



Falkland Islands NEWSLETTER

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Ministers visit Islands

Mr Cranley Onslow MP (Minister of State, FCO) and the Rt Hon John Nott MP, Defence Secretary, have visited the Falkland Islands following their liberation by the combined British Task Force.

Rehabilitation is taking place swiftly, as the Prime Minister reported to the House of Commons on October 20;

"My hon. Friend the Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office the hon. Member for Woking (Mr. Onslow), visited the islands earlier this month to review the situation. Considerable progress has been achieved but many problems remain. About £8.5 million has been committed from the initial rehabilitation allocation of £10 million.

Much has been done to restore essential services. The power station is in full operation and can meet the demands of Port Stanley. Preparations are in hand to install a new generator. The water filtration plant is also just meeting demands and extra pumps are on order. As regards mines, the area of Stanley common has been cleared and the Stanley to Darwin road is open. Other mined areas have been fenced off and clearly marked. A map showing progress with mine clearance is regularly revised and made available to the civil population.

The present airport has been repaired and extended so that regular supplies of urgent reconstruction material can be delivered by Hercules flights. The runway has been extended to 6,100 feet and can also now be used by Phantom aircraft.

Large quantities of building materials are being ordered and shipped. They are being used to repair private and Government-owned houses which were damaged during the occupation, and will also be used to repair public buildings. A project for 54 new houses has been launched to replace homes destroyed during the occupation and to house additional personnel attached to the Falkland Islands Government.

Replacement vehicles and plant for various departments of the Falkland Islands Government have been ordered and shipped. Large consignments of solid fuel, kerosene, gas and aviation fuel have been sent to the islands. Three replacement aircraft for the islands' internal air

service have been shipped. Thirty-four additional personnel for the Falkland Islands Government have been recruited.

Longer term rehabilitation requirements, such as the more permanent restoration and expansion of water, power, sewerage and road systems, and the harbour facilities and internal communications, are now being actively considered."

New Office for Islands

The Joint Executive and Legislative Councils of the Falkland Islands have decided that the Falkland Islands Government should have an office in London. His Excellency Sir Rex Hunt CMG, the Civil Commissioner, on behalf of the Falkland Islands Government, has invited Mr Adrian Monk OBE to take charge of the new office.

The Joint Councils hope that the new office will have been opened before the end of November.

When the new Falkland Islands Government Office is opened, there will be transferred to it all the development work, enquiries about immigration into the Islands, and enquiries about employment opportunities there which the office at 2 Greycoat Place has been handling during the past seven months, together with the many other semi-official tasks which have been carried out on behalf of the Falkland Islands.

The office at 2 Greycoat Place will no longer be called "The Falkland Islands Office" but the Falkland Islands Association will carry on at that address to provide a secretariat for the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee, the South Atlantic Fisheries Committee, and the head office for the membership of the Falkland Islands Association itself.

With this reduced workload it is anticipated that the Association's office at 2 Greycoat Place will be open only in the mornings, and the work will be carried out largely by volunteers. The telephone number will continue to be 01-222 0028.

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The Task Force

Sir John Barlow, Chairman, and the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee pay tribute to the men and women of the combined British Task Force for their heroism and brilliance in restoring freedom to the Falkland Islands.

The Committee expresses its profoundest sympathy with the families, friends and colleagues of those who fell in the cause of freedom from tyranny, and with those who were wounded.

The Committee pays tribute to all those, in Britain and elsewhere, who contributed to the success of the Task Force.

Nationality Bill sought

A draft Bill to give full British nationality and the unrestricted right to enter the United Kingdom to Falkland Islands residents of Falkland Islands birth and descent, but without a British-born grandparent, has been deposited in the House of Lords by Baroness Vickers.

This move follows the loss, on an almost unprecedented tied vote of 90-90 in the House of Lords, of an amendment to the 1981 Nationality Bill, moved by Lady Vickers in October 1981. The chairman's casting vote, under Standing Orders, caused the amendment to fail.

