



Falkland Islands Newsletter

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Congratulations Falklands

When Britain went to war to rescue the Falklands from Argentine aggression, it cannot have anticipated the extent of development in the Islands that was to follow.

Thanks to a generous input of capital from Britain through compensation for war damage, rehabilitation and development grants and, above all, the declaration of a fishing zone around the Falklands, the Islanders were able to embark on an ambitious programme, undreamt of before 1982.

A new international airport, roads and houses were built and an impressive new school and hospital constructed. Commercial enterprises flourished. The fifty-year decline in population was reversed and Islanders spread their wings with new-found confidence.

There have been four notable success stories recently: the victory of Falklands schoolchildren in the Newsday Competition, Dereck Jaffray's leadership of the British Motocross

Championship, the winning of seven medals by Falklands competitors in the Small Island Games on Jersey, and the honour from Heidelberg University to Professor Beddington for his work on the conservation of Falklands fish stocks.

In June, Islanders contributed to and took part in the celebrations in Gosport to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the Falklands War. They met the men and women who put their lives at risk for them and for Britain's national honour. They showed by their presence that the sacrifices made in 1982 had not been in vain.

There is still great danger from Argentina. Success is the best answer. A dynamic Falklands will be a source of pride to both Britain and the Islanders.

With the possibility of oil, there is the chance to become even more successful. Then good sense and hard work, which so characterise Falkland Islanders, mean the sky is the limit.



Falklands Schoolboys, Daniel Fowler, Robbie Burnett and Steven Betts with their prize certificates as winners of the International Section of the Times Educational Supplement, Newsday Competition

Photo: P.J. Pepper

Margaret Thatcher Leads Falklands 15th Reunion

“Courage triumphed over dictators and aggression”.

British victory in the 1982 Falklands Campaign sent a message to dictators and tyrants around the world that the Free World is ready to defend liberty. So said the former Prime Minister, Lady Thatcher, on the 15th anniversary, marked in Britain by an open-air service of remembrance and a mass re-union of British veterans who fought in the campaign.

They gathered on the weekend of June 14 and 15, at the naval town of Gosport where 15 years ago big crowds had waved off the Task Force and three months later welcomed them back victorious.

The sun shone from a cloudless sky as Margaret Thatcher, an elegant and sprightly figure now aged 71, accompanied by her husband, Dennis, joined in prayers of thanksgiving and gave an address at the harbour side in what's now named Falklands Gardens. She dedicated and unveiled a memorial plaque, to join a bust of the campaign's Commander-in-Chief, the late Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, not just a great commander, she said, but a great-hearted man. Former Royal Navy Chief of Staff, Admiral Sir Henry Leach, who was in the congregation was praised by Margaret Thatcher for his “confident, calm, composed manner” telling her the task force could be formed and ready to leave in “48 hours”. “That same unruffled professionalism”, she said, “was displayed time and time again by all the Task Force”.

She recalled the nation's joy at news of the Argentine surrender. “Britain had restored the territory and its people to their rightful heritage. The Falklands Islands had re-joined the free world”. Speaking of the loss of life, she said victory brings sorrows as well as glory. Dictators cannot be defeated by ideals alone, by diplomatic exchanges, nor United Nations resolutions, but only by strong defences, and by valiant soldiers, sailors and airmen. Times and weapons may change, but courage, honour and steadfastness endure. “We remember and



Lady Thatcher and the Mayor of Gosport, Councillor Peter Edgar, addressing the service. In the front row beyond, Lady Fieldhouse, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, Miss Sukey Cameron, Sir Rex Hunt and Armed Forces Minister, Dr. Reid.

salute all who fought there and each and everyone who died that freedom might live in the Falkland Islands”.

She waved to a Sea Harrier of the kind that shot down 26 Argentine planes in 1982, as it gave a flying display over the harbour. She took the salute at a march past of veterans led by a Royal Marines band. Among the guests were high-ranking officers and the Labour Government's Armed Forces Minister, Dr John Reid. The service was also addressed by the Director General of the Naval Chaplain Service, the Reverend Dr Charles Stewart, who was a task force chaplain in 1982.

Welcoming Lady Thatcher, the Mayor of Gosport, Councillor Peter Edgar, said there could never be a more fitting venue than Gosport where most of the ships' crews were trained. “We should never allow it to be forgotten”, he said, “that the world owes a great debt to all those who made victory possible”.

Lady Thatcher and Mayor of Gosport, Councillor Peter Edgar paying their respects before the plaque re-dedicating Falklands Gardens. In the background is the bust of Admiral Lord Fieldhouse.



Right: Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach photographed just before the ceremony.



Fun as well as prayers

The day before the re-dedication service, about three-thousand of the thirty thousand men who formed the Task Force braved a cold wind to enjoy an open-air re-union and party at HMS Sultan on the outskirts of Gosport, compered by Jim Davidson, with entertainment and music from many bands all giving their services free - including the "Fighting Pigs" from the Falklands. Former Welsh Guardsman, Simon Weston, severely burned on the *Sir Galahad*, released hundreds of balloons into the air, each representing a donation to help ex-servicemen looked after by the Star and Garter Homes.

"You ensured the triumph of freedom"

In a message read out for her by Sir Rex Hunt, Lady Thatcher recalled the decision she had to take. "It is not easy", she said, "to commit your country to a war, particularly eight thousand miles away from home. I knew there would be casualties... But, we could not allow aggression to stand or a message would have been sent to every dictator and tyrant that the Free World was not prepared to defend liberty. The Argentine aggression drew us into a war which we had not sought You achieved great things. You renewed the reputation for honour and courage which we all associate with the name of Britain. You ensured the triumph of freedom".

SAMA Recruiting

The re-union recruited more members into the newly-formed South Atlantic Medal Association (SAMA), headed by Surgeon Captain Rick Jolly. It is open to all of the forces awarded the medal, to immediate next of kin of those killed, and to Islanders, who have all become associate members through a £4,000 donation from the Falkland Islands Government (FIG).

"Deep Gratitude"

The Falklands Government also sponsored the re-union with a £10,000 donation. In a message to the organisers, the FIG said: "You are aware of the deep gratitude that exists within these islands for the sacrifices involved in our rescue from oppression 15 years ago. This contribution can only be a token of our gratitude which will last for many years". The FIG was represented by its London Representative, Miss Sukey Cameron. Many Islanders were there too, some from the Islands, some living or studying in Britain.

HWB



Falklands veterans parade down Gosport High Street after the re-dedication ceremony at Falklands Gardens. On the dais, The Mayor of Gosport, Lady Thatcher, Lady Fieldhouse and Admiral Leach.



3-Para veterans. At the centre Denzil Connick, one of the founders of SAMA, who lost a leg on Mount Longdon.



Above: Simon Weston, with Caroline Billeton and Shona Gilmartin, the wives of Royal Marine veterans.

Left: Sir Rex delivering Lady Thatcher's message to the re-union party at HMS Sultan. On his right the Rev. Godfrey Hilliard who led the prayers there.

Photos: Peter Pepper and Harold Briley

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"The Friendly Games"

Seven Medals Won in Jersey Games

Jersey air... Jersey milk... Jersey cream... Jersey hospitality ... even a Jersey cow that took part in the opening ceremony... plus five bronze medals, two silvers and nearly every member of the team surpassing their personal best! That was the experience and achievement of the Falkland Islands team at the 1997 Island Games on Jersey this summer.

Some 1530 competitors took part altogether, representing 20 Islands and competing in 17 sports over the seven day meeting. Some teams were over 150 strong, which shows what our team of only 24 had to contend with. However, the games are not known as the friendly games for nothing, and in this atmosphere team size didn't seem to count for much.



The Falklands team taking part in the opening parade.

Photo: Tony Burnett.

Enthusiastic Falklands Supporters

Some 8,000 spectators and supporters, among them an enthusiastic contingent from both the Falklands themselves and the Falklands (UK), watched the parade of teams and opening festivities. This included the now well known "water ceremony", where a bottle of natural water from each competing island is ceremoniously blended to form a symbolic whole. HRH the Princess Royal, the patron, officially opened the games.

Falklands Events

The Falklands competed in **Athletics** (Tony Burnett, Boyd Watson, Crispin Fisher, Hugh Marsden, Tracy Porter and Trudi Clarke), **Badminton** (Craig Clarke, Douglas Clarke, Christopher Eynon, Caroline Lamb, Nicola Luxton), **Golf** (Kevin Clapp, Leon Marsh, Roy Smith, Robert Titterington), **Swimming** (Tracy Freeman, Ingrid Newman, Kelly Moffatt) **Shooting** (Saul Pitaluga, Christopher McCallum, Timothy McCallum, Graham Didlick, David Peck, Peter Diggle).

All did well, and while often outclassed by the larger teams, produced many personal bests, at the same time as enjoying themselves. Team Coaches were Mr. and Mrs Humphries; Team Manager was Patrick Watts.

