



Falkland Islands NEWSLETTER

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DEMOCRACY FOR WHOM?

Since the splendid achievements of the British Servicemen in 1982 in kicking the Argentine aggressors out of the Falklands, it is an unhappy fact for the Falkland Islanders that they have become a party political football in Britain. The reason is quite clear: the British achievement in the Falklands campaign was hailed both as a personal and political victory for Margaret Thatcher, and the opposition party leaders, Neil Kinnock and David Steel, are using the unfortunate Falkland Islanders to get back at her.

Penguin News, the Falkland Islands newspaper, reporting on the Kinnock-Alfonsin talks in Paris in mid-September on the future of the Falkland Islands, stated "It was intended to publish some of the views of the people of the Falklands on the matter in the above space", (left blank) "but they have been so forthright as to have made most of them regrettably unprintable." It is unfortunate that Neil Kinnock, who had neither met nor consulted with Falkland Islanders, felt able to discuss their sovereignty with their recent aggressor, Argentina. As Councillor John Cheek pointed out in his election address, "We know what 'negotiate' means to Argentina. It means only one thing: the transfer of sovereignty to Argentina." The only point left to negotiate would be 'how soon that transfer would be made'.

Not to be outdone by Neil Kinnock, David Steel, also without consulting the Islanders before-hand, talked to Raul Alfonsin about the Falkland Islands in Madrid on 6th October. After agreeing with Senor Alfonsin "on the reopening of negotiations on all aspects of the Falkland Islands including sovereignty", Mr. Steel went on to say some extraordinary things:

"Both he (Senor Alfonsin) and we have succeeded in restoring democracy in Argentina. Democracy would not have come to the Argentine without the sacrifice and cour-

age of our forces during the war in the South Atlantic. Democracy would not have come to the Argentine without the sacrifice and courage of Liberals and Democrats like Raul Alfonsin who risked their lives and careers during the Dictatorship. In my view this joint sacrifice and joint achievement provides us with an historic opportunity... Raul Alfonsin and I both believe that if the opportunity is seized and negotiations are allowed to begin then prospects are excellent for both the Islanders and the Argentinians."

Many, however, may prefer the more conventional view of Falklands elected Councillor Lewis Clifton, "Let us make one thing absolutely certain: the sovereignty of these Islands is not negotiable. We have a commitment to those who gave their lives for our freedom. Let us not forget their commitment for our future".

David Steel went on to suggest that the correct approach "is to use Democracy to secure the freedom of the Islanders". "In other words", he said, "now that Democracy has been restored in Argentina let us 'determindly' seek a solution to the issues". For some politicians, Democracy as represented by Senor Alfonsin might be acceptable; but what of his successors? Would Mr. Steel feel the same about the democratically elected alternative - a Peronist Government, or what would Mr. Kinnock feel about a popular military regime in Argentina? Democracy to the Falkland Islanders means their right to live under a Government of their own choosing, as laid down in their new Constitution.

Although both Neil Kinnock and David Steel went out of their way to be conciliatory to Argentina, neither appears to be concerned about the Democracy expressed in the wishes of the Islanders. That, we find unforgivable.

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Mr. David Steel with President Raul Alfonsin in Madrid - October 1985
(Photo: Reuters)

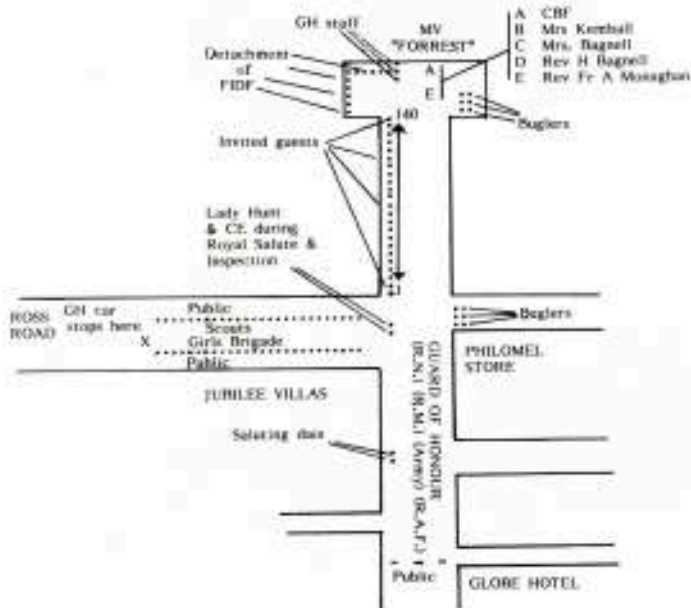
THE DEPARTURE OF SIR REX AND LADY HUNT

Sir Rex and Lady Hunt left the Islands for the last time as Governor and his lady on Sunday, 13th October. The departure of a Colonial Governor today is a rare enough event, but in many ways this departure was something special; it was a significant finale for a very special Governor of the Falkland Islands, and a departure on a scale never before seen in the Islands. Many will be curious to know what happens on such an occasion and may be surprised at the formality. We are therefore describing the ceremony in some detail.

There was also a 'Wet Weather Programme' and plan available for an alternative ceremony in the Town Hall if necessary. It was, however, a warm sunny day.



THE LAST NOSTALGIC VIEW
Sir Rex Hunt leaves the Falklands 13 Oct. 1985
(Photo: Falklands Pictorial)



THE FINAL CEREMONY

The ceremony started at 3 p.m. when the Governor's official car drew up just past the Cathedral and Sir Rex and Lady Hunt dismounted from it for the last time. First they said goodbye to the youth organisations lining either side of Ross Road in front of Jubilee Villas. Sir Rex walked down the south side saying goodbye to the Girls' Brigade, whilst Lady Mavis bade the Scouts farewell on the north side of Ross Road. Then, heralded by eighteen Light Infantry buglers, Sir Rex, accompanied by his ADC, took up his position on the saluting dais round the corner in Philomel Street for the Royal Salute before inspecting the Guard of Honour, formed from the British Forces in the Islands, drawn up along the road.

Next Sir Rex and Lady Hunt walked down the Public Jetty towards the mv *Forrest*, moored awaiting them at the far end, and it was during this walk they were able to say their final farewell to so many of those people, with whom they had lived, worked and shared so many extraordinary experiences over the last five and a half years. Of the 140 who had been invited to line the jetty were such people as the Soruces and the Hardcastles from the Falkland Islands Company, the JPs including Mr. and Mrs. Harry Milne and Mrs. Emma Steen, the Heads of Government Departments and their wives, such as Mr. Gerald Cheek who heads the Air Service, the Colonial Postmaster Mr. Bill Etheridge and the Customs Officer and Harbour Master, Mr. Les Halliday. Then came members of the Grassland Trials Unit such as Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davies and Dr.

and Mrs. Andy Douse. Of course Velma Malcolm, the Secretary of our Falklands Branch was there with her husband George. As Sir Rex shook the hand of Patrick Watts, MBE, memories of that fateful broadcast in the early morning of 2nd April, 1982, must have come flooding back. Then on to Madge Biggs, the Pitalugas, Syd and Betty Miller, the Luxtons and the Binnies, the Councillors and then the Falkland Islands Defence Force who gallantly helped to defend the Governor and finally the Government House staff and the clergy with the Commander of the British Forces in the Falkland Islands.

