

Annual Reception



L-R: Sukey Cameron MBE, Baroness Thatcher, David Tatham, Councillor Mike Summers OBE

Over 260 people attended the Falkland Islands Government Annual Reception at Lincoln's Inn, London, on 10 June, including guest of honour Baroness Thatcher. Councillor Mike Summers OBE thanked guests for their continued support of Falkland Islanders in achieving their "legitimate goals of freedom and self determination". He went on to update guests on the prospering Falklands economy and hopes for the future, saying: "We will continue to drive forward with energy and commitment to develop our industries and our community with even more success."

Councillor Summers' speech is available to read at www.falklands.gov.fk

Students Mark Commonwealth Day



Karen Minto and Michael Brownlee, students at Chichester College in West Sussex, represented the Falkland Islands during Commonwealth Day in London on 10 March. The students took part in a tour of the Houses of Parliament followed by a discussion on the Commonwealth. They also attended the Commonwealth Day Observance in Westminster Abbey. Events concluded with a reception at Marlborough House in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, who was interested to learn about the students' studies in the UK and life in the Falklands.

By-Election Result



New Legislative Council

John Birmingham has been elected to sit on the Legislative Council following a by-election on 3 January. As well as representing the interests of constituents in Stanley, he will take responsibility for the Land Use and Public Services portfolios. Councillor Birmingham previously served on the Legislative Council from 1993 to 2005.

Falklands History Clarified

A booklet, entitled *Getting it right: the real history of the Falklands*, has been launched by independent scholars Dr Graham Pascoe and Peter Pepper. The new research was presented at the London School of Economics in May and is a condensed version of a detailed, 1,000-page study of the subject, *The Falklands Saga: a Critical Study of the Falkland Islands in History and International Law*, by Dr Pascoe and Mr Pepper, which is expected to be published in 2009.

The booklet is available to download at www.wildisland.gs/atlantist/gettingitright.pdf

Dictionary of Falklands Biography

A *Dictionary of Falklands Biography* has been published, containing essays on the lives of 480 people connected with the history of the Falklands and South Georgia from 1592 to 1981. The Dictionary can be purchased from www.d-falklands-b.com or at Falkland House in London.

Diary Dates

- **Royal Show, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, 3 – 6 July** - UK Government Representative Sukey Cameron MBE, together with colleagues from the Islands, will be present on the Falkland Islands stand in the International Village. This will be the tenth year the Falkland Islands have exhibited at the Show.
- **Annual UK Political Party Conferences** - Councillors Andrea Clausen and Ian Hansen will be present, together with Sukey Cameron, on the Falkland Islands Government stand at the Labour Party Conference in Manchester, 20 – 24 September, and the Conservative Party Conference in Birmingham, 28 September – 1 October.

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