Shooting Success

Team placements were low in the Hall, Pool and Track events as they were in Golf, but it was in rifle and pistol shooting that the Falklands team made their "mark" obtaining five bronze medals and two silvers.

Full Bore Rifle Pairs: Tim and Christopher McCallum
2 Bronze and 1 Silver,
Pistol Pairs: David Peck and Graham Didlick
2 Bronze and 1 Silver
Pistol Individual: Graham Didlick
Bronze.



Hugh Marsden running in the 3,000 meters, where he came in 17th

Photo: Tony Burnett

Congratulations

The *Newsletter* sends a richly deserved "Well Done" to all competitors, especially the medal winners. As with all such events, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes - to ensure competitors arrive on time, have the right clothing and equipment etc. So team manager, coach and other helpers deserve congratulations too.

Finally, it was obvious from team comments that a lot had been learned and a lot of encouragement received from other competitors. This will stand the team in good stead for the next games.

Ted Clapp



Above: Dr. Crispin Fisher running in the Half-Marathon, with a time of 1Hr 25mins.

Above Right: Tracy Porter, wife of BAS pilot Geoff Porter, just after cutting 6 minutes off her best time in the half-marathon

Right: David Peck and Graham Didlick collecting their medals. Together in the pistol pairs competitions, they won two Bronze Medals and a Silver. Individually, Graham won the Bronze pistol medal.

David Peck returned to Jersey after the games to win a first and a third prize in a local pistol competition.

Below Right: Falklands swimmers prepare for the off. *Photo: Ted Clapp*

Below: Chris McCallum collecting the Bronze Medal in the individual 300metres fullbore rifle competition.

All Photos: Tony Burnett except where shown



Lincoln's Inn Reunion

Call for Argentina to show democratic maturity

A call for Argentina to show democratic maturity by dropping its sovereignty claim was made by the Falkland Islands London representative, Miss Sukey Cameron at the annual reception at Lincoln's Inn marking the 15th anniversary of the end of the Conflict. Many friends of the Falklands, including members of the new Labour Government, heard Miss Cameron express regret that despite enormous changes over the past 15 years, Argentina's claim remained.

Improved Relations Welcomed

"We welcome the improved relationship between Britain and Argentina" she said, "We hope these improvements will lead to a greater understanding and acceptance of our position by Argentina. Argentina claims that it is a democracy and, of course, a fundamental right of democratic peoples is the right to self-determination. But Argentina's claim to the Islands and refusal to acknowledge our right to self-determination is a direct contrast to this. By renouncing their claim, Argentina could prove to the world that they had, at least, reached democratic maturity". (Applause) Miss Cameron said the handover of Hong Kong to China focussed the spotlight on Britain's remaining Dependent Territories, and it is intended to organise a second conference of the Dependent Territories Association, of which the Falkland Islands and Gibraltar were leading founding members.

Recent Sorrows

Expressing regret on the deaths of Captain Nick Barker RN and Sir Michael Shersby MP, Miss Cameron said they will be sadly missed as great and valued friends and real champions of the Falkland Islands. Sir Rex Hunt read out messages to and from the Queen, to whom the Association sent traditional loyal greetings.

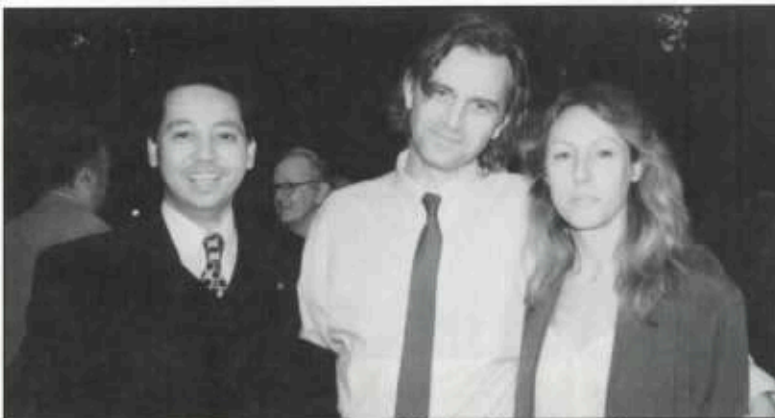


Miss Sukey Cameron and Sir Rex Hunt



Above: Lord and Lady Radnor watching the Band of the Blues and Royals beating retreat.

Below: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lapsley. Peter has recently joined the Association committee.



Above: Falklands War veterans Mark Sherburne-Brown and Ken Lukoviac with Cathie Palmer.



Above: Mr. and Mrs Denzil Connick. It was Denzil, who lost a leg on Mount Tumbledown, who thought up the idea of the South Atlantic Medal Association



Farewell to Captain Barker — Naval Hero

To Celebrate not to Mourn

In an affectionate farewell to Captain Nick Barker, who died in April, more than two thousand people crowded into London's Southwark Cathedral to pay their last respects to a naval hero of the Falklands War. The Service of Thanksgiving took place on June 11, just 15 years since the final battles of that conflict. The atmosphere was summed up by his long-time friend, Mr Neil Durden-Smith OBE, in his address, when he said we were there "to celebrate, not to mourn, the life of a great all-rounder".



Mr Durden-Smith (above), best known as a respected television producer, said they became life-long friends as young naval officers more than 40 years ago. One of Nick's ambitions, he said, was to emulate his father, a naval hero who was killed in action in 1940. "How well he succeeded ... He was clear-sighted, caring and conscientious to a degree and found it impossible not to speak his mind when he knew it mattered". He showed outstanding leadership and courage in 1982 as Captain of HMS Endurance, and had fought cancer with the same bravery. He was revered by his ships' crews for his leadership, friendship and integrity. Many letters of tribute to him were full of references to "a man who had great charm, understood humanity, led and taught by example, commanded respect and affection in equal measure, knew that decency, principles and kindness should be at the very core of our being, hated hypocrisy and waffle and always retained a marvellous sense of humour". Mr. Durden-Smith singled out just one letter to read, from Endurance's Physical Training Instructor, Trevor Glenn, who wrote: "He was the finest, kindest, most honest, modest, and courageous captain I ever had the privilege to serve". Mr Durden-Smith added: "We are proud to have known you, Nick, and we will never forget you".

Three Flags

Three flags were paraded — the White Ensign from the 1982 Endurance, the Falkland Islands Governor's flag at the time of the 1982 Argentine invasion, and the colour of the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen (of which Captain Barker was Chairman). These flags, Mr Durden-Smith said, symbolised Captain Barker's love of the Royal Navy, the Islands, and his understanding of the dangers of the sea and the grief of families whose menfolk were lost at sea.



Southwark Cathedral gradually filling up before the service - more than 2,000 people came to pay their respects

All Photos: Harold Briley

Joining Nick Barker's family, we were a remarkably diversified congregation, reflecting his many interests. Royal Navy colleagues were headed by the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Jock Slater, the Royal Marines Commandant General, Major General David Pennefather, and men who fought in the Falklands campaign. The service was conducted by the Vice-Provost, the Reverend Canon Roy White, assisted by the Rev Brian Wilkinson, Vice-Chairman of the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, and the Rev Albert Braithwaite, former Royal Navy Chaplain. The lessons were read by Sir Rex Hunt CMG, Governor of the Falkland Islands in the 1982 Conflict, and by Lord Buxton KCVO, MC, former Chairman of the South West Atlantic Group. The Fishermen's Prayer was said by Captain Barker's son, Mr Ben Barker.

A colour party from Endurance was led by Chief Petty Officer Ken Deacon, who served with Captain Barker in 1982. A Royal Marine Bugler, Paul Annett, sounded the Last Post and Reveille. An exhibition organised by Commander Michael Ranken, who helped organise the service, included Captain Barker's medals, his recent book, "Beyond Endurance", and framed photographs of three vessels bearing this famous name — the Endurance crushed by ice in Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition, the 1982 Endurance, and the present ship.



The Colour Party from HMS ENDURANCE, led by CPO Ken Deacon (right), and with Commander Ranken (left). The flags are the Falkland Islands Governor's in 1982, The White Ensign from Endurance in 1982 and the Flag of the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen

Falklands News

Education

Geologist Emma Edwards will be going to Aberdeen University to study for a one year MSc in Petroleum Geology.

Falklands on the Web

The Falklands is due on the internet later this year, but it already boasts a news website. Teaberry Express, the small weekly news publication and its news agency Falkland Islands News Network, both run single-handedly by Juanita Brock, have a subscription site at www.sartma.com.

