



Falkland Islands NEWSLETTER

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A GLIMMER OF HOPE

Whilst reports are coming in that already serious damage may have been done to the Falkland Islands ecology, a first glimmer of hope has appeared in an agreement reached between Mr. Shintaro Abo, the Japanese Foreign Minister and Mrs. Margaret Thatcher in London, on 21st January.

Last November, as reported elsewhere in this issue of the *Newsletter*, a strong delegation from the Falkland Islands Committee spent some forty minutes with the Foreign Secretary putting the case for the declaration of a 200 mile Exclusive Fishing Zone around the Falkland Islands and South Georgia now, before it is too late.

The Committee, which challenges the recently published Beddington Report as a serious under assessment of the economic value of such a zone, and thereby the potential licence revenue, also believes that the anticipated diplomatic problems, resulting from such action, have been greatly exaggerated by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

The 75 year-old French underwater film director, Jacques Cousteau spoke to an audience of Falkland Islanders and servicemen in Stanley last month. Talking of the current pillage of the Falklands fishing waters by hundreds of uncontrolled foreign vessels, M. Cousteau said, "*These scavengers are destroying the fauna massively, as they would not do in their own countries*". He cited a recent example of the marine destruction around small Beauchene Island, lying just south of East Falkland, which is the home of 1½ million penguins and ½ million albatross; such a gathering is said to be unique in the world, and a rare biological gem, sustained massively by the sea. On the Island's beach he had filmed the trawling floats of 200 foreign vessels cruising nearby, emptying the sea, and sentencing the birds to famine.

On the other side of the archipelago, to the north west of West Falkland lie the Jason Islands, owned by Richard

Hill, who runs Birdland at Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire. Mr. Hill, who has just returned from the Falklands with 160 penguin eggs, states that "*50% of them are infertile - by far the highest infertility rate I've known*". Mr. Hill explained, "*I'm convinced this is due to the birds being unable to get their natural diet and having to survive on other things*".

The situation seemed set to get even worse. All the fishing fleets around the Falklands, except Poland, have strongly intensified their activities within the last year. For the squid season, which lasts from the end of February until early June, the Japanese, for example, were to have increased their ships in the area from 47 to 100.

An agreement with Japan was reported first from Buenos Aires in London's *Financial Times* of 5th February. Although at the time of going to press no agreement has yet been announced by the British Government, it has been confirmed by Whitehall officials. It is understood that by the agreement the Japanese will restrain their fishing to current levels.

There are strong rumours that Britain has made similar arrangements with another, as yet undisclosed, country, and it would seem unlikely that either country would have agreed to this unless other countries fishing in the area have accepted similar restraints.

The level of fishing is, of course, still far too high, and nothing has been said about such things as quotas, control and licensing fees. It is, however, a first move in the right direction: a glimmer of hope!

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SOVIET TRAWLER (photo: Abrose Greenway)

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE RT. HON. THE BARONESS YOUNG, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS

I send to all readers of the Falkland Islands Newsletter, both in Britain and in the Falklands, my best wishes for 1986.

Last year was an eventful and hopeful one for the Falklands. A new Constitution came into force, giving the Islanders increased opportunities to participate in their local government, and under it successful elections were held. The new Councils have begun their work, and I much enjoyed meeting some of their members in London in the autumn. The departure of Rex and Mavis Hunt brought an era in the Islands' history to an end: but I know that Gordon and Joyce Jewkes have taken up the reins with commitment and enthusiasm. The first annual report of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation recorded assistance to an encouragingly wide range of projects, from major ventures such as in-shore fishing down to the smallest local businesses. The opening of Mount Pleasant has transformed access to the Islands. New prospects for trade and tourism have been opened up.

I have no doubt that 1986 will be equally busy. As a Government we shall continue to emphasise to international opinion the value which we place on the principle of self-determination for the Falkland Islanders. The disappointing outcome of last autumn's General Assembly debate has in no way weakened our determination to uphold that principle. We are contributing very actively to the study by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation of fishing in the South West Atlantic, and shall continue to press for multilateral fisheries conservation arrangements covering the whole area. We are convinced that this approach offers the best prospect of general compliance and hence of real benefit for the Falkland Islanders. In the meantime the Falkland Islands Government already derives significant income, both direct and indirect, from the offshore fishing fleets. A range of infrastructure and development projects will go ahead in the Islands with the financial and professional assistance of the Overseas Development Administration.



*Lady Young
(Central Office of Information)*

As Minister of State responsible for the Falklands I follow local developments there very closely from day to day. Our Falkland Islands Department works hard to uphold the interests of the Islanders both internationally and within Whitehall. We have all been heartened by the growing sense of confidence which is evident in the Islands. I look forward to paying my second visit to Port Stanley in the near future. The Government's commitment to the Falkland Islands, their development and their future, is unswerving.

.....AND FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE

In this, your first issue of 1986, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the members of the Falkland Islands Association for their staunch support for the Falkland Islands, and to wish the Association continued success during the coming year.

The occasion is tinged with sadness by the recent death of Sir John Barlow who was for so many years involved with the Falkland Islands. I personally have particular cause to remember the value of his experience and advice during 1982.

I have no doubt that both the Association and Committee have an important role to play in helping us to secure our future. This continued involvement and support is appreciated by us all.

Alastair Cameron
REPRESENTATIVE

KNIGHTHOOD FOR JACK HAYWARD

We are delighted that our Vice-President, Jack Hayward, was awarded a knighthood in Her Majesty The Queen's Honours for charitable services.

