us out and bringing us back. Thank you, we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Roxanne Crowie

# PRIZE GIVING



On the 5th of November the Falkland Islands Community School held its annual prize giving in the Leisure Centre Sports Hall. The prizes were presented by his Excellency The Governor David Tatham and Mrs Tatham. This was to be their last prize giving and one of their last public engagements as governor of the Falkland Islands. A new prize was the Mary Booth Memorial prize for the best progressed girl in Spanish. All the results were in last week's *Penguin News*.

# Y9 PORT LOUIS FIELD TRIP

On the 31st of November and the 1st of December year 9F went on a field trip to Port Louis to carry out field work of a scientific and historic nature. We travelled there in the Stanley House Landrover and the Shorrocks 'luxury Rolls Royce' (!!!!)

The pupils were supervised by Mr and Mrs Shorrocks and Mr Nutter all of the Community School.

Activities included measuring the historic remains of the first settlements and doing scientific studies such as measuring soil and sea water temperatures, pH's, oxygen levels and bacteria levels.

The pupils stayed at Mike and Su Morrisons house which we were sharing with 2 archaeologists.

My favourite activities were looking at the Battery (defensive structure), measuring the water and soil temperatures and making sarcastic comments about Mrs Shorrocks 'Height deficiency'.

# Androcles and The Lion



On the 16th and 17th of November the Falkland Islands Community School held its annual production in the Stanley Town Hall. The show (which was written by George Bernard Shaw) was produced and directed by Mrs Fowler and Mrs Blackburn.

The play tells the story of a group of Christians who were destined to die at the hands of the Roman gladiators or the lions. One day when Androcles (one of the Christians) and his wife, Magaera were walking through the forest they were confronted by a lion who was lame. After Magaera fainted several times Androcles noticed that the lion had a thorn in its paw, which he eventually pulled out.

He carries on and gets captured by the Romans and the rest of play is set behind the arena where the Christians are waiting to fight. This is also where Lavinia and the Captain have their romantic love scene and where we meet the mighty Ferrovius.

Ferrovius, an immensely strong and aggressive man, has decided to become a Christian and resist fighting the Romans with a strength that is not his own. However, in the heat of the moment he forgets himself and kills all six armoured men in the arena.

When Androcles is sent into the arena the lion he meets is the one he had helped in the forest and by not killing Androcles, the lion is returning the favour, and they both gain their freedom.



## Cast

Magaera - Pippa Lang  
Androcles - Robbie Burnett  
The lion - Simon Jones  
Centurion - Karl Tapper  
The Captain - Matias Short  
Lavinia - Ingrid Newman  
Metellus - Paula Ross  
Lentulus - Imogen Didlick  
Ferrovius - Mark Gilbert  
Spintho - Leiv Poncet  
Animal Keeper - Kirsty Christie  
Call Boy - Jay Moffatt  
The Editor - Nicholas Rendell  
Caesar - Stephen Betts  
Secutor - Stephen Aldridge

Retarius - Ian Jordan  
The Whip - Paul Smith  
Christian#1 - Barbara Howells  
Christian#2 - Hannah Humphreys  
Christian#3 - Roxanne Crowie  
Christian#4 - Beverly Reid  
Christian#5 - Georgina McKay  
Christian#6 - Sarah Hewitt  
Soldier#1 - David Triggs  
Soldier#2 - Kevin Marsh  
Soldier#3 - Matthew McMullen  
Soldier#4 - Eddie Grimmer

And special thanks to all who helped behind the scenes.

# BYE BYE... YEAR SIX SAY GOODBYE



Term 3 saw the last teaching term of 4 of the teachers. Mr and Mrs Campbell (English and P.E. assistant) who left on Saturday the 9th are returning to New Zealand. Miss Houlan (Geography) who started this year, is also leaving to go to New Zealand. Mr Cotter (Physics and Chemistry) who has been here for 4 years is not leaving the Islands but working for F.I.D.C.

These teachers have contributed a lot to the schools life from lighting and dance for the school productions, to organizing field trips and assemblies.

We would like to wish all these teachers well in their future careers and hope they settle in well at their new homes.

"Lady Dorothy And The Pirates", or "The Kitchen Conversation", mean anything to you? Well they are two short playlets which were performed by year six on the first of December. The playlets were the last Year Six assembly productions in the Junior School.

"Lady Dorothy And The Pirates" was the first of the two playlets. The opening line was "This makes two years three months and eight days we've been shipwrecked on this Island. A bit too much of a good thing!", which was said by Black-Jack (Matthew Harding-Price.)

The other principals were Captain Swordfish (Evan Jones), Scarface (Michael Poole), Ben Blood (Nabil Short) and Lady Dorothy (Sian Ferguson).

The Kitchen Conversation was about a group of furniture items wanting to go on holiday whilst the family were on holiday. So the bed (Tanya Mcallum) uses the telephone (Crystal Ross) to phone the removal truck but the removal company thinks she's joking so the table (Tanzey Jacobsen) takes over but gets nowhere so hands over to Sonny Television (Jeremy Poncet) on whom the removal company hang up. Then a burglar (Geoffrey Loftus) comes in and thinks he is going mad because the furniture is talking. He finally faints and the big finish is a dance to Saturday Night including the cast from Lady Dorothy And The Pirates, the cast from The Kitchen Conversation and Miss Watts who was also the director and prompt for both plays.

The costumes were expertly made and the acting was first class.

Matthew Burnett





## Jokes, Puzzles and Cartoons

### Jokes

1. What is yellow and white and travels at 100mph?  
A train driver's sandwich.
2. What do you call a man with two raincoats on?  
Max.
3. Who was the woman who set fire to her bills?  
Bernedette.

