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NEW MEMBERS: Marlene Bacarese-Hamilton; Christopher Challacombe; Lesley Challacombe

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TRADITIONAL VISIT TO GIBRALTAR 5th to 12th JUNE

This has been cancelled due to lack of support.

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2005 LUNCHEON TO MARK NELSON BICENTENARY

This takes place on Saturday 25 June 2005 at The Trafalgar Tavern at Greenwich which overlooks the River Thames.

There are three ways to reach the Trafalgar tavern.

River cruise –

Embankment to Greenwich £6.60 single £8.20 return.

Departure Embankment 10.00 Arrival 11.10

Departure Embankment 1040 Arrival 11.50

Departure Embankment 11.20 Arrival 12.30 This is the sailing that most members will be on.

Tube to North Greenwich

Car – difficult to find parking.

After lunch it will be possible to visit the Painted Hall and Chapel and then on to the Nelson Exhibition at the National Maritime Museum.

The following reservations have been made: Victor and Magda Risso, Mr and Mrs Grummet, David Heck, Neil MacLachlan, Mr and Mrs Inker, Elizabeth McCutchan (5 covers), Margaret Martini-Facio, Charles and Maribel Pou, Michael and Elizabeth Carroll, Dr June Raeburn, Mike and Brenda Brufal, Mr and Mrs Whiteley, Richard and Ditte Wells; Jenny Penn, Captain Peter Elvin RN, Maxime Torrents del Pratts, John and Dorothy Mizen, Lois Bailey (2 covers), James and Marianne Copp, Brian and Stephanie Waters, Vivian Azzopardi, John Mattison, Freda Stuart, Mary Hirst, Peter and Valerie Abraham, Andrew and Patricia Frearson, Lily Evernett (2 covers), Anne Benady Peter and Anne Watson.

Those wishing to confirm their reservations and those wishing to make reservations should send a cheque for £ 35 per head, made payable to FOGHS, to Michael Brufal, 24 Guernsey Drive, Ancells Farm, Fleet, Hampshire GU51 2TG.

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PICILAVE 2005

This will be held on July 3rd at The Hideaway, Hatford Down, Faringdon, Oxon by kind courtesy of Reggie Norton. It will be organised by David Inker davidjinker@msn.com Please see booking form.

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NATIONAL DAY PARTY

A reception will be held on Wednesday 14th September 2005 at Lambeth Palace to mark National Day. Due to an unforeseen £500 room charge fee it is necessary to charge £30 per head (this includes food and drink); so unless a minimum of fifty people make a firm booking the event will not be financially viable and will be cancelled. Those wishing to attend should send a cheque for £30 per head payable to FOGHS and dated the 1st of September 2005. These cheques will be destroyed should the event be cancelled. The cut off date is July 1st 2005.

The following have reserved places: Richard and Ditte Wells, Maxime Torrents dels Pratts, Lois Bailey, Brian and Audrey Patton, Mike and Brenda Brufal, James and Marianne Copp, Brian and Stephanie Waters, Freda Stuart, Vivian Azzopardi, John Mattison, Victor and Magda Risso, Peter and Valerie Abraham, Ian and Mariana Ineson, Carmen Skippen, Andrew and Patricia Freason-Bassadone, Richard and Janette Whiteley, Chris and Rosemarie Ferrary Davis, Janet and Neville Whiteley.

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SEMINAR 2005

The FOGHS Gibraltar seminar will be held on Saturday 1st October 2005 at the Warwick Arms Hotel. The change of month is to ensure no clash with the visit to Gibraltar to mark the bicentenary of Admiral Lord Nelson's death.

The hotel has reverted to an inclusive price per room, bed and breakfast and three course dinner for a price of £50 per person. (This is £2 more than the 2004 price). The supplement for single persons occupying a double room has been increased to £10.

The 2005 seminar will be organised jointly by Janet Whiteley and Tito Benady.

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Contact address and telephone number; Tito Benady, Rosehill Farm, 38 Main Road, Grendon, Northants NN7 1JW

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BICENTENARY OF ADMIRAL LORD NELSON'S DEATH

Nelson Bicentenary Visit Monday 24 October to Monday 31 October (7 nights)

Draft programme:

24 October; arrive and evening briefing by the Gibraltar Heritage Trust.

25 October; Optional rock tour. Visit the Convent (Governor's residence). Cocktail party hosted by Joe Gaggero, President of the Bland Group of Companies.

26 October; Alameda Gardens – tunnel tour – visit to the Garrison Library -Maritime Exhibition 'Sentinel of the Mediterranean' Casemates Exhibition Gallery - dinner at Lord Nelson, Casemates Square.

27 October; Trip by coach to Tarifa, Cape Trafalgar and Cadiz. Delegates to arrange their own lunch at Cadiz. Euros needed. Admiral Sir Derek Reffell to lay wreath in memory of Admiral Lord Nelson.

28-30 October Calpe Conference Theme 'Sentinel of the Mediterranean. Venue John Mackintosh Hall. All official delegates are registered at this conference and are expected to attend some lectures.

28 October; Beating Retreat in front of the Tower. Admiral Sir Derek Reffell to lay wreath in Rosia Bay to mark the entry of HMS Victory into the bay.

29 October; Royal Naval Guard Ceremonial Guard mount and Freedom of the City Parade.

29 October; Trafalgar Gun Salute

29 October; noon. The Re-enactment Society marches down Main Street to Casemates in period uniform.

30 October; Battle of Trafalgar Remembrance Service.

30 October; 8pm Royal Marine band concert in St Michael's Cave. Price £10 a ticket.

30 October End of tour dinner at the Rock Hotel.

31 October; Return to Gatwick

Reservations have been made by the following: Admiral Sir Derek and Lady Reffell, Colonel and Mrs R. Eveleigh, Mrs E. McCutchan, Mr and Mrs G. Fulcher, Miss M. Norfolk, Mr and Mrs B. Waters, Mr and Mrs N. Whiteley, Lt Commander and Mrs B. Dutton, Dr and Mrs G. Mann, Miss A. Spencer, Mr and Mrs J. Bewley, Mr P. Fisher, Miss M. Hirst, Mr N. Maclachlan, Mr and Mrs L. Piercy, Mr and Mrs M. Copp, Mr A. Stanley, Mr B. Moseley, Captain P. Elvin RN, Mr and Mrs D. Hayes, Mr and Mrs J West, Mr B. West, Mr and Mrs J. Cant, Master C. Cant, Mr and Mrs R. Johnson, Mrs A. Fitzwilliams, Mr and Mrs D. McCutchan, Miss G. McCutchan, Miss M. McCutchan, Mr and Mrs V. Risso, Mr and Mrs M. Brufal, Miss J. Penn, Captain and Mrs B. Longworth, Mr and Mrs S. Parsonson, Mr and Mrs D. Inker.

As the Rock Hotel is full these delegates will be staying at the Bristol Hotel.

Mr and Mrs Peter Green,

If you wish to join the party then telephone Alison Collins on 02380 828401 Fax 02380 228601 or email alison.Collins@cadogan-soton.co.uk

If you intend to make your own way down to Gibraltar and are finding your own accommodation but wish to join the party please email lendinez@aol.com. Do this even if you have already communicated.

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2006 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

The 2006 Meeting of members will take place on 8th February 2006 at the Gibraltar Government Office in the Strand (By kind permission of Albert Poggio). A ticket costs £15. Anyone wishing to reserve a ticket should contact Ernie Reading at ernie@reading171.fsnet.co.uk or telephone number:

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EUROPEAN-ATLANTIC GROUP

Mrs Elma Dangerfield has agreed that FOGHS members can attend the European Atlantic Group dinners and luncheons. The website can be visited at www.eaq.org.uk
Tuesday, 21st June – His Eminence Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor, The Archbishop of Westminster, on 'Religion and Politics'.

At St Ermin's Hotel for dinner debate.

Tuesday, July 5th – The Rt. Hon. The Lord Radice on 'Europe and the Referendum'.

Luncheon debate at a prominent London Club.

Any member wishing to attend should contact Justin Glass on 0207 352 1226.

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GIBRALTAR GOVERNMENT OFFICE

Philatelic stamps and books, including 'The Frontiers of Doubt' by Paco Oliva, are now on sale at the Gibraltar Government Office in the Strand.

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EXTRA DISCOUNTS

Cadogan Worldwide Travel are award winning independent Travel Agencies based in Chelsea and Bournemouth. FOGHS members will experience professional service from well-trained staff. They can advise on where to go, what to see - and what to avoid.

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OBITUARY**PROFESSOR QUENTIN HUGHES**

'Jimmy' Quentin Hughes volunteered for the army on the outbreak of the Second World War and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery. He first saw Gibraltar on his way out to Malta where, throughout the siege, he served in 48/71 'Broken Wheel' Battery RA of the 26th Defence Regiment and, for a while, as Aerodrome Defence Commander of Safi airfield where he trained men of the 5th Coast Regiment RA in an anti-parachute role. He volunteered for the Special Air service and served in North Africa and Italy where his attack on the German airfield at S. Egidio was instrumental in preventing the German reconnaissance aircraft spotting the Allied landings at Anzio. Captured by the

Germans, he escaped by jumping off a train and became liaison officer to Brigada Garibaldin in Marchigiana.