South Georgia Exhibition

Jamie Peck exhibited 20 of his paintings of South Georgia at the Town Hall. Priced between £70 and £200, three quarters were sold. See photo page 11

FCO Visit

Peter Westmacott, Director (Americas) for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and John Duncan, Deputy Head, South Atlantic and Antarctic Dept., made a three day visit to the Falklands at the end of May. Mr. Westmacott stated that "contacts with Argentina should be those which are in the interests of the Islands, such as oil and fishing", and "it is for the Falkland Islands Government to prescribe". Photo page 11

Johnny Walker Trophy

Colin "Tootie" Ford won the Johnny Walker Cup for darts on May 31st. Runner up was Tim Bonner, and in the play-off for third and fourth place, Rob Green beat Paul Phillips. Rob was one of several entries from MPA and a former county player in the UK.

Schools Swimming Gala

Stanley Leisure Centre was taken over in May for the Schools Swimming Gala. Sean Moffat won the Boys Junior School event, with Andrew Jarvis second and Jason Short third. Paulina Latorre won the Junior School girls with Cathy Jacobsen second and Margaret Normand and Samantha Davis equal third. In the Community School Competition, Stephen Aldridge won the JBG Shield for Ross House.

Beautiful Falklands Awards 1997

At a Government House reception on June 12th, winners of the Beautiful Falklands Awards 1997 were presented with engraved plaques. The Pink Shop (photo page 10) won the Most Attractive Business Premises; Salvador won the Best Maintained Large Camp Settlement; Best Maintained Small Camp Settlement was Shallow Harbour; Most Attractive Private Home and Garden went to Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Morrison, for their home at 6A Jeremy Moore Avenue.

The award for the "Preservation or Restoration of a Building or Site of Historic Interest" went to Cape Pembroke Lighthouse. The Best Landscaping Project award went to Stanley Cubs for their work on Onion Ranges.

Second Season Fishing Licence Allocations

13 Code "R" Licences (Skate) 20 Code "X" Licences (Loligo Gahi); Ten going to Falklands flag vessels. 11 Code "Y" Licences (Finfish except Skate); Five going to Falklands flag vessels. 36 Code "Z" Licences (Restricted Finfish); Five going to Falklands flag vessels. Most licences in all categories went to vessels controlled by Falklands parent companies.

May Ball

At a ball organised by the 1st Falklands Scout Troop on Friday 23rd May, fifteen year old Cara Ross became a stunning May Queen out of twelve finalists chosen by popular vote of all gentlemen. May Princess was Louise McLeod. Finalists were Cara Ross, Louise McLeod, Lyn Ferguson, Anna Buxton, Karen Marsh, Sarah Forster, Sian Davies, Sarah Halford, Helen Coombes, Nyree Heathman, Samantha Payne and Paula Ross. Judges with the difficult task of making the final decision were BB Campbell, Davis Parsons and Suzanna Higgins. Prince Charming was Mathew McMullen with Joe Clarke a popular runner up.

Success for Heidi Again

Heidi Blake achieved fourth place in the open wool handling competition at Ke Kuiti, North Island, New Zealand. Heidi competed against 400 other competitors.

Gildings take over at Port Louis

Melanie and Peter Gilding have taken over the Port Louis Farm from Mr. and Mrs. Morrison. They will be assisted by Ted Jones and his wife. They plan to allow controlled access to the historical remains there.

Oil Update

Seismic company Spectrum completed its survey from the ship *Academic Lazarev* in the Area of Special Co-operation to the South-West of the Falklands on May 15th. Results are now being processed at their computer centre in the UK. In the Northern Area, which is entirely within Falklands waters, licence holders Amerada Hess, IPC, LASMO and Shell have completed their seismic, gravity and magnetic studies and are processing the data from these. They are expected to do sea bottom investigations later this year and to hire a rig jointly in mid 1998 to sink at least five holes.

Iain Todd and Allan Sefton from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) visited the Falklands in April to enable the FIG to programme legislation and inspection procedures for offshore installations. HSE plan to return in October.

Tourism Seminar

About 40 people attended the Falklands Tourism seminar on June 18th. Presentations were made on such subjects as the transportation needs for tourism and the requirements of the military market.

Fox Bay Races Yield Money for SAMA

Supervised by Roger Edwards, jockeys and punters from Fox Bay and Port Howard raised £160 for the South Atlantic Medal Association over the Liberation Day weekend. Races went by such names as Fox Bay Flat and Fox Bay Hurricane.

Jelly Tots

The Town Hall buzzed with excited children for the Jelly Tots fancy dress party. There were cowboys and indians, flowers, fairies, animals and nursery rhyme characters. The under 2s was won by Mathew Lazo as Noddy, with Ariane Goss second as Tiger (see photos page); 3-4s winner was Adam Henry as a Robot; 5-6s was won by April Petterson as a Gypsy; 7-11s by Samantha Davies as a Witch. The Groups competition was won by Father Christmas and Reindeer, otherwise known as Keiran and Duane Evans.

Susan Whitley Exhibition

The exhibition this year took place in June. Amongst many other prize winners were Tansie Bonner of Salvador who won the Camp Education Prize for under 7s; Tracy Freeman who won the Craft Design and Technology Prize; Sarah Forster who came first in the Home Economics competition.

The exhibition commemorates Susan Whitley and two other women killed during the battle for Stanley in 1982.

Housing Proposal

The Falkland Islands Company has proposed constructing 27 new houses on a 60 acre plot south of the Race Course.

BBC World Visitors

Andrea Kennedy, producer of the BBC World Service programme, *Calling the Falklands*, paid her first visit to the Islands between June 24th and 30th. Earlier that month, BBC World TV presenter, Brian Barron also visited the Falklands.

Local TV Live

Local cable TV company, KTV, made its first live outside broadcast on June 14th covering the Liberation Day Service of Remembrance at the 1982 Monument. Two days later, with the cooperation of the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Service, there was more live TV coverage, this time of a radio phone-in on the subject of external airlinks.

LanChile Link

Following an agreement between FIDC and *LanChile*, Chile's national airline, in July, *LanChile* flights into Mount Pleasant Airport began on August 2nd. There will now be a flight every Saturday arriving at 3.50pm and departing 4.35pm. The flight, by *Boeing 737-200*, originates in Santiago at 9.30am and takes in Puerto Montt and Punta Arenas on both south and north-bound legs. An announcement of the flight in the Punta Arenas paper, *Prensa Austral* said that it would be managed from Punta Arenas and would give the Magallanes Region of Chile an important new opportunity for the export of fruit and vegetables and other goods. Return fares between the Falklands and Punta Arenas will start at \$390.

EXCO says "No" to Air Falklands

After an extraordinary meeting of the Executive Council, the Falklands Government decided not to offer backing to Air Falklands, a proposed local company seeking to set up a jet service between MPA and Sao Paulo via Montevideo.

Baby's Happy Return

Islanders Paul and Ruth Watson and their bouncing baby son, Ryan, returned to their Stanley home on the Royal Fleet auxiliary vessel, *Grey Rover*, after emergency treatment on a life support machine in Montevideo. Ryan was born prematurely, weighing under four pounds and suffering breathing difficulties. In a dramatic South Atlantic mercy flight involving fifty people, he was cocooned in a special incubator with a permanent oxygen supply, monitored by the Falklands Medical team. A Royal Air Force VC-10, one of the world's fastest military transports, made the 1,100 mile journey to Uruguay in two hours, flying low to maintain sea level cabin pressure to ensure the baby's survival.

Birth

On June 6th, to Lenny and Alison Ford, a son, Wade Leonard.

Mercy Release

A Peruvian seaman, who in March was sentenced to two years and seven days prison in Stanley for indecent assault, has been released and sent back to Peru, where his mother was reportedly dying. Governor Ralph exercised his prerogative of mercy following a unanimous decision by an advisory committee consisting of the Attorney General, the Chief Executive, the Chief Medical Officer and a councillor.

Owen is a fast coxswain ... it's official

Owen Betts, senior coxswain on the FIC's launches, returned to the Islands in July after completing a number of courses at Lowestoft College. Owen, whose training was sponsored by the Falkland Islands Development Corporation, gained Level Two and Advanced Power Boat Certificates of Competency as well as passing courses in First Aid at Sea and Basic Survival, and receiving his Fast Coxswain Certificate.

New Zealand Islander Honoured

Falkland Islander, Pat Johnson has received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award for humanitarian services from the Otara Lions Club for dedicated involvement with the disabled. Pat is the second Islander in New Zealand to be so honoured. Three years ago, George Paice, was similarly honoured.

Governor's Cup for Colin - Again

Colin Smith successfully defended the Governor's Cup for darts over the weekend of the 27th/28th June. Despite a draw that put him up against formidable players such as William "Jumbo" Whitney and Paul McKay, and in the semifinal, Gary Hewitt, he dropped only one leg in the final itself - to Timmy Bonner.

In the Ladies Rose Bowl, Julie Clarke, herself a winner twice before, beat three time winner Maggie Goss.

Extreme SWAMS at South Georgia

Following the success of the Charity Mid-Winter Swim at Surf Bay in the Falklands, two similar swims took place in South Georgia; by members of the garrison at King Edward Point and the crew of the *MV St Brandon* and, at the same time, by BAS scientists on Bird Island.