Members of the Association wishing to help should write to any member of the House of Lords with whom he or she is acquainted and to his local Member of Parliament seeking their support. Between three and four hundred Falkland Islanders and their children do not at present have the right to enter Britain and are not British citizens. The remaining inhabitants, because they have a British-born grandparent, are British citizens.

The Falkland Islands Association

A message from the Chairman

In 1976, the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee resolved to incorporate a members' association under the name 'Falkland Islands Research and Development Association' to be called the 'Falkland Islands Association' for short. Our purpose was to open an office which would provide the Committee with a permanent secretary, assist in the implementation of the development proposals in Lord Shackleton's 1976 Report and at the same time to be able to do some of those things for the people of the Falkland Islands which a High Commission would do if the Islands had their own representative in London. We decided to operate under the name 'The Falkland Islands Office' and that is the name under which the Association has carried on ever since.

For a year the Office was run by Miss Leif Barton from Teal Inlet (now Mrs Peter Maitland) and we then appointed Air Commodore Brian Frow DSO DFC as Director General. Subsequently Miss Barton left to take up the post of assistant to the Development Officer, Mr William Sloman, in the Islands and she was succeeded first by Miss Doreen O'Farrell and latterly by Miss Sukey Cameron. On a budget of £24,000 a year raised by members' subscriptions and donations, a substantial part of it due to the efforts of Mr Les Taylor as voluntary Membership Secretary, and with the cooperation of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers, we were just able to keep an office, with two salaried employees, in central London. The United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee was supplied with a secretariat, Falkland Islanders in difficulty with the immigration authorities were helped, and information of every kind about the Islands was provided to a wide variety of enquirers.

When the crisis fell on us on the 2nd April 1982, quite a large part of the population of Britain knew where the Falkland Islands were and what it was all about. On the 2nd April the whole concept which had caused FIRADA to be set up as a members' association with its own office proved its worth. The Hon. John Cheek, a member of the Legislative Council, was already here; the Hon. William Luxton, a member of the Executive Council, followed him in a matter of a week or so after being deported by the Argentines. His Excellency the Governor and Mr Dick Baker, the Chief Secretary, were also deported and

provided by the Foreign Office with a slightly larger room than the one from which we were operating at Greycourt Place.

The rudiments of a "Government in Exile" were here. The framework of a civil service for that Government existed. Volunteers and members of the Association, English and Falkland Islands, rushed to help. Mr Alastair Cameron arrived from Germany, Mr Patrick Berntsen from New Zealand and Mr David Summers from Bermuda. Others came from nearer home. We maintained, successfully although under great stress and strain, a Press information service, a secretarial service and also a first class information service for government departments.

This work was made possible by the generous financial assistance given by numerous individuals and companies in Britain.

Falkland Islanders went back determined that there must be a permanent official Falkland Islands representative in London in the difficult period which we all knew was going to follow the recovery of the Islands.

Since then the Office has maintained a highly efficient welfare and information service for Falkland Islanders in the Islands and Falkland Islanders who at the time of the invasion were caught in other countries. Friends and relatives have been kept in touch with each other and people have been helped both on arrival and departure at UK airports.

Members of Legislative Council on their way to New York to address the United Nations have used our services, contact has been maintained with British Government departments and contacts have been made with commercial companies anxious to take part in the development of the Islands. Intending immigrants and volunteer workers for the Islands have been channelled in the right direction and literally thousands of letters from well-wishers have been answered and donors thanked for their gifts.

The Falkland Islands Economic Study 1982 under the chairmanship of the Rt Hon Lord Shackleton KG PC OBE has recommended the establishment of a Falkland Islands Development Agency Office in London as part of the Development Agency to be established by the Falkland Islands Government.

Now the time has come for us to hand over smoothly and efficiently to the Falkland Islands Government who have realised the value to the Falkland Islands of permanent official representation here.