Several times wounded – he lost the use of his right eye and ear and the pronation in his left arm – he was awarded the Military Cross and Bar.

On his return to England he was made Chief Instructor to the 2nd S.A.S. Regiment, also training French and Belgian saboteurs whom he dropped onto objectives in Northern Western Europe.

After the war he became interested in the study of fortifications and has written a number of books including *Fortress*, 1969, *Military Architecture* 1974 & 1991, *Britain in the Mediterranean and the defence of her naval stations*, 1993 and *Malta: a guide to the fortifications*, 1993.

Professor Hughes was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, the Royal Historical Society, the Royal Society of Arts and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

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DAVID DEVENISH

Tito Benady writes:

The Society regrets to announce the death of member David Devenish BA, AMA, who was well known in Gibraltar because he was Curator of the Gibraltar Museum from 1967 to 1970, while the new Curator, Joaquin Bensusan was training in England. During his time in Gibraltar he introduced many changes in the museum. After he returned to England, David was curator for some years of museums at Hastings, in Barbados and at Wisbech. He subsequently became a museum consultant with the British Executive Service Overseas. His new position meant he travelled widely to places like Hungary, Albania, the Gambia, and Rarotonga in the Cook Islands, advising on the organization of museums.

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COLONEL MIKE CAMPBELL-LAMERTON

Mike Campbell-Lamerton was born on 1st August 1933, educated at Ottershaw School and played rugby for Guildford, Halifax, the Army, Combined Services, Blackheath, London Scottish, Surrey, Yorkshire, the Barbarians, Scotland and the British Lions. He won 23 caps for Scotland and played in the four tests for the British Lions in South Africa during the 1962 tour; was appointed Captain for the 1966 tour to Australia and New Zealand. At 6ft 4in and weighing 17 stone he was the ideal No 8.

Upon marriage to Marie Christine Cottrell he became a Gibraltarian and so became Gibraltar's first rugby international. They had three sons, Jeremy, Michael and Ian who went on to play for London Scottish whilst Jeremy won three caps for Scotland in 1986 and 87.

Mike joined the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in his teens and served in Korea, Suez, Kenya, Gibraltar and Cyprus. During the Korean war in 1953 he was pipped to a Military Cross by another Scottish rugby international, David Gilbert-Smith; there could be only one medal and so it was awarded to the marginally senior but older officer. Campbell-Lamerton was awarded the MBE, 1974 and OBE, 1979.

After leaving the Army he was appointed Bursar at Balliol College, Oxford and went on to become President and Treasurer of Oxford University Rugby Football Club. Later he was elected emeritus Fellow of the College.

In 2001 prostate cancer was diagnosed, an illness he endured with great fortitude. He died on March 17 and is survived by his wife and three sons.

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Webmaster's report

National Day BBQ:

John and Selene Borda will (weather permitting) hold a BBQ on Saturday 10th September for FOGHS members and friends of Gibraltar at their home in Newmarket. Please bring along a dish to share (similar to Pikilavi, but a BBQ will be available for cooking). There is a large field outside the back of the house for ball games. While this is not an official FOGHS event, donations in aid of FOGHS will be welcomed. Please e-mail jborda@gibnews.net or call 01638 602249 in the first instance so we are aware of numbers and can give suitable parking advice.

Change of Treasurer/Membership secretary

Will members please note that David Inker is the new Treasurer/Membership secretary. Annual renewals and requests for new memberships should be sent to him at:

"Macausland House" 15 Skye Close, Cosham, Portsmouth, Hants PO6 3LT

Webmaster: www.foghs.org.uk

Further suggestions for enhancing/updating the website would be appreciated. In particular, anyone who has before/after pictures of Ince's grave, recently cleaned up with funds from FOGHS. I hope to give the Rooke statue pictures more prominence soon.

News websites:

www.chronicle.gi

www.panorama.gi

Gibraltar links:

<http://dmoz.org/Regional/Europe/Gibraltar/>

This is a human-edited directory, feel free to submit Gibraltar sites for inclusion, there is a form online for this purpose.

www.gibraltar2004.gov.gi Tercentenary website

www.trafalgar200.com Trafalgar bicentenary website,

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LETTERS IN THE NATIONAL PRESS

The Baroness Hooper – The Tablet 9 April

One of the most moving things about Pope John Paul's death, after such a long and evident illness, has been the sense of shock and personal loss displayed not only by those close to him, but by the many who were interviewed at random in all parts of the world.

The Pope was a truly remarkable man who changed the image of the papacy and brought it closer to the people. He succeeded in doing this without any loss of the dignity attached to this highest of offices and without compromising the clear moral message of the Church's traditional teachings.

For those of us who were privileged to meet him personally – I shall never forget hearing Mass in his private chapel in the Vatican and receiving communion from him – his warmth and humanity shone through.

His Polish background and the period of history through which he lived clearly forged his views and resulted in his efforts to reach out to the most far-flung parts of the world, and to fight for freedom and justice wherever he saw it under threat. In Europe in particular he turned the key on Communism which enabled others to push open the door.

With this in mind, when we now look forward to what special attributes his successor could bring to the task, I believe that we should be looking outside Europe in order to reflect present-day realities. Above everything else Pope John Paul was a great human being and an inspiration to us all. I am sure that the cardinals in conclave will feel that inspiration.

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The Marques de Lendinez- Daily Mail 11 April

Question: Did the French bomb Gibraltar during World War 11?

The answer is Yes.

In 1940 metropolitan France had collapsed but Churchill hoped that resistance against Germany would continue, particularly in the French colonies. The Prime Minister hoped that the French fleet would sail to British ports to continue the struggle against Fascism alongside the Royal Navy. Alas this was not to be so Churchill had to ensure that as few of the French capital ships as possible were left within German reach. In British ports the French ships were taken over without difficulty; in Alexandria Admiral Cunningham persuaded his French colleague to demilitarize his ships; but at Mers-el-Kebir the French Admiral Gensoul refused Admiral Somerville's request to do so. Force H was ordered to sail from Gibraltar and lay off Mers-el-Kebir. When the deadline to surrender was reached Somerville ordered Force H to open fire. All but one of the French ships was heavily damaged. Twelve hundred and seventy nine French sailors were killed and 351 wounded.

The bitterness engendered in French minds by this grim but necessary action resulted in three air raid attacks on Gibraltar.

The French Moroccan air force bombed Gibraltar on 18 July in a half hearted way, dropping most of their bombs in the sea. One bomb fell on the Loretto Convent killing one of the nuns. Two other people were killed and eleven injured elsewhere in the city

French planes went on to bomb Gibraltar on the 24 and 25 September. One hundred and fifty bombs were dropped in the first raid and about one hundred aircraft dropped some three hundred bombs in the second. Three French aircraft were shot down. Damage was not serious as most of the bombs fell in the sea. There were no further attacks.

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HELP PLEASE

Mick Ward married Doris Anoa in the King's Chapel whilst serving with the 1st Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment on the 12th March 1958. They wish to trace all those who attended the wedding. Doris used to live at 40 Prince Edward's Road with her mother and stepfather. Answers to snoopiel@bigpond.com

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FEBRUARY 2005**5000 SIGNATURES AND COUNTING IN OPPOSITION TO FUNICULAR**

The signature collection campaign conducted by the Joint Platform (ESG, Gibraltar Heritage Trust & GONHS) in opposition to the proposed Funicular project has so far been resoundingly successful, its organisers said yesterday.

They said that a very large majority of people approached so far have shown themselves to be against this potentially disastrous project, and well in excess of 5000 signatures have been collected to the present.

“This clearly demonstrates the magnitude of opposition to the Funicular amongst Gibraltarians. Our campaign to demonstrate the very obvious overall public rejection of the Funicular will continue for as long as the project proposal remains on the table.

Since a large percentage of the population has not yet been approached and most housing estates have still to be visited, we are confident that our final result will comfortably exceed an overall electoral majority,” they said urging support. Mean while their campaign around housing estates and around the town centre will continue.

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FSC MAN AWARDED CM STATUS

David Parody, Chief Operations Officer at the Financial Services Commission, has been awarded ‘Chartered Manager’ status, the Gibraltar Chapter of the Chartered Management Institute announced yesterday. It is an award given in recognition for his professional achievements.

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GIBRALTAR BANKERS’ ASSOCIATION

Roy Clinton was elected president of the Gibraltar Bankers’ Association.

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WHISTLER AWARD

Colour Sergeant Winston Payas, the Royal Gibraltar Regiment, was awarded the Whistler Shield after attending the Regular Recruiters Course at the joint Royal Naval and Army Schools of Recruiting.

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MARCH**CADOGAN WINS AGAIN**

Cadogan Holidays won the award of Best Specialist Tour Operator-Short Haul at the Travel Weekly Golden Globes Awards.

The award was presented by radio and television personality Johnny Vaughan to Gary David. This was the seventh time in nine years that this award has been given to Cadogan Holidays. As this award is the result of a poll amongst travel agents Gary told the Gibraltar Chronicle that this confirms what he has always proudly boasted , that Cadogan really is the best.

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SIR GEORGE GAGGERO SCHOLARSHIP

The Duke of York , Grand Master, the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators , presented the awards at the Guild's annual Trophies and Awards dinner held at the Guildhall.