As Sir Rex and Lady Hunt boarded the mv *Forrest*, the Governor's flag was broken at the masthead and the Light Infantry buglers sounded their final call. Then while the *Forrest* sailed up the harbour to a point opposite Government House and then towards the RFA *Sir Geraint*, two Islander aircraft from the Government Air Service flew past, and a 17-gun salute was fired from Victory Green, where the Union Flag was dipped and then lowered.

Finally Sir Rex and Lady Hunt went on board the *Sir Geraint* for their passage away from the Falklands for the last time and back to England.

As RFA *Sir Geraint*, with the Governor's flag flying at the masthead escorted by HMS *Protector*, passed through the Narrows, Phantoms from RAF Stanley flew past in salute. In sharp contrast to that other departure on 3rd April 1982, this was the ultimate acknowledgement to one of the most celebrated Governors of the Falkland Islands.

...AND NOW ITS THE PENGUINS!

Taiwanese fishermen are now catching Falklands penguins for food.

Ten king penguins and three rockhoppers were rescued from Taiwanese fishing boats by police in Cape Town. Many of the birds still bore scars: one had a gash in the chest, several had torn wings and one had an eye injury. The penguins are now in Mr. Richard Hill's sanctuary 'Birdland' at Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire.

With so many Taiwanese boats around the Islands, are these thirteen penguins just on 'the tip of the iceberg' with hundreds more being taken, in the absence of any attempts at control of the marine resources around the Falklands by the British Government?

THE UNITED KINGDOM FALKLAND ISLANDS TRUST

It is reported that Janet Robertson, under Trust sponsorship, has completed a very successful two year sixth form course at Atlantic College and has been awarded a place to read International Relations at Sussex University in England.

The Trust's farming trial, conducted under the aegis of The Organic Farmers and Growers Limited and the International Institute of Biological Husbandry, is now in its second year and progressing satisfactorily. Jim McAdam, supervising the trial, visited the Falklands again in October and has laid out a 4 acre plot with the assistance of the owner of Keppel Island, Mr. Simon Miller, on his own land. The results will be better known in a year's time and, if successful, should lead to the construction of a kelp agricultural processing plant. A commercial enquiry with interest in being connected with the latter possibility has been received by the Trust.

A Trust loan has enabled a reprint of the Falkland Islands Journals. The books are on public sale.

The Superintendent of Education has been given a significant donation to assist with the purchase of school items not available from Government funds. A donation was also given towards the cost of running the recent Science Fair.

As a result of a request for the Trust to be interested in the establishment of a maritime, or other, museum in Stanley, the subject is being examined to identify whether the Trust can help.



H.M.S. ENDURANCE at Tower Bridge on a recent visit to London
(photo: The Guardian)

THE 1986 FALKLANDS CALENDAR

Once again Penna Press of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, have produced a very attractive Falkland Islands Calendar. Each month features a colour photograph taken by well known Falklands artist Tony Chater.

Wild life featured in the 1986 Calendar include a young Black Oystercatcher, Correndera Pipit, Long-tailed Meadowlark (Robin), Southern Sealion bull and a Snipe. Other photographs, many of great historic interest, include an aerial view of Mount Pleasant Airport, Chay Blyth's trimaran *Beefeater II* sailing through Port Stanley Narrows, view of Carcass Island settlement, Fred Coutts driving lambs on West Falkland, the site of the Patagonian Mission on Keppel Island, a DHC2 Beaver floatplane, and the unveiling of the War Memorial on 14th June, 1984.

The 9½ in. x 11 in. spiral bound Calendar for 1986 is available now from Penna Press Ltd., 132 Beechwood Avenue, St. Albans, Herts., AL1 4YD for £2.50 (incl. UK Postage and VAT).



THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY LIMITED

The Falkland Islands Company was incorporated by Royal Charter granted in 1851 and issued under the seal of H.M. Queen Victoria in January 1852.

By virtue of the Charter and the responsibilities imposed thereby the Company's activities are diverse and far ranging.

The activities of the Company today are:-

Sheepfarming (for wool)

The company produces over 1 million kilos of high grade wool annually which is shipped to the U.K. for processing and sale through a marketing branch in Bradford. The wool has special qualities of softness, whiteness, resilience and freedom from vegetable fault.

The Company owns a 50% interest in the internal vessel for the Islands and manages the commercial shipping service within the islands.

Agencies

These are provided for Lloyds Register of Shipping, Royal Insurance Company, Land Rover, Ford Motor Company, Shipping, particularly foreign fishing vessels. The Company also manages the Naval Fuel Depot for the Ministry of Defence.

London

The head office in London administers the organisation and purchases and arranges shipment of goods to the Islands, not only for Company departments and farms but also for non Company farms and businesses.

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A MEMBER OF THE COALITE GROUP

The principal sheepfarms are at Goose Green, Walker Creek, North Arm and Fitzroy on East Falklands and Fox Bay West and Port Stephens on West Falklands. In addition a number of islands owned by the company are sharefarmed. The total area of land farmed exceeds 1¼m acres.

Retailing and Wholesaling

The retail stores in Stanley, the West Store and Spares Section, are by far the largest in the islands and provide a range of goods, which are almost wholly of British origin, covering everything a population needs. Other small retail stores are sited at each of the Company's farms.

In addition, a wholesaling service is provided for non Company farms and small businesses which extends from the needs of the sheepfarming industry to the requirements of the people at outlying settlements.

Shipping

A regular cargo service is operated between the United Kingdom and the Falkland Islands for the carriage of general cargo southbound and wool northbound. The service is provided by a chartered vessel which makes 4 round voyages annually.

INTERVIEW WITH THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY

Mr. D. A. Britton, Managing Director of the Falkland Islands Company was appointed to the Board of Coalite, the parent company, on 1st October. Whilst Mr. Britton remains a Director of the Falkland Islands Company, Mr. F. G. Mitchell, Executive Director, resumes responsibility for the day to day running and operation of the Company. We took the opportunity to interview Mr. Britton and Mr. Mitchell.

R.N.S.: What do you see as the changes that have been most significant to the Company since the Falklands War?

F.I.C.: The increase in the number of people in the Islands has brought in its wake greater throughput in all our departments. It would have been difficult for instance for us to justify the modernisation of the West Store of which we are proud.

We have been inhibited in the past by the narrow economic base, the small population and poor communications but the changes since the war which have been far greater than during any previous decade provided new challenges and opportunities for us.