Sir Jack, born in Wolverhampton in June 1923, is the only child of the late Sir Charles Hayward, one of the pioneers of Freeport, Grand Bahama, who was also made a Knight Bachelor for charitable services.

Jack Hayward first arrived in Grand Bahama in 1956, when he became a vice-president of the Grand Bahama Port Authority and helped promote Freeport. In 1976, together with Mr. Edward St. George, he took over the management of the Grand Bahama Development Company and Freeport Commercial and Industrial Limited. He now owns 84% of the Port Authority Group of Companies.

Among charitable donations was the sum given by Jack Hayward in 1970 to bring back to Bristol the S.S. *Great Britain* from Sparrow Cove, Falkland Islands. Subsequently, as we reported in our August 1985 issue, Jack Hayward challenged Mr. J. Paul Getty Jnr. to make a donation to the S.S. *Great Britain* Project, which Mr. Hayward promised to equal. This resulted in a joint gift of £1m. to the fund and ensured completion of restoration within five years.

Sir Jack Hayward, who, among other charitable acts, bought Lundy Island for the National Trust, donated £1m. towards the building of sheltered accommodation for the aged in Stanley, following the destruction of King Edward VII Memorial Hospital by fire in April 1984.

FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMITTEE FALKLANDS BRANCH

The Falkland Islands Branch of the Falkland Islands Committee held their Annual General Meeting on 22nd October, 1985. The Officers having been in office for over four years, it was decided to elect a completely new Committee. However, before doing so, it was resolved that the number of Officers should be reduced from ten to six plus a Reserve Member, who will attend meetings and act as a full member when one of the members is absent, for example on leave to the U.K.

The following were elected:

Chairman	Mr. V. T. King, MBE
Vice-Chairman	Mr. G. Cheek
Hon. Secretary	Mr. A. B. Hadden, BEM
Hon. Treasurer	Mr. J. S. (Stan) Smith
Members	Mr. W. H. Goss, MBE
	Mr. D. Eynon
Reserve	Mrs. V. Malcolm, BEM



Mr. A. B. (Nick) HADDEN, BEM (photo: Eric Ogden)

UNITED KINGDOM FALKLANDS ISLANDS COMMITTEE MEET THE FOREIGN SECRETARY

Mr. Eric Ogden, Chairman, led a delegation of Committee members to meet the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Geoffrey Howe, on Tuesday, 12th November, 1985, for the purpose of making representations over the failure by H.M. Government to declare a 200 mile exclusive fishing zone. The delegation was supported by British fishing and maritime organisations.

This was the first occasion since its formation in 1968 that a delegation of the Committee had been received by a British Foreign Secretary and Mr. Ogden thanked Sir Geoffrey for kindly consenting to the meeting. Sir Geoffrey reaffirmed the Government's belief that Britain's title to the Islands is unequivocal and their policy that sovereignty was not negotiable. Sir Geoffrey then outlined the policy relating to fisheries around the Islands which is to seek to establish a multilateral fisheries agreement under the aegis of the Food and Agricultural Organisation embracing the whole of the S.W. Atlantic.

Whilst understanding the diplomatic problems relat-

ing to unilateral action in this sensitive area, the Committee challenged strongly the official assessment of the economic value of an Exclusive Fisheries Zone around the Islands. This assessment was based on the Beddington Report which has been recently published and which the Committee asserted seriously under-estimates the level of catches and thereby the potential licence revenue.

The delegation believe the meeting to have been extremely useful in that it has enabled them to make direct and cogent representations for the establishment of an E.F.Z. and to establish the Committee's role of dedicated support for the Islanders. They sympathised with the difficulties outlined by Sir Geoffrey but believed that these had received too great an emphasis and that the interest of the Islands would best be served by the declaration of an Exclusive Fishing Zone. There was no doubting, however, Sir Geoffrey's sincerity and his clear wish to act in the overall best interests of Islanders.

THE SOVEREIGNTY SURVEY

The United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee has commissioned Dataplan, a division of Marplan Ltd., to conduct a survey of the people living in the Falkland Islands about their future sovereignty.

EVERY ELECTOR TO BE ASKED

This month Dataplan are sending everyone on the electoral register in the Falkland Islands a letter, a questionnaire and an addressed envelope. The individual replies will be addressed to Dataplan for assessment and will be confidential; there is no way that the replies can be identified with individuals.

ONE QUESTION; SIX ALTERNATIVE ANSWERS

To keep the Survey simple, just one question is asked:

'WHAT KIND OF SOVEREIGNTY DO YOU WANT FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS?'

Six possible alternative answers are envisaged:

1. British Sovereignty
2. Argentine Sovereignty
3. Independence

4. A 'Lease-Back' Agreement (Argentine Sovereignty but with a Lease-Back agreement for a specified period)
5. A United Nations Trusteeship
6. Some other solution not listed above (The surveyee is asked to write in a space what he/she wants)

The order of possible answers will be varied on questionnaire forms to avoid any statistical bias affecting the results.

ALL SHOULD COMPLETE THE FORM

The success of the survey will depend on the number of replies received, and the more replies that are counted, the more reliable the survey will be. To this end, we have asked for active encouragement to all Islanders to complete and return their questionnaire.

The results will be analysed and published as figures and percentages only, by Marplan, and, it is hoped that, they will be verified independently by the Electoral Reform Society as a further guarantee of the validity of the survey.

BRITISH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

A delegation of three members of the British Council of Churches is visiting the Falkland Islands from 13th to 23rd February.

