



Falkland Islands Newsletter

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A New Beginning?

President Menem's visit to Britain at the end of October is a public rapprochement that should mark the end of the bad relations caused by the Falklands War. President Menem has long wanted this visit, primarily as a domestic political boost for his scandal and corruption prone regime, and has raised expectations that it can be used to advance Argentina's claim to the Falklands. This should be treated largely as irrelevant. The British Government has made it clear that the visit is about trade, not the Falklands, and that self-determination for the Islanders must prevail.

The Menem visit does, however, mark British recognition of President Menem's actions to normalise relations with Britain. The spectre of military intervention in Argentine politics is now largely over. Thatcherite economic policies have put an end to inflation. Loss making state industries have been privatised. Most important of all, trade between Britain and Argentina is at higher levels than before the war.

Sadly, the visit brings with it a reminder of Argentine political immaturity. President Menem was originally invited to Britain in 1995, by Prime Minister Major, on the occasion of the signing of the Oil Agreement. Clearly, it was partly to express British satisfaction over this. Now, the Argentine opposition parties have formally announced that they will not honour this agreement. This just goes to show that agreements with Argentina cannot be relied upon. Moreover, a bill imposing Argentine taxes on oil companies operating in Falklands waters is far advanced in the Argentine Congress. Press reports suggest it is only being delayed until after Menem's visit. Another bill threatens to impose Argentine taxes and draconian conditions on Falklands fishing activity.

President Menem's visit has the capacity to mark a new beginning in British Argentine relations. If it does, this is to be welcomed. But Argentina can expect no similar improvement in relations with the Falklands - until it drops its claim.



Young Islanders, Pippa Lang, Mark Gilbert, Sian Davies and Bonnie Curtis with the presenter of the BBC programme for children, "Newsround", for which they were guest editors. The four were representatives of the Falklands team that won the International Section of the Times Educational Supplement Newsday Competition.

Photograph Courtesy of the BBC

Oil Drilling Continues

The LASMO well in Tranche "C", which was being drilled when the last *Newsletter* went to press, proved dry.

Since then the Shell/AGIP consortium has completed a deep well, *Sebald-1A*, in Tranche "B". This was finished on August 31st after 57 days of drilling. At 4,525 meters depth it is one of the deepest wells ever drilled in the South Atlantic. In a statement Shell reported that they encountered hydrocarbons indications at various levels, but not in commercial quantities. However, Shell announced that they would be drilling a second well in the last quarter of this year.

The *Borgny Dolphin* rig is currently drilling a well for the IPC/SODRA consortium in Tranche "F". This is expected to take about a month and to reach a depth of 3,750 metres.

Desire Petroleum to Work with SODRA

SODRA which is part of the IPC consortium and Desire Petroleum issued a joint press release on September 10th:

"SODRA is pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached with Desire Petroleum Plc whereby Desire will earn a 12.5% working interest in Tranche "F". Desire already has a 25% interest in Tranches "C" and "D" and 100% of Tranches "I" and "L". This assignment is subject to the approval of the Falkland Islands Government".

Speaking on behalf of Desire Petroleum, Chairman Colin Phipps told BBC "Calling the Falklands" that Desire had always been interested in Tranche "F", and had applied for it in the licensing round without success. He said that with the general tilt of the rocks upwards towards the south, oilfields are more likely to be developed there. This and the wish to broaden Desire's interests was the reason for the investment.

South Georgia Changes

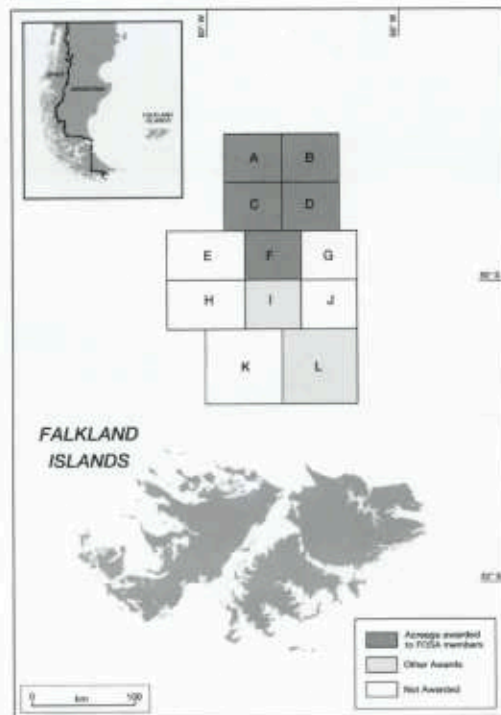
The British Government has announced that an enhanced permanent British Antarctic Survey (BAS) presence is to be established on South Georgia in the year 2,000. Operating from new purpose built facilities, it will carry out environmental research, particularly in support of the continued development of a sustainable fishery in and around South Georgia. The small military detachment currently on the island will be withdrawn once the BAS team is established, and the garrison on the Falkland Islands will retain responsibility for the security of South Georgia and neighbouring South Sandwich Islands.

Announcing the decision on behalf of the Government, Doug Henderson MP, the Armed Forces Minister, said:

"It is very clear that a permanent British presence should be maintained on South Georgia. The establishment of new, purpose built British Antarctic Survey facilities at two more sites on the Island underlines our commitment to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, both now and in the future. As a matter of courtesy we have informed the Argentinian Government of our plans"

"Our garrison on the Falkland Islands which incorporates sea, land and air elements, backed up by a rapid reinforcement capability will continue to ensure the security of all our dependencies in the South Atlantic, including South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. If military support is required, we have plans in place to make sure it will be provided promptly and efficiently, and we will continue regular patrols in the area".

The *Newsletter* understands that the present South Georgia garrison is mainly engineers and varies from 15 to 18 men.



Map Courtesy of Amerada Hess

Seismic Study

The seismic survey vessel *Pacific Horizon* is currently working in Tranches "I" and "L" for Desire Petroleum.

Desire Petroleum has recently joined the Falkland Islands Association as a corporate member and the *Newsletter* takes this opportunity to welcome its support.

Britain Rejects Argentine Law

Much publicity has been given in Argentina to the so-called Eduardo Menem law. This is a proposed Argentine law that imposes Argentine taxes on oil companies working in Falklands waters and provides heavy fines for companies and their subsidiaries that do not pay these. It also acts extra-territorially. That is to say it seeks to apply the law in whatever part of the world it can, to force oil companies, and their subsidiaries or associated companies, to pay these taxes.

The proposed law is a combination of two bills. The first was the Argentine Government Hydrocarbon Bill that reduced its claimed royalty on companies that operate in the Falklands from 12% to 3%, a figure that was bandied about at the time of the signing of the 1995 Oil Agreement, as if it was part of the Oil Agreement - which it is not. The second was the original bill put forward by Senator Eduardo Menem, the President's brother, and other hard-line politicians, at the same time as the Government Hydrocarbon Bill. It sought to impose much higher royalties than the Government bill and heavy fines for noncompliance, and was really designed to oppose both the Government bill and the Oil Agreement itself. Neither of these bills was passed by the Argentine Congress, but as a combined measure they have a greater chance of doing so.

Minister Rejects Bill

During his recent visit to Argentina, Tony Lloyd MP, the Minister for the Falklands, forcefully rejected Argentine pretensions to tax companies operating in British waters - as did the British delegation at the recent meeting of the Anglo-Argentine South West Atlantic Hydrocarbon Commission.

The Baffin Bay is Purchased

The *Baffin Bay*, a sixty metre stern trawler has been purchased by South Atlantic Squid Limited, a consortium set up last year by Falklands company, Beauchene Ltd., and Copemar SA.

The vessel is currently fishing for loligo squid in the second year of a five year licence. She was built in 1989, but has only actually been in use since 1995. She is registered in Milford Haven and the consortium plans to keep her under the British flag.



Right: The *Baffin Bay*

Photo: Penguin News

Tragedy at Sea

The South African fishing vessel, the *MVF Sudur Havid*, sank off South Georgia in heavy seas on June 6th.

A Chilean vessel, the *Isla Camila*, picked up 21 survivors and five bodies at the scene. This left another 11 men missing presumed dead. The *Isla Camila* landed the survivors and dead at King Edward Point on South Georgia where frostbite and other injuries were treated by the Medical Officer of the British Garrison.

As the bodies of the dead were landed in British territory, an inquest was opened on June 15th in Stanley. It heard from Briton, Mathew Lewis, who was the CCAMLR observer on the *Sudur Havid*. He described weather conditions as the "worst he had ever seen", how water had built up on the factory deck and how he had been unable to get a pump working. Engineer, Glen Petterson, described how pumps had been welded in place below gratings in the aft part of the ship, and how many of the sluices that drained the factory deck had been plated over. Other witnesses testified that the pumps became blocked,

particularly when heavy seas knocked over containers of fish waste.

Fisheries Department Officer, Jon Clarke, read his report to the court. This suggested that freshly bunkered and stored for a long voyage and with a hundred tons of bait and caught fish aboard, the *Sudur Havid* might have been lower in the water than usual with the factory deck close to the water line.

Returning an open verdict on July 20th, Coroner, Keith Watson, stated that it was not possible to prove whether the deaths were by accident, misadventure or unlawful killing. The court papers are being sent to the South African authorities.