On the farms, the principle of Sharefarming, another pioneer venture, is to our mind a step forward. It has its critics of course but we are convinced that this is one way of giving Islanders a direct stake in the land. This we see as an alternative rather than a substitute for a Co-operative or Subdivision.

We are also very enthusiastic about the results of our grassland improvement programme under Brook Hardcastle's management. This together with the re-establishment of ewe camps on most of our smaller Islands has enabled us to increase lamb production very significantly. This becomes most apparent at Port Stephens where we have increased sheep holding by 62% in the last few years.

But perhaps the greatest change is in our shipping agency work for multinational owners.

R.N.S.: We have heard of a new Consortium who have declared their intention to offer services to the visiting fleets, are you worried by this?

F.I.C.: We welcome competition. It is stimulating! Over the past year or so we have established much goodwill with these international companies through the service we have provided. You must remember that we have unlimited experience of Falkland Islands conditions and with the support of a highly efficient and loyal staff we are confident that we will retain our agencies. Our approach to business has always been highly personalised because we believe that people are our greatest asset. This approach has stood us in good stead during our fishing agency work. We can give you a few examples:-

A foreign seaman wishing to return home on compassionate grounds had permission withheld. Notwithstanding this we escorted him to U.K. accommodated him and saw him safely on the plane back to his homeland. Another seaman repatriated on medical grounds was carefully looked after for several days in the U.K., (although he could speak no English) until he was escorted to the airport. When a fishing company executive arrived at Brize Norton without his luggage, we located it for him and delivered it to his London Hotel before his departure.

Of course, our ability to withstand competition depends on our commercial service for fishing fleets. We have been developing and improving this over the months but would like to extend it still further by providing a fuller service.

R.N.S.: How do you see future fuel supplies to the Islands?

F.I.C.: This is certainly a most complicated problem and is very much wrapped up with the question of services to the Fishing Fleets. We have provided bunkering services for H.M. Ships and the Islands generally for many years. The MOD has allowed us to draw gas oil from their tanks for civilian and local shipping use and we have therefore had a reliable supply at most reasonable prices. It has not however been possible to release fuel to foreign ships. As we understand it, the Navy will soon have no use for the storage tanks and fuel lighter but at the moment we have no definite knowledge of what will happen to the installation. We do however have every hope that it will be available sometime next year for civilian use at which time bunkering foreign vessels would become a practical proposition.

R.N.S.: Would you want to be involved in this?

F.I.C.: Yes - but perhaps for reasons not immediately obvious. We are large consumers of fuel ourselves, on our farms and in Stanley, and we have every incentive to have an involvement as our own need to keep fuel prices as low as possible is a great as anyone else. We have of course put various propositions to the Government and hope that something to the benefit of all will come of this.

R.N.S.: Do you see any other expansion of your activities with the Fishing Fleets?

F.I.C.: Absolutely; during the past few weeks we have had meetings in London and abroad with representatives from Japan, Sweden, Uruguay, New Zealand and others. It would be wrong to enlarge on our discussions just now. All too often people make rash statements about what they are going to do and then don't produce! The activities are on the increase but we believe we should develop our services slightly ahead of demand but without going overboard. We would rather do what is practical but do it efficiently. Fortunately we have the resources available and the aim is to keep as much in the Islands as possible.

R.N.S.: What are your views on the establishment of an Exclusive Fishing Zone?

F.I.C.: Without any doubt, this is of paramount importance. We have been saying so since 1982 and share the disappointment of the Association and seemingly everyone who has any knowledge of the Falklands. Of course we are deeply disturbed about the ecological and conservation impact of what is happening today and totally support the efforts being made to persuade those in authority to put the situation right!

R.N.S.: Perhaps by offering improved services today you are encouraging more visiting ships and depleting the stocks even more?

F.I.C.: No I would not agree with that at all. The squid boats and deep sea vessels will come anyway. At least what we are doing brings benefit to the Islands and we are also gaining experience for when an exclusive fishing zone is established. In any event if they are going to take our fish, we can at least encourage them to tranship in our harbours.

HILL COVE

Many of those who have never been to the farm will know quite a lot about the early days at Hill Cove from Mary Trehearne's delightful book *Falkland Heritage*^{*}. Hill Cove, owned by Holmested Blake & Company Limited and one of the large farms on West Falkland, always comes across as a very happy community cared for by the Manager Tim Blake and his wife Sally. It was one of those parts of the Falklands never to be occupied by the Argentines nor touched during the Falklands War, but it has now an Adventure Training Centre for British soldiers.



Hill Cove, West Falkland
(photo: Eric Ogden)

FUTURE OF THE FARM

In present times when the trend is to break up the large ranch type farms into smaller units farmed by individual Falkland Islands families, the Board of Holmested Blake & Co. have been considering whether some means could be found of transferring ownership and control of Hill Cove to their employees, on a basis fair also to their shareholders.

However, the view of the Board is that, due to the terrain and geographical situation, Hill Cove is unsuitable for subdivision, and they are particularly anxious that the settlement should remain in being as a community. They took, therefore, an alternative view and considered the possibility of turning the farm into a co-operative society, with the initial membership composed of the present employees. They consulted with the Falkland Islands Development Corporation and, finally, reached the decision that a co-operative could be established on a satisfactory financial basis.

ELECTIONS: THE ARGENTINE WAY

Argentina is also having elections: on 3rd November the Argentine people go to the polls to elect half the seats in the Chamber of Deputies, the lower house in the National Congress.

Campaigning for votes has been marred by several incidents of violence across the country. In Cordoba a bomb went off outside the office of a Peronist opposition candidate killing 26 year-old economics student Daniel Rodriguez. A bomb exploded in Buenos Aires damaging a Jewish kindergarten, one of several bombs recently placed outside other schools and public buildings. Apart from this the election campaign has resulted in several shooting incidents between members of rival political parties.

The Argentine Government has invoked special powers to arrest six military officers and six civilians in connection with the wave of political violence and bomb attacks in the run-up to the elections, according to the Times correspondent. The twelve men have been arrested for 60 days on what were said to be "vehement indications" that they are behind at least thirteen bombings and a rash of death threats.

Before proceeding any further, they decided to consult their employees on such a far reaching move: they prepared and sent to each employee a paper setting out, as fairly as they could, the arguments for and against establishing a co-operative or retaining the status quo, and asking for individual opinions on a confidential basis.

The outcome was a majority in favour of the farm continuing to operate as at present, and, in these circumstances, the co-operative proposal has been shelved. The company say that they will continue to monitor the opinion of their employees and will respond accordingly, if that changes.

ADVENTURE TRAINING CENTRE

The "Adventurous" Training Centre at Hill Cove comes in for frequent comment in *The Southern Star*, the Services Newspaper published at The Canache, Stanley. The reports indicate that courses there last seven days, and that there have been about 120 to date; one can conclude that Adventure Training has been going on at Hill Cove for over two years. It would seem that the following are available with professional instruction: rock climbing, abseiling, orienteering, canoeing, swimming, coarse fishing in season, various ball games, a gymnasium and a sauna. Apparently there are chances to visit wildlife areas and make archaeological excursions.