A special congratulation goes to LCpl Billy King and Royal Marine Sgt. Billy Reid who lingered in the water for more than a minute, and to Mrs Ali Liddle, who took part in the swim at Surf Bay last year, and who suggested the swim in the even colder waters of South Georgia. Here a spot had to be found where the ice was broken. The air temperature was below zero. These Swims support the Falklands Seaman's Mission and Overseas Games Association.

MPA's Little Ones Do Their Bit

Following the Falklands tradition of sponsored activities, MPA primary school children raised nearly £500 by a sponsored relay swim of no less than 9 kilometres in the MPA bath. They raised money for a camera and historical artefacts.

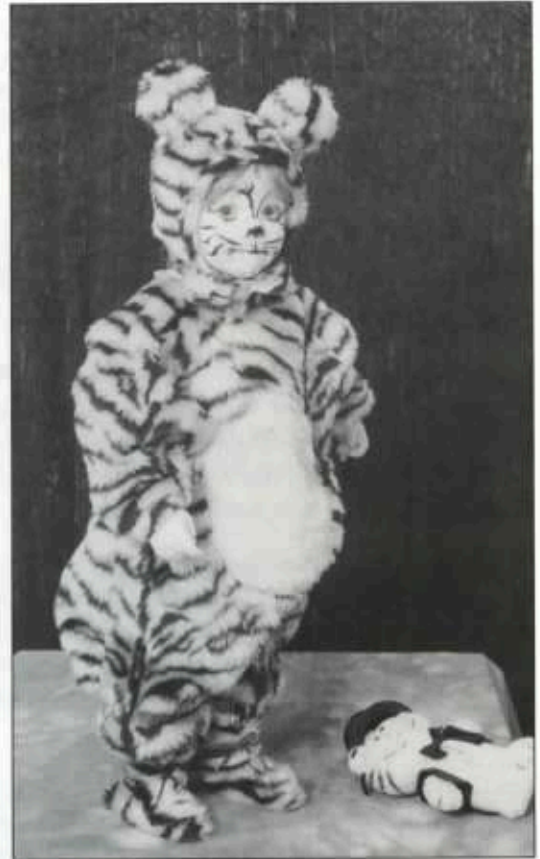
Incumbent for Christ Church Cathedral

The Reverend Alistair McHaffie, who served with the RAMC as a speech therapist before taking Holy Orders, has been appointed Rector of Christ Church Cathedral. He is married to Pippa and has three young children: Hannah, Samuel and Joshua. The Rev McHaffie has been to the Falklands twice before on tours of duty, and is currently curate of St Michael's, Braintree.

The Falklands in Photos



Above: The Pink Shop, owned by Tony and Annie Chater, winner of the "Most Attractive Business Premises" section in the 1997 Beautiful Falklands Awards. *All Photos from Penguin News except where shown*



Above Right: Ariane Goss, disguised as a tiger in the Jelly Tots Fancy Dress Competition. *Photo: Norman Clark*

Below: Nichola Harris GCSE joint Best Student with Roddy Cordeiro (Below Right) receiving their prizes from HE Governor Ralph.



Above: "Mid-Winter Swimmers" doing their bit to raise money for charity.



More Mid-Winter Swimmers in full fancy dress.

Right: Liberation Day parade in Stanley, led by the Northern Ireland TA Band. The Monument to the First World War battle can be seen in the distance.

Below: Peter Westmacott, Director (Americas) for the FCO and John Duncan Deputy Head, South Atlantic and Antarctic Dept, visiting the Falklands.

Below Right: Liberation Day at the San Carlos cemetery. HE Governor Ralph, CBFFI Brigadier Campbell, members of the garrison, and Islanders, attend a memorial service for those who gave their lives for the freedom of the Falklands and Britain's national honour in 1982.



Above: The grave of Susan Whitley on Sea Lion Island. She was one three Islanders killed during the battle for Stanley in 1982. The art and education exhibition and competition (Page 9) is dedicated to her memory. The epitaph on her grave, *And Let The Winds of The Heavens Dance Between You*, refers to the fact that she was expecting a baby when she was killed.



Above Right: The swimming pool at the Community Leisure Centre crowded with competitors for the School Competition.

Right: Jamie Peck's exhibition of art from South Georgia (see page 8)



Netball Tour

Stanley's Netball team toured Northern Britain at the beginning of July, organised by Sarah Allan.

Play began on Monday the 7th at Ullswater Community College, against a strong side from Penrith. Despite a defeat 37 to 17 the team got the consolation of a good look at the Lake District.

Next day saw the team cross the Pennines to play Tynedale Club at Hexham in Northumberland. This was a "friendly" match with mixed teams, and a good work out.

Wednesday saw the team in action against two very good Prudhoe sides which sported three county players and won both matches 15:14 and 17:2. A buffet afterwards put everything in perspective. Thursday at Amble saw another defeat 33:16, but that was the end of the losing streak.

On the Friday, Stanley won against Otterburn and followed their hosts down to the local for drinks and the inevitable questions about the Falklands.

The tour end on Saturday with a tournament against their earlier opponents. This time Stanley defeated Penrith and repeated their victory over Otterburn. But, Tynedale proved too strong again, and won all three of their matches. The result was a first for Tynedale, but second place for Stanley. The tour



L-R: Anna Luxton, Tina Hirtle, Liz Elliot, Michelle Jones, Liz Elliot, Pippa Lang, baby Frederick Allan (mascot), Nikki Luxton, Isabel Minto, Sarah Allan, Sian Davies

provided much needed experience and competition. Isobel Minto was judged most outstanding player twice and Sian Davies once.

Friends in Rochester, Newcastle-upon-Tyne put up half the team, others stayed in B&B accommodation, and the team were unanimous in their thanks to their hosts for their kindness, and to supporters and fund-raisers in the Falklands.

Anglo-Argentine Falkland Oil Talks To Speed Up

Anglo-Argentine talks about exploration for oil in the special co-operation area straddling the line between the Falklands and Argentina are to be speeded up. This was agreed in the latest round of talks in Buenos Aires so as to meet the timetable for launching the licensing round later this year inviting oil companies to tender for exploration blocks. This meeting of the Joint South West Atlantic Hydrocarbons Commission, as it is called, recommended that priority should be given to working out details of the terms and conditions for licences.

The Commission had three days of talks (from July 14th to 16th) in which both sides expressed satisfaction in a joint communique with what they called "significant progress ... in a cordial and constructive atmosphere". They stressed their common interest in establishing standards to protect the marine environment. A sub-committee is pressing ahead with proposals for joint scientific research projects to assess the impact of oil exploration and exploitation on fish and marine resources. As a first step there is to be a desk survey to collate existing information on the marine environment and to decide what further information is needed. Rules are being drawn up on health and safety standards for offshore activities and to deal with such hazards as floating icebergs.

The Communique recognises what it calls the "controversy" over the Argentine claim to sovereignty of the islands and the question of jurisdiction, but this does not seem to be hampering practical technical co-operation.

The Commission has the advantage of experience of progress already made by the Falklands Government in its separate exclusive zone of oil exploration, mainly north of the Islands. Several international consortiums were granted licences last year to go ahead with the search for oil, including Falklands Company participation. Test drilling is planned to begin next year. If large quantities of oil are detected, it will be several years before it could begin to flow. The only Argentine bid, by its company YPF in conjunction with British Gas, was rejected last year for failing to match the technical and environmental standards of the other bids, and not for any political reasons, as the Argentine Government subsequently acknowledged. There is expected to be substantial Argentine participation in the Zone of Special Cooperation, south-west of the Falklands.

Harold Briley

Knighthood for General

Major General Iain Mackay-Dick was invested as a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order by the Queen on July 15th on relinquishing his appointment as Commander of the Household Division.

General Mackay-Dick, who fought with the Scots Guards in the Falklands War, later served as Commander British Forces Falkland Islands in 1993 and '94 before taking command of the Household Division, and is a member of the Association.

Moto-X Triumph for the Falklands

The Falklands entered another strong motocross team in the Welsh 2-Day Enduro in Powys last June - the third round of the British Enduro Championships. They were: Dereck Jaffray, Shane Blackley, Jonny Summers, Dustin Clarke and Jan Clarke.

The course was approximately 150 miles per day and conditions were very wet. By the end of the second day, Dereck Jaffray had won the Clubman and 250cc classes - and was **first overall in the Championship!** Jonny Summers was 6th overall, (4th in the 250cc class), Jan Clarke 18th and Shane Blackley 23rd overall.

Out of an entry of some 500 competitors this was a remarkable achievement from such a small population base as the Falklands.

Melville Enduro (4th Round of British Championships)

Dereck Jaffray and Jonny Summers went on to the Scottish Enduro at Melville near Pebbles. There some 150 riders started the first day. Yet again a rain-soaked course did its work - and only 39 finished. Mud on the engines caused many - including Jonny Summers - to overheat and seize up. Most went out in the first lap! Dereck came in 2nd in the 250cc class and dropped to 6th overall in the Championship.