The delegation will be meeting with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and Mr. Alastair Cameron, the Falkland Islands Government Representative in London, on the morning of their departure from Britain. Our Committee is also meeting them. Mrs. Jean Mayland has met our member, the Revd. Jeremy Howat in York to learn a little about the Falklands before she meets the Islanders.

We hope to be able to report on their visit in the next issue of the *Newsletter*

THE DELEGATION

The Revd. Philip Morgan

General Secretary the British Council of Churches

Mrs. Jean Mayland

Wife of Canon Mayland of York Minster

The Very Revd. Dr. Bill Johnston

of Edinburgh; Her Majesty's Chaplain in Scotland



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A MEMBER OF THE COALITE GROUP

The activities of the Company are:

SHEEPFARMING (FOR WOOL)

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.

RETAILING AND WHOLESALING

The retail stores in Stanley are by far the largest in the islands and provide an extensive range of goods. A wholesaling service is provided for non-Company farms.

SHIPPING

A regular cargo service is operated between the United Kingdom and the Falkland Islands.

AGENCIES

Agency services are provided for the internationally owned fishing vessels within Falklands waters. Lloyds agents since 1869.

MR. GORDON JEWKES, C.M.G.

Last October the *Falkland Islands Newsletter* was fortunate enough to be able to interview Mr. Gordon Jewkes, the twenty-sixth Governor of the Falkland Islands just before he left Britain to take up his appointment.

The two major questions about which we asked his views were the prospects for early declaration of a 200 mile Exclusive Fishing Zone, and the future prospects for continued British status of the Falkland Islands in view of our concern about what the opposition parties might do if they came to power.

About the Fishing Zone, Mr. Jewkes said that he was sure that the Foreign & Commonwealth Office were not in fact being inactive, but that because of their very nature, diplomacy and negotiation were going on behind closed doors. He thought that soon we should see some results.

Mr. Jewkes said that he certainly did not expect to see himself as the last Governor of the Falkland Islands, and he did not seem to be very perturbed about what a possible Socialist or Alliance Government could do in one term of office. He reminded us that the Islanders' right to self-determination is included in the new Constitution, and he said that this would take a very long time and be very difficult to undo, requiring a majority in both Houses of Parliament. He led us to understand that such a change in the Falkland Islands Constitution would probably take the life of more than one Government.

Asked about reports in the *Chicago Tribune* that Mrs. Jewkes has been having her grand piano shipped out to Stanley, Mr. Jewkes denied that they possessed a grand



MRS. AND MRS. JEWKES (photo: *Guardian Newspapers*)

piano. The one being shipped out is a very ordinary upright piano. The Jewkes have a great love of music.

The *Newsletter* welcomed the chance to meet Mr. Jewkes and to be able to put a few questions to him. We wish him every success in a post in which it must be very difficult to follow his predecessor. We hope that he may feel able to send us a report from time to time through the *Newsletter*

LANCASTER HOUSE RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF SIR REX AND LADY HUNT

Lancaster House was the scene of a very rare event when the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth affairs, Sir Geoffrey Howe and Lady Howe held a Reception there on 23rd January in honour of Sir Rex and Lady Hunt.

Sir Geoffrey, addressing the assembled company, said that he thought that such an occasion to mark the retirement of a diplomat from active service was probably unique and therefore it was a very special honour.

Many people closely connected with the Falkland Islands were present, including Islanders, Members of both Houses of Parliament, diplomats, members of the Falkland Islands Association and Committee, as well as service people such as Admiral Fieldhouse, and General de la Billiere, a recent Military Commissioner of the Falklands.



THE RECEPTION AT LANCASTER HOUSE

Left to Right: Sir Geoffrey Howe, Sir Rex Hunt, Mrs. Jan Cheek, The Baroness Vickers, The Hon. John Cheek (photo: Eric Ogden)

RESIGNATION OF TED NEEDHAM

At a Board Meeting of the Falkland Islands Company Limited held on 27th January, 1986, Mr. C. E. (Ted) Needham resigned as Chairman and from the Board of the company. In accepting Mr. Needham's resignation, the Rt. Honourable Eric Varley who was appointed chairman in succession, thanked Mr. Needham for his dedication and hard work for the Company.

PENGUIN NEWS EDITORSHIP

Penguin News No. 86, stated that as from February, Graham Bound returns to the Editorship. John Smith will publish his own newspaper to be called the *Falkland Islands Times* (title last published in 1982 and owned by Dave Colville) and will be supplied to all having a subscription with the present *Penguin News*.

Falkland Islands Development Corporation



Grizelda Cockwell presenting wool to HRH The Prince Andrew
(Photo: Falklands Pictorial)

Commercially and economically it is sensible to process the fine quality wool on the islands, rather than shipping the entire Falklands wool clip, which is about 2 million kilos of raw wool per annum, to England.

The Falkland sheep, bred in the clean, pure air of the South Atlantic, produce a soft and springy wool which has a unique white lustre. No bleaches are required during processing. Falkland wool proudly sits amongst the top 2% of quality wool sold each year in the U.K. market.

The FIDC stated in its first report and accounts, "the development of a spinning and knitting Mill to process and add value to part of the island's wool clip is a sound development". In September 1984 the FIDC approved a loan of £85,000 for the Falkland Mill and purchased £45,000 ordinary shares in the company. Due to the hard work of millowners, Richard and Grizelda Cockwell, the Mill was officially opened by Prince Andrew in May 1985.