Mention is made of a price for the week, and it would seem that alternatives include full or half board and/or tented accommodation including air transport, though no actual sums are given.

Indications are that the Centre is very popular.

**Falkland Heritage*, by Mary Trehearne, published by Arthur Stockwell Ltd., 1978, ISBN 0 7223 1178-8.

FIRSTLAND OIL BUY DOUGLAS

At the time of going to press the most important news from the Islands is the purchase of 220 sq.m. Douglas Station, which covers 12% of East Falkland, by Firstland Oil & Gas. The Company has been carrying out geological studies at Douglas Station for over a year, and this turn in events must give rise to optimism.

The purchase of Douglas now gives a base on the Falklands to Firstland Oil, who also have interests in Texas and in Oklahoma in the United States and in Queensland, Australia.

STOP PRESS

A delegation from the Falkland Islands Committee met Sir Geoffrey Howe on 12 November to make representations over the failure of the British Government to declare a 200 mile EFZ around the Falkland Islands: full reports in the February issue.

Councillors John Cheek and Lewis Clifton, passing through London on their way to the United Nations in New York, met Mr. Steel on 18 November. Reports indicate that Mr. Steel was unsympathetic and will continue to use the Islanders as a political football.

Falkland Islands Development Corporation

Development Update

Since the publication of the FIDC Annual Report there have been a number of new developments, some of which are outlined in this advertisement. The FIDC continues 'to encourage and assist the economic development of the Islands', striving to achieve the original specific goals of increasing the range of employment opportunities; encouraging diversification of the economy; increasing population levels through selective immigration; increasing the long term capacity of the Falkland Islands to develop the eventual aim of self sufficiency and improving community facilities.

The development of tourism and the processing of Falkland's wool are still major priorities in developing the natural resources of the Islands.

The corporation is also seeking to reduce the outflow of funds from the Islands by encouraging the local production of goods, or the provision of services that would otherwise have to be imported into the Islands.

Tourism Press Trip

At the time of going to press, Patrick Roper, Head of Publicity for the English Tourist Board, plans to fly down to the Islands with a group of journalists. The group consists of correspondents from the Financial Times, Sunday Times and Illustrated London News, a photographer and three representatives from travel operators. The trip is part of the ongoing plan to develop interest in tourism in the Islands, both from the operator's angle as well as the consumer's. The English Tourist Board has been involved with FIDC in helping to develop the Islands' tourism potential.

The FIDC is currently planning to build a series of small, comfortable and well appointed wildlife lodge hotels. The first three will be available for use from November 1986 and interest from tour operators in developing packages to the Falklands has already been shown.

With the reduction in costs and speed of the flight to the Falklands, combined with the other factors mentioned, holidaying in the Falklands is fast becoming a very real possibility.

As an additional boost to encouraging tourism in the Islands, Patrick Roper and Sukey Cameron from the Falkland Islands Government Office in London also recently visited a major tourism conference organised by the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) in Sorrento.

Falkland Islands Development Corporation

Development Update

Enterprise Grant Scheme Available

An enterprise grant scheme has recently been announced to help small businesses to start up on the Islands. Any business that offers an essential service can apply for the scheme. The broad stipulation is that the service should not already be provided by an existing business and that the business generally needs financial help to get going.

If an existing business plans to offer a new service then they may also apply. FIDC will not ask for financial projections or for detailed plans, all that is needed are two references and an interview with a member of the FIDC staff.

The grant will be £2,000 irrespective of the size or type of business proposed. The grant will be paid out in two lots, one immediately the grant is awarded and one three months later. The FIDC are very much hoping that candidates will step forward to discuss their plans to set up their own business. This scheme makes starting a business easier than ever before.

Projects Officer trains with HIDB

Natalie McPhee has worked for the FIDC since it came into being. In September 1984 the board of FIDC decided to send Natalie, a nineteen year old Falkland Islander, to the Highlands and Islands Development Board (HIDB) for a period of three months to be trained in aspects of development and its management.

During her secondment with the HIDB which started in May 1985, she spent most of her time in the Shetlands Office. The development problems of the Shetlands are in many ways similar to those of the Falklands. She spent time with the local Projects Officer dealing with such matters as application for financial assistance. She also attended a financial management course to ensure that she could give the best advice possible. On her route back she worked for a short time with Alastair Cameron, the UK representative of the Falklands Islands Government in London. Now that she is back in the Islands she has become Projects Officer dealing with small businesses, helping to turn their ideas into firm proposals. 'We wanted her to see development in a broader perspective and realised that she could make a major contribution to the development of the Islands. Having seen Natalie in the FIG office in London I know that the idea worked', said Simon Armstrong, General Manager of FIDC.



Copies of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation Report 1984 are obtainable from Falkland Islands Government Office, 29 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3QL, telephone 01-222 2542, or from The Falkland Islands Development Corporation, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

FALKLAND ISLANDS GENERAL ELECTION

One of the most important events to occur in the Falkland Islands since the last issue of the *Newsletter* has been the General Election, which took place early in October.

This was the first General Election since the Falklands War and the first to be held under the new constitution.

The Legislative Council was formally dissolved on Friday, 6th September, leaving the Executive Council alone remaining in office until a new Council was elected following the General Election.

NUMBER OF SEATS

Under the old constitution, there were six elected seats on the Legislative Council, and two Islanders on the Executive Council were nominated by the Governor. Three of the Legislative Councillors represented Stanley and the other three represented Camp: one for East Falkland, one for West Falkland and the third filled the 'Camp Division' seat, as it was called.

Under the new constitution, there are eight elected seats on the Legislative Council, and the Executive Council is now elected by the Members of the Legislative Council. Of the eight Legislative Councillors, four represent Stanley and four represent Camp, without differentiation between East and West Falkland.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Candidates for election now have to be aged 21 or over and registered voters in the constituency for which they are standing. They have to be nominated on a special form by a Proposer and a Seconder, and supported by seven additional signatures of people who are all registered voters in that particular constituency. The form then has to be in the hands of the Returning Officer by noon on Nomination Day, together with the sum of £50.



*Councillor Tony Blake
(photo: source unknown)*

Under the new constitution, the candidate no longer has to present himself in person to the Returning Officer on Nomination Day, and the nomination can be done now by post. One interesting point is that the candidate can withdraw only up until noon on Nomination Day.