Crew Survive Falklands Sinking

The Korean fishing vessel, *Dong Yong 510*, sank 200 miles from the Falklands on July 29th as a result of a fire.

The 33 man crew all escaped uninjured and were picked up by another Korean vessel, the *Wu Yong 201*. They were later transferred to a naval vessel and landed at Montevideo.

Squid Catch

The first fishing season ended on June 15th with a total catch of 84,949 tons of *Ilex*. Prices have suffered this year because of the economic crisis in the Far East where this variety of squid is consumed and because there is still some squid stockpiled from last year's superb catch of 149,763 tons.

The Loligo squid catch was 33,332 tons which was a great improvement on the 15,000 tons taken in the first season last year. This species lives entirely within Falklands waters and is consumed in Europe. Most Falklands flag boats fish for it.

There was no Black Squid (*Matialia*) taken at all this year. Last year, 2,099 tons of this species were taken.

The finfish fishing was successful this year. The fleet took 14,575 tons of Hoki compared with just 1,840 last year. The Blue Whiting catch was 18,996 tons compared with 13,131 tons for the same period last year.

A Gun for the Dorada

EXCO has agreed in principle to arm the fisheries protection vessel, the *Dorada*. Discussions are now proceeding with the Ministry of Defence and Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Chief Executive Andrew Gurr told Penguin News that the measure was "to provide a more tangible method of enforcement within our fisheries protection operation".

The measure is needed because of widespread poaching, particularly by Taiwanese fishing vessels.

South Georgia Catch

The total allowable catch, 3,300 tons, of the valuable South Georgia Toothfish (*Mero*) was reached by mid-August, a week earlier than predicted. As a result a decision was taken to close the season then and all fishing vessels left the area by August 23rd.

Altogether ten fishing vessels were fishing in South Georgia waters this year, including one from Uruguay.

Last year the catch limit was 5,000 tons, but this was reduced on the advice of the fisheries department.

Satellite Curb on Fish Pirates

Spy satellites may be deployed by Britain, France and the United States to track and curb overfishing by illegal pirate vessels in South Atlantic and Antarctic Waters. Delegates from 43 countries at an Antarctic Treaty Meeting in Norway warned that illegal, unregulated catches total around 115,000 tons a year, far higher than a safe level of 20,000 tons to conserve species such as Patagonian toothfish, the target of a "free-for-all pillage". This "serious threat" to fish also threatens wildlife higher up the food chain, from whales to seabirds such as the wandering albatross. Scientists said illegal fishing kills 20 times more seabirds than legal fishing. Pirate boats, believed to be mainly Argentine, Chilean, Spanish and Norwegian, flout the rules, and land their catches in countries such as Mauritius and Namibia, not party to fishing agreements.

Falklands UN Challenge

The Falkland Islands Government has challenged the United Nations to uphold the Islanders' right to self-determination. Falklands' rejection of Argentina's sovereignty claim was forcefully argued by two elected Councillors, Norma Edwards and Sharon Halford, at the United Nations De-Colonisation Committee (of Twenty Four) at its annual discussion on the Falklands dispute in July.

Norma Edwards declared: "In the name of democracy and the humanitarian principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter, I respectfully ask this Committee to uphold our inalienable right to self-determination....I find it ironic to listen to the Argentines, through the De-Colonisation Committee, saying they want to govern our Islands. Surely that would be colonisation all over again... We utterly refute, as does the United Kingdom Government, Argentina's spurious claim to the Falkland Islands".

Mrs Edwards told the Committee: "The Falkland Islands do not under any circumstances wish to be governed by Argentina or come under Argentine jurisdiction... We wish to remain British citizens".

Mrs Halford objected to Argentina's unremitting diplomatic and political pressure threatening eventual take-over of the Islands. "Is it too much to suggest that Argentina — a democratic Argentina, we are told — should be urged to renounce this threat and allow peace in the area?"

The Argentine delegation was led as usual by Foreign Minister, Dr Guido de Tella, who criticised the Islanders for discouraging links with Argentina. He contrasted this with what he called Argentina's "very good relations" with the United Kingdom. He predicted that President Menem's visit to the United Kingdom will be a "momentous confidence-building event" between Britain and Argentina.

The UN Committee again called for Anglo-Argentine talks to settle the dispute. Britain has consistently vetoed any talks which could lead to Argentine sovereignty.

Parliament Debates Argentina

In advance of President Menem's visit to Britain, he has been highly praised in a debate on Argentina in the British Parliament. The Foreign Office Minister of State, Mr Tony Lloyd, declared that "he will be a most welcome visitor" as "the architect of the reconciliation process that has allowed revitalisation of Anglo-Argentine relations".

What Mr Lloyd called his "historic visit" is appropriate because it was he who began the process of reconciliation on becoming President in 1989. He lifted trade restrictions and deserves credit for recognising that the two countries have more to gain from working together than from maintaining the animosity created by the 1982 war. President Menem had to justify that "brave decision" to Argentine public opinion, and relations have gone "from strength to strength". While praising President Menem, Mr Lloyd rejected Argentina's continuing claim to sovereignty of the Falkland Islands. Britain, he said, has no doubt about its sovereignty over the Islands. "We remain fully committed to protecting the right of the Falkland Islanders to determine their future".

Mr Lloyd said the British Government intends the President's visit to be a celebration of all that is good and positive in Anglo-Argentine relations and, he said, there is much to celebrate. In trade, Argentina is one of Britain's fastest growing markets in the world, and British investment in Argentina has made impressive headway. President Menem's

"landmark" visit would be a chance to make a major step forward in promoting "this important relationship ... We both have much to gain from it".

Mr Lloyd called Argentina a "tried and trusted" ally in global issues such as United Nations peace-keeping operations, in which, he pointed out, British and Argentine troops serve side by side in Cyprus under an Argentine General.

The Argentine Ambassador in London, Mr Rogelio Pfirter, was praised by the Minister and other Members of Parliament for his work in developing and consolidating relations with Britain.

Minister's Re-Assurance

Following Mr Lloyd's April visit to the Falkland Islands, the Minister also again visited Argentina in August for talks with Government leaders, members of the Argentine Congress, and of the Buenos Aires City Government. On both visits, he reinforced Britain's commitment to the Islanders' political freedom and defence while welcoming the vast improvement in Anglo-Argentine relations.

Improved relations are also welcomed by the Falklands, as their London Representative, Miss Sukey Cameron told the annual reception at Lincoln's Inn, in June. "We are pleased", she said, "that relations between Britain and Argentina are improving and we hope that the success of the relationship continues, as it will only improve the security of the Islands".

Falklands Defence Intact

Falkland Islands security against attack is reinforced by the outcome of the Labour Government's Strategic Defence Review shaping Britain's armed forces for years to come. The Islands present defences remain intact, with a permanent garrison of 2,000 troops, three radar stations keeping watch, the Tornado fighter aircraft at Mount Pleasant military complex providing the first line of defence, and continued patrols by a Royal Navy warship, with regular visits by a more powerful frigate or destroyer. The ice patrol vessel *Endurance* will continue its South Atlantic and Antarctic summer deployment.

Falklands security will be further strengthened by the enhancement of Joint Rapid Reaction forces, strengthened amphibious forces, greater emphasis on inter-force co-operation and use of modern technology, and two new bigger aircraft carriers able to carry a more powerful strike force than the present three carriers.

Welcoming the Review's decisions, the Falklands Government says: "The emphasis is on Britain's forces having flexibility and relevance and being able to react decisively to crises anywhere in the world. Thus the whole direction and style of Britain's defence capability will be technically and logistically well fitted to maintaining the security of the Falkland Islands...well into the next century".

South Atlantic Inter-Regional Exercises?

Argentina's armed forces which have been run down since 1982, with abolition of conscription, have been extending their international peace-keeping operations in world trouble spots, and carrying out exercises in the South Atlantic, in co-operation with Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and the United States. The US Southern Command has proposed that British navy warships should be invited to take part in these, possibly next year.

Argentine newspaper, *Ambito Financiero*, said this was "aimed at enhancing mutual trust in the hemisphere ...".

Parachute Regiment Reunion

Sixteen years on from the Falklands War, the Parachute Regiment gathered in Aldershot in June to celebrate the part it played so well liberating the Islanders in 1982.

The men and their families were joined by the Baroness Thatcher and her husband, Sir Denis and by Surgeon Captain Rick Jolly who ran the field hospital at Ajax Bay. The Falkland Islands Government was represented by Miss Sukey Cameron and the Association by Sir Rex Hunt.

Also present as guests were several Islanders who assisted the Parachute Regiment in the actual campaign: Terry Peck who acted as guide; Trudy McPhee who ferried ammunition up to the fighting on Mount Longdon - and brought wounded men back; Phillip Miller who as a 19 year-old at Port San Carlos hauled ammunition and other supplies for 3-Para with his tractor/trailer; Eric Goss who negotiated with the Argentines at Goose Green and assisted 2-Para, Ron Binnie who helped 2-Para at Fitzroy and Tony Heathman who assisted 3-Para at the foot of Mount Longdon.

A drumhead service was held by the Regimental Padre. Surgeon-Captain Jolly gave a moving account of the treatment of the wounded and dead, and Baroness Thatcher spoke about the determination she and so many had to liberate British people and territory. "The Falklands never goes out of our minds. It is all about being British, all about the best of being British. We should never forget the sacrifice made by the families of each of our gallant warriors who did not return".