Rhayader 2-Day Event (5th Round)

In July, yet another wet, tough, event took place. This time Dereck led the field on the first day, with Jonny Summers second. Shane Blackley's bike seized in the mud, like so many others, and he didn't finish.

Sadly, Jonny was knocked out by illness and couldn't start the second day. But, Dereck went on to win the second day too, **to lead the British Championship again.**



Dereck Jaffray "fording" a stream in the Welsh Enduro at Rhayader.

Next Rounds

The next round is the Natterjack Enduro at Borden in Hampshire in September. The last is the Beacons Enduro in Wales in October. The Newsletter will cover these in the next issue. Competition is intense and there only a few points between the leaders. In the meantime our congratulations and best wishes go to all the team, especially Dereck Jaffray.

Joy for the Jones Family

With the wedding of Captain Rupert Jones, son of Colonel H. Jones VC, who gave his life at Goose Green, the Jones family has another member - Lucinda, Rupert's bride. The family is pictured below after the wedding. L to R are: David Jones, bride Lucinda, bridegroom Rupert and Mrs. Sara Jones, CBE.

Captain Jones is currently serving with the Devon and Dorsets in Germany, and the *Newsletter* wishes him and his bride every success and happiness.



Falklands attend CPA Meeting

Falklands Councillor, Mrs Norma Edwards (photographed below) attended the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association meeting in May at Westminster. The meeting discussed government and parliamentary procedures in other Commonwealth Countries, higher education, with a visit to Oxford, the Bodleian Library and Magdalen College. There was also a trip to Cardiff to study local government, particularly the economic and social development of the Cardiff Bay area from the wasteland that it was, and a visit to Jersey to study education and its college for overseas students etc.



Falklands "Inalienable Right"

Councillors Argue Case at UN

Forceful speeches by Falkland Islands Councillors reasserting the islanders' right to self-determination predictably fell largely on deaf ears at the UN Decolonisation Committee in June. Headed by Mr. Samana of Papua New Guinea, who two years ago promised to introduce self-determination himself, the Committee hurried through a resolution favourable to Argentina calling for negotiations on sovereignty, which the United Kingdom and the Falklands reject. There was no formal vote; it was passed by "consensus" and criticised what it called the "colonial situation" incompatible with the "UN peace ideal". Argentine Newspaper *Clarín* described it all cynically as "following a tradition that is repeated every year like a religious procession".

Councillor Luxton

Councillor William Luxton, making his third appearance before the Committee, called upon it to observe the UN's own Charter which reaffirms "the right of peoples to self-determination" "We may not be many but we demand that the world acknowledge our absolute right to determine our own future Falkland Islanders do not understand how the Committee can look us straight in the eye and tell us that only we are not entitled to this right.

"We do not understand, because in our eyes it is Argentina that is the colonialist power. They wish to impose their alien systems and way of life on us against our will. We have had a brief taste of Argentine colonial rule. We did not like it. The most memorable monument to Argentina's short occupation of my homeland is the murderous legacy of landmines they left scattered at random over some of the finest wildlife areas. Many of these sites will probably be denied to our children for evermore.....

"We are free again, thanks to Britain and we intend to stay that way... We choose to be a dependent territory... We have to depend on Britain for our long-term security while Argentina continues to threaten us. Argentina's colonialist ambitions are what prevent any possible change in our constitutional position.... Your Committee affirms concisely and clearly the right of peoples to self determination. My countrymen demand that we should have that right".

Councillor Halford



Making her first appearance at the UN, Councillor Sharon Halford, issued a direct challenge to the Committee: "Do you believe in democracy or not? If you do, the only course open to you is to support the right of the Falkland Islanders to determine their own future.... How can you, as a

Decolonisation Committee, condone the suggestion that the Falkland Islands should relinquish its association with the United Kingdom only to become a colony of Argentina?"

Councillor Halford said the Islanders are not an insular inward looking people. They favour talks on mutually beneficial issues and want to end the dispute. "We hope that a democratic Argentina would also wish for this and in so doing demonstrate her maturity by taking the honourable step of relinquishing her unfounded claim.... It saddens me that at this late stage in this century when the world is ever moving towards peace that a newly democratic country should continually lay claim to our islands which have never belonged to them".

She said the Islands and Argentina are worlds apart culturally. "Unlike the Argentines, our ancestors did not wipe out an indigenous people in settling the land they now live on". She expressed disgust at the recent attempt by Argentina to exploit dead Argentine soldiers buried in the Falklands by demanding to visit the graves. "I find it appalling to think that this sad and unfortunate loss of life is now being used as a platform for political gain by some Argentine Senators". However, she reminded the Committee that the Falklands recognise that families of the soldiers are able to visit the graves of their lost loved ones. "We do have compassion and care for humanity and believe that families must have priority over politicians".

Di Tella's Strange Argument

The large Argentine delegation was again led by Foreign Minister Di Tella who used the strange argument that the territorial dispute should be resolved first and only later should the principle of self-determination be addressed! Argentina would persist in its efforts to resume negotiations on sovereignty, he said. With the new Labour Government, he thought there was fresh opportunity to talk with flexibility to solve what he called "a colonial anachronism".

Fiji and Sierra Leone Dissent

Strong criticism of the resolution came from Fiji which actually suggested that the Committee should go back and re-examine its mandate, as to whether the subject of the resolution was really about a matter of decolonisation (which it so obviously is not). Both Fiji and Sierra Leone criticised the resolution for failing to take into account self-determination. The whole session was over in an hour.

The Newsletter comments:

It is right that the Falkland Islands Government should continue to send Councillors to argue the Islanders' case at the United Nations. In this David and Goliath encounter, they do so creditably, against daunting odds, knowing right is on their side, but knowing too that the Decolonisation Committee is largely a tribunal of influence rather than justice.

By its actions over the Falklands, the Decolonisation Committee has again disqualified itself as a fair arbiter. It includes some member nations cynically sitting in judgment on matters of democracy which they deny to their own people. It is particularly discredited by its failure to acknowledge self-determination enshrined in the UN's founding Charter, as this is the basis for all genuine "decolonisation". The Committee has been considered an anachronism for years. Its decisions are of little relevance - and are largely ignored.

HWB

Heidelberg Award For Fish Conservation

A prestigious new German award for environmental excellence has been won by Professor John Beddington, Director of the Centre for Environmental Technology at Imperial College, London, for his pioneering work on conservation of fish in Falklands waters and elsewhere.

The award was presented to him at the German Embassy by the Lady Mayor of the famous university city of Heidelberg, Frau Beate Weber, who said it was a very special occasion — the first time the Heidelberg Club International's Award for Environmental Excellence had been presented. She stressed the need for more action internationally to protect the environment and "the biological treasures of the earth", which, she said, have been rapidly and irreversibly diminished. The citation says the award — for individuals or groups whose achievements provide lasting benefit to the environment — was made to Professor Beddington in recognition of his outstanding contribution to understanding the sustainable yield and management, and conservation, of fish stocks in the South Atlantic and Antarctic Oceans.

Falklands First Recipient

Expressing delight at being the first recipient, Professor Beddington pointed to the difference in the fishing industries of Europe and the Falkland Islands, where he had started from scratch, as there had previously been no fishing industry in the South Atlantic. In other well-established fishing industries it would have been much harder to inculcate logical new habits. Falklands Government London Representative, Miss Sukey



Professor Beddington, Mr. Maurice Pickering and Oberburgermeister Frau Beate Weber with the citation for the award.

Cameron - who was accompanied by Director of Fisheries, John Barton - praised Professor Beddington for his leading role in fishing conservation around the Falklands. The fact that ecological and economic objectives had exceeded expectations was a tribute to his involvement. She said vital international agreements are needed to deal with problems such as the migration of species out of the Falklands controlled zone, a reference presumably to absence so far of a long-term fishing agreement with Argentina.

Tributes were paid to the UK Director of the Heidelberg Environmental Award, Mr Maurice Pickering, who was instrumental in creating it.

Newsday Prize Win

A team from the Falkland Islands Community School in Stanley won the International Class of the Times Educational Supplement Newsday Competition in May. The competition, which was organised by the Tees Valley Educational Computer Centre, was to produce a newspaper in one day.

Escorted by Councillor Halford and Mrs Mariane Purvis, who teaches at the FICS, three of the four editors, Stephen Betts, Daniel Fowler, and Robbie Burnett went to the House of Commons on June 9th to collect their prizes: certificates for those involved and an Apple/Macintosh Computer for their school. The fourth, Mark Gilbert, was unable to attend as he was on a school exchange in Chile. Many other students contributed to the project.

The prizes were presented by Dermot Murnaghan of ITN and the ceremony was hosted by John Gunnell MP. It was covered by the TES on June 13th.

