

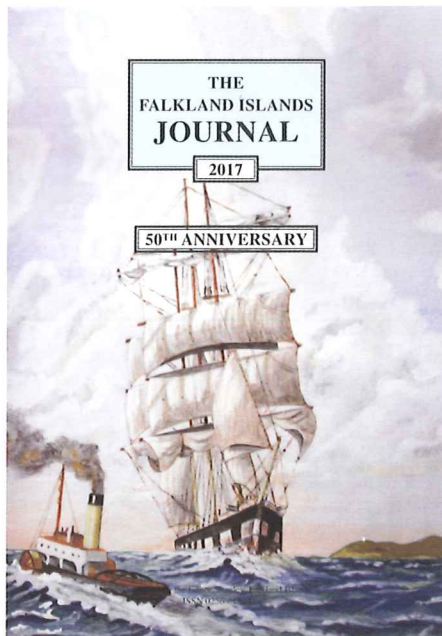
50 years of the Journal

The brainchild of the then Colonial Secretary of the Falkland Islands (from 1963-1969) W.H. ("Tommy") Thompson, the Falkland Islands Journal was first published in 1967.

In the first edition he wrote a short foreword:- *"I hope this issue will be the first of many. The idea behind the Journal is to promote interest in the Falkland Islands and their history. Editorial policy is to publish items of interest from the past and present. Politics do not come into it. If any reader takes exception to anything which is printed from the past they must resort to the grave to lay their blame: as to the present, the authors of all signed papers are alone responsible for opinions expressed in them. MSS, and letters will be gladly accepted, but with a budget which is less than even the proverbial shoestring, and difficulties of printing, no guarantee of publication or promise of payment can be given. W.H. Thompson."*

Historian John Smith gave Tommy local support and both are a testimony to what we have today.

Tommy Thompson edited the first four issues. J.A. and J.I.C.B. Jones the 1971 and 1972 issues and an Editorial



The cover of the 2017 edition

Committee from within the Islands the 1973 and 1974 issues. There seemed to have been a lack of interest in the Journal at the time. Fortunately, an

eminent farmer, Executive Councillor and historian, Sydney Miller (1905-1992) took on the job of editor "for a year or so only to rescue it from its imminent demise" (his words to me). He ended up editing the Journal for 15 years and passed it on (in 1990), to myself a thriving and active Journal.

This year's Journal (see left) has an interesting combination of an article from the A&JHC and an independently submitted piece of history.

Zoe Miller (Great granddaughter of Sydney Miller) has a highly commended project on Roy Cove printed while in the same issue, Colin Young who was Grasslands Officer in the 1960s recalls his memories (and some historic photographs) of grassland improvement at Roy Cove. Both articles intertwine beautifully. It gives me great pleasure that we are able to facilitate the documentation of the history of the Falklands over the past 50 years and beyond through encouraging the likes of Colin to publish his memoirs and Zoe to have the results of her history project appear in print.

Dr Jim McAdam

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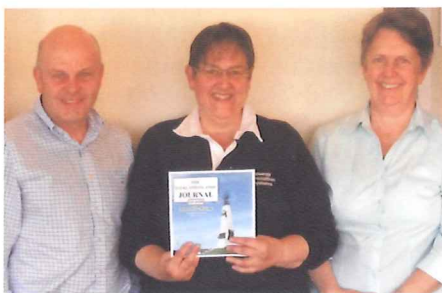
Since 1967, the Falkland Islands Journal has been an independent annual academic publication on all aspects of the history, natural history and geography of the Falkland Islands and associated regions.

Special features are included each year. The emphasis is on recording the culture, heritage and natural environment of the Falkland Islands.

The Falkland Islands Journal CD project was originally an initiative of FIDC in 1998-1999. Archived Journals and Church Papers were scanned by students during their winter holidays under the guidance of Synergy Information Systems.

The aim was to produce a complete catalogue from 1967 forward. In 2002, FIDC approached Synergy to take on the work once the students had finished and helped to secure funding through the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to purchase the necessary equipment.

In 2005, the then general manager of FIDC, Julian Morris, wrote an endorsement for the CD, which was included in the accompanying booklet,



Above: Jim McAdam, Nikki Buxton and Alison Barton

as follows: "Essential for any visitor, business user or curious browser, giving easy and instant access to 150 fascinating years of history, research and endeavour."

The Falkland Islands Journal CD was designed to allow users to view each issue of the Journal from 1967 through 2015 using any PDF Reader. Each issue is fully book marked, with the titles in the Table of Contents electronically linked to the corresponding article. There is a powerful search engine and index facility, which allows the user to enter

any word or phrase, and a link to every occurrence will be easily accessible.

Jim McAdam, the editor of the paper copies of the Journal, was recently in the Islands, and the Dockyard Museum hosted a talk by Mr McAdam on the history and development of the Falkland Islands Journal since its inception in 1967.

The local liaison for the Falkland Islands Journal is Alison Barton, who is happy to answer all queries, including subscription details and article submissions (alison.barton@falklandislandsjournal.org).

The 1st Edition of the Falkland Islands Journal CD was launched in 2004, and there have been two subsequent editions, including all new Journals in each edition.

The 4th Edition CD, covering the years 1967-2015, is now on sale in Stanley as well as directly from Synergy.

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