The next day, the new memorial to the fallen men of the Parachute Regiment was unveiled at the military cemetery at Aldershot, and wreaths were laid.



Left to Right: Islanders, Trudi McPhee, Ron Binnie, The Baroness Thatcher, Terry Peck MBE and Denzil Connick of the Parachute Regiment.



Above: Sarah Jones CBE, widow of Colonel Jones VC, and Mr. and Mrs. McKay, the parents of Sergeant McKay VC, at the unveiling of the Memorial to the men of the Parachute Regiment who fell in the Falklands War.

Photo: Cpl Taylor



Above Left: Major General and Mrs. Farrar-Hockley, MC, the Baroness Thatcher and Sir Denis, surrounded by the wives and children of the Parachute Regiment, before the drumhead service.

Left: The Baroness Thatcher chats to Eric Goss, MBE.

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SAMA To March Together

SAMA '82, the South Atlantic Medal Association 1982, has announced that its veterans will for the first time march as a group at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

Falklands Win TES Competition - Again



Students at the Community School in Stanley won the International section of the Times Educational Supplement Newsday Competition for the second year running! This involves producing a newspaper, *Falklands Focus*, in just one day. Items which particularly impressed the judges were "a report on the rescue of Indonesian seamen, a quirky letters page and the mutton recipe cookery section.

Four of the editorial team, Bonnie Curtis, Sian Davis, Mark Gilbert and Pippa Lang, flew the 8,000 miles to the UK to be shown round the Times Educational Supplement offices. They also featured on the BBC children's news programme, *Newsround*, where they acted as editors for the day!

Mark Gilbert and Pippa Lang went on to appear on the Sky TV programme *The Week on Newsround*, while Sian Davis accompanied a film crew to see Arsenal training and, more importantly, how they coped with a press conference.

Right: Pippa Lang, Sian Davies, Mark Gilbert and Bonnie Curtis at the BBC.

Photo: Courtesy of the BBC

Above: The 18 strong *Falklands Focus* production team attending a reception at Government House hosted by HE Governor Ralph, who described what they had done as a "magnificent achievement".

Photo: Penguin News



Prince Andrew to Open New Boarding Facility

Falklands Lodge (Right), the new boarding house at Peter Symonds' College, Winchester, partly financed by the Falkland Islands Government, has taken in its first students, some of them from the Falklands. The Lodge is being opened officially by Prince Andrew on October 23rd.

The lodge has 30 rooms, all en-suite. Some are doubles so 47 students can be accommodated. It has two small social areas and a TV lounge opening onto a terrace in front of the playing fields. More importantly in this technical age, there are two 4-computer work stations for doing homework on computer or using the Internet. Each room is also wired to allow those with their own computers to access the Internet.



The lodge boasts a laundry where boarders can do their own washing, and a pantry for late-night snacks and Sunday morning breakfasts. Other meals are taken in the brand new refectory, which is in another building.

More Moto-X Success

The Falkland Islands Motorcycle Association has again sent some of its best riders to compete in Britain - Andrew Alazia, Jonny Summers, Shane Blackley and Jan Clarke. Once again they have done brilliantly.

Welsh Enduro, Rhayader

It began with the Welsh Enduro in June. A 160 mile trek started by some 400 riders - that began in some of the worst weather our so-called summer had to offer. Two sections of the course were closed after riders had literally been washed away in the rivers. At the end of the first day Jonny Summers finished 2nd in the 250cc Clubman class. Andrew Alazia was leading the Clubman Open Class.

On the second day the sun came out, but on a soaking track the going was still tricky. Andrew Alazia won the Clubman Open Class against 13 other riders. Jonny Summers finished 2nd in the Clubman 250cc Class and Shane Blackley was 9th - out of a total 69 riders. Jan Clarke was 5th in the 125cc Clubman Class.

In addition Andrew Alazia won the Best "Overseas" Rider and the Falklands picked up the Best One Make Team (They ride Suzukis) and the Best Club Team!

Mountain Top Enduro

It didn't end at Rhayader. Jonny Summers stayed on to do more riding and came second in the Expert Class in the Mountain Top Enduro in July. He then went on to win the Best Overseas Rider at Talsarn, West Wales, in August - coming 1st and 2nd in the two races he entered there.

Dartmoor Enduro

Perhaps the toughest event this year, in very hot August conditions, but on soaking wet terrain! Again Jonny came 2nd in the Clubman class.

Hafren Enduro (Mid Wales)

Again Jonny came in 2nd after an excellent ride. It was back to wet weather again, and this was so severe that last year's champion, Rob Sartin, lost his bike in a river. It was found the following Monday.

Final Round, Borden

The sixth and last round of the British Enduro Championship was held at Borden, Hampshire, in September. Going was rough over sandy terrain, in another of the fleeting moments of hot weather this summer. Some 300 competitors entered the fray. Jonny Summers came 3rd in the Clubman Class. A remarkable achievement for which the *Newsletter* offers its congratulations.



Andrew Alazia in the Radmore Forest.



Above: Shane Blackley at the Welsh Enduro.



Above: The Team with just some of their trophies.

Right: Jonny Summers in action.

Photos courtesy of Shane Blackley, Andrew Alazia, Jan Clarke and Andrew James



Commonwealth Games

Led by broadcaster, Patrick Watts, the Falklands team travelled further than any other to get to the Games. Coming from such a small community, medals were not expected, and everyone was taking part for the sake of sport. The team boasted rifle, pistol and shotgun shooters, Badminton players and runner Hugh Marsden.

Hugh spent two weeks in Bombay en route to get used to the heat. He caught a chest infection too, but overcame both to come 22nd in a race that was all about stamina under intense tropical heat. Several runners were forced to drop out by this.

Badminton players, Bill Chater and Douglas Clark got to Kuala Lumpur eight weeks earlier to train. Sadly, Bill had to drop out with a wrist injury. Doug Clark came up against the 3rd seed, Malaysian champion Wong Choon Han in the first round. He broke the champion's serve six times, but could not avoid defeat.

The best results came in the trap shooting event. Saul Pitaluga and Henry McLeod, came 17th. In the individual event, Saul scored a 22 and three 21s out of a possible 25. This earned him 27th place out of 39 competitors. Far from the medals, but from such a small community, close to the glory.

Full bore riflemen, Chris McCallum and Derek Pettersen shot through tropical rain on the first day. In the pairs, they finished 20th. In the individual, Derek got a possible 35 at 300 yards, but finished 41st out of 44 entries. Chris finished 38th.

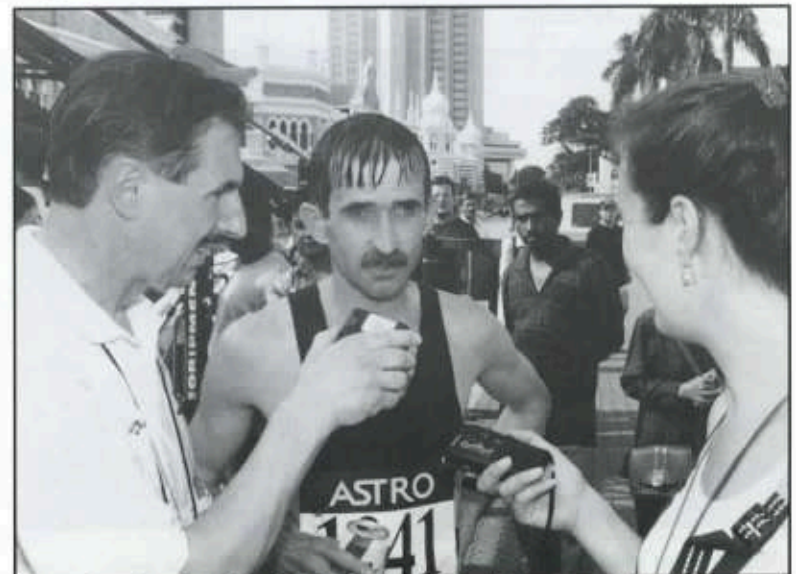
The Asian press, CBC of Canada and British and Australian journalists all got their interviews - and enlightenment about the Falklands political status and economic situation. As always, the team members were fine ambassadors for the Falklands.



Hugh Marsden crosses the finishing line in the Marathon.



Shotgun shooter, Saul Pitaluga, who returned one of the best results for the Falklands in the Games.



Team leader Patrick Watts and others interview Hugh Marsden after a Marathon run in intense heat and humidity.

Left: The Falklands team proudly march behind the flag at the spectacular opening ceremony of the Kuala Lumpur Games.

Right: The Falklands Team.

Below: Badminton player Doug Clark returns a serve from Malaysian Champion Won Choon Han, who went on to win.

Below Right: Graham Didlick (left) and David Peck at the Langkawi Ranges.

All Photos Courtesy of Norman Clark



Bisley Shooters

The Falklands again took part in the Imperial meet in July. Everyone shot well, and the team came second in the long range Junior McKinnon Competition.

Ron Betts stole the limelight. In the individual Queen's Competition he came 143rd out of 1,200 entries. In the St George's, again out of about 1200 entries, he was lying sixth at the end of the first round with a score of 75 and 12 Vbulls (out of a possible 75 and 15V bulls)! He finally came 84th.



Above: Chris McCallum and coach Nigel Cole-Hawkins in the Junior Kolapore Competition, Bisley. Left: Tim McCallum, Stan Smith and Ken Aldridge keep an eye on the score in the Junior Kolapore.

