



# FALKLAND ISLANDS MEMORIAL CHAPEL NEWSLETTER

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE - 2010

### CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Another year has gone and it has been a very good one for the Chapel. More and more visitors have made their way to Pangbourne; the College have had some wonderful events in the Chapel and our Annual Service in the Summer attracted over 500 to enjoy and reflect on the moving address delivered by Mission to Seafarers' Secretary General, The Reverend Bill Christianson, some marvellous music from the Choir and the Brass Quintet of the Irish Guards. In line with our Merchant Service theme for 2009 the Guest of Honour was Captain Ian McNaught, last Master of the QE2, and his wife Susan. The contribution made by the Merchant Service is underlined by the newly placed models in the Memorial Room. You can see our full report on pages 4 and 5.

2010 is a very special year in the life of the Chapel. It is the 10th Anniversary of the Official Opening by Her Majesty The Queen. Trustee Anthony Hudson, who was instrumental in raising the huge sums required to build the Chapel, has taken a trip down memory lane for us (pages 6 & 7).

In further celebration of the 10th Anniversary this year's Service – on Sunday June 13th – will have a theme of Friendship and to that end we are making a special effort to thank all those who support



*Members of HMS Invincible with their newly dedicated Standard at the Annual Service on Sunday June 14th 2009*

the Chapel as Friends together with many of the Major Benefactors who made the Chapel possible in the first place, by inviting them to join us all. The Bishop of Reading The Rt. Reverend Stephen Cottrell will preach – his predecessor dedicated the Chapel ten years ago at a most moving families' Service. Long term Friend of the Chapel and veteran of '82, Lt. General Sir Hew Pike KCB DSO MBE and his wife, Lady Jean, will be our guests of honour.

Those of you who were with us last year will have seen the newly re-furbished Memorial Room

(report page 2) and will note further improvements this year. After ten years our lovely hymn books are getting very tatty – they have served us well – and are due for replacement. We should have new and updated ones for you by June 13th generously part-funded by a local benefactor. The new hymn book will include our Falklands Hymn within its pages.

True to previous years Thomas Garnier and his College team have cared for and utilised the Chapel to optimum effect. The March Schools' Concert was patronised by five schools who collectively raised £3,200 for the

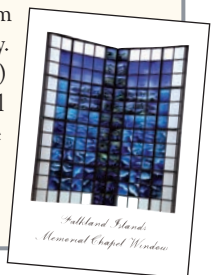
Childrens' Trust and demonstrated extraordinary musical talent in their performances. There have also been many other concerts and Services throughout the year and none so poignant as the Remembrance Sunday Service in November which is always a full house.

The Trustees and I very much look forward to seeing you in June when we promise another memorable Service and some refreshing fare afterwards.

Jeremy Sanders

#### BY POPULAR DEMAND

We have re-designed our Memorial Window notelet which was out of stock. So many people asked for a repeat and we hope our new version will meet with your approval. They are for sale in packs of ten for £5 (+postage) and can be obtained from the Secretary. (See page 3) Stocks will be available at the Annual Service.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel

**Saturday March 6th:**  
Charity Schools Concert at  
19.00hrs in aid of the  
Children's Trust.  
Tickets from Susie Belcher  
01189 842101

**Friday June 11th:**  
Flower Guild Masterclass at  
the Falkland Islands  
Memorial Chapel  
19.15hrs  
(see page 2 for details)

**Sunday June 13th:**  
Annual Service of  
Remembrance &  
Thanksgiving at 12.00hrs  
followed by refreshments in  
Drake Hall.

**Saturday April 24th:**  
Reunion Service and AGM  
The Guards Chapel  
at Wellington Barracks

#### Falkland Families Association

**Saturday June 12th:**  
Service at St Paul's Cathedral.  
Details on both occasions  
from FFA Secretary  
Cynthia Middlewick  
(see page 2)

## NOTICES

## MEMORIAL ROOM REFURBISHED

Visitors to the June Service were first to see the 'new look' Memorial Room unveiled. A model collection of each ship which set sail for the South Atlantic in 1982 – carefully crafted & donated by Brigadier Robin McGarel-Groves – is now displayed in a specially designed cabinet. Next to the Ships' display, the Ensign from HMS Glamorgan retrieved after the War, is housed within another display frame. Unfortunately the new computer in which the SAMA Garden of Remembrance is to be installed was not ready

for the big day but the matter has since been rectified. The RFA Sir Galahad Ship's Bell which was retrieved from the foc'sle by the tug which towed her out to sea in 1982 to be sunk as a War Grave, now has a permanent home in the Chapel foyer. A collection of prints donated by Falklands photographer, Norman Clarke, form a further facet of the refurbishment programme. The funding for the Memorial Room refurbishment was kindly provided by the Honorable Company of Master Mariners & the Falklands '82 Trust.