4. How do you start a pudding race?  
Sago.

5. How do you start a flea race?  
One, two, flea! go.



### Puzzles

The answers to Novembers quiz.

1. Robbie and Louise.
2. East 17 ( Stay Another Day).
3. Country.
4. Neil Sedaka.
5. Summer.
6. Love City Groove.
7. Manchester.
8. Dame Vera Lynn.
9. Glen Campbell.
10. Tina Arena.
11. Billy Ray Cyrus.
12. Engelbert Humperdink.



## FIND ALL THE WORDS!!

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SNOW  
TREE



# The Mikado

On the 23rd, 24th, and the 25th of November F.I.O.D.A. held it's second Gilbert and Sullivan production, "The Mikado". Set in ancient Japan in the town of Titipu, it tells the story of a love triangle in which Koko and Nanki-Poo both love the same person, Yum-Yum. Things are all going to plan for Ko-Ko, until Yum-Yum and Nanki-Poo fell in love. When they fall in love Yum-Yum is under the impression Nanki-Poo earns his living playing the second trombone. He is, in fact, in disguise and is actually the heir to the throne of Japan and the Mikado's son.

The rest of the tale revolves around the twists and turns of Japanese life and especially Pooh Bah, a noble, who holds every official post except for Lord High Executioner (Played by Jock Elliot) and the Mikado (David Lang).

The plot is quite good but is really just an excuse for another Gilbert and Sullivan musical containing song like "Three Little Maids" and "Willow, Titwillow, Titwillow" which are probably the best known of all the tunes in the production.

The production is different from all others that F.I.O.D.A. have done because Kevin Holland, who was the Music Teacher at F.I.C.S. in 1993 and '94, had been brought down to accompany the performers on the piano, while Crispin and Kari Fisher played the clarinet and violin in the Overture. This was also Norman Black's last F.I.O.D.A. production as he will be leaving the Islands shortly. Norman was the person who initiated F.I.O.D.A. seven years ago. He has been the driving force behind all the productions so far, and will be missed by all.

The Mikado was a great success and was enjoyed by all who took part and those who watched it. Well done to all involved.



*Saturday December 23*

*Friday January 5*

## **Penguin News**

*Information Pullout*

# **Merry Christmas to all our readers from the staff of Penguin news**

**There will be no Penguin News  
on December 27**  
**Festive Season permitting, we hope to  
bring out the next Penguin News on  
Thursday, January 4 1996**

### **Your SSVC Television programmes**

#### Saturday December 23

10.10 **Blue Peter**  
10.35 **Scratchy and Co**  
12.40 **Julia Jeckyll and Harriet Hyde**  
12.55 **Top of the Pops**  
1.25 **Grandstand** Round Four of the Rugby League Regal Trophy; Racing from Haydock; Grand Prix Gymnastics from Birmingham; Skiing from Cal D'Isere; Football Focus; and a full round-up of the rest of the day's sporting events.  
6.30 **Blind Date**  
7.30 **Health and Efficiency (New)** Return of this comedy about a group of NHS doctors battling with tight budgets, management initiatives and each other  
8.00 **Noel's House Party** Noel Edmunds throws open the doors of the Great House at Crinkly Bottom with more Gotchas on unsuspecting celebrities.  
8.50 **Casualty** A weekend wedding ends in tragedy and a young boy learns how to stand up to his bullying father. The department is thrown into chaos by the arrival of a gang of workmen on Trevor's first day as Security Manager. Daniel gets his knuckles rapped and Baz leaves home.  
9.45 **Eleven Men Against Eleven** A corrupt chairman of a football club appoints the youth team coach, Ted, to be the club's new manager. But as the crises pile up Ted has to keep his mouth shut or speak out and let his beloved City go to the wall  
10.55 **Clive Anderson Talks Back**  
11.30 **Match of the Day**  
Sunday December 24  
9.55 **Breakfast With Frost:** David Frost interviews the week's news makers.  
10.55 **The New Adventures of He-Man**  
11.15 **The O-Zone**

#### 11.35 **Record Breakers**

12.00 **Songs of Praise**

12.35 **Scene Here**

1.05 **Tomorrow's World** A report on radical proposals to solve the overcrowding problem in Tokyo, including buildings that float in the sea and underground cities; plus a pain-free alternative to the dentists drill

1.35 **The Chart Show**

2.25 **Brookside** Mo confronts Rosie about her addiction to scratch cards.

3.35 **Wildlife on One**

4.05 **Antiques Roadshow**

4.50 **The Simpsons**

5.15 **The FA Carling Premiership** Nottingham Forest v Aston Villa

7.20 **Last of the Summer Wine**

7.40 **Eastenders** The Fowler family rally around Arthur as his crisis deepens

8.10 **Heartbeat** When a pirate radio station invades the air waves, Blaketon despatches Nick to investigate. When the pub puts its prices up, Greengrass decides to make his own whisky

9.00 **Keeping up Appearances** Hyacinth advertises herself as the perfect hostess in the local paper. Last in the current series

9.30 **London's Burning** Bayleaf is considering his future in the brigade after the accident, and Remy urges Kevin to turn Mickey over to the police. Meanwhile a shout at a local registry office causes chaos at a wedding ceremony.