The Falklands in Photos

Above: Competitors and some spectators relax at the Stanley Swimming Gala. The gala boasted no less than 66 separate events. Report page 12.



Below: Swimming of another kind. The Mid-Winter Swimmers do their annual best to raise money for charity.

Below Right: Derek Muhl, the new manager for the King Edward Memorial Hospital in Stanley.



Above: Construction proceeds apace at the new Chamber of Commerce building.

Governor Ralph distributes GCSE certificates; above to Sara Forster and below to Anna Luxton.

Below: the new Argos Fishing building.





Above: Brintel, British International Helicopters Ltd, show off their staff and one of their two Sikorsky S61 helicopters at Mount Pleasant Airport. Brintel won the MOD helicopter contract recently.



Above: Christian Berntsen receives the Falkland Islands Defence Force prize for Best Recruit from the Commander of British Forces Falkland Islands, Air Commodore Ray Dixon. Christian came top out of 13 recruits to the force this year.

Below Right: Led by teacher, Mrs Michelle Farrah, the editorial team for the Infant/Junior School magazine, the Warrah, poses for the Penguin News photographer.

Below: Joan Spruce receives her MBE from HE Governor Ralph for her many years of voluntary service to Falklands Heritage, the Museum Trust and as a justice of the peace.



A casualty of the charity pram race; Gene Berntsen getting no sympathy from Terence Bonner.



The Stanley Arms team in the charity pram race. Rob Hoy and Peter Coutts are the pushers and Grant Budd the nappy-wearing baby. The race was to raise funds to send a team to the World Darts Championships later this year.

All Photos: Penguin News

Falklands News

FIC Exhibits

The Falkland Islands Company put on stands at two Antarctic functions recently. First at the 25th meeting of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research and second at the Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programmes. Both were held at the University of Concepcion in Chile.

These enabled the FIC representative, Sheena Ross, to meet people with activities in Antarctica and promote the Falklands as a gateway.

Director of Education in Chile

Dr. Langridge, Director of Education in the Falklands, visited Chile at the end of July. He spent the first two days in Punta Arenas visiting the British School there. He then travelled to Santiago and visited Redland School and Santiago College. He also attended the opening, by British Ambassador Mrs. Glynne Evans, of the British Schools Education Centre in Santiago. Finally, Dr. Langridge attended a symposium at Banos El Corazon outside Santiago on behaviour and adolescent problems.

Dr. Langridge said the week had been most beneficial and had allowed him to meet the heads of the British schools in Chile, to discuss subjects of mutual interest, and to create opportunities for exchanges of pupils and staff.

Public Jetty Redevelopment

EXCO has approved a plan to redevelop the public jetty under the aegis of the FIDC and Tourist Board. The dramatic rise in the number of tourist ships visiting Stanley makes this a matter of urgency.

Golden Shears

At this year's Golden Shears Competition in Gorey, Ireland, Islanders Paul Phillips came 31st and Peter McKay 39th in the International Section. Interestingly, Tom Kennedy, who is well known in the Falklands as a contract shearer, won the All Ireland Competition.

Susan Whitley Memorial Exhibition

This annual exhibition took place on June 27th - 28 at the Community School and commemorates the life of Susan Whitley who was killed by shellfire during the liberation of Stanley. It seeks to advance the education of children in the fields of arts, crafts, and home economics.

Amongst many other prize winners, Sophie Greenland won the FICS Art Prize; Kimberley Finlayson the Landscape Prize; and Rachel Freeman the Home Economics Prize. Overall winner was Kevin Marsh.

Union Agrees

The General Employee's Union agreed with the FIG to a 4% pay rise. The rise was linked to a 27 point agreement.

Mid-Winter Swim

110 people braved the elements for the now traditional Mid-Winter Swim. The event raised money for several charities including the Seamen's Mission and the Overseas Games Association. Prizes and or assistance were given by the In Sung Corporation, FIGAS, FIDC, the Malvina House Hotel, the Victory Bar, BFBS, FIBS, and many others. The EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) provided the thunderous bang that set the swimmers going. Photo page 10.

FIODA Revue

A packed house on July 1st enjoyed this year's variety show from FIODA. Dave Hall and Fraser Wallace gave a good "Two Ronnies" masquerade. Owen McPhee on accordion and Gordon Peck on the guitar had the audience clapping along. Jenny Paice gave a fine solo performance on the accordion. Andrew Gurr provided an extremely funny novelty act as a poetic logger duck. The "Five Romantics" competed with the *Full Monty* and stripped to the strains of *You Can Keep Your Hat On*. The show was compered by Phil Middleton.

Darts

This year saw a very open Governor's Cup in July with some of the top names meeting early in the Competition and both Tootie Ford and Colin Smith, the reigning champion, going out earlier than expected.

In the semi-finals, Kevin Clapp took two legs off Gary Hewitt, before going down 3 - 2. In the other semi-final, Jamie Lang won over Paul McKay. In the final itself, Jamie Lang went down to Gary Hewitt 4 - 2, while Kevin won over Paul in the 3rd and 4th position play-off.

In the Ladies Rose Bowl, Maggie Goss won over Julie Clarke. Third was Gail Miller and fourth, Ella Poole.

The Governor himself won a cheer for stepping up for a remarkably successful "beer leg" with the Champion, Gary Hewitt. Gary won the McEwans - but only just.

In August, Keith Alazia won the Bonners Haulage Trophy, beating Colin Ford in a close run final. In the Ladies match Cathy Jacobsen, the popular proprietor of the Victory Pub, won over Maggie Goss in the final.

The season ended with the Tornados winning both the League Kendall Cup, for the seventh time in eight years, and the Team Knockout Trophy for the sixth time in seven years. Led by Kevin Clapp, the team included Graham Hay, Gary Hewitt, Colin Ford, Len Ford, Fred Ford and Lachie Ross. The Pale Maidens were the highest ladies team. Led by Cathy Jacobsen, they included Margaret Goss, Gail Miller, Heather Smith, Trudi Lee, Julie Courtney, Lorna Howells.

Manager for KEMH

Following the decision by Council last year to have a professional manager for Falklands medical services, 47 year old Derek Muhl arrived in the Falklands on July 7th. Derek has been Director of Operations for the National Health Trust in North East Lincolnshire since 1989 and will be manager of the King Edward Memorial Hospital, Stanley.

Matias Short Art Exhibition

Matias Short, who is currently studying at Loughborough College of Art, put on an exhibition of his work in the Community School in Stanley in July.

Swimming Club Gala

Stanley Swimming Club held its gala at the end of July with more than 50 competitors taking part.

Predictably, Stanley Swimming Club won the team competition with 172 points, followed by the "Unbeatables" with 123 and "Gary's Gang" with 102.

Younger competitors shone in the individual events. Robbie Titterington won the Under-10 25 Metre Freestyle. Oliver Michelmore won the Under-13 Boys 25 Metre Freestyle and Butterfly. Sam Davis won the Under-13 Girls 25 Metre

Freestyle and Backstroke. Jenna Humphrey won the Open Ladies 25 and 50 metres Backstroke. William Normand won the Open 100 Metres Freestyle and Backstroke and the trophy for the Most Improved Swimmer. Donna Triggs was voted the Most Dedicated Swimmer of the Year. Claire Kilmartin won the Steve Cool Trophy for competitor with most points at the Gala, just beating Evan Jones into second place.

Omagh Appeal

A bazaar at St. Mary's Hall at the end of August raised £622 for the Falklands Omagh Appeal. Local ladies raised another £500 with a series of collections at pubs in Stanley. Shirley Knight of Coast Ridge Farm raised a further £129 with a cake stall and "sponsored head-shave". Taff Decroliere was the first volunteer for this.

Fund Raising Pram Race

A combination "Pram Race and Pub Crawl" was held at the beginning of September, raising money to send a darts team to the World Championships later this year.

The race started at the *Globe* visited the *Ship Bar*, *Stanley Arms*, *Rose Hotel*, *Deano's Bar* and the *Victory Bar* before returning to the *Globe*. The *Flintstones* - Julie Clarke, Dustin Gilson-Clarke and Steven Floyd won first prize. The *Gertie and the Girls* pram won the best dressed team award. The race and the Darts Knockout Competition the evening before raised a total of £981.

Remains of Argentine Pilot Discovered

Human remains were discovered on Pebble Island in August near fragments of an Argentine Dagger fighter aircraft. These are thought to be those of Lieutenant Hector Volponi who was shot down on May 23rd, 1982 by a Sea Harrier.

Sea Cadets

Cadets Lynsey Sutcliffe and Stacey Steen McDonald attended the International Sea Cadets Summer Camp at *HMS Bristol* in Portsmouth. At the same time Vanda Johnson took and passed the Petty Officers course which was also held at *HMS Bristol*. All three then moved on to *HMS Raleigh* in Plymouth to take the Royal Yachting Association's Sailing Proficiency level 1 course. All passed.

Reefer Runs Aground

The 5,000 ton refrigerated fishing vessel the *Omega Bay* ran aground in Port William on August 20th. The vessel was travelling very slowly and was not damaged. It was successfully refloated the next day with the assistance of the tug, *Typhoon*.