The Falkland Mill is unique in both processing the native wool on the islands for the first time and also in the development, with the Scottish College of Textiles, of an alternative system of spinning which enhances the beauty and quality of the raw wool.



The Mill (Photo: Patrick Roper)



(Photo: Patrick Roper)

The Mill has ambitious plans and aims to produce about 10,000 kilos of spun wool a year and hopes to have started exporting the Yarn, Kit Knits and garments by the middle of this year. Yarns in natural Falkland dyes will also soon be available. Currently, Grizelda Cockwell and Carol Cant are producing hats, scarves, yarn and their own textured pattern designs for jumpers.

Falkland Islands Development Corporation



(Photo: Patrick Roper)

Simon Armstrong, the FIDC general manager, is a non-executive director of the Mill and Richard and Grizelda Cockwell fully support the FIDC's policy of sub-division of farms. They choose their fleeces from the newly independent small farms, such as Tony Blake's nearby "Little Chartres Farm".

FIDC are sponsoring the imminent visit of Ray Oliver, a knitting and linking trainer. Although this is aimed at assisting all the knitwear concerns on the islands it will be of particular assistance to the Mill.

The Falkland Mill is situated at Fox Bay Village on West Falkland, about 80 miles from Stanley and 40 miles from Mount Pleasant airport.



The Gill Box

(Photo: Sukey Cameron)



The Reeler

(Photo: Patrick Roper)

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FALKLANDS TOURISM

TOURISM BEGINS

The first land based tourist party to visit the Falkland Islands since the Falklands War flew out on a TriStar from RAF Brize Norton on Thursday, 23rd January.

The two week tour, organised by Ian Dickson Travel Service of 50 Dundas Street, Edinburgh, comprised eight, mainly retired, people all from Britain, and under the leadership of Commander Angus Erskine RN (retired), who is no stranger to the Falkland Islands.

Commander Erskine was most insistent that the visit was essentially concerned with fauna and flora, and the sole concession to the War was a brief visit to Port San Carlos on the final day of the tour.

The party was scheduled to spend their first three days in Stanley, to get over their jet lag and get acquainted with their surroundings. Accommodation was at the Upland Goose Hotel.

The first scheduled stop in Camp was at Sea Lion Island, where the party would spend a day, there being as yet no accommodation available. From Sea Lion Island, the party was to move on to Port Howard for two or three days, lodging in farm buildings. It was expected to include New Island, Keppel Island and Weddell Island in the itinerary before returning via Port San Carlos to Stanley for the return flight to RAF Brize Norton, leaving Mount Pleasant Airport on 7th February and arriving back in England on 8th. The all-in cost of the holiday was £2,995.

Ian Dickson Travel Service plan their next tour of the Falklands for November and hope thereafter to organise as many as four tours a year to the Falklands in future.

We hope that we shall be able to publish a report of this first tour together with photographs in a future issue of the *Newsletter*.

FUTURE OF TOURISM

Holidays in the Falklands are rapidly becoming a practical possibility again and, according to the Falkland Islands Development Corporation, market research has shown that there are considerable numbers of people from Britain and elsewhere interested in making a visit. In the past the difficulty of getting to the Islands and the small amount of accommodation kept visitor numbers low. Now the transport situation has changed completely since the opening of Mount Pleasant Airport with three direct flights by wide-bodied jets from Britain to the Islands and back each week.

The Development Corporation is planning to build a series of small but very comfortable and well-appointed wildlife lodge hotels at key sites within the archipelago, the first three being available from November this year.

Air fares remain as follows:

Return Fare for non Falkland Islanders	£1,950
APEX flight fare for non Falkland Islanders	£1,250

(for greater detail on fares and conditions, see *Falkland Islands Newsletter* No. 24 - August 1985.)

In a report last November, the *Financial Times* assessed the tourist potential at 2,000-3,000 people a year, but commented that there is no question that the cost of the trip is well out of line with rival offerings. Two weeks in Bird Island in the Seychelles, a trip just about the same distance as the Falklands, can be bought for £1,400 in peak season. They went on to say that the Royal Air Force, not being a commercial organisation, is not open to much discussion on tour operator discounts. It is therefore charging tour companies more for a return flight to the Falkland Islands than it costs to fly round the world on some airlines.

TERRY BETTS AT WHITE HART LANE

On 26th October, 1985, Mr. Terry Betts, the Falkland Islands Company Works Department Manager at Stanley, was a guest of Holsten Distributors Ltd., at the First Division soccer match between Tottenham Hotspur and Leicester City. Terry arrived at White Hart Lane at about mid day and was given a conducted tour of the Spurs ground. Even though Terry has been a life long Spurs supporter, this was the first time that he had ever visited their ground, and he took the opportunity to walk on to the pitch as well as to visit the dressing rooms. After lunch in the Nicholson Suite, Terry watched the match from one of the new boxes, which provide the facility of watching action replays of the goals on the closed circuit television.

After the game, for which Glenn Hoddle, the Spurs and England star was voted man of the match, Terry presented to the club a Falkland Islands 150th Anniversary Coin. The coin was accepted on the club's behalf by Glenn Hoddle, who then presented Terry with a limited edition Royal Brierly Ship's decanter, engraved with the Spurs emblem, on the club's behalf.

At the end of the day Terry commented: "A day I shall remember for the rest of my life."



TERRY'S DAY

Terry Betts (left) presents the coin to Glenn Hoddle
(photo: Holsten Distributors Ltd.)