L-R Brigadier Robin McGarel-Groves, Anna & Anthony McGarel-Groves and Chairman Jeremy Sanders beside the model ships display in the Memorial Room

### FALKLAND ISLANDS MEMORIAL CHAPEL ASSOCIATIONS & CONTACTS

#### Falkland Families Association (FFA)

**Chairman:** Mrs Sara Jones CBE

**Secretary:** Mrs Cynthia Middlewick, 20 Newlands Close, Keymer, Hassocks, West Sussex BN6 8BQ

#### SAMA '82

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SAMA'82 AGM & Reunion Weekend: 26th-29th March at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Southport.

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Commodore David Squire and the RFA Sir Galahad Ship's Bell, now housed in the Chapel foyer

## FLORAL ART MASTERCLASS



On Friday June 11th John Chennel, National and International Floral Art Demonstrator, will perform a Masterclass in the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel at 20.00hrs preceded by an informal musical prelude at 19.15. The event has been organised by Sadie Clare and the ladies of the Chapel Flower Guild and tickets @ £10 can be obtained from Treasurer Richard Stone, Westfield, Woodview Road, Pangbourne, Reading RG8 7JN or email: [StoneRC@aol.com](mailto:StoneRC@aol.com). Cheques should be made payable to the FIMCT Flower Guild.

## SPECIAL 10TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE ON SUNDAY 13TH JUNE!

Please join the Trustees on Sunday 13th June 2010 for our special Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving in the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel at Pangbourne. The Service begins at 12.00 hrs and, as usual, will be followed by a buffet and refreshments in Drake Hall. You will find a reply slip with this newsletter to complete and return for catering numbers. This year our theme is 'Friendship' and we shall be joined by Lt. General Sir Hew Pike KCB DSO MBE, long term Friend of the Chapel and veteran of '82, and his wife, Lady Jean. Our preacher will be The Rt. Rev'd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Reading and his wife, Mrs Cottrell. It was the then Bishop of Reading, Rt. Rev'd Dominic Walker who performed the Dedication Ceremony of the Falklands Chapel

over a decade ago. This year we hope to be joined by many of the Friends who regularly help to maintain the Chapel in good order and some of the Major Benefactors who helped make the building of the Chapel possible.

The Trustees would like to hear from any members of families who would like to attend but have been unable to do so due to hardship or inability to travel distances unaccompanied. In special circumstances it may be possible for the Trustees to give a measure of assistance to those who have been regularly unable to attend as long as funds are available for this purpose. In this case a letter of application should be sent via the Secretary before the end of April and will be treated with the utmost confidence.



## NEWS

## RIDE 'EM HARLEY!

On May 10th 2009 twenty members of the Surrey Chapter UK Independent Harley Riders Club rode into Pangbourne to remember colleagues lost in 1982 on board HMS Coventry. The remembrance visit to the Chapel was organised by George Gordon, now a Road Captain with the Riders Group and trainer assessor with Balfour Beattie. Veteran, George, a Chief Petty Officer & Technician, travelled to the Falklands on board HMS Invincible and was deployed on several other ships including HMS Alacrity, HMS Bristol and HMS Coventry during the conflict.

*'I loved everything about the Memorial Chapel and have now been back twice; the first with the Riders Club to remember JDL Caddy, (Acting Chief Weapons Artificer), Lt. 'Ted' Heath and 'Ozzie' Ozbirn (Acting Weapons Engineering Mechanic) each killed when a 1,000lb bomb exploded in HMS Coventry's computer room. Ozzie and I were sharing a bunk at the time – so the memories will always be with me. I was the lucky one,' said George.*

*'I came back to the Chapel as part of the HMS Invincible Association group at the June service to see our new standard dedicated.'* He added.