10.25 **Have I Got News For You**

11.00 **Scotsport** Highlights of matches from north of the border. Including Hibernian v Celtic

#### Monday December 25

2.05 **Neighbours** After the arrival of Lucy, poor Cody is left feeling she has no place to call home



2.30 High Road  
 2.55 Food and Drink  
 3.25 Family Fortunes  
 3.50 Children's SSVC starting with Wizardora  
 4.00 Spider  
 4.05 Dear Mr Baker  
 4.20 The Animal Show (New) Puppet series  
 4.45 Fun House  
 5.15 Byker Grove  
 5.40 Home And Away Curtis is feeling guilty for shunning Selina  
 6.00 Wish You Were Here  
 6.25 999 Lifesavers Tonight, the young boy who owes his life to his neighbours when a freak accident left him hanging from a climbing frame. Plus three lads who were caught out by the tide at Clevedon  
 6.55 Bruce's Price is Right  
 7.25 Coronation Street Raquel has the most emotional five days of her life as she tries to choose between Curly and Des. Double length episode.  
 8.15 The Bill: Compensation  
 8.40 Nelson's Column  
 9.10 Dangerfield Dangerfields holiday in Norfolk is becoming more like hard work as his suspicions about Susan's death continue. Meanwhile, Joanna is dubious about Paul's friendship with the beautiful Rachel in the conclusion of this two-part story  
 10.00 World in Action  
 10.25 Film '95 Barry Norman reviews the latest cinema and video releases  
 10.55 Rugby Special  
**Tuesday December 26**  
 2.05 Neighbours Gambling fever takes over Sam when he decides to let 'everything ride' on a 'dead cert'  
 2.30 Vanessa  
 2.55 Crater of the Rain God  
 3.50 Children's SSVC: starting with Oakie Dokie  
 4.00 The Story Store  
 4.10 Sooty and Co  
 4.35 Animal Hospital  
 4.45 Blue Peter  
 5.19 Just William  
 5.40 Home and Away Angel is told that Dylan has leukaemia  
 6.00 Wheel of Fortune  
 6.25 Emmerdale  
 6.55 Scene Here  
 7.25 Eastenders The residents of Albert Square wake up and find that Arthur is front-page news  
 7.50 Due South  
 8.40 Michael Barrymore's My Kind of People  
 9.05 Soldier, Soldier  
 10.00 Test Tube Bodies A special edition of Tomorrow's World which meets the engineers and scientists who are doing what everybody thought was impossible - growing human organs in the laboratory  
 10.30 My Secret Life Programme in which people give an insight of their secret lives. Tonight partner-swapping.  
 10.45 Sportsnight  
**Wednesday December 27**  
 2.05 Neighbours Sam is a bundle of nerves waiting for Annalise to return to Ramsay Street  
 2.30 Vanessa  
 2.55 Scene Here  
 3.25 Rising Damp  
 3.50 Children's SSVC: starting with The Spooks of Bottle Bay  
 4.05 Growing up Wild  
 4.30 Fantomcat  
 4.44 How 2  
 5.10 Inside The Ward  
 5.35 Home and Away  
 6.00 Jim Davidson's Generation Game  
 6.55 This is Your Life  
 7.25 Coronation Street Someone is about to get the wrong - or is it the right - idea about Des and Liz  
 7.50 The Bill: The Wee Small Hours  
 8.15 Inspector Morse: The Way Through the Woods One-off episode of the detective drama starring John Thaw and Devin Whately.  
 10.00 Sportsnight Including highlights of the Ireland v Holland match  
 10.50 My Secret Life  
 11.00 Film: Miracles Comedy adventure. A newly divorced couple are taken hostage by a Mexican bank robber. When the bandit bails out of his getaway plane leaving the couple on board, their troubles are just beginning. Starring Tom Conti and Teri Garr  
**Thursday December 28**  
 2.05 Neighbours Lucy's erratic behaviour could be a signal that she's using drugs  
 2.30 Vanessa  
 2.55 Dad's Army  
 3.25 Rising Damp  
 3.50 Children's SSVC - Wizardora

4.00 Monster Cafe  
 4.15 Garfield and Friends  
 4.25 Transylvanian Pet Shop  
 4.50 Blue Peter  
 5.15 Byker Grove  
 5.40 Home and Away  
 6.00 New Gamesmaster - Born Again  
 6.25 Emmerdale  
 6.55 Raise the Roof  
 7.25 Eastenders Bob Holness hosts the game show that offers television's biggest-ever prize - a luxury house in a popular holiday destination  
 7.50 Animal Hospital  
 8.20 Class Act Someone wants rock legend Eddy Saxe dead. Kate, Jack and Gloria get stars in their eyes trying to protect him.  
 9.15 The X-Files The consciousness of a dangerous criminal possesses an FBI agent who is also Scully's ex boyfriend  
 10.00 Blackadder Goes Forth  
 10.30 Film: Under Suspicion (1991, 18) Thriller set in 1950's Brighton and starring Liam Neeson. Tony Aaron is a private investigator arranging fake divorce evidence using his wife as the other woman. But then murder occurs.  
**Friday December 29**  
 2.05 Neighbours Annalise and Sam are in love and all's well with the world - or is it?  
 2.30 The Clothes Show Panto auditions on Alderney, chic and cheap Christmas gifts, lessons in a close shave, and insights into consumer rights are paraded in today's programme  
 3.10 Holiday Andalucia, Tanzania and Mediterranean cruising  
 3.25 Crimeline  
 3.35 The History Man  
 3.50 Children's SSVC: starting with Wolves, Witches & Giants  
 4.00 Astro Farm  
 4.10 St Tiggywinkles  
 4.20 Highlander  
 4.45 Woolf  
 5.10 The Week on Newsround  
 5.15 Art Attack Christmas Cracker  
 5.40 Home and Away Angel turns to the church for comfort, Jack sees Rad take Fisher's wallet  
 6.00 Gladiators  
 6.55 Scene Here  
 7.25 Coronation Street: Tensions are running high as Liz struggles to keep her feelings under control  
 7.50 The Bill: Photocall  
 8.15 Des O' Conner Tonight  
 9.05 Moving Story Comedy about a team of removal men.  
 10.00 Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me Surreal prequel to the successful cult TV series. Laura Palmer is slowly descending into a night mare of drugs and promiscuity.  
**Saturday December 30**  
 10.10 Blue Peter  
 10.35 Scratchy and Co  
 12.40 Julia Jeckyll and Harriet Hyde  
 12.55 Top of the Pops  
 1.25 Grandstand Rugby Union - England meet the touring West Samoans at Twickenham; Swimming - The ASA Winter Championships from Sheffield; Racing from Ascot; Golf - Johnnie Walker World Championship; Skiing from Val Gardena; Football Focus: plus a full round-up of the rest of the day's sports events  
 6.20 Crimeline  
 6.30 Blind Date  
 7.30 Health and Efficiency  
 8.00 Noel's House Party  
 8.50 Casualty  
 9.45 A Tribute to Paul Eddington Yes Minister: A special 1984 episode of the classic political comedy starring Paul Eddington who died last month. Rumours of an imminent Cabinet reshuffle dampen the Christmas festivities  
 10.45 Clive Anderson Talks Back  
 11.25 My Secret Life A woman tells how she stole another woman's identity, creating false bank accounts and obtaining credit cards  
 11.35 Match of the Day FA Carling Premiership news with highlights of two top matches  
**Sunday December 31**  
 9.40 Breakfast With Frost: David Frost interviews the week's news makers.  
 10.40 The New Adventures of He-Man  
 11.00 The O-Zone  
 11.20 Record Breakers  
 11.45 Songs of Praise  
 12.20 Scene Here  
 12.50 Tomorrow's World Today, a report on the tiniest robot in the world - the size of sugar cube; and a new experiment designed to reduce the number of fits suffered by epileptics  
 1.20 The Chart Show