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

In the last issue of the *Falkland Islands Newsletter* we reported in full on the General Election held on 3rd October and the Legislative Councillors elected as a result. We are now able to give further details of the Government and the responsibilities of Councillors.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Under the new constitution, the Legislative Councillors elect three of their members to the Executive Council. Those elected were:

Tony Blake
Lewis Clifton
Charles Keenleyside

CAMP RESPONSIBILITIES

The geographical responsibility for each of the four Camp Legislative Councillors are:

East Falkland: Lafonia and Fitzroy:	Tony Blake
North of the Wickhams:	Tim Miller
West Falkland: South	Robin Lee
North	Tim Blake
Chartres	Tony Blake

DEPARTMENTAL AND SUBJECT RESPONSIBILITIES

Falkland Islands Government Air Service/	
Customs & Harbour	Tim Blake
Posts & Telecommunications	Tim Miller
Health	Charles Keenleyside
Education & Training	John Cheek
Public Works	Norma Edwards
Agriculture & Fox Bay Village	Robin Lee
Police & Justice	Lewis Clifton
Secretariat, Treasury, Central Store, Printing	Charles Keenleyside
Fisheries	Tim Blake
Military Affairs	Tony Blake



THE HON. D. L. (LEWIS) CLIFTON
(photo: Eric Ogden)

PREROGATIVE OF MERCY

The Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy advises the Governor under the Constitution over petitions for clemency. In addition to the Chief Executive, the Attorney General and the Chief Medical Officer, the two elected Councillor members are:

John Cheek
Tim Miller.

With acknowledgements to *Penguin News*.

Since going to press we have heard that Tim Miller has resigned from the Legislative Council for family considerations. We are unable to comment further, except to say that this will, of course, necessitate a by-election.

A VERY SPECIAL ARGENTINE DRESS KNIFE

This beautiful Argentine Dress Knife (right) is reliably reported to have been amongst the impedimenta of the Argentine army abandoned by them after the Battle of Goose Green.

The blade and hilt are of steel, stamped 'La Masedina Industria Argentina'. The handle and scabbard are of silver, stamped 'Industria Argentina 800'. These are further decorated with heavy silver foliage. The whole is enhanced with raised illustrations of Pampas life, horse training, grain milling, water buckets, poens, a well, a country scene, etc., all in gold. There are further bands of gold and silver decoration. The clip type belt holder is in the form of a fleece in silver with gold tassels.

This rare and historic knife is owned by the Association and has been independently valued. By arrangement it can be made available for personal inspection to a serious collector. Offers for purchase in the region of £200 should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, the Falkland Islands Association.



THE ARGENTINE KNIFE (photo: Eric Ogden)

BATTLE DAY DISASTER

From reading *Penguin News* it was clear that the Battle Day Celebrations in Stanley on 8th December were a disaster for the Falkland Islanders. *Penguin News* described the day as one of anger, indignation and embarrassment, and this is clearly backed up by letters from such distinguished citizens as Rene Rowlands, John Pollard, John Adams and Jim Fairfield.

ISLANDERS MADE TO STAND ASIDE

It would seem that those responsible for organising the day seemed, at the very least, to misunderstand the tradition of Falkland Islands Battle Day. *Penguin News* put it more strongly stating that "It was astonishing to find out afterwards that some of those closely involved in the organisation were not entirely clear as to what the celebrations were all about". Rene Rowlands said that "it seemed that the British Forces Headquarters had taken over". It would seem that not only did they crowd out the Cathedral during the Service, taking all the seats, but they also crowded out the Memorial ground, so that the more important Islanders had to stand outside. The usual March Past in front of Government House with His Excellency taking the salute did not take place.

VIPS WASHED THE DISHES

Very few Islanders were invited to the Town Hall reception, yet American tourists from the *World Discoverer* were taken there by the military. It would seem that

the Royal Marines, the freemen of Stanley, whom the reception was designed to honour, were also treated very badly, and were ordered to wash the dishes and clear up after everyone else.

THE PLACE OF THE MILITARY

No doubt His Excellency Mr. Jewkes will have got the message and put the military firmly back in their correct place for the future.

To quote the words of H.R.H. Prince Andrew on Falkland Islands radio "The servicemen must not lose sight of the fact that we are here at the invitation of the Islanders to help. We are not a garrison city or a garrison in force".

A BLUSHING RESPONSE

The January issue of *Penguin News* included a letter headed "Public Information Office, H.Q. BFFI" and signed by one 'Penny Russell-Smith': obviously the military felt that the softer female approach would help heal the wounds.

Well — the British military scarcely ever give an inch of course — the gist of blushing Penny's convoluted epistle, trying to calm everyone's misapprehensions, was that the Senior Naval Officer Falkland Islands (S.N.O.F.I.) had been made responsible for this 'unique event'. No doubt the Falkland Islanders hope that 1985 Battle Day was 'unique', but one is tempted to ask, "Is the Admiral now far out at sea?". Perhaps catching up on his naval history!

ARMY ENLISTMENT

Driver Alan White, aged 17, marched into the history books at the Depot and Training Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport, by being the first Falkland Islander to enlist into the British Army since the Second World War, reported the December 1985 issue of *The Waggoner*, the journal of the Royal Corps of Transport. We do not know if this is true but Falkland Islanders may be able to enlighten us; we do know that Falkland Islanders have served with the other services in recent years.

The Waggoner report went on to say that Driver White's grandfather, 87 year-old Archie Short, is the oldest resident in the Islands and that Driver White, in due course, is hoping to be posted to the Falklands to see all his relatives. Unfortunately, current Army policy does not allow him to serve there until he is over 18 years of age.