Stanley's twin City, Whitby, came second equal in the domestic section of the competition.



The presentation itself in the Churchill room of the House of Commons. L-R: Daniel Fowler, Dermot Murnaghan of ITN, Robbie Burnett and Steven Betts.

Photo: P.J. Pepper

Tea with the Governor - Holiday of a Special Stamp

For years many tourists have enjoyed their first experience of the Falkland Islands on tours led by Major Ronnie Spafford, a Vice President of the Falkland Islands Association and a philatelist with expert knowledge of Falkland stamps, much sought after by collectors world-wide. As Ronnie prepares to take another party to the Islands in the South Atlantic summer next January, a tourist living in Germany, Mr John H. Youle, from Munich, sent us this account of his trip last January.

As Mr Youle remarked, it's not often holidaymakers have tea with the Governor or meet so many penguins.



The Upland Goose hotel, Stanley, with Victory Green in the foreground. On the right, the signal guns.

Ronnie Spafford's conducted tours began several years ago mainly with members of the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group. Now there's a wider range of participants. I know no other 16-day tour which takes you so far to such a wide range of locations and activities. We were based at six centres: Stanley in the Upland Goose Hotel and later the Malvina House Hotel; Pebble Island Hotel; Blue Beach Lodge, San Carlos, Port Howard Lodge, and Sea Lion Island.

As a philatelist, I particularly enjoyed visits to the post offices and philatelic bureaux, both civilian and military, and each of us received 12 special covers which we saw being printed by Tony Pettersson at the Government Printing Office.

As well as stamps, there was plenty more to interest us. Pebble, Saunders and Sea Lion Islands provided ample opportunity to view a wildlife paradise and take pictures. I saw five different kinds of penguin, black-browed albatross, king cormorants, skuas, many other varieties of sea birds, the big bird of prey - the striated caracara, turkey vultures, falcons, geese, ducks, black-necked swans, sea lions and elephant seals. I could have spent the whole holiday just enjoying the wildlife.

The inter-island flights gave us a marvellous opportunity to view and photograph the landscape. We sampled the early history of the islands in a tour of the Museum in Stanley with its knowledgeable curator, John Smith, a boat trip around Stanley harbour to see so many ancient wrecked ships, and a visit to Port Louis, site of the first French settlement.



Macaroni Penguins, one of many varieties of penguin in the Falklands.

Reminders of the Falklands conflict were ever present. We paid homage to those who lost their lives at the memorials and cemeteries on Pebble Island, Goose Green and Darwin, Fitzroy and the Liberation Memorial in Stanley. I cannot remember a more emotional occasion than flying across San Carlos Bay on the hottest day of our tour and landing on the small airstrip near San Carlos cemetery. In the bright sunshine the water reflected the deep blue of the sky. It was difficult to reconcile these images with those on television of Argentine air attacks on the Task Force.



Elephant Seals, just ten minutes walk from the excellent lodge on Sea Lion Island

Islander Hospitality

Above all we were able to meet and enjoy meals with the Falkland Islanders. We spent an evening with Betty Biggs looking at family photographs taken on South Georgia. We visited the Hydroponic Garden run by Tim Miller growing vegetables and even strawberries; Fox Bay Woollen Mill; Eddie Chandler's knitwear shop at Port Howard to order made-to-measure sweaters; and sheep-shearing at Goose Green and Fitzroy. We even had tea with the Governor, His Excellency Richard Ralph, who gave us a conducted tour of Government House, still bearing minor scars of the 1982 attack.

All in all, it was a holiday to remember, thanks to the hospitality of the Islanders and the hard work of Ronnie Spafford and Carol Bedford of Stanley Services. And the RAF Tristar flying us eight-thousand miles back to Brize Norton landed five minutes early!

John Youle

Gosport Reunion Contd.



Above: Andrea Kennedy and Graham Bound covering the Re-Union for Calling the Falklands.

Above Right: L-R: Veterans Adrian Luckman, of 3rd Signals, and Jacko Jackson, A.B. Sharkey and Paddy Gallagher of HMS Argonaut.

Right: Surgeon-Captain Rick Jolly, signing up new members for SAMA.

Below Right: Marylin and Dave Hall, Miss Sukey Cameron and Gerald Robson at the FIG stand.

Below: The Fighting Pigs on stage. *Photos: P.J. Pepper*



Above: Mayor of Gosport, Councillor Peter Edgar and Mrs Edgar. Right: Islanders Graham and Fiona Didlick

The Falklands - the World's Largest Diocese

"A Noble History and a Glorious Past"

By the Reverend Peter J. Millam

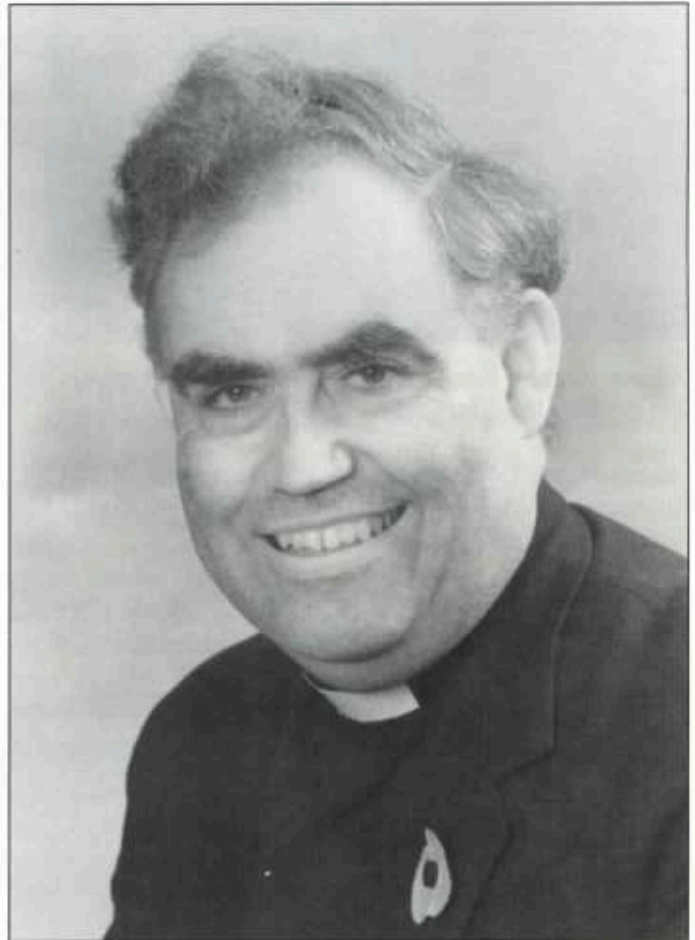
The Anglican and Roman Catholic Clergy in the Falkland Islands are probably unique in the world in being directly answerable to the heads of their respective religions—the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Pope in Rome, while ministering to such small congregations. Peter Millam who was Senior Chaplain to the world's most southerly cathedral, Christ Church, in Stanley, from 1966 to 1970, has written a fascinating history of the establishment of the Anglican Church in the Falkland Islands, explaining how it once exercised jurisdiction over virtually all South America. Peter, who is of Falkland Islands descent, still officiates at the annual Falkland Islands Association Battle Day memorial service at the Cenotaph.

"God's lonely sentinel"

The first Bishop of the Falkland Islands, Waite Hockin Stirling, consecrated in Westminster Abbey in 1869, had episcopal jurisdiction over "the whole of South America with the exception of British Guiana", the largest diocese in the world, but perhaps the smallest in personnel. The first Bishop was appointed to meet the needs of missionary work in the south. This began when the Patagonian Missionary Society — renamed the South American Missionary Society in 1868 — plunged into the wilds of Tierra del Fuego. After disastrous beginnings when Captain Allen Gardiner and his companions died of starvation in 1851 in Spanish Harbour and a group of missionaries were massacred at Woolai, Naverin Island, in 1859, the Reverend Waite Hockin Stirling went to Keppel Island as Mission Superintendent. His unstinting efforts re-established the work of the mission. While in isolation in Ushuaia, in Terra del Fuego, as "God's Lonely Sentinel" as he called himself, he was summoned to London to be consecrated with the title "Bishop of the Falkland Islands", as it was then the practice to name overseas bishoprics after one of Her Majesty's possessions. Seven Consular Chaplaincies in South America and several private company chaplains were placed under his jurisdiction. He spent his first few years establishing his authority over recalcitrant clergy and congregations who resented this Episcopal "upstart" and still thought they owed allegiance to the Bishop of London, who was responsible for oversight of overseas Colonial and Consular Chaplaincies.