Joe Gaggero, a long standing Guild member, donated the Sir George Gaggero scholarship in memory of his father. This is to provide funds to enable the recipient to train for a private pilot's license. The award by presented by the Duke to Luke Matthew Jonathan Berry.ws

James Gaggero has been invited to become a member of the Guild.

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HAYDEN WARREN- GASH

Hayden Warren-Gash is a distinguished old boy of the Gibraltar desk and spent many a late hour trying to resolve the Gibraltar problem. In 1996 he was Head of the Southern European Department reporting to none other than Francis Richards, Under Secretary of State. Hayden has being appointed Ambassador to Columbia.

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HELP PLEASE

Carlos Raggio has written to say that he wishes to start of a Friends of Gibraltar Society in Australia and seeks names and addresses of expatriate Gibraltarians.

Carlos has lived down under for 33 years and was born in Belfast in 1945. His family name dates back to the mid 1770s when his ancestor arrived from Genoa to settle on the Rock.

So far two Gibraltarians have been located in Sydney and the trio and families have met to set the scene for the establishment of a Society when enough expatriate Gibraltarians have been found to make up a quorum.

Any reader who has a name and address of a Gibraltar in Australia is asked to contact Carlos on craggio@bigpond.com.au and his address is 80 Whitby Road, Kings Langley, Sydney NSW 2147 Australia.

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LORD HOWE OF ABERAVON

Lord Howe of Aberavon delivered a magnificent eulogy at the service of thanksgiving for the life and work of the Hon. Sir David Gore-Booth.

In the margins of the service at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey he told the Gibraltar Chronicle that, following advice received from Gibraltar, a decision had been taken for him not to fly down to address the Gibraltar Federation of Small Businesses. His subject was to have been the Brussels Process and the Airport Agreement. This has now been overtaken by political events and has been consigned to history. He wished this new process of dialogue between the three parties every success.

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WRONG SIGN

Outside the Copacabana stands a fine sign which amongst other locations points the way to the Elliott Hotel. Unfortunately the civic powers that be did not check the spelling and it proudly points the way to the Elliot Hotel. The sign writer obviously was oblivious to the fact that the Christian name Elio originated on the Rock after the legendary General Sir George Eliott.

When will the mistake be corrected?

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GIBRALTAR

It is rare for a house to come up for sale in the hamlet of Gibraltar, near Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire. The hamlet consists of some dozen houses and a pub and can indeed be described as paradise. It appears that no Gibraltarian lives there. But a cottage has come up for sale at £475,000. The sales brochure describes the building as a highly individual, charming Grade 11 listed detached cottage which is believed to date back to the 17th century. There is an 18foot sitting room with beamed ceiling, kitchen/breakfast room, two bedrooms, a dressing room and a downstairs shower room.

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SIZER BARKER

Nat and Patricia Bruzon are delighted to report that Siker Barker won the Red Dragon Pop Factory music awards. Their son, Tim, is a key member of this group whose current release is 'Hotel Juicy Parlour'.

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GROSS ERROR

A postcard on sale in Main Street states that 'Gibraltar, solid as a Rock, British since 1804'. Surely this should be withdrawn from sale forthwith if not sooner. The card is printed in Barcelona and distributed in Gibraltar by Claire Susan -LL 42 TAD North Wales,

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MICHAEL PORTILLO

Those with long memories will remember the conversion to support the inalienable right of the Gibraltarians to self determination of the distinguished politician, Sir William Teeling, and the equally distinguished Catholic journalist Hugh Kay. Both, alas, are no longer with us.

Michael Portillo has now been converted to the Gibraltarian rather than the Spanish point of view about the Gibraltar problem.

Following his successful and witty speech at a Gibraltar Chamber of Commerce dinner Michael has contributed an article to the current edition of 'Mediterranean Life' the inflight magazine of GB Airways.

The Conservative politician and former member of the cabinet is introduced thus; 'A self-confessed Spain enthusiast he is tempted over the border to Gibraltar where he is instantly won over by everything the Rock can throw at him, from photogenic baby barbaries to quintessentially British street furniture'.

In the article Portillo writes: 'Let's be frank, Gibraltar is small. For 60 pence the number 3 bus will whisk you in a few minutes from the Spanish frontier to the lighthouse at Europa Point, which is the southern tip of the territory and the end of our continent.

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Apart from apes, two other things abound in Gibraltar: cannons and flags. Not content with having bobbies, red telephone boxes, red pillar boxes and Belisha beacons, Gibraltarians fly the Union Jack from forts, museums, and mainly from the balconies of flats. 2004 being

the tercentenary of British rule, there has been an epidemic of banners and bunting.

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Talking of war, the Battle of Trafalgar was fought close by, and Admiral Nelson's body was brought ashore, where it was pickled in brandy and dispatched to London for a state funeral. Other bodies from the historic victory are buried in Gibraltar's Trafalgar Cemetery, a peaceful, moving place.

I found my way back to the largely pedestrianised Main Street, with shops selling electronics, jewellery and booze well below UK prices (there being no VAT in the territory).

Gibraltar also serves as a gateway to travellers crossing the frontier to visit Tarifa and Estepona in southern Spain. These days the border operates smoothly. But maybe because Gibraltarians have memories of past sieges and frontier closures, they are now markedly welcoming to visitors from every country.

I found Gibraltar perfect for a short break. Much as I love Spain, on this occasion I was delighted to steep myself in British history, and happy to stick to the Rock'.

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PORT CLOSES - PLEASURE BOATS WRECKED IN STORM

Gale force winds and heavy rain combined with a strong swell caused damage to some 20 small boats and kept the Port, Fire Brigade and RGP emergency services busy on Monday night well into yesterday afternoon. Over 40 calls were received in 24 hours related to the storm.

The Port closed – which meant that it was focused on emergencies and normal trading stopped. The officers were kept busy and yesterday afternoon assisted a vessel that had engine problems in the Bay.

The runway had jetsam heaped onto it as the pontoons at Western Beach took a pounding with many of the pleasure boats tied up there and awaiting a move by MoD just weeks away which would allow them a safer haven.

One small cruise boat was washed ashore on Western Beach itself its hull smashed.

William Snailham of the boat owners association expressed the anxiety of those who had lost the vessels and pointed to the dilly-dallying of the MoD as a major cause of the delay to their move. He pointed to the fact that a previous Government had moved them out from the protection of the Queensway Quay area when that was developed and they had long objected that Western Beach was too exposed and subject to heavy swells. Another issue is the inadequacy of the breakwater.

“We have always said we were exposed and unprotected here. We just hope the spring comes with better weather,” said Mr Snailham now keen to move.

The Met Office said that Sunday 27 February 2005 broke the record for the highest daily rainfall in February since records began in 1947 with 127.8mm. The previous high was recorded on the 19 February 1980 where 119.0mm fell.

Monday 28 February 2005 fell short of the previous record with 113.8mm of rain recorded. The highest ever, monthly rainfall for February has been 351.4mm and this was recorded in February 1969. The total rainfall recorded over the last 48hrs represents nearly 3 times the monthly average.

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THE NEW SPANISH AMBASSADOR

Carlos Miranda, Conde de Casa Miranda, 62, is about to mark his half year as Spanish Ambassador to the Court of St. James. So far he has made no public pronouncements about the Gibraltar problem.

The Conde entered the diplomatic service in 1969 when General Franco was still in power. Regarded as a high flyer he was posted to Washington (1970-75 which was followed by two years in Algiers. Upon returning to Madrid he was rewarded with a series of positions in the Directorates for European Affairs and various international organisations.

In 1983, following a stint as Director General for Latin America he transferred to the Ministry of defence as special adviser to the Defence Minister. Three years later he returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Director General for Security and Disarmament.

Casa Miranda became involved with the Gibraltar question when he was Spanish

Ambassador to NATO (1991-96). He then returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an Inspector General. In 2001 he was sent to Geneva as Ambassador-Delegate until his appointment last year to London.

In 1973 he married Odette Suarez de Puga who died in 1995 and by whom he has two daughters. In 1999 he married Elena Memeses de Orozco, Marquesa de la Rambla.

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GIBALTARIAN FIRST

Dr Philip Daniel-Peralta was a key member of the group from the University of Kent whose Cassini Huygens project successfully took a space craft on a grand tour of Saturn, its moons and several of its satellites. At the time he was a research scientist at the University of Kent.

For those not in the know – Cassini is the mother craft and Huygens the probe which was dropped to the surface of Titan to study its surface and atmosphere. He worked as a design and calibration engineer in the section that prepared the surface science package – this included the instruments that studied the surface of Titan, a satellite of Saturn.

It was the Cassini mission's probe that went to Titan and the images seen on television were of the landing. Alas it was a one shot mission and the probe has vanished somewhere in the satellite. Cassini itself will never come back to earth and will continue to orbit the Saturn system and make a considerable number of fly bys of the various satellites.

Subsequently the team has transferred its stability to the Open University and is still working on the project. Philip left the group and is now working as an electronic designer in a newly formed start up company. Later this month the team will analyse the data sent back from space and a scientific conclusion reached. Dr Philip will rejoin the group for a week this month to help them with the analysis. He will have specific responsibility for the thermal property instrument which measured the thermal conductivity and temperature of gases in the atmosphere and on the surface.

To date the group has discovered that Titan is a moon with an atmosphere. It is opaque to telescopic vision hence the need for a probe. The weather on Titan is not water based but is liquid methane and the atmosphere is so cold that what appears to be rock is in fact water ice.