Harley Riders Club members gather at the Cairn



Groups wishing to have their own 'special day' at the Chapel should contact Reverend Brian Cunningham on 01189 842101

## SUEZ VETERANS HONOUR 'LOCAL LAD'

Members of the Isle of Wight Suez Veterans Association spent a special day at the Memorial Chapel in September with their wives to pay homage to all those who died in 1982 and, in particular, 17 year old Andrew Swallow RN, a cook on board HMS Sheffield who hailed from Bembridge. The visit was organised by ex Suez Royal Artillery Bombardier, Bob Harris, who had previously visited the Chapel with his wife, Jan, and was moved by all the named kneelers.

*'When I saw young Andrew's kneeler I resolved to bring a group of our members to see it and the Memorial Chapel for themselves', said Bob. 'We had an absolutely brilliant day! Reverend Cunningham gave us a lovely talk before conducting a very moving Service for us. Then we had a conducted tour of the Chapel and a fantastic lunch prepared by the College chef.'* He added.



Suez Veterans and their wives in the memorial garden.

### THANK YOU

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has supported the Chapel this year both through regular giving and single donations. They would also like to acknowledge the contribution made by the Royal British Legion which helps them produce this newsletter and that made by Seafarers UK which supports an increasing pastoral care activity. They send their best wishes for 2010 to everyone.

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Suez Veteran, Bob Harris



## ANNUAL SERVICE 2009

## HUNDREDS TURN OUT FOR ANNUAL SERVICE

The turn out for the 2009 Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving was impressive. More than 500 members of bereaved families, veterans, serving personnel, supporters and Friends joined the Trustees and College community for another memorable day at the Memorial Chapel on Sunday June 14th.

This year it was the turn of the Merchant Navy to be remembered for its huge contribution in 1982. The Guest of Honour was Captain Ian McNaught, last Master of the QE2 and his wife Susan. The Mission to Seafarers' Secretary General, The Reverend Bill Christianson, delivered a memorable and moving address. Nicci Pugh, former Senior Nursing Officer, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service on board HM Hospital Ship Uganda, read the first lesson and the RFA Sir Galahad Ship's Bell, now in its new home in the Chapel foyer, was struck eight times by Trustee Commodore David Squire to herald the start of the Service.

A substantial group of veterans from the HMS Invincible W.O.'s & C.P.O.'s 82 Association were in the congregation to witness the dedication of their new Standard by Reverend Christianson, after which the Act of Remembrance was led by Trust Chairman Rear Admiral Jeremy Sanders. As usual the standard of music produced by the choir, organist and Brass Quintet of the Irish Guards was supreme and, for the second year running, RM Piper Keith 'Paddy' Burton, in spite of a significant leg injury, played his moving rendition of the Lament following the Irish Guards Bugler's Last Post.

Among the guests was Brigadier Robin McGarel-Groves whose fascinating and intricately crafted models display of many of the ships which travelled to the Islands in the 1982 Falklands Flotilla was on show for the first time in the Memorial Room. The Brigadier was accompanied by his son, Anthony and granddaughter, Anna.



Ian Cox, Standard Bearer for HMS Antrim Association



Lionel Higgins and John Newman of RFA Sir Tristram



Nicci Pugh, former Senior Nursing Officer, Hospital Ship Uganda with Admiral Sir John 'Sandy' Woodward



Christina & Rob Parkhouse remembering Able Seaman (Electronic Warfare) Stephen Heyes RN HMS Ardent



L-R SAMA members Kenny Dawkins, 'Joe' Erskine, Paddy Erskine, Annette Dawson, Mark Griffin and 'Dickie' Dawson



Pauline & Janet Findlay with Graham Heaton MBE & Steve Gerard remembering Colour Sergeant GPM Findlay 2 Para



HMS Hermes Association members



Richard Tipping with Margaret Keeper, both HMS Hermes Association, who made and presented her HMS Hermes wall hanging to the Chapel Trustees



# ANNUAL SERVICE 2009



Bugler of the Irish Guards  
Brass Quintet



CPO Kevin Robinson, Mrs Marilyn Brown and Mr Graham Brown remembering those lost on board HMS Glamorgan



Falkland Islands Government  
Representative Sukey Cameron  
MBE with Legassy Member Mike  
Summers and his wife



Sara Jones CBE with her  
grandsons



L-R Alexandra Garnier, Sir John Kiszely, Lady Arabella Kiszely, Rear Admiral  
Jeremy Sanders, Captain Ian McNaught, Mrs McNaught, Mrs Jane Sanders