Paragon House to be a "Living Museum"

With the help of a grant from Falkland Islands Development Corporation, Gail and Vernon Steen hope to transform Paragon House into a living museum of the Falklands in the 1800s. Paragon House, which is 9 miles from Goose Green, was built of stone back in 1894 by one of Vernon's relatives, Jas Steele.

RAF Rescues Fisherman

A Sea King helicopter of 78 Squadron lifted a fisherman with a broken leg to King Edward Memorial Hospital in the early hours of August 26th. The injured man came from the Spanish finfish trawler *Playa De Galicia* 100 miles west of the Falklands.

Newspaper Consultant Visits

British newspaper consultant, David Scott, visited the Falklands at the end of August. Invited by the Media Trust, the governing body for *Penguin News*, Mr. Scott advised on a number of subjects including sharper news writing, interviewing techniques, and modern subediting and design practices.

Commenting about his trip, he said: "I hope to help what is obviously a dedicated team to build on the solid foundation they have created".

Tourist Team to Ecuador

John Fowler, Director of Tourism, accompanied by Jenny Paice and Debbie Summers attended the *Travel Mart Latin America* in Guayaquil, Ecuador, in September. This travel industry show is said to be the biggest in Latin America and was attended by 300 tour operators.

Falklands Craft Fair

The Falklands Craft Fair took place this September at the Falklands Community School. Dorinda Rowlands won the Cable and Wireless prize for most points overall, with Alison Liddle as runner-up. Ashley Jaffray won the FIC Challenge Cup for child runner-up. The Tourist Board prize for the exhibit with most commercial potential was won by Alison Liddle with pottery whale plaques and wildlife prints.

EU Fishing Rep Visits

Dr. Render, the UK's permanent fishing representative to the European Union, visited the Falklands in September. Lecturing to a large group on the EU and the Falklands, Dr. Renders described how the EU impacted on the Islands. Dr. Renders met with the Agriculture and Fisheries Departments and described his visit as "essentially familiarisation".

Spanish Fisherman Flown to Montevideo

Rescued from the fishing vessel *Codeside* by a helicopter from 78 Squadron, an injured Spanish fisherman was flown to Montevideo by RAF C-130 Hercules. He left for Montevideo just an hour and a half after reaching Stanley.

First Cattle Auction

The Falklands first cattle auction is being held on October 1st and 2nd at the Agricultural Department. The auction indicates the rapid progress of the cattle industry in the Falklands.

Fun Run Victory for Barton

The Stanley Running Club "fun run" opened the running season on September 13th. Fifty-six competitors took part including eleven under-16s and four competitors from MPA. In cold winds and icy rain - anything but fun conditions - Dick Barton of MPA won, followed by Tony Burnett of Stanley. In the ladies, Megan Eggeling won followed by Fran Biggs. Claire Kilmartin won the girls, and Marty Barnes won the younger entrants class.

EXCO Election

The Hon. Mrs. Jan Cheek was elected to serve on the Executive Council for Stanley. The Hon. Mr. Richard Cockwell was elected to serve for the Camp, and the Hon. Mr. Mike Summers was elected for both Stanley and the Camp.

The EXCO election was held early as many councillors will be overseas on business at the end of October when the next EXCO session begins.

FIGAS Celebrates 50 Years

Pioneer Air Service

The Falkland Islands air service this year celebrates its 50th anniversary. What an action-packed half century it has been. The Falkland Islands Government Air Service, affectionately known as FIGAS, began operations in December, 1948, on the initiative of the Governor, Sir Miles Clifford.

Arriving in 1946, he was appalled by the isolation of many of its 2,000 inhabitants, cut off in scattered settlements with no roads outside the capital, no air services, and irregular coastal shipping frequently halted by storms. He ruled out roads as impracticable and financially unfeasible. On his first trip to Antarctica in the Falkland Islands vessel "Fitzroy" in a storm, he was inspired by a magazine article about Australia's Flying Doctor Service, which he realised would aptly meet the Falklands' urgent needs.

So was born a pioneer air service, with two second-hand ex-military Auster aircraft bought in Britain for only £700 each. They were shipped to the Falklands in crates, assembled in a roofless hangar, and on 19 December, 1948, Vic Spencer, a pilot hired in the United Kingdom, made the historic test flight from Stanley racecourse, the only suitable stretch of land for a light aircraft to take-off and land. Sir Miles recalls sceptics dismissing it as another of "His Excellency's grandiose ideas" and questioned "why the devil does he want two aircraft?". They immediately proved their worth.



The inaugural operational flight was a matter of life-and-death for a little girl named Sandra Short, seriously ill with peritonitis at North Arm Settlement. An urgent message to the senior medical officer in Stanley, Stewart Slessor, said she'd die without hospital treatment. With no aviation maps or navigational aids, Vic Spencer landed on a grass strip at North Arm, guided by sheepskins mounted on sticks and a small fire indicating where he should put down and the wind direction. Within an hour, Sandra was in Stanley hospital for an emergency operation which saved her life.

Flying Teachers and Fisheries Patrols

FIGAS has made many such flights since, with a variety of aircraft, expanding into a vital link to some fifty settlements around the Islands, providing not just an air-ambulance but a passenger air-taxi, a freight and postal service, a flying teacher service to remote farm schools, fisheries patrols, and carrying VIPs such as Princess Anne and the Duke of Edinburgh, and even on occasion a pedigree sheep or a sick penguin. The postal service has also been a great boon, though sometimes the mail would be dropped out of the plane window if it was not landing passengers! In its whole first year it had just 28 passengers, only eight of them private individuals the remainder government officials. Now it carries thousands every year. It's not all been plain flying. The first Auster, with its pioneer registration identity G-AJCH, overturned at San Carlos when its wheels sank into soft mud. It had to be shipped back to Britain for repairs and conversion into a float-plane, a more practicable solution with the lack of suitable air-strips and the proximity of water and landing jetties to most farm settlements. Sir Miles Clifford went to Canada and bought a Norseman float plane initially for a specific rescue mission in 1949 for evacuation of the British Antarctic base at Marguerite Bay when cut off by heavy ice.

Sir Miles was impressed by a new "Beaver" float-plane which Canada's de Havilland demonstrated for him. It proved perfect for Falklands' needs and became the workhorse of FIGAS operations from 1953 to 1979, until a ten-seat, two-engined Britten-Norman Islander aircraft, built in Romania and assembled in the Isle of Wight, was introduced, after its reliable, economical performance in the Scottish Highlands and Islands.



The control tower and airport building at Stanley Airport with the fisheries patrol plane on the apron



The Hangar at Stanley Airport.

Left: Meeting the Beaver float-plane at Port San Carlos with the late Allan Miller in the foreground.

Right: A typical Camp airfield today, Chartres, West Falkland.

All Photos by Harold Briley



Pioneer Pilots and Rugged Flying Machines

Before the land-based Islander, if the farmer did not row out to the Beaver, passengers sometimes had to climb down onto the floats and wade ashore chest-deep, carrying the mail above their heads. Thanks again to Governor Miles Clifford, the widespread installation of transceiving radios on FIGAS planes and throughout the settlements, removed the isolation barrier, operating on two frequencies, one for the air ambulance service, and the other for inter-farm gossip. Potential passengers simply radio their requirements, FIGAS arranges the next day's flights accordingly, and Falkland Islands Radio broadcasts the passenger lists and routes. Stanley Airport came into operation in 1979.

The rugged reliability of FIGAS aircraft has had to contend with extremes of wind and weather, corrosion and wartime depredation. Three Beaver aircraft capsized and sank — at Douglas Station, New Island, and at Mare Harbour, where a Falkland Island pilot, Ian Campbell, MBE, was drowned in 1976, the only FIGAS fatality. In the 1982 invasion, the Argentine military took over FIGAS planes, all three of which were destroyed on the ground by air and sea bombardment, as were three Cessna light aircraft, owned by the Governor, Sir Rex Hunt, and two farmers, Bill Luxton and Robin Pitaluga. A Royal Navy pilot briefly recommenced a service to Islanders after hostilities with a captured Argentine helicopter, nicknamed "Hernandez", and FIGAS began flying again in 1983 with two Islanders and a Beaver.

It is the men as well as the machines which have made FIGAS such an outstanding success, pioneer pilots such as Ian Campbell, Jim Kerr who flew for 26 years, the versatile John Huckle, who was a pilot administrator, Port Stanley harbour master and a communications expert, gifted engineers such as Maurice Smith, Dave Jones and Vernon Steen, and administrators like Gerald Cheek, Director of Aviation.

The most experienced Falklands pilot still flying is Eddie Anderson, a fourth generation Islander whose great grandfather was a Danish sailor shipwrecked in the Falklands in 1864. He has clocked up more than 10-thousand flying hours, on Beaver and Islander aircraft in twenty years flying, making more than 21-thousand take-offs and landings - an impressive achievement in the teeth of frequent gales and bad visibility. He also delivered Governor Hunt's Cessna from the South American mainland to Stanley in 1982 when the delivery pilot declined to risk the flight. Eddie, now Chief pilot, heads a team of six pilots, five of whom are Falkland Islanders.

FIGAS can rejoice in a proud record in its first fifty years. I wonder what kind of aircraft it will be flying fifty years from now?

Harold Briley

(With acknowledgments for information supplied by Falklands Museum Curator John Smith MBE, Major Ronnie Spafford and the authors of "Falklands - the Air War". We invite the loan of interesting Falklands aviation photographs for publication in future issues).