Nomination Day for this election was Tuesday, 10th September and nine candidates were nominated for Stanley as follows:

- Terence Severine Betts
- William Edward Bowles
- John Edward Cheek
- Darwin Lewis Clifton
- (Mrs.) Norma Edwards
- Derek Stanley Evans
- Charles Desmond Keenleyside Jnr.
- Philip John Middleton
- Terence John Peck



*Councillor Tim Blake
(photo: Eric Ogden)*

There were only four candidates for the four Camp seats:

- Anthony Thomas Blake, owner of Little Chartres Farm, West Falkland.
- Lionel Geoffrey (Tim) Blake, Manager of Hill Cove, West Falkland.
- Robin Myles Lee, Assistant Manager of Port Howard, West Falkland.
- Timothy John Durose Miller, owner of Many Branch Farm, West Falkland.

These four candidates, Tony Blake, Tim Blake, Robin Lee and Tim Miller, all from West Falkland, were, therefore, returned unopposed to represent Camp on both East and West Falklands.

THE STANLEY CANDIDATES

Of the nine candidates, all standing as independents for election in Stanley on Thursday, 3rd October, only John Cheek was from the previous Legislative Council; Willy Bowles, Derek Evans and Terry Peck are former Members of Council, Lewis Clifton is a Civil Servant, Terry Betts and Philip Middleton were unsuccessful candidates for the by-election last November, Charles Keenleyside was a new



*The Miller and Forster Families
Councillor Tim Miller second from right
(photo: Central Office of Information)*



Councillor John Cheek
(photo: Press Association)

candidate to election and Norma Edwards, in her broadcast speech, regretted that she was the only lady standing.

All the candidates, including Terry Peck who is still in Scotland, broadcast a personal address to the voters on Falkland Islands radio. All were unanimous in calling for an exclusive fishing zone and without exception emphasised an uncompromising attitude about British sovereignty over the Islands.

ELECTED COUNCILLORS

Voters in Stanley could place up to four crosses on their election slips. The results showed a 78% turnout with a total of 1,743 votes cast; representing 3.4 crosses per voter. All those elected were born in the Falkland Islands. John Cheek, who is the Manager and Branch Engineer of Cable and Wireless in the Falklands, has represented the Falkland Islands many times at the United Nations. During the Falklands War his quiet persuasive voice became well known on television and radio in Britain, where he was on a course when the Argentines invaded. His wife, Jan, is descended from one of the earliest settlers, Private Biggs of the Royal Sappers and Miners, and they have two daughters.

In his elected speech John Cheek disclosed that the current level of income tax in the Falklands is as high, if not higher, than in England, that he believed the duty free privileges of the workers at Mount Pleasant Airport should not be continued when they come up for review in November, especially as the privileges had been abused, and he thought that Fitzroy farm should be subdivided.



Councillor Lewis Clifton
(photo: Crown Agents)

Lewis Clifton, the Manager of the Philatelic Bureau in Stanley, was the only Civil Servant seeking election, following the change in the constitution which permits certain Civil Servants to stand.

Lewis Clifton's election speech concentrated on improving Stanley, which he described as a shambles and a disgrace from one end to the other. He questioned the dependence of the internal air service on land based planes and declared that the old age pension of £19 per week is inadequate.

Mrs. Norma Edwards, born and brought up in the Falkland Islands, went off to England at the age of 18 to train as a State Registered Nurse. She returned in 1973 when her husband was serving on HMS *Endurance*, and they planned then to settle in the Islands when he had retired from the Navy. Presently her husband is serving at H.Q. British Forces Falkland Islands, and so they have returned sooner than expected and plan to make the Islands their permanent home.



Councillor Charles Keenleyside and Family
(photo: Graham Bound per National Magazine Co. Ltd.)

Mrs. Edwards, who declared herself to be a Conservative, looked forward to more immigrants coming in to the Falklands; she called for an immigration office in Britain and incentives to immigrants. Mrs. Edwards also declared the need for an improved gaol and reduced internal air fares for pensioners.

Charles Keenleyside Jnr., aged 32 and married with two sons, is a Telecommunications Engineer with Cable and Wireless. He called for the improvement and development of town services, including the new hospital, and more new houses at reasonable cost, and he emphasised the need for an improved Stanley telephone system and higher grade communication links to Camp.

ELECTION RESULTS

The detailed election results in Stanley were as follows:

Lewis Clifton	379 (21.7%) elected
Charles Keenleyside	275 (15.8%) elected
Norma Edwards	200 (11.5%) elected
John Cheek	193 (11.1%) elected
Willy Bowles	180 (10.3%)
Terry Betts	150 (8.6%)
Terry Peck	131 (7.5%)
Derek Evans	126 (7.2%)
Philip Middleton	109 (6.3%)

With acknowledgements to *Falkland Islands Broadcasting Service* and *Penguin News*.

THE FALKLANDS SCOUTS HIT TOWN

The Knights Venture Scouts have been jointly planning with the Falklands Scouts a "venture" to bring them to England. This project came to fruition at the end of August this year when Phil Middleton, the Falklands Scout Leader, ushered his effervescent group of six Scouts and three Venture Scouts out of the jumbo onto the tarmac at Brize Norton. Twenty year-old Debbie Sales of Wickford, Essex, the Chairman of the Falklands Project, has sent us a press release about the visit which says it all. We continue in her own words:

Once back at Wickford the Falkland Islanders were introduced to their host families, then taken home for a much needed rest ("we thought"). We met up again on Sunday and spent an entertaining evening at the cinema enthralled in the Return of Oz and the adventures of James Bond.

WHIZZING ROUND LONDON

Monday morning arrived and we all set off for a hectic day seeing the sights of London. They whizzed around the Underground attempting to follow the routes they had planned the night before. The youngsters enthusiasm for the city and our lack of time keeping made sure that we were all at least an hour late arriving at Gillwell Park. Our S.A.S. style wide games ensured that we made a big impact on Gillwell: we doubt they have removed all the dents yet!

The next day we met Major General Michael Walsh, the Chief Scout, at Baden Powell House, and, whilst attempting to chat to an entertaining cast of Australian Girl Guides, we were shuffled into order by the TV cameras and Press. After a tour of Baden Powell House we dashed off to buy up the Scout Shop.

That night we had a Barbecue for all the very special people who had made the project such a success.

RAISING THE ROOF

Wednesday was spent showing the Islanders around Writtle Agricultural College and Farm for their Geography projects. They then joined the Wickford Scouts for a camp near Colchester. The Scouts were in good voice and raised the roof off Thornington at the evening campfire.

We tried our best to drown them using excuses such as rafting, bridge building, and washing them off after a string trail through a mud wallowing route.

It was certainly a lively evening, trying to catch falling meat from Kebabs as it disappeared into the fire. The night was rounded off with a giggle around the campfire.



*Falkland Scouts round the campfire near Colchester
Left to right: Phil Middleton (leader), Sweyn Alsop, Lisa Watson,
Annagret Adams, Simon Goodwin, Dawn Betts, Boyd Watson,
Herman Morrison, James Butler, Shane Clarke
(photo: Central Office of Information, London)*

ISLANDERS ENTHUSIASM

On Friday the Scouts set off to Clacton... the Islanders enthusiasm for the rides on the pier and its amusements never diminished.