Philip is married to Dr Sarah Daniel, a distinguished electron microscopist and Research Fellow at Imperial College, London University.

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NEW GIBALTAR BOOK

Dr Peter Gold's book – Gibraltar: British or Spanish – has been published by Routledge Press. Peter is the Head of School, Languages Linguistics and Area Studies, the University of the West of England.

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GB AIRWAYS

GB Airways launched flights to Fez in November last year which were to finish at the end of the winter season. The flights have proved to be so successful that the flights will now continue until June 28 and will restart on September 2 this year.

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GIBALTAR LANE

There is a Gibraltar lane in Crooham Dean, Royal Berkshire. Does any reader know why it is called after the most famous Rock in the world.

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NEW PAPAL NUNCIO

The Holy See has announced that the new Papal Nuncio to the Court of St James is to be another Spaniard. Archbishop Faustino Sainz Munoz, 67, is the current pro-nuncio to the European Union in Brussels.

The Archbishop has spent virtually all his career in the Holy See's diplomatic service. He was born in Almaden, ordained in 1964 and spent his formative diplomatic years in Senegal, Scandinavia and Rome. In 1988 he was appointed apostolic pro-nuncio to Cuba where he remained for four years. He then served seven years in Zaire as nuncio and was appointed to the EU in 1999.

The past few years have been testing times for his diplomatic skills and

Archbishop Sainz has been involved in behind the scenes negotiations such as immigration and asylum seekers, bioethics and the preparation of the EU's draft constitution.

This is likely to be his last appointment before retirement. One of his most important roles is in recommending candidates for Episcopal appointment. Three names are sent to Rome after listening to local opinion and weighing up the options.

Sources close to Westminster Cathedral whisper that one of the reasons for Archbishop Pablo Puente's decision to seek early retirement was because the Vatican rejected his recommended candidates on more than one occasion.

As well as being an able diplomat the new papal nuncio is regarded as being a warm individual who relates closely with people. He is trained in civil law and holds a doctorate in Canon Law. A friend said; 'He is a man who believes in the Christian faith asserting itself in the marketplace where decisions are taken. He is an engaged and engaging Christian – not one who can be labelled very easily but someone who tackles things with faith, hope and a smile'.

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CANADIAN STAMP

The Canadian postal authority has issued a 32 cents stamp called Gibraltar Point 1808. The illustration is of a light house, a house and sailing ship on a waterway.

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G.S.M. Magazine

This august stamp magazine has dedicated an article to the Gibraltar stamp issue marking the bicentenary of Nelson's death on 21st October. The writer agreed with the Pepe Rosado theory that the body was taken ashore and re interred in a barrel of spirits of wine. On the other hand Colin White, the world's greatest authority on Nelson is of the opinion that the body was not brought ashore. There the matter rests until a contemporaneous account is found which will settle the matter once and for all. Arthur Molinary, the Gibraltarian medium, says that Nelson's spirit told him that Coll (Admiral Collingwood) was given orders by Nelson that in the event of his death the body must not go ashore anywhere until it reached England.

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TAXI AND TRANSPORT STOPPAGE

Transport Lobby Group which includes the Taxi Association, Cable Car and other tourist transporters will be carrying out a three hour stoppage tomorrow to protest at the funicular project application. The Development and Planning Commission meets on Thursday to decide the fate of the project.

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ED LACY AWARD FOR POSH ARTICLE

The Ed Lacy Award was set up in 1999 to commemorate the work of travel writer and broadcaster Ed Lacy who did so much to encourage and support tourism in Gibraltar. The award is open each year to writers and broadcasters who have published or broadcast a feature on Gibraltar tourism.

The winner of the 2005 award is Annie Bennett for her article "Posh on the Rock" that appeared in The Sunday Telegraph of August 22 2004.

The award, that includes a trophy and six hundred pounds, will be presented by the Minister for Trade, Industry and Communications, Joe Holliday, at a Gibraltar road show to be held in Brighton on Tuesday.

Joe Holliday said, "The Ed Lacy Award is becoming one of the most important in UK travel journalism circles. The competition helps in promoting Gibraltar as a tourism destination and in generating features on Gibraltar. Once again on this occasion, the presentation to the prize winner will be held in the presence of tour operators who feature Gibraltar holidays and of members of the Gibraltar tourism industry. This will bring an added bonus to the event in Brighton."

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BRONZE STAR 'VALOR' MEDAL FOR RISSO

Gibraltarian Colin Risso, a Major with the Royal Gibraltar Regiment, has been awarded 'The Bronze Star with Valor Medal' by the American Forces whilst serving in Afghanistan. Major Risso was one of two UK staff officers working alongside the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force - 76. His tour of duty in Afghanistan was for a period of six and a half months from August 2004 to February 2005. The medal was presented to him for gallantry in action for his personal courage and commitment to mission accomplishment in a combat zone, under the most extreme circumstances, which greatly contributed to the success of operation 'Enduring Freedom'.

The Bronze Star certificate acknowledges that, "Major Risso's uncommon valor and outstanding performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself, the Combined/Joint Task Force - 76, and the United States Central Command."

He was presented with the medal by Major General Eric Olsen, Divisional Commander of the Combined Joint Task Force - 76.

During his time in Afghanistan, Major Risso, was responsible for all division civil military operational planning for the American troops in Afghanistan.

He was serving as a chief, future plans officer, with his primary role ensuring that civil and military operations remained coherent, and engulfed the general policy of developing Afghanistan as a nation.

This meant reconstruction, developing and augmenting the security apparatus of Afghanistan, and helping to develop the Afghan army, police, schools, clinics, medical systems, and everything which helped to enhance the effectiveness of the Afghan government.

As a British officer, he pointed out, he was treated with the greatest respect by his fellow American colleagues. His job also involved working with different organisations such as the United Nations, Afghan ministries and institutions, NGOs, US Department of State, working in Afghanistan

"As the military we had a lot of interface with the various groups, and worked together with them. It was an extremely interesting line of work in a country where the military and all organisations are working to rebuild Afghanistan with all the things that a government needs to give its people quality of life and a sense of nationhood."

Major Risso was serving in Afghanistan during the first democratic election in its 5000

year history were held there last year, with the inauguration of the first president in December.

Major Risso has toured Northern Ireland, Bosnia, and spent time in Argentina where he undertook his United Nations Observers Course.

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GOVERNOR BACK, CM SAYS FAREWELL TO THE BLUNTS

David Blunt, left Gibraltar today with his wife Geirid and son Freddie. Mr Blunt has been Deputy Governor since 2001 and will shortly take up his new assignment as Head of Post in Pristina, Kosovo.

Chief Minister Peter Caruana, and Mrs Caruana, hosted an informal get together of his staff at No. 6 Convent Place to say farewell to the outgoing Deputy Governor Mr David Blunt and Mrs Geirid Blunt. The Chief Minister presented Mr Blunt with an inscribed memento to mark their stay in Gibraltar (above).

Mr Blunt is succeeded by Philip Barton who until recently was the Deputy High Commissioner at the British High Commission in Cyprus. Mr Barton is accompanied by his wife Amanda and their two young children.

Governor, Sir Francis Richards, has now returned to Gibraltar following successful hip surgery and has resumed his duties. The Governor and Lady Richards returned to Gibraltar last weekend.

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BIGGER UNION JACK ORDERED

MOD has ordered a bigger flag for the top of the Rock. The issue reached parliament when Lyndsay Hoyle put a question to Adam Ingram, Armed Forces Minister who said that a smaller than usual sized flag has been flown from the top of the Department's site on the Rock of Gibraltar since Christmas 2001, after the previous flag blew away. British Forces Gibraltar have recently ordered, and are awaiting the delivery of a larger flag, he said.

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NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED BY GB AIRWAYS

Tim Livett has been appointed as finance director for GB Airways. Tim's role, effective from July 1, will cover all financial aspects of the airline taking over from the current finance director, John Hawkins, on his retirement after 15 years as head of finance and company secretary.

A GB Airways spokesman said: "Tim, aged 42, joins GB Airways from Virgin Atlantic Airways where he was director of finance. He also held the position of European chief financial officer with US company Hudson Highland Inc after eight years in a range of senior finance roles at British Airways. Prior to joining the evaluation industry in 1994, Tim worked in a number of finance positions after graduating in 1984 from Oxford University."

On announcing the appointment, John Patterson, managing director GB Airways, said: "We are delighted to welcome Tim to GB Airways. His wealth of experience, especially his background in aviation, will be a valuable addition to our strong team.

We wish John Hawkins all the best in his retirement and are very grateful for his most valuable contribution and for being a great colleague to work with. He has been a board member since 1994 and has guided the airline through tremendous growth within a significantly changed industry".

Tim will report to managing director John Patterson. Tim is married with three children and lives in Surrey.

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YOUNG GIBRALTARIAN IN WASHINGTON

Nicholas Gaggero, the 19 year old son of GB Airways Chairman, James Gaggero is currently working for Senator Hilary Clinton as an intern in her Washington DC office. She is tipped as future candidate for the US presidency.

Nicholas, who recently completed an intensive course in Spanish at Spain's Salamanca University has been in the US capital since the New Year. He is involved in the busy Senator's press office and has already acquired quite a reputation for "giving one of the best guided tours on the hill". He regularly fields press enquiries from as far away as Japan and Australia and he says he could never imagine how enjoyable this job could be.