## SSVC Television programmes (cont)

2.10 Brookside An old face returns to the close; Rosie doesn't hit the jackpot but she does hit rock-bottom and Jimmy gets an unwanted partner  
 3.20 Wildlife on One  
 3.50 Antiques Roadshow  
 4.35 The Simpsons  
 5.00 The FA Carling Premiership Liverpool v Manchester United  
 7.00 Cartoon Time  
 7.05 Last of the Summer Wine  
 7.35 Eastenders Pat's plans for a family Christmas are thrown off course by a telephone call bringing back old memories. Bewitched, bothered and bewildered, that's the state Arthur's in  
 8.05 Heartbeat The village is put in jeopardy when a kidnapping case takes an unexpected turn. Blaketon enjoys his status as president of the local rugby club, until Greengrass takes an interest in the game.  
 8.55 London's Burning Pearce and Patti are back together, but Nick and his son are finally parted. Meanwhile Bayleaf's last day ends in tragedy when Blue Watch are called out to the scene of a siege  
 9.50 Have I Got News For You  
 10.20 Heart of the Matter  
 10.55 Scotsport  
**Monday January 1**  
 2.05 Neighbours Luke is doing such a good job at the coffee shop that Annalise contemplates selling him the business  
 2.30 High Road  
 2.55 Food and Drink  
 3.25 Family Fortunes  
 3.50 Children's SSVC starting with Wizardora  
 4.00 Spider  
 4.05 Dear Mr Baker  
 4.20 The Animal Show (New) Puppet series  
 4.45 Fun House  
 5.15 Byker Grove  
 5.40 Home And Away Curtis is feeling guilty for shunning Selina  
 6.00 Wish You Were Here  
 6.25 999 Lifesavers Tonight, how bathtime turned into a nightmare for a young mother when her baby got its finger caught in the plughole; and how a walk in the woods almost turned to tragedy when a 10 year old tumbles from a ledge and fractured his skull  
 6.55 Bruce's Price is Right  
 7.25 Coronation Street Denise receives an unwelcome visit from her sister, while Liz's fate is determined behind her back  
 7.50 The Bill: Love Me, Love My Dog  
 8.15 Nelson's Column  
 9.10 Dangerfield When Paul is asked to do a spot of 'baby-sitting', he doesn't anticipate the profound effect his young charge will have on Joanna Stevens who ends up facing the hardest decision of her life. Last in the current series  
 10.00 Crimeline  
 10.10 Inside Story  
 11.00 Film '95  
 11.30 Rugby Special Highlights - England and Western Samoa  
**Tuesday January 2**  
 2.05 Neighbours Brett stands up to his mother, Cheryl, about his round-the-world sailing trip  
 2.30 Vanessa  
 2.55 Ballooning Over Everest Film charting cameraman Leo Dickenson's daring balloon flight over Mount Everest as he pushes himself and his equipment to the limit  
 3.50 Children's SSVC: starting with Oakie Dokie  
 4.00 The Story Store  
 4.10 Sooty and Co  
 4.35 Animal Hospital  
 4.45 Blue Peter  
 5.10 Just William  
 5.40 Home and Away Jack is attracted to Rad's lifestyle  
 6.00 Wheel of Fortune  
 6.25 Emmerdale  
 6.55 Scene Here  
 7.25 Eastenders Ian discovers that Cindy can be the perfect wife, but does she have an ulterior motive?  
 7.50 Due South  
 8.40 Michael Barrymore's My Kind of People  
 9.05 Soldier, Soldier  
 10.00 People's Century Tonight, the growth of mass production and the consumer economy which transformed so many lives  
 10.55 Comic Asides  
 11.25 The Endsleigh League Extra  
**Wednesday January 3**  
 2.05 Neighbours Stonefish is so pleased that Cody thinks he is a talented drummer, that he plucks up the courage to ask her on a date  
 2.30 Vanessa