Ham House Reunion

The annual Islanders reunion was held at Ham Hall, Richmond on August Bank Holiday Saturday. The pictures tell the story.



Above: Robina Cassie, Terry Morrison and Evie Elliot.



Left: Bill and Shirley Richards, Mark Whitney and Jenny Oliver.

Photos: Courtesy of Patricia Osborne

Shackleton Scholarship Fund Update

Falklands In The Swim and On The Map!

Scholarships awarded by the Shackleton Memorial Fund are proving increasingly valuable in fulfilling its twin objectives — to extend knowledge of the South Atlantic Region and enhance the quality of life in the Falkland Islands. Recent scholarships have focused on swimming, wool, place names, and the English language as spoken by the Islanders.

Together with visits by experts in golf, shooting and moto-cross, swimming was a particularly happy choice as Islanders hitherto had little opportunity to learn, lacking any swimming baths before the 1982 war. The schoolchildren sometimes swam in the sea, despite strong winds and chilly waters. The beach near Stanley has long since been placed out of bounds by Argentine mines, but Islanders now have a splendid new pool in the Stanley school complex, appropriately opened by the late Lord Shackleton.

The pool has resounded to the voice of a swimming coach of international standing — Steve Cooil, from Douglas, Isle of Man, who is Secretary of the International Island Games Association. He's an all-round sportsman, in rugby, athletics, mountaineering, cricket, squash, and every conceivable water sport. A champion swimmer and competitor for Britain, 50-year-old Steve now specialises in coaching. His wife, Carrie, is also a coach and his son a Commonwealth Games competitor. His Falklands visit, sponsored by the Shackleton Fund, proved such a success he has been invited by the Islanders to return.

His comprehensive, action-packed course of theory, practical instruction and demonstration, introduced Falkland swimmers, teachers and coaches, to techniques and knowledge previously denied to them in their isolation in the South Atlantic. His visit has laid the foundation for an ambitious 12-month training programme and a five-year development plan, backed up by literature and videos from the Isle of Man Swimming Association.

Steve Cooil found the Falklands "Elite Swimming Squad" talented and enthusiastic. "They were highly motivated", he says. "I was amazed at their progress".

His many recommendations include intensive competitions within the Falklands and against other Islands, including postal competitions! Backing up his suggestions by action, he has awarded a "Steve Cooil Cup", whose first holder is Claire Kilmartin for winning the Falklands annual championships.



HE Governor Ralph presenting the Steve Cooil Cup to Claire Kilmartin



Eleven Falklands swimmers have since spent two weeks in the Isle of Man for more coaching by Steve Cooil. He says he was most kindly and generously treated throughout his Falklands visit. His sponsor and host, Broadcasting Officer, Patrick Watts, praised him for his efficiency.

The Shackletons would have been delighted — Sir Ernest who so often defied death by drowning while battling the Antarctic's terrifying seas, and Lord Shackleton, a keen swimmer still body-surfing in his eighties.

Getting to Grips with Wool

Shackleton Scholarships are open to Falkland Islanders as well as visiting academics and quality of life bursars. The third Falklands resident to win an award, after Sally Poncet's South Atlantic sealing research and Jamie Peck's painting trip to South Georgia, was Lyn Blake of Little Chartres on West Falkland. A Shackleton Scholarship helped take her back to the homeland she left more than a quarter of a century earlier, New Zealand, appropriately to learn more about wool. It was only after she settled in the Falklands that she first encountered the world of farming. "I found it very much to my liking", she says. "I realised there was a world of wool to be discovered".

She has now gained a certificate in Wool handling Systems and Classification through New Zealand's Massey University, covering all aspects of wool production, harvesting and preparation for sale. Despite 20 years' experience, Lyn found there was a lot to learn. "As a result, I have involved myself with the setting up of the Quality Falkland Wool scheme and the bulk purchase of wool-packs project". Any new expertise, she points out, can prove valuable in coping with the depressed world market in wool.

Scholarships of Value and Variety

Speaking the Language Falkland Style

Another Shackleton Scholarship has focused on how they speak English in the Falkland Islands, some of whose families go back seven and eight generations since settling there. An expert in language and linguistics, Andrea Sudbury, now studying at Essex University for her third degree, is carrying out long-term research into English as spoken in the Islands, the only major variety of English in a British territory which has not yet been properly researched. She specialises in Sociolinguistics, which is concerned with relationships between language and society, and particularly in dialect contact to examine what happens when speakers of different dialects come together.

Andrea's aim is to provide a comprehensive linguistic description of Falkland Islands English, concentrating on phonetics and phonology, which she regards as particularly important as increased immigration, tourism and the influx of workers and military personnel resulting from the 1982 conflict inevitably influence the English spoken in the Islands. She has begun creating a record of English, both descriptively and with archives of recordings, before the language changes irrevocably. She is also examining how Falklands English compares with what's spoken in other parts of the Southern Hemisphere, such as Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

She found her four-month field study in the Falkland Islands fascinating, bringing her into contact with people of all ages, in all walks of life. She has compiled an archive of about 100 recordings, mostly live, and some copied from museum and radio station archives. This has produced a living, spoken history of Island life and of development of the scattered settlements since their early days which features in her PhD degree thesis. Andrea is now involved in the mammoth task of analysing the results and presenting academic research papers in Britain and abroad. It could produce yet another book, complete with audio accompaniment!



Andrea Sudbury at the gentoo colony on Bertha's Beach

Calling a Young Islander for a Millenium Adventure

A unique opportunity awaits a young Falkland Islander to participate in an adventure of a lifetime — a Millennium expedition to South Georgia, with the renowned British Schools Expeditions Society (BSES). It will be the first time in its nearly 70 years' existence, the Society has organised an expedition to the South Atlantic even though it was founded in 1932 by an Antarctic explorer, Surgeon Commander Murray Levick, a doctor on Scott's 1910 Expedition.

The aim is to encourage young people aged 16 and a half to 20 to develop themselves on a demanding team expedition combining science and adventure. The plan is for 6 leaders and 10 young explorers to do training in the Falkland Islands and fieldwork on South Georgia between November 1999 and March 2000, in co-operation initially with the Royal Navy Ice Patrol vessel *Endurance*.

The Society says it would be marvellous if a young Falkland Islander could be selected, in view of Falklands links with South Georgia. The President of the BSES is Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, the head of Britain's Armed Forces during the 1982 conflict, who was himself a young explorer in 1938 before his distinguished naval career. Time for selection is getting short as there is to be a selection weekend in Yorkshire this October, and a training weekend in the Scottish Cairngorms next March. While the chosen explorers are expected to show initiative in attracting sponsorship to fund the enterprise, the Shackleton Scholarship Fund is willing to help fund a Falkland Islander to visit the Cairngorms for the selection process.

One of the leaders of the South Georgia Expedition, Richard Clements, plans a reconnaissance visit to the Falkland Islands this October. So, all you young Falklands adventurers, what about it? Get cracking and apply. Your school has the details.

Another scholarship, awarded to former Army Officer, Richard Munro, has resulted in a book of "Place Names of the Falkland Islands". (See book review on page 22)



Lyn Blake classifying wool at Little Chartres.

Ted Clapp MBE - Adventurer Extraordinary



The Falkland Islands Association is delighted to join in the many congratulations to Ted Clapp on his award of the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to the Falkland Islands. We in the Association know him as an efficient treasurer, wise counsellor and pleasant companion. We pay our tribute with this profile of his remarkably varied and adventurous life.

It's rare to meet a man so well travelled with so many interests as Ted Clapp, Antarctic explorer, canoeist, climber, yachtsman, champion angler, four-wheel drive enthusiast, and administrator. He now adds the MBE to his Fuchs Medal for services in the Antarctic and the accolade of having a place in the Antarctic named after him — "Clapp Point" on the Grahamland Peninsula — in recognition of sledging and coastal survey work there.

Though his father was in the Royal Air Force, Ted chose the Royal Navy, joining as a boy telegraphist, aged 15, at Britain's Simonstown Navy Base in South Africa. His Navy service from 1945 to 1960 involved him in major conflicts, including the Suez Campaign, Korea and Malaya — and finally to the Antarctic. His communications expertise took him on loan from the Navy to the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey, forerunner of today's British Antarctic Survey. It was to be the focus of his career and family life there from then on.

He sailed in the survey ship John Biscoe from Southampton to St Helena, Tristan de Cunha, the Falklands and South Georgia, and spent his first three years sledging his way through the Antarctic snow and ice with husky dog teams. His pay for the first year was £250. "But", he says, "people went there for love of exploration and of Antarctica. It was great, marvellous, and never boring. There was prolific wildlife, and I loved standing out, listening to the sounds, the roar of the wind and the grinding of the ice in the rushing tide".

He was asked to modernise the whole communications system and became administrative head of the British Antarctic Survey (BAS), with its headquarters then in the Falklands. It was there he met and married his wife, Jean Campbell, a Falkland Islander working in the Post Office, and where their two children were born, Kevin, who still lives and works in the Islands, and Karen, whose Foreign Office career has taken her to Washington, Moscow and now Canberra. It was a love affair not only with one Falkland Islander but the whole place. "The Islanders", he says, "had a wonderful attitude to people, very friendly, true and sincere. It was a very full life, very pleasant and peaceful. Everyone had to be self-reliant and resourceful in a do-it-yourself environment. If you wanted tomatoes, you built

your own greenhouse. Playing cricket, we made brass balls to stop them being blown off by the wind. When I first visited a farm in the Camp, I was given half a cow, dumped in the back of my Landrover, and learned how to joint and prepare it from Mrs. Beeton's famous cookbook. I loved the place and wanted to make a contribution to Falklands life".