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GOODBYE, ELIZABETH- OUR OLDEST ROCK APE IS DEAD

The Gibraltar Ornithological & Natural History Society regrets to announce the death of Gibraltar's oldest "Rock Ape" at the age of 24.

A GONHS spokesman said: "Elizabeth, affectionately known as "Bloody Mary" a female Ape from Apes' Den was born at the Apes' Den at Queen's Gate in 1981. She was the third monkey to carry the name Elizabeth, the first animal with this name was so named during the Queen's visit to Gibraltar in 1954."

"Elizabeth died during the period of bad weather on the 1st of March due to her age and failing health. Born at a time when the frontier was still closed, she saw many changes within the Upper Rock, and witnessed the huge increase in the number of tourists that visited her once the frontier opened. She was a favourite with the tour operators and tourists alike. A monkey of great character, tolerance and understanding. She will be sadly missed at the Apes Den."

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NEW BOOK ON THE FILMS OF NINA DANINO

Visionary Landscapes The Films of Nina Danino was launched last night in the UK.

Visionary Landscapes is the first book on the widely celebrated Gibraltarian filmmaker and writer Nina Danino. It includes an analysis of Danino's films such as the seminal Stabat Mater, 1990, "Now I am yours", 1992, and Temenos, 1998.

Visionary Landscapes presents colour sections from each of her films as well as production and background documentation and filmography. The essays are by the filmmaker herself; Louise Gray, a music and performance critic who writes for numerous publications including The Independent on Sunday, The Wire and Art Review; S Brent Plate, a theorist of religion and visual culture who has published widely and is currently teaching at Texas Christian University; JJ Tellez, a writer, journalist and broadcaster based in Seville; and Helen de Witt, a film specialist who works at the British Film Institute, London. This publication is supported by the Arts Council and Goldsmiths College, London.

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NEW RGP LOGO FOR 175TH ANNIVERSARY*By Alice Mascarenhas*

As the Royal Gibraltar Police prepares to celebrate its 175th anniversary as the second oldest British police force in the Commonwealth, Commissioner of Police Joe Ullger launched a new logo yesterday to commemorate the old whilst celebrating the work of a new modern-day-force. The RGP was established on the 25th June 1830, only nine months after the Metropolitan Police, London. The new logo has been designed by PC Anthony Debono which depicts the old and new badge with the years 1830 to 2005. The logo was the subject of an internal competition held some time back within the RGP.

Mr Ullger said the Force was very proud of both the work it carried out and of the force today and of course its history which will be extensively explored in the coming months. He emphasised how the new logo aptly represented 175 years of policing and serving the community.

The anniversary is on June 25. A special parade is planned for that day with an interdenominational service and Gala dinner which will see the participation of retired police officers as well.

Chief Inspector Jay Gomez gave a brief history of the Force going back to the capture of Gibraltar in 1704 and highlighting the main events and changes over its long history since it was formally constituted in 1839 as the Gibraltar Civil Police Force.

Meanwhile in the run-up to the anniversary in June the RGP will be holding a series of events. The first main event will be the unveiling of a memorial plaque at Police Headquarters in New Mole House which will serve as a reminder and commemoration for all those who have served in the Force over its 175 year history and those who are presently serving in the Force.

It will be unveiled next week by 87 year old Juan Cano who is believed to be the oldest former policeman on the Rock.

The events will include pistol, basketball and football competitions, bringing to the law enforcement agencies who will also compete in the games from both the UK and Spain. Throughout May the RGP will open its doors to children from the Middle Schools who are being invited to see the work carried out by the police and to visit its headquarters. Together with the Fine Arts Society the Force has organised a painting competition which will see the RGP open its HQ for one day, there will also be a major photographic exhibition at the Casemates Vaults during the main week of celebrations in June with photographs dating back to the 1800s with displays of all major events over the past 175 years.

Other events will include an open day at Casemates. There will also be a special stamp released for the occasion by the Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau.

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GIBRALTAR SOLDIER IN IRAQ

Royal Gibraltar Regiment soldiers do not only serve in Gibraltar. WO1 Stuart Bensadon is currently the Garrison Sergeant Major at Shaibah Logistics Base and has been the key mover in arranging the attachment of RG personnel to units in Iraq. He has been there since August 2004 and has been instrumental in organising attachments for RG soldiers to the Scots Guards Battle Group out in Iraq. Sgt James Gracia is leading a group of 12 soldiers deployed in Iraq and has sent this update about their time in the desert:

“The group arrived in Iraq on the night of 12 Jan 05. They were very quickly pushed through further training prior to taking part in active duties. This included using the new grenade launcher which is attached to our rifles and learning how to shoot from the top hatches of the armoured Land Rovers.

Being attached to a Guards Regiment means life is not quite as we know it. There is much stamping of boots and snapping of crisp salutes. Even the camp names reflect Guards traditions and we are living in the ‘Left Flank’, formerly known as Camp Abi Naji near the city of Alamarah. Whilst being looked after by the Scots Guards, the troops at the Left Flank have in fact been attached to the Welsh Guards Battle Group and it is quite interesting to see the subtle differences between the Guards Regiments and the friendly rivalry between them. This attachment to the Welsh Guards continued until after the Iraqi elections at the end of January after which we returned to the Scots Guards Battle Group

and moved to Shaibah Logistics Base.

The Scots Guards have gone out of their way to make us feel part of their unit and have taken very good care of us. Very quickly we struck up lots of friendships and a desire to foster links between our units. Some have even enquired as to attachments to our Regiment or how to get posted to Gibraltar.

Alamarah was the scene of significant insurgent activity last year with the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment becoming the British Army unit with more contacts with the enemy in their stay than any unit since the Korean War. However things are much calmer now and no activity against the Multi- National Force (MNF) has taken place. The occasional shots are heard in the distance but this is largely criminal activity or people celebrating a wedding or other family occasion by firing into the air.

Much of the routine work has consisted of patrolling the streets and areas surrounding the city. These patrols are carried out in support of the Iraqi Police Service and the Iraqi Army. Liaison with these units is good and they have proved friendly and enthusiastic. Our interpreters are also eager to please and help us considerably in understanding what the situation is whenever we go out to investigate a report. When not patrolling we man Vehicle Check Points (VCPs) where we carry out checks on people and vehicles. This makes it difficult for insurgents to operate and also helps in clamping down on crime. Our other main task is dealing with reports of unexploded ordnance (UXO) left over from the war in 2003. Every now and then, a report comes in of a shell or grenade being found by children and the explosives disposal team is then tasked to deal with this. We are then called in order to assist with security at the site of discovery and cordoning off the area. Although we haven't been here long we feel we have achieved something by helping the Iraqi police and soldiers in stamping out elements of the insurgency and cutting down on crime. This is essential in order to allow the Iraqi people to rebuild their society. It was very encouraging to see the good turn-out for the elections, and in this area there was no disruption by the insurgents."

Two other members of the Regiment are also serving in Iraq following a posting to Germany. These are chefs Sgt Joe Bula and LCpl Iriak Silva who have been deployed with their units to provide catering support for the British troops there.

All soldiers will return to the Gibraltar in early April for some well-earned leave before rejoining the Regiment. Their next duties will be somewhat different as the Regiment starts preparing for the summer's ceremonial season.

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The FOGHS congratulates the Loreto Sisters on celebrating 160 years on the Rock.

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The VOGG, using the Freedom of Information Act, asked the FCO to publish the joint sovereignty file. The Fco replied thus; 'I am writing to inform you that the information you requested falls under the exemption in Section 27 (1) (a) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act – International Relations. In applying this exemption we balanced the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosing it'.

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Ernesto Garcia was elected to the Board of Directors of the world ruling body Ornithologique Mondiale. He has been appointed Assistant General Secretary for a three year term.

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The Gibraltar Maritime Trust has been launched on the Rock. It is a registered charity and its main aim is to establish a Maritime museum in Gibraltar. It also wishes to commission a memorial to the Royal Marines to be unveiled this year as part of the Admiral Lord Nelson bicentenary celebrations. It can be contacted on gibmartrust@yahoo.co.uk

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CLOSURE OF GIB RED CROSS TSUNAMI APPEAL FUND

by Alice Mascarenhas

• *Over £520,000 raised locally since December*

The Gibraltar Branch of the Red Cross is set to close the Gibraltar South East Asia Tsunami Appeal Fund. Yesterday the account at Barclays Bank was boosted by a further £4000, and will only remain open until tomorrow. Since late December Gibraltar has raised nearly £520,000. Eddie Davis, Treasurer, of the Gibraltar Red Cross yesterday collected a further two cheques.

One cheque was for £2,635 and was raised by the Gibraltar Fine Arts Association and the Arts and Crafts Association during a Grand Raffle held at the Gallery a couple of weeks ago. The cheque was presented by the Chairman of the Arts and Crafts Association Gioranne Henshaw, and the President of the Gibraltar Fine Arts Society Willa Vasquez. A second cheque was presented by Maribel Matthews, Artist of the Month at the Art Gallery this month. She presented a cheque for £1,464 from the earnings of her first solo exhibition. The exhibition has been the result of two years of work and is still on display at the Gallery.