L-R Veteran Iain Shickle (chief petty officer in 1982) with Captain Brian  
Young ( CO of HMS Antrim & President of the Antrim Association) who  
sadly died on Christmas Eve



Long time Chapel supporters Paul  
& Lucy Sayce, HMS Conqueror



Frank and Janet Schofield with  
friend Carole Anderson



Mr and Mrs Stan Jones  
remembering their son, Christopher



Brian and Alan Dodsworth remembering  
Private Mark Dodsworth 3 Para



## 10 YEARS ON

## THE LONG &amp; WINDING ROAD

Anyone who has read Anthony Hudson's book about the evolution of the Chapel will know that it went through three incarnations before it became the beloved place it is today. First off it was to be an Elim Chapel transported from Salisbury & rebuilt 'stone by stone' at Pangbourne; the concept elicited nearly £1million of donations after which the then owners of the proposed Chapel reneged on the deal. Undeterred, the Trustees set about designing a traditional Chapel building 'in keeping' with its surroundings of natural beauty – a safer, new build bet which would fit happily into the outline planning consent previously received. BUT – the Millennium was looming and the planners were 'treading water'. Then – the bombshell – planning permission was withheld unless the Trustees complied with a new, forward-looking concept instigated by the Royal Fine Arts Commission. 'Run a competition amongst architects throughout Britain to get a modern looking building to reflect the future', they were told. Many would have given up at that pivotal point – but the RFAC were dealing with men of extreme determination who had, not so long before, been instrumental in helping to expel the Argentinians from the Falklands. They wanted their Memorial Chapel and a deal was struck. The nationwide competition attracted 75 hopeful architects and produced the Chapel we have today which, in hindsight, echoes perfectly the inspiration of all those involved in its conception and being. You can read this fascinating story, the disappointments, the pitfalls, the struggles, and finally the victorious result in 'Just To See His Name' by Anthony Hudson MBE which is sold in aid of the Chapel Trust @ £10 a copy.

A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME  
BY ANTHONY HUDSON

*Their name liveth for evermore...*  
Rudyard Kipling.

Twenty years ago the idea for a Memorial Chapel at Pangbourne to commemorate the 258 who lost their lives in the Falklands in 1982 was put to the College community in a sermon in Drake Hall. Ten years later the Memorial building made flesh was presented to the families bereaved in that war of 100 days. For those involved in the project these were emotional times.

Three services, each with its own identity, welcomed the Chapel to a busy life. Remembrance Sunday 1999, a 'dress rehearsal' for the College, saw over 700 pupils and parents participating, many standing upstairs, all appreciating the simplicity and space created by architect Crispin Wride's winning design. A week later the Chapel was dedicated by the Bishop of Reading, the Rt. Reverend Dominic Walker, supported by an inspiring talk by Admiral Sir Henry Leach in the presence of many of the bereaved families who were visiting "their memorial" for the first time. Widows, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters, children too, one or two not even born by the end of the war, found their arrival to be an emotional experience. Seeing the 258 names carved in stone at

once created an emotional atmosphere. Some needed to trace their father's name with fingers on the wall; each family carried into the service a kneeler bearing their loved one's name, many becoming reluctant to return them – indeed one grieving father on his last visit to England was eventually allowed to take his son's home and a willing volunteer was at once commissioned to make a replacement. A first sight of the beautiful interior, of John Clark's stained glass window, a fine service and a first rendering of the Falklands hymn, written especially for the occasion, eased the pain. Tears flowed, barriers came down, veterans and officers were in great demand as the Families began to realise what had been created.

The third service, in March 2000, heralded the presence of Her Majesty the Queen to perform the Official Opening ceremony. This time the congregation included further constituencies with Lady Thatcher (who had launched the Chapel building appeal in 1993) and senior representatives of the Forces along with many campaign veterans, major donors, Falkland Families and Pangbournians. The spirit of the day was best summed up by a long time royal watcher who



opined: "This was the best, the friendliest, the most approachable occasion I've ever witnessed". A relationship between Trustees, bereaved families, veterans, and College was forged that, thanks to the on-going work of Secretary Angela Perry, still sustains us today. The Chapel has increasingly justified the Trustees' brave decision to press ahead – against all odds at some points – and has become a focal point for lingering grief and, for many, an annual pilgrimage to the Annual Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving each June. The College too has found a defined role in which two generations of pupils have delighted in the privilege of receiving, guiding, hosting and mingling with our extended family. The choir adds immeasurably to the Services while we are truly blessed in having the ever present College Chaplain, Reverend Brian Cunningham, to serve his wider constituency so generously.