DRIVER ALAN WHITE POLISHES MONTY'S ROLLS-ROYCE
(photo: 'The Waggoner')

BOUND VOLUMES OF FALKLAND ISLANDS JOURNALS

The following bound volumes of the Falkland Islands Journal are now available at a price of £10.50 per volume from the Falkland Islands Company Office in London or at £12 post paid per surface mail to any destination.

1967 to 1971 inclusive

1972 to 1976 inclusive

Orders should include the appropriate remittance in full.

FOX BAY WEST TO BE SPLIT UP

The Minister for Overseas Development, Mr. Timothy Raison, stated in the House of Commons on 24th February that the Falkland Islands Development Corpora-

tion is to buy the Falkland Islands Company farm Fox Bay West for £550,000. The farm will be subdivided and sold to individuals.

RE-DISCOVERING THE *DISCOVERY*

The Royal Research Ship *Discovery* has been resting awhile in St. Katherine's Dock, by the Tower of London, in the good hands and safe keeping of the Maritime Trust. She is being restored and renewed with great care and dedication, and has never been in better hands in all her long and adventurous life.

ERIC OGDEN, our Chairman, takes up the story

'I had not been aboard her since 1979, when she was taken over by the Maritime Trust and left her old berth on the Thames Embankment for St. Katherine's Dock.

'Her Skipper and Rigger, Richard Dodds, welcomed me aboard, and I realised again how much bigger, wider, stronger she is when you are aboard her than she seems from across the dock: high bulwarks, strong massive timbers, soaring masts and wide-stretching spars, polished brass and real ropes. Her solid strength - not a museum piece, not sleeping - just waiting for salt water under her keel, to move and live again!

Richard Dodds is a 'Sail Skipper', who joined *Discovery* to re-rig her as a winter shore job, and is still with her: lots done, but lots more to do. He lives, breathes and works '*Discovery*'.

I soon met Mike Chantry, the Shipwright, ex British Antarctic Survey and no stranger to the Falklands, renewing one of the for'ard bulkheads. Mike is a Craftsman with a capital 'C', carpenter, metal worker, and improviser in the best traditions of the men who made and mended Britain's 'wooden walls' for generation after generation.

'The Skipper and Shipwright showed me the work that had been done, with pride, and those who built *Discovery* in Dundee for the 1901 British Antarctic Expedition could not have done better. Some internal alterations have had to be made to fit her for her new role, to cope with tourists and visitors when the refit is completed. All has been done with a care and attention to detail that is quite outstanding. When she is finished, she will last for ever.



THE SKIPPER AND THE SHIPWRIGHT

Left to Right: Richard Dodds, Mike Chantry (photo: Eric Ogden)

Too little time was available to see all that has to be done, and still to have the time to take some photographs for this article, but there was still time to meet and to talk with the Deputy Director of the Maritime Trust, Ken Lucas, in his 'Ship's Office'. This was once the Chart Room, Wireless Room and the Captain's Cabin, and will be restored before the refit is completed. Ken Lucas is a man of wide experience, but, above all, a sailor's sailor with



R.R.S. *DISCOVERY* IN ST. KATHERINE'S DOCK
(photo: Eric Ogden)

a happy, but quite clear, determination that only the very best - not just 'the best' - is good enough for the *Discovery* and the other ships under his care.

'When will she be finished?'

'When we have enough money to finish the job.' The sooner the better... 'Then we shall need at least another £500,000 for a replica engine and the aboardship exhibition.'

'What then? ... and Where?'

Rumours that the *Discovery* will be going back to her birth place of Dundee have now been confirmed. It is the result of an agreement with Dundee Industrial Heritage, which is supported by the Scottish Development Agency and she will be on loan for some twenty years. A purpose built wet dock will be provided for her at Craig Harbour and whilst being fully open to the public, she will undoubtedly become a major tourist attraction in that fine port. She will, of course, keep those proud words on her stern:

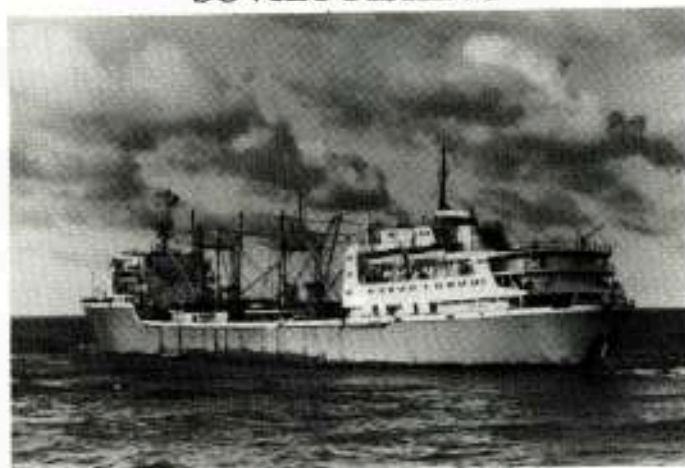
DISCOVERY PORT STANLEY

with the Falkland Islands ensign flying over them.

The Falkland Islands Association is a Corporate Member of the Maritime Trust and we know that the Director of the Trust, Admiral Sir Patrick Bayley, will be ready to provide any information about work on the *Discovery*, and receive any help and support for restoring her to her full strength and stature at The Maritime Trust, 16 Ebury Street, London SW1 0LH (Tel: 01-730-0096).