But this will not be the end of the work

of the Association. We have agreed to cease using the name "The Falkland Islands Office" so that it can, if desired, be assumed by the new Government office. We are resuming our old name of THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ASSOCIATION but we can still be of help. Exactly how we can do this is still being worked out. Our role will clearly be a much reduced one compared with the enormous effort of the last six months but it will not be negligible. I hope in our next issue to be able to give you details of how we see our future and yours as the supporters and friends in Britain of the people of the Falkland Islands.

*E. W. Hunter Christie
October 1982*

Mr Adrian Monk OBE Falkland Islands Representative Designate

Adrian Monk was born in Somerset, of Falkland Islands parentage on his mother's side. His grandfather founded Roy Cove Settlement in the 19th century. His mother was born in the Falkland Islands and lived there until her marriage to Captain Monk RN. Mr Monk was at sea in the merchant service from 1935 to 1949. This included six years of war service and three years as chief officer of the Falkland Islands Company's ship, SS Lafonia. He left the sea and went to San Carlos in 1949. Since then he has been manager of Pebble Island and of San Carlos until 1981, when he moved to Stanley and entered the Falkland Islands Government Service as Agricultural Officer.

Mr Monk was a nominated member of the Falkland Islands Legislative Council for four years and an elected member for twelve years. Latterly he served as a member of the Executive Council.

He has served as a Falkland Islands representative at Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conferences in Canada and Jamaica.

Apart from his Executive Council duties in the Falkland Islands, Mr Monk has taken part in meetings at ministerial level as a Falkland Islands representative in the sovereignty negotiations in London and on various occasions in New York.

He was awarded the OBE in the 1979 Birthday Honours.

Mr Monk is a keen horseman and among his other interests are gardening and chess. He will have the support of his wife Norah in his new post and also of his two children, Peter, who is married, and Sally.

Air Commodore Brian Frow DSO, DFC

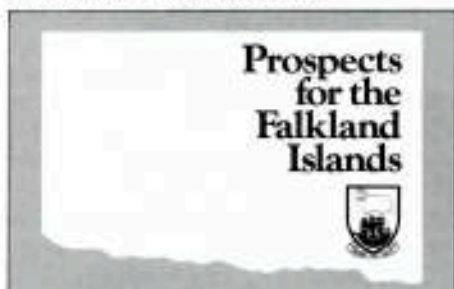
Air Commodore Brian Frow has retired as Director General of the Falkland Islands Office following its reorganisation and the reduction of its active role on the establishment by the Islands Joint Councils of official representation in London.

Brian Frow was appointed Director General of the Falkland Islands Office in March 1978 and became Honorary Secretary to the UK Falkland Islands Committee in September of that year.

With calmness and resolution he guided the Office and its associated committees through a difficult time, particularly when it became clear that a crisis was developing. It is recalled that his last editorial in this Newsletter (December 1981) started: "This issue highlights recent events which reveal impending trouble for the Falklands."

Formerly Defence Attaché in Moscow and Commander Royal Air Force in Hong Kong, Air Commodore Frow was awarded his decorations for his wartime service as a pilot in Bomber Command.

Brian Frow will continue his work as Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers, but for whose generous cooperation the Falkland Islands Office would have closed in 1980.



"Prospects" brochure sent worldwide

A brochure showing that the Falkland Islands have excellent economic prospects and do not need to rely on Argentina was given a wide distribution during July.

The Falkland Islands Office prepared "Prospects for the Falkland Islands" and an attractive coloured information folder with the help of Islanders visiting the UK. The documents were sent to all MPs and interested Peers, UN ambassadors and ambassadors in Britain, to Euro-MPs, the entire US Congress, to the media and to commercial organisations.

With a foreword by the Civil Commissioner, "Prospects" covers sheep-farming, philately, oil, alginates, tourism, fisheries and other potential developments.

Honours for Islanders

Honours have been given to 24 Falkland Islanders and people resident in the Islands ranging from a knighthood for the Civil Commissioner to BEMs for civilians.

Clergymen Rev. Harry Bagnall of the Cathedral and Mgr. Daniel Spraggon of St. Mary's Church receive the OBE, as does Dr Alison Bleaney, who worked in Stanley's hospital during the war.