Bishop Waite Hockin Stirling



The author, the Reverend Peter Millam

Throne and Episcopal Chair

It was on January 14th, 1872, in the Exchange Building Stanley that Bishop Stirling was assigned his "Throne and Episcopal Chair" by the Colonial Chaplain, the Reverend Charles Bull. The surroundings hardly resembled a cathedral and Bishop Stirling refused to consecrate "half a commercial building", yet Holy Trinity became the Mother Church of a vast diocese while for reasons of communication, Argentina's capital, Buenos Aires, remained the administrative centre, where St John's Church became a "pro-Cathedral" and later a full Cathedral. After a disastrous peat slip stove in a wall of the Exchange Building in 1886, the present very beautiful Stanley Cathedral was built, and consecrated in 1892. A full restoration of the Cathedral was completed for the Centenary Celebrations in 1992, attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Colonial Chaplain in 1892, the Reverend Lowther Brandon, became Dean and the Constitution provided for four Honorary Canons. The last Honorary Canon to be appointed was in 1968 was the Reverend Eric Wilcockson, the Anglican Chaplain in Rio de Janeiro. I believe all Honorary Canons of the Cathedral are now dead but there is no reason why others should not be appointed as the constitution has never been rescinded. Bishop Stirling resigned in 1900 to become a Canon and Assistant Bishop at Wells Cathedral, for another 20 years, retiring at the age of 91!

South American Missionary Society

After Bishop Stirling, the history of the Falkland Islands Diocese is very largely that of the waxing and waning fortunes of the South American Missionary Society.

Edward Every was Bishop of the Falklands from 1902 to 1910 when the Diocese was divided for the first time into "East and West Coasts". Bishop Every became Bishop of Argentina and Eastern South America, and Bishop Lawrence Blair Bishop of the Falklands which included Chile, Bolivia and Peru, resigning in 1914 when Bishop Every resumed pastoral oversight. 1910 was also the year of the World Missionary Conference at Edinburgh whose misunderstood conclusions severely hampered Anglican efforts to reach the Spanish-speaking peoples of South America for several generations.

Norman de Jersey was Bishop for 15 years until 1934 when he was succeeded by John Weller. Financial constraints caused him to move across to become Bishop in Argentina and Eastern South America while retaining oversight of the Falkland Islands which technically became vacant until 1946. Bishop Daniel Evans, formerly in Rio de Janeiro, took over in 1946 when the diocese was once more united as the Diocese of the Falkland Islands covering nearly all South America. He died of a heart attack on a coach in Southern Chile in 1962.

Diocese divided into three

After a convention in Cuernavaca, Mexico, in 1963, the Anglican Church underwent dramatic changes and the vast diocese was divided into three! The West Coast Diocese of Chile, Bolivia and Peru came under Bishop Kenneth Howell, a former SAMS Missionary, and Cyril Tucker was consecrated under two separate mandates, one as Bishop of Argentina and Eastern South America, and, two, the Falkland Islands. The SAMS again played an important part in financing and establishing the two Bishoprics.

As a result of increased SAMS activity, two more dioceses were created in 1973 — Northern Argentina and Paraguay; the Diocese of Peru in 1977; Uruguay in 1988 and Bolivia in 1996 (now all part of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone of South America). The South America Dioceses formed themselves into the Anglican Council of South America, including the Falkland Islands. This proved inappropriate for the good church-people of the Falklands, as proceedings were conducted in Spanish, concentrating on the great Latin-American Continent with which the Falklands felt no affinity.



Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley



Above: Bishop Tucker confirms Granny MacAskill on the eve of her 100th birthday in KEMH. Below: the author exiting the Cathedral followed by Bishop Tucker, after the Diocesan Centenary Celebrations. Both in December 1969.



Archbishop of Canterbury assumes responsibility

So, in 1978, the Archbishop of Canterbury assumed personal responsibility for the Falkland Islands, with Episcopal oversight exercised as his "Commissary" by Bishop Richard Cutts in Buenos Aires, an Anglo-Argentine and former missionary in Africa, who had succeeded Bishop Tucker in 1975. Since 1978, the Anglican Clergy have adopted the title of Rector, held successively since then by Harry Bagnall, John Murphy, Stephen Palmer, and a new Rector, Alistair McHaffie, just appointed. Since 1982, when so many British troops came under the episcopal oversight of the Bishop to the Forces, the Archbishop of Canterbury can exercise his responsibility by giving his commission to any Bishop visiting the Islands.

Noble history

The once great Diocese of the Falkland Islands has effectively been put into abeyance, no longer featuring as a separate entity. But it can be justly proud of its noble history and illustrious past, giving birth to seven separate Anglican Dioceses in South America where the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed with as much vigour and conviction as that practised by the great missionary, Bishop Stirling, himself. The Stirling Memorial Window in Christ Church Cathedral should be a constant reminder to Falkland Islanders of our calling to be Christ's faithful soldiers and servants to the end of our lives.

Year 2,000 Again - and Antarctica Too

Speaking at the formal inauguration of the new airport at Ushuaia, which is named "Malvinas Argentinas". President Menem said: **"I hold high hopes of recovering our Malvinas Islands by the turn of the century by peaceful means and dialogue. The delegation that will hoist the Argentine flag on those lands will leave from this airport"**.

Then, in support of Argentina's claim to Antarctica, President Menem added: **"The ends of the earth have now become the place where the Argentine Republic begins, a country which encompasses the Antarctic and the Malvinas Islands"** (Telam).

Argentine Claim to Antarctica:

The 1959 Antarctic Treaty freezes all claims to Antarctica and outside Argentina one doesn't hear much about their claim these days. The rhetoric goes on internally though, just as it does over the Falklands, in obvious defiance of the Treaty.

Ushuaia is capital of Tierra del Fuego, the Province that since 1990 has pretended to include "Argentine Antarctica" - and the Falklands. Nationalism is so extreme there that Menem is considered defeatist. So his comments may just have been for local consumption. But, their claim to Antarctica has received unusual publicity in Argentina recently, because Argentine nationalists railing against Chile for its refusal to capitulate over the disputed "*Hielos Continentales*", the icefields on the continental divide south of Mount Hudson, have been using the criticism that: "Chile also claims Argentine territory in Antarctica". This may be why Menem said it.

Argentina Bicontinental

Britain claimed the Graham Land Peninsula of Antarctica last century, and consolidated its claims to this and the various sub-antarctic islands by letters patent in 1908, which Argentina acknowledged without the slightest protest. Chile then claimed Graham Land in 1940. Argentina's first claim was in 1943 and was extended in 1947. It is supported by a strange doctrine known as "Argentina Bicontinental" - the idea that Argentina spans two continents. All their claims there must by law appear as Argentine territory on all maps produced in Argentina - including those in their passports. Border signs were first seen at Hope Bay in 1979 - long after the Antarctic Treaty was signed - but only months after Argentina did its best to start a war with Chile over the Beagle Channel dispute. Immigration controls are in place too - defying the very spirit of the Treaty.

Give an inch.....

The Argentine claim is supported by the usual nonsense. As with the Falklands, there is a day to celebrate Argentine "rights" to Antarctica. Peron wanted a date to "prove" lengthy Argentine occupation, but Argentina had no permanent bases on the mainland of Antarctica before World War II. So he chose February 22nd, when, in 1904, Argentina took over the running of the Scottish National Expedition base on Laurie Island - at the invitation, in good faith, of the British Legation in Buenos Aires. From time to time for years afterwards Argentina used to request permission from Britain to continue at this site, which it used as a weather station, and it was 1927 before an Argentine could be found who was interested enough to take command there. Laurie Island is in the South Orkneys which George Powell claimed for Britain in 1821.

The Argentine claim is also supported by street signs such as the one shown opposite.



Ushuaia's new airport "Malvinas Argentinas", seen from the air. "The delegation that will hoist the Argentine flag on those lands (The Falklands) will leave from this airport" - President Menem.



A well known street sign in Buenos Aires supporting Argentine claims to Antarctica.

Baby Bombing

Argentina also used to fly pregnant mothers down to their base at Marambio where the births sought to create Argentine citizens by birth in Antarctica. With the same idea, the Rende family flew to Stanley in 1980, concealing Norma Rende's advanced pregnancy, so she could inflict her baby, named Soledad Rende, on the Falklands and "reaffirm Argentine sovereignty". Soledad Rende, now in her late teens, is sometimes paraded at Malvinas reunions.

The Use of Force in Antarctica

Argentina also pioneered the use of force in Antarctica. In 1945, Britain set up a base at Hope Bay, and in 1947 Argentines moved in too. The British base burned down in 1949, and in 1952 Argentine soldiers fired a machine-gun over the heads of some Britons coming ashore to rebuild it, took them prisoner for a short while, and expelled others at gunpoint. Statues to Evita and Colonel Peron were erected there too, but were smashed when they fell from power.

Newsletter Comment

Argentina's actions in Antarctica are a lesson to us all. It is virtually ignoring the Antarctic Treaty - just as it would any "settlement" of the Falklands "dispute". And, it has created bogus history - in much the same way as it has over South Georgia and the Falklands.