The last night was a slap up meal at Oscats for all the host families and organisers. Riotous fun was had by all and Phil Middleton gave a humorous speech of thanks.

We all said our goodbyes on the Saturday morning and the Islanders left for an Outward Bound Course in Devon.

A SMASHING BUNCH

We were all sorry to see them leave: they are a smashing bunch. A great deal was achieved by all and we hope to plan a reciprocal visit to the Falklands in 1987.

PICTURE POSTCARDS

Pebble Island Projects are offering a set of eight postcards for sale. They are

- HMS *Endurance* in Port Stanley.
- Lynx Helicopter visiting a farm settlement.
- Mail and Passenger delivery by Britten-Norman Islander, Pebble Island North.
- Male and Female Kelp Geese.
- Combination Card: Kelp Geese/Johnny Rook/Gentoo Penguins/Seals at Cape Tamar.
- Combination Card: HMS *Endurance*/Pucara on Pebble Island/Lynx Helicopter/War Memorial, Stanley.

Combination Card: Rockhopper Penguins/Gentoo Penguins/Kelp Goose/Rock Cormorants off Cape Tamar.
Combination Card: HMS *Coventry* Memorial/Pebble Island Settlement/The Wool Sheds/The Big House, Pebble Island.

The Price is £1.50 per set of eight, post free in U.K. and Europe from Mr. W. G. Calvert, 1 Chestnut Cottages, Byworth, Petworth, West Sussex. Tel. 0798 43447.

They are also available posted individually in the Islands by sea mail with the Pebble Island cachet at 50p each from Milnes Stamp and Book Centre, P.O. Box 163, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

FALKLAND ISLANDS SUPPORTERS GROUP IN THE NORTH WEST

by Councillor Roy E. Walker

Since the first report on the North West Group's activities was published in the November 1983 *Falkland Islands Newsletter*, a further six meetings have been held, and in September the 31st meeting since our inauguration in February 1978 took place.

ROYAL HOTEL, BURY

Meetings are usually held at the Royal Hotel in Bury nowadays, this being fairly central for the region and also, as it happens, convenient for the Group's Secretary! In February 1984, however, the venue was moved to the Rudyard Hotel in Stockport to facilitate the attendance of our guest speaker, Mr. Tom Arnold, M.P. He led a discussion on *The Practical Steps that should be taken to further the Islands' Development* and those emerging from our deliberations included a 200 mile fishing zone starting around the South Sandwich Islands and South Georgia, all weather tracks to help with the subdivision of farms, the exploitation of kelp, assured sovereignty, and an air link with Montevideo.

The tragic death of Alan Miller of Port San Carlos early in 1984 at the age of only 44 was a setback to our Group, and all were shocked at the loss of our principal contact in the Islands. We were privileged to have known him and are fortunate to have the oral history tape he made for us, so that we had an account of his personal experience of the Argentine occupation. For a time it was not easy to work up the enthusiasm required to sustain activities but, after a seven month hiatus, the Group resumed with two autumn meetings.

A REVIVAL

At the first autumn meeting in Bury members expressed regret at the lack of firm support for British sovereignty in the Liberal Party's new Discussion Paper on the Falkland Islands. The second meeting, in October, was held at the Rose & Crown in Westhoughton; this pub being chosen because it is 'twinned' with the Rose Hotel in Stanley. At this meeting the Secretary was able to present a welcome reply from Alan's brother, Tim Miller of Manybranch Farm near Port Howard, who had agreed to our request that he should now be our contact in the Islands. He and his wife, Elaine, who hails from Blackley in our region, had decided to join our Group. This was the encouragement needed and, though membership remains small, something of a revival has occurred.

At our March meeting this year, Gary Jones, our Vice-Chairman, reported on his interest in the new Falklands road and its load bearing capacity, explaining how Tom Arnold, M.P., had, on our behalf, put a parliamentary question to the Junior Minister Ray Whitney, M.P., and pursued correspondence with Baroness Young. At the same meeting it was decided that we should prepare our own report on the future development of the Islands with recommendations on strategic, economic and constitutional issues for distribution to M.P.s and newspapers in the North West.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

The next issue of the *Falkland Islands Newsletter* will include an interview with Mr. Gordon Jewkes, C.M.G., the twenty-sixth Governor of the Falkland Islands, an article about RRS *Discovery II* with some excellent photos taken by our Chairman and all the latest news as it becomes available, not forgetting Des Peck's most recent poem.

ALASTAIR CAMERON

In April we held one of our most significant meetings when we were proud to welcome Alastair Cameron, the Falkland Islands Government Representative in the United Kingdom. At an informative meeting the twenty-one people present were brought up to date on developments in agriculture, oil, wool, fisheries, tourism and air transport, and wide ranging questions from the export of mutton to the use of sand for a glass craft industry were posed to our guest speaker. Mr. Cameron proved to be an excellent ambassador, patient, honest and articulate, and we were very pleased when he agreed to make an annual visit to us in the North West to update our members, just so long as he remains his Government's Representative in London.

TIM MILLER

In August we were very pleased to have with us Tim Miller over here on holiday. In a lively, thoughtful address, he too stressed the need for a fishing zone, which he saw as the critical issue, since the revenue would cover the Falkland Islands Government budget as well as help to justify some of the defence costs. He also urged the provision of cheap housing to facilitate the necessary emigration to the Islands from Britain. Tim was surprised to find in his audience Nigel Anderson, who lives a few miles from him at Port Howard, though they had not seen each other in the Islands for some months. "It's a small world!" Nigel happened to be over here on holiday with his brother, William, one of our most supportive members.

SLIDE SHOW

The speaker in September was Major Alan Stockley, just back from the Islands, who gave us a three hour slide show. Geoffrey Dickens, Member of Parliament for Littleborough, who has joined our Group, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting.

Our Group will complete eight years of activity very soon maintaining a regional presence. This is vital if letters to local papers and the lobbying of M.P.s are to be effective. It is also useful for ensuring that a visiting enemy, like the notorious Tam (Belgrano) Dalyell is challenged in public, as he was by the Secretary at a June meeting in Bury.

Two new faces was the response to our last press release, and, over a drink after the meeting, one of them remarked with some surprise, "You're real friendly, you Falkland Islands people. I think we'll join you!" That pleasing comment helped to make the sometimes frustrating struggle more worthwhile. Anyone else in the North West, who would like to join, should contact the Secretary:

Cllr. Roy E. Walker, 22 Freckleton Drive, Seddons Farm, BURY, BL8 2JA. Tel: 061-764-8809.

PENGUIN NEWS IS BACK

Penguin News resumed publication on 30th August on a twice monthly basis with a cover price of 40p. Graham Bound has retained ownership of the title, but the paper is now edited by John Smith. So far we have received three issues Nos. 79, 80 and 81.