Our Annual Services continue to re-unite friendships new and old, while many distinguished visitors have brought lustre to these occasions. Sermons from Lord Carey, former Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Rev Noel Jones, former Chaplain of the Fleet, & Bishop of Sodor and Man have set the tone, strongly supported by the likes of General Sir Mike Jackson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Jock Stirrup, Vice Admiral Tim McClement, Major General Jim Dutton, The Second Sea Lord and many others. Our patron, Prince Andrew, having placed the foundation stone in 1998, returned to inspect the finished article in 2002 and expressed himself well pleased. By contrast



June 14th 2007 - Lady Thatcher speaking with members of HMS Chatham and 25 year olds Jim Hailwood & Robbie Dent whose fathers were killed in 1982



## 10 YEARS ON



Admiral Sir Henry Leach with  
Chairman Jeremy Sanders

it was hardly surprising that no such figurehead would preside over the BBC production of Songs of Praise for this involved wearing the same clothes, sitting in the same chairs and rehearsing the same hymns for three long nights running. Despite the BBC's difficulty in hiding their cameras within the clean lines of the chapel they still successfully shared the programme live with counterparts in the Falklands.

Perpetuating the memory of those who died has encouraged Trustees to open the Chapel to a yet wider community. Three Flower Festivals have brought in thousands of people over the years. Chapel devotee Sadie Clare was the instigator, backed up by a willing team who not only create the most stunning displays at festival time but also compound the affection that surrounds the Chapel by ensuring continuous floral decorations appropriate to the Christian year. Breathtaking



L-R The Right Reverend Noel  
Jones, Bishop of Sodor & Man  
with Reverend Brian Cunningham  
and Reverend David Cooper

floral tributes were glowingly described in the press but, as more than one visitor wrote: "Nevertheless....the star of the show proved to be the Chapel itself".

Other Charity events involve the Schools' concert in the spring, the College Choral Society and Christmas carol concerts. Local schools are encouraged to use the Chapel for services thereby bringing new congregations to enjoy the excellent acoustics. A growing number of veterans' associations now visit the Chapel on days special to them when the Chaplain will 'hone' a Service to their own specific brief (see page 3).

Inevitably the last decade has seen development and change. Apart from all the domestic maintenance issues that have had to be addressed, the Trustees, aided by the College Bursar, strive to keep the building up to date and to that end the newly refurbished memorial room bears witness (see page 2). Similarly the gift of the three bronze albatrosses crafted by sculptor Mark Coreth, a veteran Scots Guardsman of 1982, have embellished the external landscape and are much admired by visitors.

In seeking to give a significant memorial focus to the Falklands 25th anniversary, the Trustees, led by Scots Guardsman Alastair Bruce, encouraged visitors to leave a stone in memory of a loved one, friend or colleague to

create a permanent cairn beside the Chapel. By 2007 hundreds of stones were incorporated into an appropriate form and the Government had announced that the national commemorations would begin at Pangbourne. Her Majesty the Queen graciously consented to return to the Chapel and complete the cairn by placing the one last stone. This provided a meaningful centrepiece for the Chapel Trustees to welcome back many families and veterans. Led by the reassuring tones of Brian Hanrahan, the voice of the Falklands in 1982, the BBC provided live transmission, again linked to the Falklands. This constituted a remarkable culmination of the 10 years since our patron had laid the Foundation Stone and gave great pleasure to the first Chairmen of the Trust, Admiral Sir John 'Sandy' Woodward and Captain Mike Barrow, both so warmly welcomed back.

Those of us who live relatively humdrum lives can be inspired by men and women who give their lives for their country. Some of our Chapel names are well known, some less so, but there is eloquence and power in the message that those who died serving their country are equally valued in death. Gray's Elegy in a Country Churchyard remains one of our greatest poems because it concerns people who never did things that the world heard about, yet it gives them dignity by setting them beside those that did. "And some there be, which have no memorial, who

are perished as though they had never been". That is not the case here. Regular use of the Chapel by thousands of visitors, especially the Pangbourne community on a daily basis, ensures that the legacy of the 258 names inspires and dignifies the lives of our extended family. Here in the heart of the Berkshire countryside their names really do live on. This suggests that the Trustees' concept of a living memorial has indeed come to pass.