MBEs go to hospital matron Valerie Bennet, power station supervisor Ted Carey, Dr Mary Elphinstone, manager of Goose Green Eric Goss, Councillor Terry Peck (who assisted the Parachute Regiment), Broadcasting Officer Patrick Watts, vet Steve Whitley and water supply superintendent Dennis Place.

Thirteen men and women have been awarded the British Empire Medal. Vernon Steen, Philip Miller, Michael McKay and Tim Dobbins were recognised for the help they gave to the British Forces; Bronwen Williams and Karen Timberlake were nurses at the KEM Hospital; Derek Rozee, Les Harris, Eileen Vidal and Hilda Perry received the BEM for maintaining essential services. Jim Fairfield who fought with the Marines at Government House during the invasion and Malcolm Ashworth, Stanley's dairyman also received BEMs.

The Association congratulates all who were honoured.

Shackleton study welcomed

Lord Shackleton's updated report on the Falklands Islands was published in London and Stanley on September 13. Called "Falkland Islands Economic Study 1982", the 137-page document was welcomed by the British government, who said in a statement: "Lord Shackleton and his team have produced it in a very short time, yet it covers a broad field with impressive thoroughness. The government is grateful to them".

The team which produced the 1976 Report was reassembled almost completely. Under the coordination of Richard Johnson, formerly of Mobil and the Economist Intelligence Unit and now executive director of a prominent energy resources consultancy, the team included a new member in Stanley Pickett, a planning and transport expert from the Highlands and Islands Development Board. The secretariat for the 1982 Report was provided by the Cabinet Office, not the Foreign Office as before.

Falkland case put to U.N.

Island councillors John Cheek and Tony Blake returned from London to the Islands on November 8 after their second appearance at the United Nations in New York. During the preceding days, the councillors participated in Britain's efforts to achieve the highest number of abstentions on a resolution calling for negotiations over the Islands' future between Britain and Argentina.

The vote on November 4 was 90 for the resolution, 52 abstentions and 12 against, including Britain. The United States, in a controversial move, supported the resolution.



Island Councillors John Cheek and Bill Luxton kept the Falkland Islands flag flying at a series of Press briefings in London throughout the crisis. L-R John Cheek, Brian Frow (Falkland Islands Office), Bill Luxton, Alastair Cameron and Ian White.

Picture: The Times

The councillors reported that their appearance before the assembled representatives was the longest questioning session in living memory, and lasted some 90 minutes. There was satisfaction at the high number of abstentions. The UN resolution is a recommendation rather than a command, and the British position, expressed by the Foreign Secretary the following day to the House of Commons was that "we cannot accept a call for negotiations on sovereignty after an unprovoked attempt to force the issue by invasion".

Earlier in the year, on August 19 and 20, Councillors Cheek and Blake had appeared before the UN 'Decolonisation' Committee of 24 in New York. At the time, they told the *Newsletter*, their presence caused obvious embarrassment and in some ways left Argentina and her allies floundering. A strong attempt was made to stop the Islanders from speaking and there were personal attacks on them by a number of delegates.

John Cheek introduced the claim of self-determination and Tony Blake explained the experiences of Islanders under the Argentine occupation, statements which were repeated in November.

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Falkland Islands Research and Development Association and the Friends of the Falklands

Dear Members,

We wish to convey our heartfelt thanks to those of you who were among a vast number of the general public in the U.K. and elsewhere who contributed so readily and so generously to our appeal for funds to maintain the Falkland Islands Office following the Argentine invasion of the Islands and the consequent loss of our funds from there together with the vastly increased expenses. We were, and are, extremely grateful not only for the monetary help but also for the sentiments expressed in many of the letters.

Although to some extent we weathered the immediate financial crisis, the present and future fills us with trepidation. The need is to continue and extend the increased membership engendered by the publicity given to the Falklands and the concern felt by many. We must ask members to do all they possibly can to recruit on our behalf.