2.55 Scene Here  
 3.25 Rising Damp  
 3.50 Children's SSVC: starting with The Spooks of Bottle Bay  
 4.05 Growing up Wild  
 4.30 Fantomcat  
 4.45 How 2  
 5.10 Poop-Poop The making of The Wind in the Willows  
 5.35 Home and Away Marilyn mistakenly dyes Fisher's hair orange  
 6.00 Jim Davidson's Generation Game  
 6.55 This is Your Life  
 7.25 Coronation Street  
 7.50 The Bill: Heart of Gold  
 8.15 Roy Castle: Look Back and Smile A look at the fundraising work of one of Britain's bravest and best loved entertainers. His dying wish was to raise money to build a centre of excellence in Liverpool for research into lung cancer  
 9.05 Film: Blade runner (1982, 15) Cult sci-fi thriller, re-edited to be seen as the director originally intended, starring Harrison Ford as a bounty hunter coerced by the police into destroying a gang of renegade androids in 21st century Los Angeles  
 11.00 A Tribute to Marti A tribute to entertainer Marti Caine, who died earlier this month. Presented by her close friend Nina Myskow, it includes clips from some of her performances  
**Thursday January 4**  
 2.05 Neighbours Cheryl schemes to sabotage Brett's travel plans  
 2.30 Vanessa  
 2.55 Food and Drink  
 3.50 Children's SSVC - Wizardora  
 4.00 Monster Cafe  
 4.15 Garfield and Friends  
 4.25 Crazyhowbadattack It's Violet Berlin, Neil Buchanan, Andy Crane, Fred Dineage, Gareth Jones, Jenny Powell, Sonya Saul and Carol Vorderman - all top children's presenters, mixed up on the wrong shows.  
 4.50 Blue Peter  
 5.15 Byker Grove  
 5.40 Home and Away Damien arrives in Summer Bay a changed person  
 6.00 Wish You Were Here Kent, outback in Queensland, Australia and Turkey  
 6.25 Emmerdale  
 6.55 Eastenders Gita hears that her husband won't be back for Christmas and decides to take a risk. Pat finally lets Kathy make an important call. Pauline goes to court to support Arthur. Double length episode  
 7.50 Animal Hospital  
 8.20 The Coronation Years Writer Ray Gosling delves into the archives to uncover how Coronation Street and the country dealt with social change over the 35 years since the programme's inception  
 9.15 The X-Files  
 10.00 Blackadder Goes Forth  
 10.30 Film: Night Moves (1975) Thriller. An LA private detective puts his marital problems on ice when he is hired by a fading actress to find her runaway teenage daughter  
**Friday January 5**  
 2.05 Neighbours Lucy Robinson becomes a cause for concern as she hits the bottle in a serious way  
 2.30 The Clothes Show  
 3.10 Holiday Barbados, Orland, Ibiza and the Hebrides  
 3.25 Rising Damp  
 3.50 Children's SSVC: starting with Wolves, Witches & Giants  
 4.00 Astro Farm  
 4.15 Highlander  
 4.40 Father Christmas  
 5.10 The Week on Newsround  
 5.15 Art Attack Christmas Cracker  
 5.40 Home and Away Shane decides that whatever Angel wants is okay by him  
 6.00 Gladiators  
 6.55 Scene Here Review of the Year  
 7.25 Coronation Street  
 7.50 The Bill: Dying Breath  
 8.15 Des O' Conner Tonight  
 9.05 Moving Story Comedy about a team of removal men.  
 10.00 Film Raining Stones (1993, 15) Gritty comedy drama premiere. Bob Williams, an unemployed man living on an Oldham council estate, is determined to buy his daughter a new dress for her first Communion. But his attempts to raise the money become increasingly desperate  
 11.25 Guns 'n Roses The Photographic History Revealing documentary which follows American heavy metal band Guns 'n roses on their two year world tour, as seen through the lens of the band's photographer and friend, Robert John



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



## Extracts from a conversation between John Fowler and Mr David Tatham

### The Argentines, Fish, Oil and Charm

JF: Were there any major surprises or major disappointments in your three years as Governor?

DT: I suppose the major surprise was the one that hit me very soon after I arrived. That was the Argentines entry into the squid fishery and the dramatic impact that had on our own revenue.

Of course it turned out not to be as bad as we feared, but at the time that all the usual clients deserted us and went off to Argentina, things looked pretty bleak. Then, of course, we were lucky; the squid that year turned out to be exactly where we wanted them. There was that wonderful day when the harbour was full of Taiwanese jiggers all coming to license because they couldn't find any squid on the high seas. So, although we lost seven million pounds worth of income, as compared to the previous year of illex licenses, nevertheless, we were saved.

I suppose the other, not surprise exactly; I was pleased that it proved possible, to negotiate the Joint (oil) Declaration on such reasonable terms. I thought it would be very difficult to persuade the Argentines to acquiesce in our oil development and it proved difficult but not impossible.



JF: What do you think the Argentines hope most to gain by being cooperative over issues like the oil and fisheries.

DT: I think its partly Dr Di Tella and the "Charm Offensive."

JF: Has that been a problem to you?

DT: I don't think it's made much impact. Basically people still think pretty well the way they did. I

think that people, perhaps, feel a little warmer to Dr Di Tella personally. I was quite interested that when we did a little entrance examination for people we were recruiting to do a job at Government House, everyone knew Dr Di Tella's name. So I certainly think he's made a personal impression but I don't think his policy has made much of an impression. This applies even to the "Mega bribe", which had me worried frankly and when the MORI poll came over, I

didn't know how people would react, but in fact I think there was tremendous solidarity and a realisation that it was an illusion and it was rejected.

JF: From time to time you expressed a kind of frustration at our inability to be rather more active in taking the Falklands' side of things over there, rather than always appearing to be recipients of one sort or another of public relations offensive. Would you say

## Part 1: Argentina, Aid and Expansion

# "The problem with Argentina is that they are such experts in self-delusion"

that was the case? Is there any opportunity that you regret you weren't able to take?