Her Majesty The Queen places her  
stone in the Cairn for the 25th  
Anniversary



Trustees gather on the steps outside  
Devitt House in 2008



Her Majesty The Queen enjoys the children & their posies on 14th June 2007



Mark Coreth's bronze albatrosses  
beside the Chapel

## MORE NEWS

## THIRD GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES £4,000



The winning Union Jack Club Team receive the Falklands Shield and prizes: L-R Monica Mercak, Chairman Jeremy Sanders, Tony Davies, Ben Paras and Kevin Opoe

The Falklands Shield Golf Tournament, played every other year at Wroxton Mill Golf Course concluded with a win for the Union Jack Club Team. Second place went to the Old Merchant Taylors team with Pangbourne Governors taking third place. 19 teams pitched their skills on this challenging course throughout the Summer 2009 and collectively raised £4,000 for the Chapel Trust. Most had played before – in 2005 & 2007 – so they knew what they were in for and were happy to return to the challenge. In the main the weather was kind although one team was interrupted with thunder & lightning and sought refuge in the 'Club House' (Jem Appleton's Huntercombe Kites).



Tony Baldry MP presents Sadie Clare (of Flower Guild Team) with the best lady prize

The prize-giving day in October, attended by thirty representatives of teams, was a convivial occasion when the local MP, Rt Hon. Tony Baldry MP (Cons) presented the prizes to eager participants. "I had a lot of fun over the Summer entertaining Golfers after they had played their rounds", said Secretary Angela Perry. "The support for the Chapel was brilliant and I was so pleased to see old friends and make new ones for the Chapel".



L-R Second prize winners Old Merchant Taylors (R-L) Colin Heck, Tim Walsham & team captain Peter Hawes with Rt.Hon.Tony Baldry MP for North Oxfordshire

## WHAT YOU TOLD US.....

At last year's Service Mrs Ann Grose (mother of Private Neil Grose 3 Para) told us about a Veterans and Families Drop In Centre she is involved with at the Royal Maritime Club in Portsmouth which is open on the first Wednesday of each month from 14.00 to 19.00 hrs. Telephone : 01329 834512 (Dr Morgan O'Connell).

Mrs Diana Batt (widow of Lt. Cdr.Gordon WJ Batt DSC RN 800 Sq. FAA HMS Hermes) told us about a book called 'Church Flowers' by Judith Blacklock published by the Flower Press (ISBN 13-978-0-9552391-68) which features one of the floral displays done by Chapel Masterclass Expert Glenis Smith (page 318).

If you have something to tell us which you would like passed on through this newsletter, please fill in the section on your (encl.) Annual Service reply slip.

## WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE CHAPEL

Over the years we have received so many wonderful letters from you about how the Chapel has affected your lives or helped you in some way. In this 10th Anniversary year we're publishing some of these sentiments, anonymously. Please keep the letters coming. They are all hugely valued and gratefully received.

"A very special thank you for all your thoughtfulness...and for all you do for the Falkland families" **Bereaved Mother**

"My wife and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Trustees and all those involved in making yesterday's anniversary Service such a memorable one. It was a truly fitting occasion for the fallen and great consolation to the bereaved to see so many people pay their respects in that beautiful Chapel....." **Bereaved Parents**

"...but most of all we were struck by the beauty and magnificence of the Chapel...we talked to so many people after the Service and were so moved by what they said; it was a truly humbling experience and we were very honoured to be part of it" **Chapel Supporters**

"My wife and I were fulfilled by the occasion and particularly enjoyed the anthem sung by the excellent choir" **Veteran Commander**

"sincere thanks on behalf of all our members...a most moving and memorable ceremony" **Merchant Navy Association Branch Member**

"I thank the Trustees for their kindness and care for every detail of a wonderful day.." **Visiting Preacher**

"...the Chapel has such a tranquil feeling about it...we were so pleased to leave our stone for the Cairn in memory of my husband's lost colleague" **Wife of Veteran CO**

"A moving and impressive Service which was clearly hugely appreciated by so many families" **Veteran**

"...a beautiful and moving memorial of the events of 1982, and especially of the people who took part in them..." **Visitor**