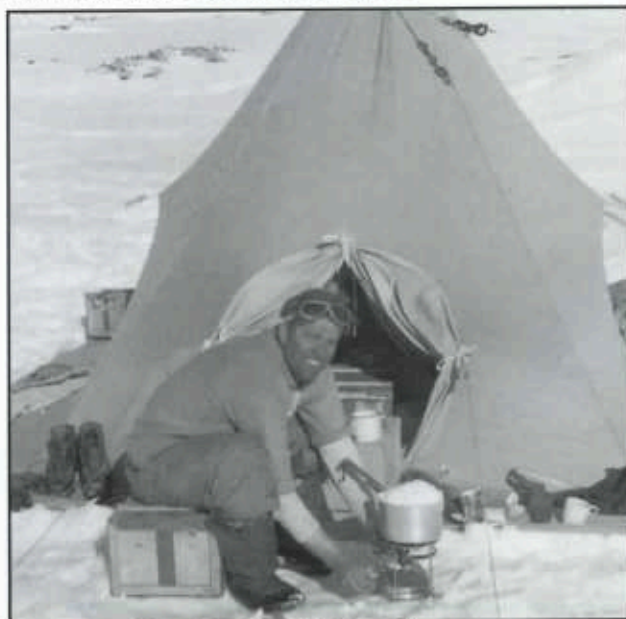
He became a versatile pillar of the community as Co-founder of Stanley Youth Club, cinema operator at Joe Booth's Church Hall Children's Shows, secretary and actor in the Dramatic Society, chairman and player in the Cricket Club, secretary of the 1974 Falklands Constitution Review Committee, and member of the Stamp Co-ordination Committee and the Broadcasting Committee. He became a broadcaster, doing live commentaries and covering Legislative Council and other meetings, and found time for outdoor hobbies, as a champion fisherman and founder member of the Malo fishing club, and a four-wheel drive cross-country enthusiast.

Argentine Hostage

As co-founder of the Falklands Search and Rescue Organisation and Superintendent of the voluntary Fire Brigade, he fought fires in snow and blizzards and rescued the Royal Navy hovercraft when it disappeared at sea. He was briefly taken hostage at gunpoint with other Islanders by Argentine hijackers who landed a DC-4 aircraft in the Falklands in 1966.

Parallel to his social life and his service to the community, he was administrator of all BAS staff in the Falklands, the wireless station and meteorological office, its five Antarctic bases and many scientists, and the survey ships' itineraries at a time there were no air links in his vast, scattered territory, frozen for months in the Antarctic winter. Ted thrived in this challenging task before returning to Britain to help set up the present BAS headquarters near Cambridge. He retired as second-in-command of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology.

In Britain he was a member of the Falkland Islands Emergency Committee set up to counter the Argentine threat to Falklands sovereignty. He is a key member with his wife, Jean, of the Falkland Islands Association of which he remains treasurer and, with Jean, organises distribution of this Newsletter. I wonder whether the Queen knew what a worthy recipient he was when she pinned on his insignia. **HWB**



Ted Clapp in Grahamland, Antarctica.

Lincoln's Inn Reunion

Bad weather did nothing to mar the annual Falklands reunion at Lincoln's Inn this year. Many Islanders, and many friends of the Falklands were there - including several Councillors from St Helena.

FIG representative, Miss Sukey Cameron, gave the address, particularly welcoming the Councillors from St Helena and paying tribute to the work of the late Bill Hunter-Christie. She pointed out that the chances of finding oil in the Falklands were much less than fifty-fifty, and that the Falklands Government was making plans for the future with or without this. She reminded everyone that fishing was the prime source of income for the Falklands and outlined measures to protect Falklands waters against poaching.

While welcoming the good relations between Britain and Argentina, and President Menem's visit, Miss Cameron pointed out that there could be no normalisation of relations between the Falklands and Argentina while its claim was so actively pursued. She regretted that newspaper reports from Argentina indicated that Menem intended to use his visit to press Argentina's claim to the Falklands, when the British Government had made it clear that this was not on the agenda, and that self-determination was the right of the people in the Falklands.

Finally, the band of the Welsh Guards beat retreat inside the Hall; with band members marching between the onlookers.



Above: Terry Peck and Commander Ranken.

Right: Admiral Sir Sandy Woodward and Association Treasurer Ted Clapp.

Below Right: The Reverend Peter Millam and Mrs. Merle Christie.

All photos by P.J. Pepper

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting to be held on 5th December 1998

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Report of the Executive Committee.
3. Treasurers Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1998.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Election of Executive Committee.
6. Suggestions from members present for consideration by the Executive Committee.

All nominations for office must be notified to the General Executive Secretary at least 21 days before the AGM



Brian Paul and Annabelle Spencer of the Falklands Agency in Wells and Islander Nichola Harris.



Mr. and Mrs. Pitaluga of Salvador and Andrea Kennedy of the BBC programme *Calling the Falklands*.



Opposition Alliance to Break Oil Agreement

On June 10th (Malvinas Day), the Radical/FREPASO Alliance, which is the chief opposition party, announced that it would not honour the 1995 Oil Agreement with Britain, if elected to office. The announcement was signed by all the main Alliance leaders: Fernando de la Rúa, Graciela Fernandez Meijide, Rodolfo Terragno, and "Chacho" Alvarez.

The announcement was met with scorn from Foreign Minister Di Tella who said that: **"To disavow a treaty is to ignore the legal continuity of a state"**.

Editors' Comment

Nothing could illustrate the problem of doing business with a country like Argentina more than this announcement.

Argentine Pilot's Unpleasant Stunt

Argentine pilot, Ernesto Barcella, made an unauthorised flight in a light plane to the Falklands on June 15th, the day (See Note) that Argentina was celebrating its "rights" to the Malvinas. Pretending to make a "goodwill visit", he brought absurd presents: 2,000 tea bags - one for each member of the British garrison - and some oranges and flour!

However, in case anyone was naive enough to believe this, his wife made the real purpose clear by telling *Clarín* that what was important was that "An Argentine was in the Malvinas".

Barcella was detained as an illegal immigrant in the Falklands, but was released on the promise by the Argentine authorities that they would punish him for the flight regulations

The Oil Agreement took a year of negotiation and is not completely satisfactory from the British point of view. But, having an agreement that didn't please either side, is probably better than not having an agreement at all. Now, after oil companies have started work, thinking that an agreement was in place, major Argentine politicians have effectively announced that they will dishonour it.

The Alliance has been leading in Argentine opinion polls, so they may form the next government, although their internal divisions are reducing their chances of election. Either way the Oil Agreement is a binding agreement now, and if agreements can just be unravelled by any change of government in Argentina, then there is no point in having them at all.

he had breached. However, so far, nothing appears to have happened to him.

Barcella received a hero's welcome on his return to Comodoro Rivadavia. One Argentine magazine, *Gente*, actually chartered an aircraft and went out to meet him, in order to be able to interview him before other publications.

To Falkland Islanders the visit was a chilling reminder of the surprise landings by Argentine nationalists in the '60s - which included the ugly armed hijacking of a domestic airliner.

Editors' Note: Malvinas Day is actually June 10th, but national holidays in Argentina are usually celebrated on the following Monday to produce a long weekend

Argentine Bill Attacks Falklands Fishing

A bill to penalise boats fishing in Falklands waters is being considered by the Argentine Senate. Drawn up by Peronist Senator, Osvaldo Sala, President of the Senate Fisheries Commission, the bill stipulates heavy fines for companies operating in Falklands waters without Argentine permission (that is to say licences). It requires companies fishing in Falklands waters to employ "local" ie Argentine workers. It prohibits violators from holding Argentine licences.

The bill has been likened to a fishing version of the so-called Eduardo Menem Law, which provides similar penalties for oil companies operating in Falklands waters.

Argentine newspaper *Clarín* says that the bill has the support of President Menem's brother, Senator Eduardo Menem, that it has support from the Radical Party too, and that it has a "wink" from the Argentine Foreign Ministry. It also says that it is to pressure the Islanders while the agenda for President Menem's visit is being decided. The *Newsletter* speculates that it might be intended to extract some concession to Argentina at the time of President Menem's visit to Britain.

Carrier Goes for Scrap

The Argentine aircraft carrier 25 de Mayo has been sold for scrap to a British Virgin Islands company for \$300,000. Like so many old warships it is now likely to end its days in an Indian scrap yard. The 25 de Mayo, which was originally HMS Venerable, has been decommissioned for years. It played an important role in the invasion of the Falklands, but returned to port after the Belgrano was sunk.

Telephone Charge Reduction

Argentine Communications Secretary, German Kammerath, has proposed a 50% reduction in the charges for telephone calls to the Falklands as part of an effort to increase communication between the Islands and Argentina.

Falklands as Election Tool

Following a TV debate with FREPASO rival Graciela Fernandez Meijide, which observers considered a draw, Radical Party leader, Fernando de la Rúa, held a public meeting of his foreign affairs team. According to *Clarín* this was planned to demonstrate Radical superiority in this field over his rival.