The *Discovery* is part of the Falklands heritage, and we must take good care of her.

SOVIET FISHING



SOVIET FISH CARRIER RYBAK LATVII

(photo: Ambrose Greenway)

The largest fishing fleet active in Falklands waters is that from the USSR, and then in descending order come those of Poland, Spain, Japan, Taiwan, Korea, East Germany and Bulgaria. Although mostly unseen by the Islanders, the Soviet effort is composed almost entirely of trawlers larger than 2000 GRT, which always tranship at sea and only to Russian carrier ships. Their fleet includes such ancillary vessels as research ships, cargo carriers, a tug and an ice breaker.

FASHION CONSCIOUS



Thanks to our ever active Chairman, the latest craze for young German girls on the beaches of Yugoslavia is to cover up with Falkland Islands Tee-shirts — when the sun goes in of course!

PHILATELIC STOCK BOOK



It is only once every ten years that the United States of America hosts an international stamp exhibition. The last was at Philadelphia in the bi-centennial year of 1976, and the next will be taking place this year from 22nd May to 1st June in Chicago at the Convention Center (close to O'Hare International Airport).

As one of the most popular stamp collecting countries of the world, the Falkland Islands will, of course, be represented in a number of ways at AMERIPEX '86. It is thought that several entries in the various classes of competitive stamp exhibits will include Falkland Islands stamps and postal history material. There will be at least one 112 page exhibit in the General Class devoted exclusively to Falkland Islands stamps and related material.

The Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group have organised at least three separate events during the ten days of the exhibition, including two promotional instruction lectures open to the general public, as well as a Society meeting.

For the first time, the Falkland Islands Philatelic Bureau are having their own stand at a stamp exhibition, and, it is understood, that Lewis Clifton, the Bureau Manager, will be present throughout the exhibition. It is thought that a special Falkland Islands handstamp will be available at the exhibition to mark the philatelic passports favoured by children at such events. There should be opportunities to spread much good will for the Falkland Islands with so many friends present. We shall hope to enrol new members to the Association.

The *Falkland Islands Newsletter* will be present at AMERIPEX '86, and we shall be bringing you a full report in due course.

FALKLAND ISLANDS JOURNAL 1985

The 1985 issue of the *Falkland Islands Journal* was published at the end of last year. This time, 57 pages long, it contains the following articles:

- Falklands Facts - 1820 to 1833
- Scientific Papers and Publications relevant to the Falkland Islands, Part Two (1983-4)
- Wrecks, Hulks, & Other Vessel Remains at South Georgia, Falkland Islands Dependencies
- The Railways of the Falkland Islands and South Georgia
- The Cultivation of Tussac Grass
- Bellinghausen in the Antarctic, 1821. Part Two
- The History of the Falkland Islands Company, The seventh instalment

by Mrs. M. B. R. Cawkell

from J. H. McAdam

by R. K. Headland
 by R. A. Smith, MA, PhD
 by D. W. H. Walton
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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DEPARTURE CEREMONY

*From Mr. Bernard Pauncefort, OBE
Government Secretary, Falkland Islands*

Sir, In your excellent account of the departure of Sir Rex and Lady Hunt from Stanley (November, 1985 Newsletter) you omitted to say that en route to the jetty, they stopped at the flagpole on Victory Green to say goodbye to those members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force who were manning the saluting guns and thus unable to be present with their colleagues on the Public Jetty. The contingent was Privates Toni Petterson, David Hawksworth, Burned Peck and Christopher Harris, under the command of Lieutenant Gerald Check. The flag orderly was Corporal Stan Chelchowski.

One other point. After Sir Rex and Lady Hunt had gone aboard the *Forrest*, one of the eighteen Light Infantry buglers was whisked out to the *Sir Geraint* (with a photographer) to sound a final fanfare to the Governor as he boarded the R.F.A.

Yours sincerely,
BERNARD PAUNCEFORT

Government Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

BRAVO SITE

From Mr. A. W. Barnett

Sir, My wife is Editor of *By-The-Way* the In-house Journal of Guildford Borough Council. The excellent article BRAVO SITE, which appeared in the November 1985 issue of the *Falkland Islands Newsletter*, appealed to us both, and she has included it in the New Year Edition of her magazine.

Yours sincerely,
A. W. BARNETT
Roundwood, 17 Ormonde Road,
Horsell, Woking, Surrey, GU21 4RZ.

WELCOME TO SCOTLAND

From Mrs. L. Barron

Sir, Thank you for all your news about the Falklands. I had some Falkland Islanders to see me during the summer. I am having more visitors over the New Year.

If you know of any Falkland Islanders that's coming to Scotland, they are always welcome to stay with us.

Thank you once again for the November issue of the *Newsletter*.

Yours sincerely,
L. BARRON
10 Hamilton Wynd,
Edinburgh, EH6 4EH.

BOOK REVIEW

POSTCARDS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, A Catalogue: 1900-1950, by Henry & Frances Heyburn, with a Foreword by Sir Rex M. Hunt, KCMG, Civil Commissioner of the Falkland Islands. 8 1/4" x 6". Hardbound with dustcover, 256 pages with Indices by Series, Title, Subject and Publisher of the postcards; map of the Falkland Islands and street plan of Stanley on end pages. Published by Picton Publishing 1985. ISBN 0-902633-99-6 £14.95.