Mr Davis said the Gibraltar Branch of the Red Cross wished to thank everyone in Gibraltar for such a fantastic response to the Tsunami Appeal and for helping to raise more than half a million pounds.

“With the Tsunami Emergency Phase nearing completion, the British Red Cross have asked us to close the appeal with effect from the end of March. The Red Cross would therefore be grateful if any remaining collecting tins or outstanding donations could be sent in as soon as possible, in order that the bank account can be closed and the remaining funds transferred to London,” he said.

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GB AIRWAYS

GB Airways continues to expand; a new twice weekly service starts on May 3 from Gatwick to Crete. This will continue until 9 October.

GB Airways restarts its popular Gatwick to Corsica flights on May 8th and five flights a week to Ibiza.

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THE SPRINGBOK CLUB

The liaison officer of the extreme right wing Springbok Club writes to convey the Club's full support for the Gibraltarians. Following last year's highly successful visit to the Rock another delegation will be out to celebrate the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

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WRONG DATE

Another postcard on sale in Main Street stating that Gibraltar is solid as a Rock and British since 1804. This is of the North face as seen from La Linea and the photographer is J.M. Linares. It is printed in Barcelona and distributed in Gibraltar by Claire Susan – LL 42 1AD North Wales.

Surely the time has come for photographs to be inspected by either the Chamber of Commerce, the Gibraltar Heritage Trust or the Federation of Small Businesses before they are placed on sale?

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GIBRALTAR DUTY FREE SHOPPING PARADISE

The Gibraltar Tourist Office stands by its advertisement in which Main Street is described as a duty free shopping paradise.

It maintains that the reference to duty free shopping is correct because VAT is an excise tax or duty and it does not apply in Gibraltar. There are no other duties payable on goods sold in Gibraltar.

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MORE GHOSTS

Peter Bond has provided some more ghosts and spirits to be investigated by Arthur Molinary when he makes his annual visit to Gibraltar. These are to be found at No 4 Pitman's Alley, 22 Turnbull's Lane, Artillery House, Penney House, Glen Rocky, the Motor Vehicle testing Centre, Loquat House and Trafalgar Cemetery.

Arthur has promised to investigate and has also offered to appear in a 30 minute live show on GTV.

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MED LIFE

The current issue of the GB Airways in flight magazine includes an article by Josh Sims about the new stamp made in Gibraltar to celebrate the bicentenary of the battle of

Trafalgar containing wood from HMS Victory.
In the ongoing debate between Pepe Rosado and Colin White, Josh supports Colin when he writes: 'One of the more macabre images depicts a barrel of brandy, guarded by a soldier. It is only macabre when the context is understood: preserved in the alcohol, Nelson's body was returned to Britain in the barrel after he died during the battle'.

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HELP PLEASE

Audrey Green is researching the Michael Pitman family and seeks information. Her email address is carolwayne@vincent360.fsnet.co.uk

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TRAFALGAR CEMETERY

The Society gave the Royal Naval detail, working in the Trafalgar cemetery, £200 with which to buy tiles. This has been done and they are replacing all broken tiles within the cemetery. Furthermore red and white roses are being planted by a new arbour frame at the cemetery's north entrance.

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CITY OF LONDON DELEGATION

A City of London delegation consisting of John Barker, Chairman of the Corporation of London, John Brewster, deputy chairman, Roger Watson, director of environmental services and Brian Aldridge, Chief Executive paid an official visit to Gibraltar.

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PROMOTION

Santiago Chamorro, the Spanish diplomat who has spent considerable time and energy on the Gibraltar problem, has been promoted to Ambassador to Kazakhstan.

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SEVENTH STEP TO THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES

by Alice Mascarenhas

For the first time in its history The Queen's Baton Relay, the event which sets the wheels in motion for the next Commonwealth Games, was carried through the streets of Gibraltar yesterday by six of the Rock's top sportsmen and women - all of whom hope to represent Gibraltar in Melbourne in 2006. The Queen's Baton will travel 110,000 miles through all 71 nations of the Commonwealth - Gibraltar was number seven on the list.

At 11am yesterday, Sports Minister Clive Beltran, flagged off the relay led by the sports men and women: Jaime Zammit (swimming), Heloise Mañasco (air rifle shooting), Chris Walker (triathlon) Sigurd Haveland (cycling), Elaine Reyes (swimming) and Michael Sanchez (athletics). Trailing behind the local relay team were 50 children representing all the middle schools in Gibraltar.

Together with the QBR crew, the sports delegates, athletes and children marched with the Baton around part of the Victoria Stadium track, up Winston Churchill Avenue, around Portland House, into Casemates Square, up Main Street and into the Piazza where a short ceremony was held in the presence of Clive Beltran as he switched his hat to that of Mayor of Gibraltar.

Vice-president of the Gibraltar Commonwealth Association Becky Fortunato welcomed everyone to the proceedings who presented Heloise Mañasco who was given the honour as a Commonwealth gold medallist to present The Queen's Baton to The Mayor who received the baton on behalf of the people of Gibraltar. Present at the ceremony were the members of The Queen's Baton crew including Shannon Stacey, the representative from the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation.

Mayor Clive Beltran welcomed everyone to the celebrations of The Queen's Baton Relay the traditional curtain raiser to the Commonwealth Games.

"This is the first time the baton comes to our shores and it is an especially happy occasion for Gibraltar. The 18th Commonwealth Games will open in Melbourne, Australia, in less than a year's time on March 15, with more than 4,500 competitors (amongst which there will be Gibraltarians) from 71 countries," he stated.

The Mayor further stated that, "by gathering here today and sharing in the history, spirit, ceremony and tradition of The Queen's Baton Relay, we are making our own contribution towards a world united in peace, mutual respect and universal friendship."

He thanked everyone who had participated in the ceremony, and especially the Australian

Government, Commonwealth Games Federation, and Tourism Australia who made the visit possible not just to Gibraltar but to all the other countries as well.

On behalf of the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, Shannon Stacey, thanked Gibraltar for the warm welcome and for helping to stage the longest most inclusive relay ever, and for taking part in a history-making event.

Vice-president of the Gibraltar Commonwealth Association Becky Fortunato, told the Chronicle that the presence of The Queen's Baton in Gibraltar was not just excellent for the sports community but also for the community as a whole because it helped makes everyone feel a part of the Commonwealth Games.

"One of the most important aspects of today is that this event has given the association the opportunity to make the public more aware that Gibraltar does participate in the Commonwealth Games. It is usually an elite number of athletes who go and perhaps because of this a lot of people don't realise that we do compete in these Games. By using the middle schools, after all are the future athletes of tomorrow, we will have spread the word further," she said.

Gibraltar has participated in the Commonwealth Games since 1958 when they were still called the Empire Games. The first participant was athlete Charlie Flower who run in the then 440 yards event. Mr Flower is today the President of the Gibraltar Commonwealth Games Association and is in Melbourne this week participating in the Commonwealth Games General Assembly.

This year all the sportsmen and women who participated in the relay hope to qualify for the games next year.

Air Rifle Gold medallist at the Commonwealth Shooting Federation European Division Championship Ladies Air Rifle, Heloise Mañasco, has already qualified for the Games.

Gibraltar hopes to qualify individuals in shooting, athletics, swimming and cycling.

Later Mayor Clive Beltran emphasised how important it was for Gibraltar to participate in the values and spirit of the Commonwealth Games symbolised by the baton. As Minister Mr Beltran said the government would continue to financially support the participating athletes at the games, and would continue to do so in future.

Shooter Heloise Mañasco said her participation in the relay, as for the other athletes was very important.

"The first person to take it was The Queen, then she handed it over to Cathy Freeman, and she is a very important athlete, so it is an honour to be chosen to be a part of this," she said.

Chris Walker who was the first athlete to take the baton yesterday in the relay spoke of how fantastic the experience had been for him.

The other athletes Jaime Zammit, Sigurd Haveland, Elaine Reyes and Michael Sanchez were just as excited and especially looking forward to their participation and qualifying for the Games next year.

"All we have to do is carry on training hard until next March!" added Jamie Zammit.

Honorary Vice-President, Pepe Fabre, present at the ceremony held in front of the City Hall, an original member of the local committee in 1958, and present at all Commonwealth Games since, described the event of major importance for Gibraltar.

"It is a great privilege and honour that we are hosting this event. It is significant because we are not just part of the Commonwealth but we are also being recognised as being a part of it," he said.

Joe Hernandez, Principal Secretary of the Youth and Culture Ministry, commented how the arrival of The Queen's Baton was very important for sport in Gibraltar and for the Commonwealth as a whole because it is the first time it will travel to all 71 countries bringing together the Commonwealth sporting community together a year in advance of the Games.

Today's programme: Loreto Convent at 10.45 and Bayside at 11.30pm and visiting the Governor at the Convent at 2pm. A special reception will also be held by The Mayor in the evening.

The Queen's Baton has already seen its way through Wales, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Guernsey. After Gibraltar it will head for Cyprus, Malta and returning to the Channel Islands - Jersey on April 12 and England by April 15. It will then travel to Africa, the Americas, the Caribbean, Asia and finally Oceania and the Melbourne opening ceremony on March 15 2006.

The Queen's Baton was created for a relay to celebrate the Cardiff 1958 Commonwealth Games in Wales. Since then it has become a much loved games tradition. The baton's journey symbolises the unity and shared ideals of the Commonwealth of Nations, and enables communities beyond the host city to share the Games celebrations.