British Trade With Argentina Soars

British exports to Argentina for January to May this year totalled £194.8 million, a 68% rise on the figure for this period last year. Britain supplied 2.5% of Argentine imports last year, compared with 3.4% in 1981, when Argentina's external trade was a smaller percentage of its GDP than it is today and it had much less trade with its Mercosur partners. Thus, Britain has really already made up all trade lost by the Falklands war. This year's figures suggest trade will easily exceed the 3.4% Britain had in 1981. Argentine exports to Britain are currently about half the value of Britain's exports to Argentina.

Di Tella has said that British investments already made or pledged will total \$6 Billion by the end of the Millennium.

Could The Falklands Have Gone This Year?

According to statements made by General Alexander Haig to the *Washington Post* recently, Britain agreed in 1982 to hand over the Falklands in 1997, the same year as Hong Kong, in a desperate effort to avert war with Argentina. Haig and General Vernon Walters, who also acted as an intermediary then, said the plan called for 15 years of shared rule by Britain, Argentina and the UN, followed by the hand-over - **and was accepted by Britain, but not Argentina.**

Lord Pym, then Foreign Secretary, and who has been criticised for offering too much in an attempt to avoid war, stated: "It doesn't connect with anything I remember. Whether the Americans explored the possibility on their own initiative I don't know, but they never told us about it".

La Nacion in BA quoted General Haig as saying that many plans were put to the Argentine military junta, but all were rejected by them. Haig said this "tragic fiasco" occurred because of miscalculation by the Argentine military. He warned

Di Tella's First Talks With Labour

After his first talks with the Labour Government, in London on July 23 and 24th, described as "correct and satisfactory", Argentina's Foreign Minister, Dr. Guido Di Tella, said: "**We did not expect anything and we did not get any more than we expected**".

British Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, told him there would be no change in the British stand on sovereignty of the Falkland Islands. When Di Tella raised the subject, Cook told him: "The British position on the fundamentals of ... sovereignty and the Islanders' right to self-determination is unchanged. We are not prepared to discuss the transfer or sharing of sovereignty". Dr. Di Tella said afterwards: "We are well aware that no action will be taken on the Falkland Islands unless it has the approval of the Islanders".

Di Tella said he hoped to establish the same level of understanding he had with the Conservative Government. He complained about British opposition to Argentina as headquarters for the Antarctic Treaty and the continued British ban on arms sales, which showed that Anglo-Argentine relations had not been completely normalised, although, he said, relations are good, underpinned by booming trade and increased investment by British companies in Argentina. He also said that difficult issues like oil prospecting and exploitation were being settled to the satisfaction of both countries.

On British and Islanders' hopes of achieving a long-term fishing agreement, Di Tella said this issue was delayed by Britain's attitude on fishing around South Georgia. He said the British Foreign Office had made a mistake in postponing an

This dramatically exceeds British investments at the time of the war making Britain one of the biggest investors in Argentina.

Editorial Comment

The *Newsletter* welcomes this rise in Argentine/British trade. It is clearly in the interests of both countries, and suggests that the Falklands "dispute" is no hindrance to trade.

In fact, Argentina has a Falklands-related motive for promoting trade with Britain. Dr. Di Tella is known to believe that he can build up a lobby for use against the Falklands, by establishing relations with British businessmen. He is personally leading a trade delegation to Britain in October.

them they were misinterpreting the situation, and that Britain would fight and defeat them, but divisions in the military prevented any settlement. The Air Force was more reasonable, but the Navy was inflexible. Haig said a simplified version of this American idea formed the basis for the peace plan by President Belaunde Terry of Peru, after hostilities had already started, but that this was also rejected by the Argentines.

Editorial Comment

The idea that Britain actually offered to cede Falklands sovereignty after 15 years has never been put forward before - not even in General Haig's own published memoirs. Plainly, it cannot be confirmed. But, Haig still blames Argentina for rejecting all peace plans, including this one (if it ever existed).

If there were ever any doubt as to which side caused the Falklands War, and which side fell over backwards to avoid this, it is gone now.

invitation for President Menem to visit Britain until differences over fishing had been overcome. Di Tella said "the visit is more important". He described communications between Argentina and the Islands as a "disaster", where the Islands' Council maintains its ban on Argentine passport holders because of the sovereignty claim - except for visits by relatives to the graves of dead soldiers, for humanitarian reasons.

A Murder Mystery

Justice Minister Elias Jassan, resigned in June ending yet another scandal to embarrass President Menem's Government.

It all began with the shooting of investigative journalist, Jose Cabezas, which BA Governor, Eduardo Duhalde, and the press have publicly blamed on a well known "businessman".

The businessman was a friend of several members of the Government, especially Jassan, who denied even communicating with him - until telephone accounts showed the businessman had regularly phoned the Ministry of Justice. As a result, Jassan was forced to quit - as much for lying as anything else.

The Cabezas murder is only the worst of many lesser attacks and threats recently against members of the press investigating corruption in Argentina. A policeman is now in custody accused of actually carrying out the murder.

Similarly, four policemen are in custody accused of escorting the car bomb into position outside the Jewish Mutual Association in Buenos Aires in 1994. Eighty-five people, most of them Jews, died in the ensuing blast, and 200 were injured. The accused policemen are alleged to have acted for money.

Obituary - Malvina Bolus

Malvina Marjorie Bolus O.C., was born in the Falklands in 1906, the first of three children to Viola Felton and Dr. P.R. Bolus of the British Colonial Service. While still a young child she returned to Britain with her parents and was educated at Clarke's College London.

In 1926, her father was sent to Canada and the young Malvina soon fell in love with her newfound country. She worked in the House of Commons in Ottawa until 1939, and was personal secretary to Canada's first woman MP, Agnes Macphail - which may have confirmed her socialist ideas; her father had been a member of the Fabian Society.

During WWII, Malvina returned to Britain and worked for the Empire Parliamentary Association, and in Canadian Military Headquarters as Personal Assistant to the Senior Officer, General Crerar and later General Price Montague. In 1944, she became secretary to the head of the US Office of Scientific Research and Development. This took her to New York in 1945.

Malvina returned to Canada in 1946 to make her home there. She became editorial assistant at the Canadian Geographical Magazine, and soon rose to the Editorial Board, where she worked until 1956. She published *Image of Canada*, the first hardcover book of captioned photographs from all parts of Canada, and a best seller for its time.

In 1956, she moved to Winnipeg, headquarters of the Hudson's Bay Company, to be editorial assistant on *The*

Beaver, a former company paper, which had become a prestigious journal of popular history under its editor Clifford Wilson. She became editor herself a year later.

Malvina was editor of *The Beaver* for 14 years, nearly doubling its circulation. Her meticulous work made it a standard reference source in libraries and universities. In 1961, this was recognised with the award of the Canadian Historical Societies Order of Merit. She was later honoured by both the Alberta Historical Association and the Washington State Historical Society. She received the Award of Merit of the American Association for State and Local History, and was made an Officer of the Order of Canada.

In 1972, Malvina retired to Victoria B.C. where her brother Hal and sister Joan Reid both lived. She was an enthusiastic traveller - she had toured Stalin's USSR in the 1930s - and retirement allowed her to pursue her lifelong interest in the native peoples of the Americas. She remained active in various historical, natural history and geographical societies, and was a keen gardener, swimmer, and bird-watcher.

Malvina died on April 6th, aged 90.

She is survived by three nephews, the sons of her sister Joan, and many more distant relatives in the Falklands. Although Malvina never married, she never lacked companionship or meaningful activities. As she explained herself: "I like to travel alone. You meet so many more interesting people and can poke around into odd places".



King Georges Fund for Sailors

In this year of the seafarer, KGFS and HMS Nelson in Portsmouth are holding a charity auction on November 1st and 2nd in Portsmouth's historic dockyard. All proceeds will go to seafarers and their dependants in need from the Royal Navy, the Merchant Navy and the Fishing Fleets.

KGFS needs donations of memorabilia from all branches of the nautical world. Examples of items already donated are: navigational instruments, silver and brass items, paintings,

models, diaries, memoirs, letters, uniforms, swords, photographs and prints. Anything from the Falklands War would be particularly welcome. If you have any such items hidden away which you would like to donate, please contact Lieutenant D.A.Hall at HMS Nelson on 01705-724175, or Captain Chris Walker, KGFS, Barham Block, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth, Hants PO1 3HH. Tel: 01705-816508 or 724568, Fax 01705-816508. The auction catalogue will be available in October.

Dr. Gordon Ferguson

We regret to announce the death on June 27th of Dr. Gordon Ferguson who served as medical officer in the Falklands for many years.

Dr. Ferguson grew up in Glasgow, where he studied medicine, and then served in the RAF. After working in the Falklands he moved to Orkney. He spent the last years of his life at the Seaview nursing home in Wick.

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A member who is a school teacher has suggested that members who do not keep their *Newsletters* might consider passing them to the history teachers of their local school.

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