PHILATELIC STOCK BOOK

EXHIBITION SOUVENIR

The design of the 7p value of the Falkland Islands Dependencies stamp commemorating the 'Life and Times of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother' is featured on a Souvenir Sheet, issued for sale at the annual British Philatelic Exhibition, held in London from 15th to 20th October, 1985. A Solomon Islands stamp is also featured and both are undenominated.

The Souvenir Sheet has no postal validity and is sold purely as a souvenir of the exhibition, which is probably the only really acceptable way for Souvenir Sheets. 12,500 copies were printed.

The Souvenir Sheet is not available from the Falkland Islands Post Office, but only from some retail dealers in England. For any one wanting a copy, it is suggested that they should write to the Secretary, The British Philatelic Exhibition, 27 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6HZ, enclosing the price of the sheet (as yet unstated) plus letter postage rate. The exhibition committee have agreed to pass on orders to a dealer to supply.

FALKLAND ISLANDS STAMPS AND ARGENTINA

ENTOCCEL, the Argentine Post Office, has issued instructions invalidating Falkland Islands stamps on mail in a bulletin dated 23rd April, 1985.

The instructions concern mail from the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, and to or in transit to these destinations. They stated that stamps which refer to the Islands, or to the British occupation or reoccupation in 1982, or detract from Argentine rights over the Islands, are to be considered invalid. Such mail should be withdrawn from circulation and, or if in doubt, sent to the International Postal Headquarters (Islas Malvinas Section) in Buenos Aires. The International Postal H.Q. will then take action in accordance with an infringement of Article 36 of the U.P.U. Convention of Rio in 1979.

Such action is not new. In 1933, the Argentine Post Office refused to recognise the Falklands Centenary stamp issue, and treated all mail bearing these stamps as if they were unstamped; there have been similar instances since, at various times, over the intervening years. It was, however, interesting to note that the Argentines took no action against the 150th Anniversary stamps in 1983, although they would be unacceptable now, and mail bearing the stamps was even safely delivered to Argentine addresses via Britain during the anniversary year.

This recent instruction by ENCOTEL will have little impact on anyone, since there is no direct mail connection between the Falklands and South America at the present time, but it is a sign of the times, and contemporary politics are usually reflected through the philatelic scene. It will however undoubtedly cause some postal historians to 'test the system', if they can devise a means of doing so.

ELECTRONIC CANCELLING AT MOUNT PLEASANT

The second Pitney Bowes type electronic cancelling machine was put into operation for the first time on 23rd September, 1985. This is at the Mount Pleasant Post Office and the cancellation is similar to that at Stanley except the circular date stamp is inscribed 'MOUNT PLEASANT'.

BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION October 15-20, 1985



The Life and Times of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother
Designed by Clive Abbott on behalf of the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau
Printed at The House of Queens

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Souvenir Sheet 1985

HOWAT'S BOOK WINS TOP PRIZES

In the February 1985 issue of *Falkland Islands Newsletter* a review was included of a postal history book written by one of the members of the Falkland Islands Association, the Rev. J. N. T. Howat of Skelton, York. The book, entitled *South American Packets* and published by William Sessions Limited, includes a section dealing exclusively with the mail ships sailing from Montevideo to the Falkland Islands between 1852 and 1880.

The book is currently winning all the top awards available for philatelic literature. So far it has been awarded: A Large Silver-Gilt Medal and the Francis Webb Memorial Trophy for the top literature award at the British Philatelic Exhibition 1985.

The Nugent Clewer Medal for 1985, being the Postal History Society's annual award for the best postal history book published.

The Cardinal Spellman Award, presented by the Cardinal Spellman Foundation in Boston, Mass., USA.

The book has been entered into the International Exhibition AMERIPEX 86, to be held in Chicago next May. We wish Mr. Howat every success.

TWO PHILATELISTS ELECTED TO COUNCIL

The Financial Times ran the headline 'Philatelist tops Falklands poll' for their piece reporting the result of the recent Stanley election to the Legislative Council. This referred to Lewis Clifton, Manager of the Philatelic Bureau, who topped the poll in Stanley with 379 votes.

In fact there are two philatelists on the Legislative Council, since Tim Miller, who represents Camp is a keen and knowledgeable philatelist and member of the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group.

Now that 25% of the Legislative Council are philatelists perhaps the Philatelic Bureau will be allowed to have its new buildings and Postal Museum. Money has been voted in the estimates for two years now for these purposes, but no efforts have yet been made to start building. Philately still provides the second income to the Colony and it is essential for the efficient working of the Bureau and to house their computer in a dust free atmosphere that the building be constructed. The Postal Museum will also be a first rate tourist attraction costing very little to set up.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opinions expressed are not necessarily either those of the Falkland Islands Association or of the Editorial Committee.

DAVID STEEL

From Mr. E. G. C. Voullaire

Sir, Mr. David Steel has spoken unwelcome words. I cannot believe that any experienced politician would accept the continuity of 'democratic' government in any S. American country. But even if such were possible, how could one hand over a large number of British residents to another country?

So, I ask if I can help in any way? Either by Membership of your Association or (I have considered) the possibility of owning some tract of land in the Falklands - sheep grazing - so that more of us have a stake in continuity.

Anyway let me know what can be done. I did discuss the Falklands future with Lord Shackleton several years ago at the R.(?). A but we had not then expected any serious politician would speak as Mr. Steel has just done.

Yours faithfully,

E. G. C. VOULLAIRE,
Worthy Manor, Porlock,
Somerset, TA24 8PG.

FALKLANDS TROUT FISHING

From the Rt. Hon. The Lord Balfour of Inchrye, M.C., P.C.

Sir, I read the *Falkland Islands Newsletter* with great interest having taken some very minor part in the House of Lords in connection with the Falkland Islands development.

I am anxious to know whether those in charge of tourist interests have in mind the possible development of fresh water fishing for trout, sea trout and, if they inhabit the rivers, also char. I have received secondhand reports that are very encouraging.

In due course when the tourist industry develops, as I hope will be the case, I believe there will be good opportunities for any reasonable sea trout fishing. As you probably know, salmon and sea trout in the European rivers, including Scotland, are in danger from various causes. My hope is that Falkland Islands waters might supply much needed fresh waters with great commercial benefit to the Islands in several directions.

Yours truly,

BALFOUR of INCHRYE,
The House of Lords.

BRAVO SITE

by Martin Carey

It's dark, bitterly cold, with a strong breeze coming out of the South-West. The almost human coughing of huddled sheep interrupts the soft shushing of the waves on the pebbles, overlaid by the whistle of the wind through the wires of the radio antenna. The stars, strange new galaxies, terribly bright, sweep in glorious parade, never ending, from horizon to horizon. The sea is dark, the land is dark, save for the lights of the Portakabin home of the Artillerymen and the red glow from the top of the mast carrying the antenna. The sky, slightly brighter, has some of its immortal glory blocked out by the wicked ungainly cardboard cut-out shape of the Rapier missile launcher. The grass is tough, wiry, giving little nourishment to the sheep and the flocks of Upland Geese. Rock, grey and white, shoves brutally through the thin covering of soil, gleaming dully in the starlight. Down at the shore, the snow white ganders of a small flock of Kelp Geese dabble around in the rock pools, visible only as gleams of grey in the darkness.