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IRISH GRAND MASTER MEETS MAYOR

Grand Master Eric Waller of the Irish Inspectorate yesterday attended a reception by the Mayor Clive Beltran at the City Hall. Mr Waller is in Gibraltar to participate in a Masonic event of the Gibraltar Irish Lodges - Calpe Lodge and Irish Master Lodge - later today on the Rock which will see the introduction of an Inspectorate Banner.

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CM TO ATTEND POPE'S FUNERAL

The Chief Minister and Mrs Caruana will be representing Gibraltar at the funeral of His Holiness Pope John Paul II which is taking place on Friday morning at St Peter's Basilica in Rome, No 6 announced yesterday.

Mr and Mrs Caruana who are accompanied by Principal Private Secretary Denis Hook leave Gibraltar this afternoon and return on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Gibraltar will today hold a Requiem Mass for Pope John Paul II. The service will be held at the Cathedral of St Mary the Crowned and will be celebrated by the Bishop of Gibraltar Bishop Caruana and all the Clergy. Other local Churches and local religious leaders will attend including The Dean of Gibraltar Alan Woods, as well as local dignitaries. The service will start at 6pm.

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GIB GUARD DUTIES FOR GURKHAS

Soldiers from B (Sari Bair) Company from 1st Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles made history yesterday. Although Gurkhas have visited the Rock in the past, this is the first time a full company of Gurkha soldiers has visited Gibraltar.

(Sari Bair) Company of the 1st Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles have taken over duties from G Coy of the Gibraltar Regiment for the period of 9th to 25th April 2005 while the Royal Gibraltar Regiment are in Scotland on Ex Jebel Jadeed. A CBF spokesman said: "The Royal Gurkha Rifles will be carrying out the Convent Guard Mount duties and will be signifying the changing of the guard with bagpipes and buglers. They will be working alongside Gibraltar Squadron and will be taking over other guarding duties as well as conducting tunnel warfare and urban warfare training over the next two weeks. They have already taken part in a friendly Nepal v USA international football match with a team from the USS Gonzalez and are looking forward to a match with the Garrison team on April 16th." "IRGR are based at Sir John Moore Barracks in Shorncliffe, Kent as part of 2 (South East) Infantry Brigade. They deployed on Operation Oculus to Bosnia in 2003/04, followed by taking on the commitment as the Very High Readiness reserve force for Iraq after which they deployed on an overseas exercise to Canada. They have recently finished a six month tour of duty as the UK's Spearhead battalion during which time members of the battalion deployed to the Ivory Coast to conduct a Non Combatant Evacuation operation to rescue British citizens endangered in civil war. After their deployment to Gibraltar the company will return to the UK and the battalion is then due to deploy on an overseas exercise to Kenya later in the year followed by a six month operational tour."

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POST OFFICE GETS ROYAL STAMP OF APPROVAL!

Gibraltar Government yesterday announced that the Gibraltar Post Office has been granted the title of "Royal" by Her Majesty the Queen.

Gibraltar is now the only Commonwealth or British Overseas Territory outside the United Kingdom that enjoys this distinction. It joins Royal Mail in bearing the title "Royal". From now on, the Gibraltar Post Office will be known as the Royal Gibraltar Post Office.

The Minister with responsibility for postal services, Joe Holliday, said, "This is a great honour, a tremendous accolade for the Royal Gibraltar Post Office and a noteworthy achievement."

Chris Riddell the director of the postal service told the Chronicle that the cost of the new re-branding would be minimum as the change was anticipated. He was pleased that having gone through the restructure the post office would now have a new image that brings a certain prestige to the service

internationally.

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GIBRALTAR - NEW DESTINATION FOR IBERRAIL

Gibraltar is to feature for the first time in the packages offered by Spanish tour operator Iberrail. Iberrail specialises in package tours in Spain using the network of Spanish train company RENFE.

The inclusion of Gibraltar in Iberrail's destination portfolio is the direct result of the Gibraltar Tourist Board's efforts in bringing together this company and Gibraltar's hotels, a GTB spokesman said yesterday.

Gibraltar will feature in the MasTren brochure and the packages include:

- Return journeys with RENFE between Madrid and Algeciras or Ciudad Real and Algeciras with a choice of travel classes.
- Two-night bed and breakfast packages with a choice of hotels namely The Caleta Hotel, The Elliott Hotel and The Rock Hotel. Alternatively customers can ask about other accommodation options by enquiring at their travel agents.
- Options include car rental at special rates with Avis.
- Packages start at 231 euros per person.

“We are delighted at the confidence that Iberrail and RENFE are placing in Gibraltar as a tourist destination. Particularly encouraging is the participation of three of Gibraltar's leading hotels in this agreement. The inclusion of Gibraltar in Iberrail's brochure is a direct result of the Gibraltar Tourist Board's marketing drive in Spain and the Government's policy of encouraging visitors to stay overnight in Gibraltar.” said Joe Holliday, Minister for Trade, Industry and Communications.

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GIB APES CAME FROM NORTH AFRICA SAYS SCIENTIFIC REPORT

Gibraltar's famous Rock Apes are all immigrants according to genetic analysis by Swiss scientists. The research has shown the Barbary macaques are not an indigenous species but descend from Moroccan and Algerian monkeys that were brought to Europe.

For years scientists speculated that the Gibraltar monkeys were an isolated colony, the last representatives of their kind on the continent but GONHS in Gibraltar were aware of the likely source of monkeys as both Morocco and Algeria, as was in fact presented in the Calpe 2003 Conference on the Barbary Macaque organised by GONHS and the Gibraltar Government. Fuller details had to await publication in the Journal as protocol dictates, said Dr John Cortes yesterday.

Dr Cortes confirmed that the results published by Lara Modolo in The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences are the fruit of years of research in Gibraltar by a number of researchers from Zurich University in collaboration with GONHS (The Gibraltar Ornithological & Natural History Society) and the Gibraltar Veterinary Clinic. Blood samples were facilitated and sent to Zurich by arrangement through GONHS with Gibraltar Customs and analysed in the laboratories there.

“We are sure now that Gibraltar's macaques are not the remnant of an earlier European population,” said Zurich University anthropologist Lara Modolo. Results show the British monkeys are clearly related to North African populations.

Macaques - or their ancestors - are believed to have lived in some parts of Europe during the last Ice Age. Some authors have even claimed that they could still be found in Spain in the 1800s.

Working with researchers from Constance University in Germany and Chicago's Field Museum, Modolo analysed the DNA makeup from 30 per cent of the monkeys and compared it with macaque populations in North Africa.

“We were able to determine the source populations in Morocco and Algeria because they have very distinct genetic markers,” she said. “These populations were clearly isolated a long time ago from each other.”

When the macaques were introduced to Gibraltar is still open to debate. According to Modolo, they arrived sometime in the past 2,000 years but it is difficult to be more precise. The most likely reason given is that the Moors brought them to Spain as pets when they occupied the southern Iberian peninsula from 711 onwards.

“If we refer to historical records they most probably arrived before the British took over,

somewhere between 1,400 and 700 years ago,” added Modolo.

During the Second World War macaque numbers in Gibraltar are believed to have dropped to as low as three because of disease.

The then British prime minister, Winston Churchill, demanded stocks be replenished at all costs. This was done in order to comply with a local belief that if the monkeys died off, Britain would lose its grasp on the strategic Rock.

But today’s colony of macaques is not entirely descended from these animals imported from North Africa between 1942 and 1946.

Modolo admits that a few original monkeys survived the war, but their exact number remains shrouded in mystery. The Rock is peppered with caves where animals have no trouble hiding.

“We only know of reports of macaques being imported from Morocco during and after the war,” the anthropologist told. “But we have shown that the current population has ties to Algerian monkeys so we know they are the descendants of a much older group.”

“It is most likely, as a result of our joint work, that the origin of the ‘apes’ has been established, but there are always questions. When exactly were they brought here? And, as only a sample, large though it was, was tested, are there any other different genes still ‘lurking’ in our population. We seem to know with more certainty than ever - but the file is not yet closed,” said Dr Cortes.

The number of Barbary macaques living in Gibraltar today totals around 240, in five groups ranging between 37 and 68 animals according to a 2002 census. They are the last wild primates in Europe.

But if the Rock Ape colony gets too big, Gibraltar’s local government allows culling to avoid pressure on a limited habitat. Population control is considered “an essential part of effective management of the [...] colony” says GONHS.

Once a common sight in North Africa, only isolated groups of monkeys survive today in Morocco and Algeria. Facing stiff competition from humans for living space, their numbers have dropped by half over the past 20 years to reach just 10,000.

The Barbary macaque is listed as a vulnerable species in the World Conservation Union’s Red List.

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Sir Andrew Wood gave a talk on ‘Russia today and tomorrow’ at a meeting of the Discussion Group of the Royal Over-Seas league.

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SUPER LINER IN GIB INAUGURAL CALL

by Alice Mascarenhas

P&O’s latest super liner, the Arcadia, was in the Gibraltar Port yesterday for the very first time ever. The liner launched by Dame Kelly Holmes, is on her maiden voyage in the Mediterranean, and is the largest and latest in a long line of achievements for P&O Cruises. She is the biggest ever cruise ship built for Britain at a cost of £200 million.