DT: You're right in that I think we should be more aggressive, but being aggressive means actually going to Argentina and speaking or sending material there and making sure it's heard and read and I think that both of those are very positive things to do. I think the visit by Graham Bound and Janet Robertson was a very valuable exercise. When you talk about Councillors going then that would be different because that would be seen in Argentina, rightly or wrongly, as a major concession because Councillors have always refused to do it up until now.

The problem with Argentina is that they are such experts in self-delusion, and that almost no matter what Councillors said, there were no longer see themselves as being in perpetual opposition to the

adfact that they had appeared in Buenos Aires or Ushuaia or wherever, would be seen as some triumph for the "Charm Offensive". This is the problem, so I can see why Councillors are reluctant to get involved; there is a real difficulty there.

JF: Do you think that is a risk worth taking? You said in your farewell speech to LegCo that you really hoped they would be able to reconcile their problems in this area.

DT: Yes, I think this may be a risk worth taking at the time, but it depends a bit on the general environment and the atmosphere at the time.

### A disappointment

JF: Now that your term of office is drawing to a close, is there anything that might come under the heading "unfinished business"?

DT: I don't think so. I think most of the major things I wanted to see done have happened.

I mentioned a couple of things in the LegCo speech. One was the foreign aid programme, which I think would be a good idea. It would make good politics and also, I think it would give us a little more focus to people's very charitable instincts here. It would mean financial support that we started out at the beginning of the year saying, here is, say, £100,000. How can we best spend this money, rather than just waiting for some awful disaster to come and having a whip round or a function in the Town Hall. I would like to see that and I'm slightly disappointed that no councillors took it up in their speeches and none of them commented on it at all.

JF: Having an aid programme really really requires us to have a vision of ourselves as a "grown-

up", first-world, country, with global responsibilities. Do you think we are ever going to achieve that kind of vision of ourselves given our present numbers?

DT: I'm an expansionist in terms of the Falklands. I think that numbers should expand. I don't think that the quality of life will alter through more people coming in and I don't think that the essence of Falklands' society will change through more people coming in, basically, as long as most of them come from the U.K. I know this is a very emotive issue with people, but when you think that the population has increased by not quite a third since the end of the conflict, it doesn't seem to me that the calibre or the quality of life has deteriorated at all. In fact, if anything, its better now. I think that the population ought to increase, for all sorts of reasons.

(Continued in next issue)



## Opening hours during the holiday

Date	Foodhall	Fleetwing	Pastimes	Gallery	Homecare	MPA
23.12.95	9am-6pm	9am-6pm	9-12.1.30-4pm	9am-4pm	10am-4pm	10.30am-2pm
24.12.95	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9-12.1.30-4pm	9am-5pm	9am-4pm	10.30am-2pm
25.12.95	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
26.12.95	4pm-6pm	4pm-6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
27.12.95	4pm-6pm	4pm-6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
28.12.95	8.30am-8pm	8.30am-8pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
29.12.95	8.30am-8pm	8.30am-8pm	Normal hrs	Normal hrs	8.30-12.1-5.30	Closed
30.12.95	9am-6pm	9am-6pm	Normal hrs	Normal hrs	10-12.1-4	Closed
31.12.95	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
01.01.96	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
02.01.96	8.30am-8pm	8.30am-8pm	Normal hrs	Normal hrs	Normal hrs	Normal hrs

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## Farming Phobia an irregular column

WELL, I guess that there should be a lot to go on about this time; what with LegCo the other week. Some important things discussed, such as The Constitution, Landholdings and Johnny Rooks. So goodness knows where to start, but perhaps now that they have succeeded in letting us all know that the birds aren't protected, when we thought that they were, it might be an idea to rush something through before too many die. At the same time they might also look into the possibility of supplying sheep with protective headgear and visors. This solution might go some way in keeping all concerned reasonably happy.

His Excellency The Governor must be given an accolade in this edition for his remarks, after the amendment to the motion on the constitution was passed. I couldn't agree with him more - if people (from whatever country) stay here for five years and pay local taxes, then they must have a vote. I'm not on about contractors who might not pay local dues or offshore workers who don't really live in the Falklands, but anyone who makes this place their home are just as entitled to have a say as the rest of us. We must also remember that if we are British, then we are British all the time and not only when it suits us. I welcome the

proposal that candidates for election need not live in the constituency that they stand in; wouldn't it be funny if most elected members happened to live in the Camp. Another ridiculous part of the review is that we should have more than eight councillors, what are we going to do with them all?

Congratulations to Exco for deciding to sell off some of Landholdings. I thought when they were elected that it was a slight improvement on the previous council. Although I agree that it is the right move, two councillors shouldn't be able to make such a decision. If it does go ahead, get it right this time and make every section at least 20,000 acres, with at least 5,000 sheep, and don't sell off one large section to one family. Why not take different pieces from each farm instead of having them all in one area; this could result in even North Arm becoming more populated, instead of waiting for the trees to come to fruition. Let's also hope that they ask those who know the land and have worked it for years, to make the split and avoid the misguidance of the past.

Good news that Cable & Wireless are at last going to replace the VHF telephone system, lets hope that it isn't too long before all those outlying farms and islands

can enjoy a relatively trouble free phone call, like the rest of us already do. Now that some overseas weekend calls are slightly cheaper, how about really helping all the people and have a reasonable deduction in local rates. Even 2 or 3 pence a unit surely wouldn't make too large a dent in their massive profits, but it would make quite a difference to use, and particularly

to the low paid agricultural workers.