A sudden uproar from the Portakabin disturbs the sheep: the Artillerymen laughing at the antics of some comedian — forced laughter, forced fun, 8,000 miles from home — gleaned from a 22 inch box and a video machine. The inside of the cabin is in stark contrast to its surroundings: multi tier bunks, white topped coffee stained tables, dirty red plastic chairs 'propped' somewhere in Stanley, piles of camouflage patterned kit and clothing, beer cans — 2 per man per day — muddied floor. Pin-up girls on the walls and even on the ceiling smile brightly, provocatively at the Artillerymen, some very young, some not so young, bringing a curiously sad cheer to men, who express their inarticulate longing for the softness, the femininity of their wives and girlfriends in crude jokes written across their pin-up girls, acknowledging that the blatant sexual challenge of the glossy paper women is but a passing physical thing. To

feel the warmth and comfort, breathe in the musk, caress the hair, to feel at home with their own, that's the gut hurting need of all, seen in fleeting glimpses in eyes and faces, before the mask slips back. It is never quiet here, voices, bumps and bangs, curses, snores, frantic radio and TV audiences, hissing static from the Command Radio, the wind, the pounding rain, the crying of scavenging gulls and Caracara buzzards: never quiet, never alone.

The moon is rising, halved, no clouds. The land takes on that silvery, hidden look, great stretches blacked out, that only moonlight and cold can give. The white caps on the sea can now be seen, the geese and sheep picked out more clearly, stark white feather and ragged grey wool. The wind is easing allowing the ripping, cropping sound of the feeding sheep to carry. Wool machines, killed and dumped at seven, their stupid eyes searching for a little more grass; uncaring of all else, they eat and eat and eat. Still cold, still dark, still strange, brutal and heart wrenchingly beautiful, these islands are never going to change, yet never will be the same. The fag-end of Empire held ransom to ambition has the imprint of that most transient, most enduring of marks scorched deep in the minds of the quiet people of the land. The imprint of the British military boot. We came as liberators, we stay as defenders, we despoil as ignorants, we leave as wanderers and are replaced as necessary: strangers in a land of strangeness. Lonely, desperately lonely, one soldier, much like the next, sits in the cold dark moonlight of a Falkland winter, thinking of what might have been, might yet be.

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OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we report the death at his home in Stanley on the morning of Friday, 27th September, of MGR. DANIEL SPRAGGON, O.B.E., the Apostolic Prefect to the Falkland Islands, at the age of 73.

Mgr. Spraggon, who came from Newcastle upon Tyne where his father had owned a butchers business, was made a priest on 29th June, 1943, as a member of St. Joseph's Society for Foreign Missions at Mill Hill. He served as a missionary in the Cameroons and in the Gold Coast, where he was Army Chaplain with the West African Rifles until independence in 1957 and received recognition for his work by being appointed M.B.E. that year. After a number of years as chief organiser of fund raising in Chicago, USA, in Germany and in England, he was appointed by the Vatican in 1971 as Apostolic Prefect to the Falkland Islands.

During the Argentine occupation of the Falklands in 1982, he played a firm and active part in protecting the welfare and interests of the Islanders. For his service and inspiration to those in Stanley during that time, he was appointed O.B.E. in 1983.

Mgr. Spraggon, who narrowly survived the fire at King Edward VII Memorial Hospital, had only returned to the Falklands on 17th September from a holiday in England.

The Solemn Requiem Mass took place on Thursday, 3rd October, at 11 a.m., and was conducted by Bishop Cornelius De Witt, of the Mill Hill Missionary Society.

We greatly regret to report the death of GEORGE STEWART, who died suddenly at Fox Bay, on 6th September, aged 57 years.

George had the unusual distinction of appearing on the design of a Falkland Islands stamp. He is on the 6p value of the 1977 three stamp set marking Her Majesty The Queen's Silver Jubilee. The stamp shows the Duke of Edin-



*Mgr. Daniel Spraggon, O.B.E.
(photo: Eric Ogden)*

burgh riding a horse called Ruby on Stanley Common in January 1975, but also shows George Stewart adjusting the sheep skin saddle on his horse Prudence.

George's brother Harry Stewart lives in Bristol and, until recently, was employed working on the S.S. *Great Britain*, helping to restore her.

FALKLAND ISLANDS FOUNDATION

The Foundation exists to promote conservation of wild life, wrecks and historic buildings and artefacts in the Falkland Islands. With Sir Peter Scott as Chairman and a distinguished Board of Trustees and Councillors, the Foundation has achieved practical success by buying or leasing eighteen small islands in the Falklands archipelago over the last two years: all are important wildlife habitats and many are virgin tussac islands. The Foundation publishes a *Newsletter* twice a year, distributed free to members of the Foun-

ation.

The Foundation's AGM will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 26th November, in the Large Meeting Room at London Zoo, Regent's Park, London NW1.

Those interested in joining the Falkland Islands Foundation should write to the Hon. Sec. Simon Lyster, c/o World Wildlife Fund-UK, 11-13 Ockford Road, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1QU.

A TRIBUTE TO SIR REX AND LADY HUNT

by Des Peck

It was the 27th day of February 1980
When Rex landed in the Falkland Isles;
And, after being greeted and sworn in,
He seemed excited and all smiles.

When Rex came to the Falkland Islands
To become Governor for the British Crown,
We had the feeling he was our man:
A man that would not let us down.

He became most friendly with the people
Joining in whatever sport there may be.
His wife also played her part quite well
By inviting the old folks up to tea.

He made many tours around the Islands
An impression which he certainly made.
So he won the hearts of the people:
His path had been nicely laid.

After two years among the Islanders
The sad end came fast:
The Argentines invaded our Islands;
The occupation he knew would not last.

They tried to force him into surrender
By signing the Falkland Islands away,
But he refused to put pen to paper
And in his uniform was determined to stay.

Within a few hours he was deported,
His wife and many officials as well.
His final words, "I will be back!"
Meant the arge's would be driven to hell.

Sir Rex and Lady Hunt leave in October,
Carrying the Islanders good wishes away.
We wish them luck in their retirement,
And, maybe, see them back here one day.

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REPORT BY THE HONORARY AUDITORS**

We have examined the books and the supporting documentation of the Association and are satisfied that they have been properly and correctly kept. We are satisfied that all items of expenditure and income have been recorded, and that all assets and liabilities at the year end have been brought into account.

The Accounts as presented agree with the books and the Balance sheet shows a true and fair position at the year end.

W.W. BLAKE J.G.W. THRING

2nd October, 1984

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