This is a truly remarkable work. Breaking new ground, Henry and Frances Heyburn are to be congratulated on having identified and described in detail over 340 postcards of the Falkland Islands and South Georgia, published up to and including the year 1950. 310 are illustrated. Falkland Islands postcards, which the Heyburns have classified by their series, are very collectable and, as a result, command unusually high prices on the market. However, this book is not only of interest to collectors, for through the postcards is reflected the social history of the Islands over this fifty year period. Some no doubt would be thought quaint now, but here is a wealth of information: vanished buildings, ships, important occasions, whaling, transport all are here and identified, thanks to this book. A copy should be in every library of Falklands books.

It is of note that the Heyburns formed the Kentucky Committee for the Falkland Islands during the Argentine



HENRY AND FRANCES HEYBURN

occupation and raised over \$4,500 which was distributed to various Falklands related organisations, and they also donated \$1,400 towards the new hospital in Stanley subsequent to the fire.

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OBITUARY

CECIL WILLIAM WICKHAM BERTRAND

We are very sad to report the death of Cecil Bertrand on 9th December, 1985, aged 76 years.

Cecil was the grandson of Wickham Bertrand, one of the original pioneer settlers of West Falkland. In Mary Trehearne's book *Falkland Heritage*, one can read how the young Wickham Bertrand chummed up with Ernest Holmsted in New Zealand, and together they arrived in the Falklands in 1868 to pioneer sheep farming in the Hill Cove and Roy Cove areas. In 1869, Wickham Bertrand had married Kate, the daughter of Sergeant Major Felton, one of the original Pensioner settlers. Cecil thus could claim descent from almost the earliest Falkland Islands permanent settlers.

Cecil himself arrived in the Falklands in 1928 and worked first at Roy Cove. Much of his early life, however, was spent at sea in the South Atlantic, including service on such famous ships as H.M.C.S. *Afterglow*, S.S. *Lafonia* and R.M.S. *Fitzroy*. He married twice, latterly in 1948 to Kitty Napier. In 1953 they bought Carcass Island, where they lived until 1980, when they moved to Stanley using their ketch *Foam* to carry all their goods and chattels.

Our sympathy in Cecil's passing goes to his wife, Kitty, two brothers, a sister, two daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

MR. R. J. B. LEPPARD

We are very sorry to report the death of Reg Leppard on 31st January, aged 73. Mr. Leppard was Chairman of the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group from March 1971 to 1978, and President of the Society from 1980 until his death. Although he never visited the Falkland Islands, Reg was well known to a number of Islanders who visited Britain and was well known through personal correspondence with others in the Falklands. The results of his pioneer research into Registration Labels will be used by postal historians for many years, and he will be badly missed by Falkland Islands philatelists all over the world.

SIR JOHN BARLOW

E.W.H.C. writes: Sir John Barlow, Bart., President of the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee and Vice-President of the Falkland Islands Association, died at his home, Bradwell Manor, Sandbach, Cheshire, on 5th January, aged 87.

He had suffered from a stroke in the Spring of last year, which had limited his mobility, but he remained intellectually unimpaired until the date of his death. He retained his deep interest in the Falkland Islands, and in the activities of the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee and the Falkland Islands Association to the end. It was only a short time before Christmas that he telephoned to discuss with me the contents of a long letter, which I had written to him as our President, to keep him in touch with what we are doing.

A full appreciation of Sir John Barlow's services to the Islanders appeared on his retirement from the Chairmanship of the Committee in the November 1984 issue of this *Newsletter*. I would add only that few people in the islands fully appreciated the debt they owe to the skill and persistence with which Sir John worked, to carry out their wishes over a period of nearly eighteen years.

His funeral in the beautiful parish Church of St. Oswald's, Brereton, Sandbach, was attended by many friends and neighbours, some of whom found standing room only in a Church the size of the Cathedral in Stanley. The writer and Major Spafford represented the Falkland Islands Association and, we hope the Islanders. A message from the Local Committee in Stanley was much appreciated by Lady Barlow and his family.

Our deep sympathy goes to Lady Barlow and to his children and grandchildren.

We regret having reported the death of the wrong George Stewart in the November 1985 issue. We had no idea that there were two George Stewarts in the Falkland Islands of approximately the same age. The George Stewart, whom we wrote about, is a cousin of the George Stewart deceased, and we offer him our sincere apologies.

CONTROL THE SEA AND SAVE THE PENGUINS

by Des Peck

We are just a group of King Penguins
Who live in the Volunteer Lagoon.
Thousands of tourists come to see us
And we hope more will come soon.

We know most of the tourists carry cameras,
So we are always on the alert.
We are known for being pretty penguins,
So we have to be clean from dirt.

We also have to be very careful,
As there are Sea Elephants on the beach,
But we always make the sea okay,
And keep well out of the Elephants reach.

Now there is one thing that worries us today:
Foreign ships taking away all our fish,
This could mean the end of the penguins,
Because the fish are our main dish.

So unless control is made and quick
To control the stocks in our sea,
It could be disastrous for us all:
No fish for you or for me.

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Tickets will be available as usual to members of the Falkland Islands Association, and booking forms for these will be enclosed with the May issue of the *Falkland Islands Newsletter*.

BATTLE DAY

Several members of the Association have suggested to the Executive Committee that a wreath-laying ceremony should once again be organised annually at the Cenotaph on the nearest Saturday to 8th December. This could be followed by the Annual General Meeting and a buffet lunch, as was arranged for several years until 1984.

The Executive Committee would like to know how much support there is for this suggestion. Would any member, who would hope to attend such a ceremony, kindly inform the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible, so that possible arrangements can be discussed at the Next Executive Committee meeting in March.

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