The meeting's principal message was a re-examination of what had been achieved by the Menem regime over the Falklands. It gave notice of "possible reprisals against the Islanders", if Britain "prolonged its refusal to negotiate the sovereignty of the Islands indefinitely". It explicitly floated the idea of "not allowing them communications with the world" or "access to the sources of economic development". *Clarín* reported that this was the idea of Lucio Garcia del Solar.

Editors' Note: These threats suggest pressure on the Islanders' airlinks with Chile and fishing licence revenue. But, they are probably as much an example of the way the Falklands is used as a football in what is essentially an internal party battle, as an indication of how the Radicales would act in government.

It was Lucio Garcia del Solar, as a young diplomat, who was instrumental in getting the Falklands onto the Decolonisation Committee agenda back in 1964. It was also he who had the task of re-establishing diplomatic relations with Britain after the 1982 war. He is a well known hardliner.

Menem Abandons Re-election Bid

May and June saw continuous activity by President Menem and his partisans to overcome the constitutional ban on a third term of office for him as President. The subject literally dominated the news from one day to the next as Peronist politicians were forced to take sides and Menem's partisans continued their legal efforts to get the Supreme Court to overrule the Constitutional ban. This last ploy was met by Opposition threats to impeach the judges!

Yet another Menemist idea was to hold a plebiscite in his own province, La Rioja, on whether he should be allowed to stand again. He could be sure of winning this, but the idea didn't appeal to other Peronist leaders and was never implemented. Menem's main rival, Eduardo Duhalde, Governor of the Province of Buenos Aires threatened a similar plebiscite in Buenos Aires, which Duhalde knew Menem would lose. In such an important province this was a devastating move.

The matter came to a head when Menem got the Peronist Party Conference on July 17th to endorse his re-election campaign. With Duhalde and others opposed, it was only a very grudging endorsement. In an emotional TV address just three days later, Menem announced he was giving up.



ESMA, the Escuela Mecánica de la Armada, or naval mechanical school, in Buenos Aires where some 5,000 people "disappeared" between 1976 and 1983.

Argentine Journalist Invited

The Falkland Islands Government is making an exception to its general ban on Argentine visitors to allow a senior Argentine journalist to prepare a programme from the Islands in advance of President Menem's London visit. The journalist, Mariano Grondona, has been invited by the Falklands Legislative Council in what is described as a "pro-active decision towards better understanding with Argentina".

Grondona is a university law professor, a columnist for the newspaper, *La Nación*, and presenter of a top-rated TV discussion programme, "*Hora Clave*". He is being given total freedom to say what he wishes and see what he likes.

Falklands policy bans visits by Argentines and links such as direct flights until Argentina drops its sovereignty claim, but it allows visits by families of Argentina's war dead to their graves as a humanitarian gesture.

Foreign Office Minister Tony Lloyd says the British Government wants to encourage the Islanders "to consider broadening their range of contacts with Argentina". He said "the process of reconciliation and development of mutual understanding would be helped by more interaction between the two communities".

The bottom line was probably not the opposition of Duhalde, or other Peronists, or any concern for the Constitution. The Peronists under Menem were by then 20% behind the opposition alliance, and it was obvious that they would lose the election if he were allowed to stand.

With Menem's capitulation, and disunity in the opposition alliance, Peronists have recovered 5% points and Eduardo Duhalde's candidature has been strengthened. Many Menemists have now gone over to him as party front runner, but he and Menem remain personal rivals. Some believe that Menem is still thinking of maintaining leadership of a Peronist Party in opposition, and his faction is supporting "Palito" Ortega, the popular singer, businessman and former Governor of Tucuman that Menem recently brought into his cabinet to represent his faction if he could not stand again himself.

Lame Duck Menem

Menem is now desperately weakened, and his rivals are making the political running. The British Government has been spared an embarrassment too. Having Menem visit while he was defying his own Constitution would have been a problem.

Forensic Examination of ESMA

In response to a petition by the mother of one of the "disappeared", the Argentine Federal Court has ordered a forensic examination of ESMA, the notorious Escuela Mecánica de la Armada, or Naval Mechanical School.

This is to see if there is evidence of what Argentine newspaper *Clarín* referred to as a "parrilla" (which means a barbecue in English) or a place where the bodies of the Junta's victims were burned during Argentina's "Dirty War". According to various witnesses this took place at ESMA. *Clarín* also reported that it was from ESMA that the "Flights of Death" took place. These were the weekly flights which disposed of the Junta's victims by throwing them drugged, but still alive, from an aircraft into the Atlantic. *Clarín* reported that about 5,000 people went to their deaths through ESMA, which was the Junta's principal torture and murder centre in Buenos Aires.

Videla Arrested

General Jorge Videla, leader of the 1976 military coup that removed the Government of Isabelita Peron and led to the Dirty War and later the Falklands War, was arrested in June.

Videla was tried in 1985 for murder, theft and other crimes committed during his military dictatorship, but was pardoned and released from prison in 1990 by President Menem in the last of two amnesties. He is now accused of complicity in the theft of babies born to mothers who were in military custody and then murdered after they had given birth.

The law known as "Punto Final" prevents any prosecutions now for offences committed during Argentina's "Dirty War" when some 30,000 people were murdered, but the theft of infants is the one exception.

Videla's imprisonment in a common jail instead of a military prison led to some disquiet amongst Argentina's military. However, this was later changed to house arrest after an assault on him by another prisoner. Some Argentine journalists speculated that the assault might have been arranged to provide an excuse for this change.

Many Argentines despise Videla and his detention was greeted with glee by the Argentine press.

Book Review -- What's in a Name?

Names are intriguing to us all — none more so than when they suddenly leap from obscurity to world wide fame in the news headlines, as happened in the 1982 Falklands War. San Carlos, Goose Green, Ajax Bay, Mount Longdon, Stanley ... these are just some of the names that were on everyone's lips. Now we know what they all mean and their origins — thanks to a delightful new book, "Place Names of the Falkland Islands", written by an infectious enthusiast, Richard Munro, of Beyton in Suffolk, funded by the Shackleton Scholarship Fund. He says he "fell in love" with the Falkland Islands when serving there with the Army in 1984.

The book is hard to put down because it becomes a meander through the history and geography of the Islands and the lives of the characters — navigators, explorers, soldiers, pirates, whalers, adventurers and farmers — who made their mark on the Islands, all told in easily digestible and fascinating fashion through place names, complete with map references. These names illustrate just what interesting times the Islands have experienced, the ships that called and those that were wrecked, and the many nationalities involved. British, South American Spanish, French, United States — all have contributed to the rich tapestry of names in this book, illustrated with drawings of wildlife, buildings, harbours and people.

As well as a brief explanation of each name, the book has longer panels explaining important milestones down the years. So come with me as we journey past these milestones and place names, highlighting just a few to arouse your interest and persuade you to buy the book, especially as it's for a good cause. All profits are ploughed back into the Shackleton Scholarship Fund, for the benefit of future scholars. You are invited by the author to join in the debate and challenge his judgment where his researches many not prove conclusive. There are the familiar, the intriguing, the descriptive and the controversial. First the familiar; Falkland Sound is derived from Viscount Falkland, First Lord of the Admiralty. Stanley was named after Lord Stanley, a former Colonial Secretary, by Governor Moody, a Major General, who gave his name to Moody Brook, site of the former Royal Marines barracks, destroyed in 1982. The memory of many other soldiers, admirals, ships captains and government officials is perpetuated — among them Admiral Byron who took possession of the Islands for Britain in 1765.

Sea battles of the First and Second World War are reflected in ship's names such as Ajax, Canopus, Glasgow and Kent, and the 1982 Conflict in streets named after the two VC's Colonel H. Jones and Sergeant McKay, military commanders including Jeremy Moore and Admiral Fieldhouse, and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, with a road aptly named Thatcher Drive.

The naturalist, Charles Darwin, his ship, the Beagle, and its captain, Robert Fitzroy, who became Governor of New Zealand, are all commemorated, as are John Davis who first sighted the Falkland Islands in 1592, and the Explorer Robert Scott's ship, Discovery. Shackleton Drive is from the family name of Sir Ernest and Lord Shackleton. Huntziker's Leap comes from a remarkable horseman who jumped a 500-foot deep chasm, Johnston's Leap from a Landrover driver who crashed off a road, Johnson's Harbour from a Danish pirate who may have buried treasure at Berkeley Sound, and Kits Creek from an escaped Negress slave living in a cave, given food by sealers in return for her "services". An early Spanish entry, "Aceite, Bahia del", Bay of Oil, probably alluding to

whale oil, could take on new meaning as today's drilling rigs search for a different kind of oil. And what about Woolly Gutt, Tumbledown, Twelve O'clock Mountain, Tinwhistle Gate, Ten Shilling Bay, and Smoko? These and many other intriguing names I leave you to find out about by buying the book!

It's available from Leif Pollard in Stanley, and in Britain from The Shackleton Scholarship Fund, c/o The Falkland Islands Association, Douglas House, 16-18 Douglas St., London, SW1P 4PB, price £5.50 inc P & P. **HWB**

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Denzil Connick, who lost a leg on Mount Longdon with 3-Para, stands over the newly unveiled memorial in Aldershot to the members of the Parachute Regiment who gave their lives in the Falklands. The epitaph reads "Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends".

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