It looks like Nigel Knight's report will have to await a later date for comment or perhaps it will disappear to wherever all such reports end up, lets hope so anyway.

(This column was intended by the writer for last week's publication)

### Visit of HRH The Princess Royal

THERE will be several public functions being held around the Islands during the visit of HRH the Princess Royal.

(All times quoted are Stanley Time)

**Wednesday 31 January 1996** From 12.15hrs to 12.45hrs Her Royal Highness will be at Blue Beach Lodge to have smoko with the residents of San Carlos and surrounding farms (Contact: Mrs Linda Anderson phone 32205)

A buffet lunch will be held in the Goose Green Social Club from 14.15hrs to 15.15hrs, it is hoped that residents of Goose Green, North Arm, Walker Creek and Fitzroy will attend this function. (Contact: Clerk of Councils, phone 27451)

**Thursday 1 February** From 10.45hrs to 11.30hrs Smoko will be served in the Community Centre at Fox Bay. (Contact: Councillor Nonna Edwards; phone 42004)

A buffet lunch is being hosted by Mr and Mrs Tim Blake in their home at Hill Cove from 12.30hrs to 14.00hrs (Contact: Mrs Sally Blake; phone 41193) smoko at Port Howard Social Club from 15.00hrs to 16.00hrs (Contact: Mrs Carol Lee; phone 42198)

The Falkland Islands Government Public Reception (for Stanley and North Camp residents) will be held in the Town Hall from 19.00hrs to 20.30hrs (Her Royal Highness will arrive at 19.15hrs) Attendance to this function will be restricted to 300 people. Tickets for the reception will be available from the Secretariat from 08.30hrs on Monday 8th January 1996 on a strictly first come first served basis. As tickets are limited, we ask those people who are aware that they will meet the Princess Royal on other occasions, not to apply for tickets.

To enable the various hosts to ascertain numbers, please call those listed as contacts and advise your attendance at the above mentioned functions. General enquiries should be directed to the Clerk of Councils on Tel Number 27451

# Stanley Leisure Centre

## Christmas Opening Times 1995/96

Date	Pool	Gym/Courts
Saturday 23 December	2.00pm-5.00pm <i>Public</i>	1.00pm-6pm <i>Public</i>
Sunday 24 December	2.00pm-5.00pm <i>Public</i>	1.00-6.00pm <i>Public</i>
Monday 25 December	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 26 December	Closed	Closed
Wednesday 27 December	Closed	Closed
Thursday 28 December	3.00pm-6.00pm <i>Public</i>	2.00pm-6.00pm <i>Public</i>
Friday 29 December	3.00pm-6.00pm <i>Public</i>	2.00pm-6.00pm <i>Public</i>
Saturday 30 December	1.00pm-4.00pm <i>Public</i>	1.00pm-4.00pm <i>Public</i>
Sunday 31 December	Closed	Closed
Monday 1 January	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 2 January	Closed	Closed
Wednesday 3 January	2.00pm-6.00pm <i>Public</i> 6.00pm-8.00pm <i>Adult</i>	1.00pm-9.00pm <i>Public</i>

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Saturday	23rd Dec	0900-1300
Sunday	24th Dec	0900-1200
Monday	25th Dec	CLOSED
Tuesday	26th Dec	1700-1800
Wednesday	27th Dec	1700-1800
Thursday	28th Dec	0830-1700
Friday	29th Dec	0830-1700
Saturday	30th Dec	1000-1300
Sunday	31st Dec	CLOSED
Monday	1st Jan	CLOSED
Tuesday	2nd Jan	0830-1700

*The staff of Stanley Services would like to take this opportunity to wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year*



# Season's Greetings

## 1995

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my relatives and friends "A Happy and Peaceful Christmas" and "A Prosperous New Year".

Leon Harries

Ellis Rover Spares  
Wish all their customers a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

To all our relatives and friends, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Mally and Ian

To Julie and Johnathon, how could we dump you? Happy Xmas. Love Mal and Tosh.

To all family and friends here and overseas. Happy Xmas and a '96 to be remembered. Love Vi Felton, family and Donald (duck) Short.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the Nursery School children and parents. I will miss you all. Caroline.

Thankyou to everyone who has helped and supported me during the past 5 1/2 years, also for the surprise gifts. Caroline Aldridge.

A big hello to Aunty Rits, Uncle Mick and James in Camoustie - Hoping you have a lovely time at Christmas and New Year - Lots and lots of love always from Imojen Joy.

Wishing all our family and friends a lovely Christmas and New Year from Amara, Will and Imojen. (Also a big Christmas hug to Ariane Storm from Imojen)

Stella McPherson, New Zealand, wishes to thank family and friends for cards received and sends seasons greetings and love to everyone.

To all relations and friends in the islands and overseas a very Happy Xmas and New Year. Love from Maud Watson.

To all family and friends in the islands and overseas. Happy Xmas, have a wonderful 1996 - god bless, love from Odette, Paula and Crystal.

To all our friends in the Falklands, best wishes and a prosperous New Year from Nick and Sheila.

I regret I am not able to send greeting cards this year, but I would like my relations and friends to know that I hope they have a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.  
Irene Biggs

Alan, Ana, Roxi and Bradley wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

To family and friends, Christmas and New Year greetings. Love Mim and Colin.  
To family and friends, Christmas and New Year greetings. Love Big Daddy and Dids.

To all relations and friends. Sorry no cards. Christmas and New Year greetings to you all from Fin, Bleaker Island.

Jimmy and Felicity Glass of Tristan da Cunha wish all their friends in the Falklands a Happy Christmas and God's blessing throughout the New Year.

To all relations and friends, Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year from Phyllis and John Willie.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all family and friends in the Falklands and overseas. From Pat, Dan and Zoe.

To wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Terry and Eleanor Peck.

Management and staff would like to wish all their customers a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

A Very Happy Christmas to all our friends with love from Griz, Richard and boys

To all relations and friends wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Len at 67 Fitzroy Road

To all family and friends, Rhoda and Paul are not sending Christmas cards this year. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from Rhoda, Paul, Larissa and Aaron

Celia's Bakery  
Celia Stewart would like to thank all her customers and to wish them all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 1996

Christmas Greetings to all family and friends from Kathy, Atilio and Lisa Iaffi

Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 1996 to all our friends around the islands. Pete, Melanie, Amy and Petra Gilding

Marc, Dawn and Gabbi Hoy wish all our friends and relatives a very Merry Christmas and may 1996 bring all that you wish for.

The Government and people of the island of Aldemey send their sincere greetings to the people of the Falkland Islands for a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May 1996 bring continued peace and happiness.

To all relations and friends and everyone else wherever you are - Christmas and New Year greetings. Les and Agnes Whitney.

To wish all our family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Eric, Carrie and Madeleine.

To my friends and family - Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. From Nora Smith.





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### PERSONAL

**Lil, Rose and David** would like to thank all who sent messages of sympathy, cards and flowers at the time of their bereavement.

To Beverly, Happy 18th for Friday, love Mum, Dad and Mervyn.

**Feeling ill over the Christmas period - just call your local medic.**



Happy Christmas Jules

### NOTICES

**McKays Market** will be open late Thursday and Saturday. Special offer - all leather jackets 1/2 price. Thank you for your custom in 1995 and we wish you a very happy Christmas and a good year ahead.

**Jones & Berntsen Butchery** will cease trading as such on 31st December, 1995. The butchery will reopen in January 1996 under the management of Ben Bernsten. We would like to thank all our customers for their support over the last 5 years and hope that you will continue to support Ben in his new business and with his prospects of running the new abattoir. I, personally, would like to thank all our customers for the faithful support and help that you have given me over the last 5 years and would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year from myself and Ben. Michael Jones (Ted)

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## Football by Patrick Watts

THERE were mixed fortunes for Stanley's soccer teams last weekend. The 2nd eleven scored an impressive 3-1 victory over their counterparts from HMS Westminster but the 1st eleven went down by 3 goals to 2.

Steve Jennings opened the scoring for Stanley's seconds, but shortly after half-time the visitors equalised and for a while they dominated the game, but gradually Stanley worked their way back into the match mainly through some determined runs from Douglas Clarke and some magnificent forward play by Kim Clarke who scored two individual goals to demoralise the visitors.

He first of all beat three players in a mazy run before slamming the ball high into the net and secondly ran clear of a static defence to coolly slide the ball past the advancing goal-keeper. Youngsters Luke Clarke and Wayne Clement both impressed against stronger and more experienced opposition, while Wayne Jaffray made some excellent saves in goal.

Stanley took an early lead in the first team game when Paul Riddell powerfully shook off a couple of tackles to sprint clear of the Westminster defence and hit the back of the net with a ferocious shot. But within a minute the visi-

tors were level when a static Stanley defence allowed the tall Steve Fell to raise high and head the ball past Simon Goodwin.

On 22 minutes Gibson put Westminster ahead after there was some confusion within the Stanley penalty area following a corner, but 8 minutes later Stanley equalised when Paul Riddell's shot was deflected past his own goal-keeper by defender Abernathy. The half-time score being 2-2.

The second half did not provide the excitement of the first as Stanley lost some momentum when influential midfielder Dale McCormick had to go off with a knee injury. A draw looked on the cards until 7 minutes from time when Gibson twisted in mid air to head the ball past Goodwin, following a corner. It was a sickening blow for Stanley who appeared ready to settle for a draw although Paul Riddell and Jimmy Curtis were always looking for a winning goal.

**Merit marks:** Simon Goodwin 7, Russel Smith 9, Derek Clarke 7, Chris Jaffray 7, Rannon Miranda 6, Marin Clarke 6, Dale McCormick 7 (sub Glenn Ross 6), Chris Clarke 6, Gavin Clifton 8, Jimmy Curtis 8, Paul Riddell 8.  
**Starman:** Russell Smith

**Triggers Services** would like to wish their customers a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

**Atlantic House Cafe** wish all their customers a merry Xmas and a happy New Year

### Triggers Laundry Service

X-mas opening hours:

Sun 24th: 9am - 1pm  
 Wed 27th: 9am - 1pm  
 Thurs 28th: 9am - 1pm  
 Fri 29th: 9am - 4pm  
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### The Pink Shop

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### Reflections

Opening times for Christmas:

Christmas eve OPEN 9-12.30  
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 Boxing day CLOSED  
 Wed 27th CLOSED  
 Thurs 28th CLOSED  
 Fri 29th/Sat 30th as normal  
 New Years Day CLOSED  
 Tuesday 2nd as normal  
 A merry Christmas and happy New Year to all our customers

## Postscript from the Cathedral

### Missing the point

IN North Carolina, on 17 December 1908, Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first powered and controlled aeroplane flights. They were so excited that they sent a telegram to their sister Katherine: "We have actually flown 120 feet. Will be home for Christmas."

Katherine rushed to the city newspaper office and thrust the cable into the hand of the editor. He read it, smiled and said: "Well, well! How nice. The boys will be home for Christmas!" He had missed what could have been, for him, the news scoop of the cen-

tury.

This Christmas take time out not to miss the point. And the point is that Christmas is more than turkey and tinsel, booze and binge. We celebrate because of what God has done for us; we can rejoice and be merry because God has sent his son to be our saviour.

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwell in a land of deep darkness on them has light shined.... For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and his name will be called the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9 verses 2 & 6)