The current rates of Membership are as follows:

Full Voting	£10 per annum
Corporate	£10 per annum
Associate (Friends of the Falklands)	£ 5 per annum

Callers to 2 Greycoat Place are always welcome. For example, we remember with particular pleasure a recent visitor, Mrs Viti Mabbutt. An octogenarian, Mrs Mabbutt recalled her childhood in the Falklands when her father, William Allardyce, was Governor between 1904-1915.

Les Taylor
Honorary Subscriptions Secretary

Battle Day 1982

Battle Day, the Falkland Islands 'national day', recalling the battle of 1914 which secured the South Atlantic for the Royal Navy for the rest of the Great War, will be commemorated in London on Saturday December 11 at the Cenotaph, Whitehall S.W.1. at 11.00 a.m.

The wreath-laying ceremony takes place each year to honour those who died in both World Wars.

Those wishing to attend should meet at the entrance to King Charles Street at 10.45 am. A buffet lunch is available after the ceremony: please contact the Falkland Islands Association.

Victory reception

The Annual Falkland Islands Reception in the Great Hall of Lincolns Inn on July 17 turned into a victory celebration. It was attended by some 500 guests, including diplomats, government ministers, MPs and Peers of all parties as well as Falkland Islanders and their supporters in Britain.

Sir Rex Hunt, Civil Commissioner, gave a speech in which he praised the achievement of the Task Force and raised a toast to the Prime Minister, the Armed Forces and the Merchant Marine.

The reception, organised by the Falkland Islands Office — largely, indeed, by Elena Butler — was also attended by the international Press corps and at least seven TV crews.

The band of the Royal Marines Beat Retreat, during which the salute was taken by Sir Rex Hunt.

The Falkland Islands Association is grateful to the Benchers of Lincolns Inn that, once more, such special privileges were granted to the Falkland Islands Reception and such flexibility was allowed for the 1982 event.

The Penguin News

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a reprint of the historic "Victory" cover of Penguin News, June 30 1982.

Subscriptions to the weekly magazine may be arranged through P O Box 178, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

For sale
Greetings cards "Marines
Beating Retreat at Lincolns Inn"

Christmas offer 10 for 50 pence
excluding envelopes

A full list of items for sale is available from
the Falklands Appeal, 12 Greycoat Place,
London S.W.1

Falklands Appeal nears £1½m

The Falklands Appeal, set up in June under the patronage of Lord Shackleton to provide funds for rehabilitation in the Falkland Islands, has raised more than £225,000 from the public.

A donation of £250,000 was made available by the British government from the £5 million given by the States of Jersey following the war. The government's South Atlantic Fund is devoted solely to service charities, and cannot help the Islanders.

The Appeal is run from offices at 12 Greycoat Place by the honorary director, Major-General Alan Mills. The trustees include the Civil Commissioner, Sir Rex Hunt, and the Hon. Cindy Buxton.

The Appeal has already provided substantial practical and financial assistance at the request of the advisory committee in the Falkland Islands. A number of events, such as the Great Falklands Auction and the Falklands Ball are expected to help significantly towards the £1 million target.

Any funds remaining after the immediate needs of the Islanders have been met will be passed to the UK Falkland Islands Trust, a registered charity for the longer term benefit of the Islanders.

Franks Inquiry Submission

A Committee of Privy Councillors under the chairmanship of the Right Honourable the Lord Franks is enquiring into the events leading up to the invasion of the Falkland Islands by Argentine forces on April 2 1982.

The U.K. Falkland Islands Committee has submitted written evidence in two volumes, amounting to some 130 pages of evidence and 75 pages of appendices. This evidence has been prepared by a sub-committee, and the bulk of the work has been done by Mr Robert Elgood, who worked in a voluntary capacity from the end of June to the end of September full time on research into the Association's files, and the preparation of the typescript. All members of the Association owe a great debt to Robert Elgood for this quite outstanding effort on its behalf. The material contained in the submissions included much information which it is highly unlikely Lord Franks' committee would have received from any other source.

Mr. Elgood's ordinary occupation is that of a historical researcher working for his doctorate on a thesis concerning Lord Wavell's vice-royalty in India.