At an exchange of plaques ceremony on board in the early morning, with representatives from the Gibraltar Tourist Board and the ship’s port agents MH Bland, Captain Steve Burgoine said he was glad to be back in Gibraltar, especially finding himself side by side another P&O vessel the Aurora, also in port yesterday, – “this maiden voyage has been an eventful cruise. We are looking forward to having many more cruises. It is good to see us beside the Aurora, I brought her out new – she was my baby, and it is good to see her back in action again. It is like the old days, when we had a lot of P&O ships in port together, just like here in Gibraltar today. It is good to see.”

The Arcadia is expected to call in at Gibraltar several times throughout the rest of this year. GTB Principal Secretary Richard Garcia welcomed the Arcadia to Gibraltar saying it was a pleasure to have the vessel in port. He revealed that later this year the Arcadia would be included in a set of stamps depicting cruise ships which call at Gibraltar, and which will be launched at the end of June by the Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau – an initiative well received by her captain. Also on board was director MH Bland Johnny Gaggero, GTB Chief Executive Peter Canessa, and Gibraltar Port Authority Chief Executive Tony Davis. Captain Burgoine who has visited Gibraltar on numerous occasions, said Gibraltar was a

favourite port of call with all passengers, who were always keen to visit the Rock. Johnny Gaggero spoke of the long relationship between MH Bland and P&O.

“I like to think of ourselves as being part of the P&O family, and we are delighted to have this ship coming to Gibraltar.”

Mr Gaggero said that although there was confidence in Gibraltar, the agents still had to work hard at getting more cruise ships calling in at Gibraltar.

“It needs a lot of hard work and we need to stay on top of it. It is not something we can take for granted because there is a lot of competition out there – Malaga, Cadiz, Ceuta, Tangiers, and all the ports in the Western Mediterranean – who would dearly love to take business from us. So we have to be on top of our game to keep the ships coming here.”

Mr Gaggero said that cruise lines invest heavily on their ships to provide the quality – “if they feel the quality provided on board is not reciprocated by what the passengers experience ashore they will go elsewhere – so quality ashore is still paramount,” emphasised Mr Gaggero.

The Arcadia is presently carrying 1900 passengers, although she can cater for over 2000 passengers, and has some 900 crew on board. Built to sail to different destinations in the Mediterranean, Atlantic Isles, Baltic, Norwegian Fjords, USA, Caribbean and Central America.

Since the launch the ship has had some famous guests on board: celebrity chef Gary Rhodes who has his own restaurant on board ‘Arcadian Rhodes’ developed exclusively for P&O Cruises, TV garden designer Diarmuid Gavin and sportswoman Sharron Davies.

During her visit to Gibraltar one of her guests was Tessa Sanderson, Olympic Javelin Gold medalist. On the entertainment front, the vessel is linked to Cirque de Soleil with shows featuring the ‘cirque experience’, and entertainer Gerard Kenny who had hits with New York, New York and Fantasy in the 1970s. The names inside are familiar too – the Palladium theatre, the Globe cinema, and the very latest in exercise – a Kenesis Gym for balance and tension, with a Planetarium, and Canyon Ranch Spa. The cruise also boasts a “life enrichment” programme called New Horizons developed especially for Arcadia and another new cruise ship Artemis, due to be launched later this year. On board, like most cruises, Arcadia’s passengers can attend daytime activity classes on cuisine, gardening, psychology, reflexology, wine tasting and interior design celebrity with special speakers. The Arcadia’s Captain Stephen Burgoine is also able to conduct wedding ceremonies at sea, with couples marrying either on deck or in one of the rooms. Arcadia is a child-free ship, featuring an expansive spa with a thermal suite and hydrotherapy pool, three-tier theatre, 3,000 piece multi-million pound modern British art collection, 14 bars and six fine dining options.

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WRENS RETURN TO THE ROCK

A group of veteran ex Wrens have been visiting Gibraltar this week for their annual foreign trip. The Women’s Royal Naval Service or Wrens was the only way women could serve with the Navy until the 1990s.

A CBF spokesman said: “Several of the group visiting Gibraltar served during the Second World War and one even served as a telecommunications expert inside the Rock. Catriona Edwards, the event organiser has been on many such visits. She took the group of ladies, some over 80 years of age, to all the traditional Gibraltar tourist attractions including the Siege Tunnels and the Hundred Ton Gun.”

“They also met members of Gibraltar Squadron and went on a guided tour of the Joint Operations Centre where General Eisenhower masterminded the invasion of North Africa during the Second World War.”

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SIR FRANCIS AT GOVERNORS’ CONFERENCE

Governor Sir Francis Richards was yesterday attending the British Overseas Territories Governors’ conference in London. This is an annual event when Governors of the remaining territories discuss common issues and meet senior F&CO officials.

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CULATTO WINS HERITAGE

John Culatto has won the adult section of the Gibraltar Heritage Trust annual painting and drawing competition.

In its 16th year, the event this year has commemorated the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar, and the theme chosen was Rosia Bay. 53 artists entered on the day, and on display at the Casemates Gallery until next Wednesday are the 155 entries. The winner of the Junior Section was Hollie Buhagiar, and of the Children's Section George Macquisten. The prizes were presented by Heritage Minister Clive Beltran who is pictured with John Culatto and Joe Desoisa from the Heritage Trust.

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The Rock and the Royal Air Force

NEW BOOK EXAMINES GIB-RAF LINKS

Gibraltar Government in conjunction with The Maritime Air Trust will be launching the book 'The Rock and The Royal Air Force' next Wednesday May 18th 2005 at a reception in The Mount. Governor Sir Francis Richards and Chief Minister Peter Caruana will be present.

The author Henry Probert, and the publisher Tito Benady, will be present together with a delegation of past and present RAF Officers, headed by retired Air Chief Marshals Sir Peter Squire and Sir John Barraclough and others with local connections.

Operational commitments permitting, it is planned for an RAF Nimrod Maritime Patrol aircraft to fly-in during the period of the launch and look forward to welcoming Flight Lt John Cruickshank VC and Station Commander Chris Birks of RAF Kinloss.

Mr Cruickshank, the last surviving RAF holder of the Victoria Cross earned the highest award for valour in a heroic engagement in the Arctic Circle but he also operated during the war from Gibraltar where he formed an enduring attachment to the Rock.

A spokesman for The Trust said: "Gibraltar's Great Air Story is told at last by Air Historian Henry Probert. The book shortly to be published in Gibraltar and later in the UK tells a fascinating and largely untold story of the application of military and civil aviation in Gibraltar over the last century. It is a story of enduring importance to the followers of political, military and social, events alike."

"While the military and naval history of Gibraltar has been well documented through the years, the same cannot be said of its air history and this study sets out to repair that omission. Recent events following the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic have highlighted the outstanding achievements of the maritime airmen in what was then RAF Coastal Command, of which Gibraltar squadrons were very much part."

"With 24 submarines sunk directly, or jointly with surface ships, and half as many put out of action, they set a top-scoring record for a single Royal Air Force base in the vital struggle for control of the ocean routes as the essential prelude to the land campaigns. But important as those successes were, they were only part of the story. Key roles in support of the invasion of North Africa and the Mediterranean campaigns were to be followed in peace by the long years of the Cold War, and then the Falklands conflict, in both of which the Rock was once again an important air base."

"The story shows that those pressures relaxed in peacetime so that the potential for commercial aviation asserted itself to develop the Rock into the flourishing air centre that it is today.

As the title suggests, among the many factors that shaped this striking story none have been more persistent than the unbroken presence of the Royal Air Force and the friendship of the people of Gibraltar."

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GIBRALTAR, 300 YEARS

GIBRALTAR, 300 YEARS is a collective work, published by the University of Cadiz conceived on the basis of looking ahead realistically towards the future of Gibraltar. The book considers Gibraltar as a "symbol and inexhaustible source of problems and cooperation, evocative of profound feelings, whose perspectives of solution are opened and reframed continuously (negotiations on co-sovereignty in 2001-2002, new tripartite forum of dialogue from 2004)".

This book contains contributions written in Spanish and in English. The Editors of the book

are Alejandro del Valle, Professor (Catedrático) of International Law and European Commission Chair on EU Law, and Inmaculada González, Assistant Lecturer of International Law, both of them from the Cadiz University.

They explain that the aim of the publication is to offer a wide set of approaches concerning the Gibraltar issue, through a free-opinion academic approach.

The Book is mainly the fruit of the Courses organized jointly by the University of Cadiz and the Ayuntamiento of San Roque, in 2002 editions (Gibraltar - approaching the end of the controversy?), of 2003 (The Transborder relations between Gibraltar and the Campo), and of 2004 (Gibraltar, 300 years: presents and futures). The book offers different analyses and points of view from the best Spanish academics and specialists of the subject of Gibraltar, as well as of the main actors and representatives of Gibraltar and the Campo.

The collective work includes the newness to offer the Gibraltarian perspective (Caruana, Montegriffo, Bossano, Seruya, Searle, Triay, Golt). The book contains studies and analysis of the great questions that turn around the controversy, the sovereignty, the status of Gibraltar, the neighbourly relations and the crossborder cooperation. A final part gathers main texts, documents and maps on Gibraltar.

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Hockey

GRAMMARIANS PROMOTE GIB. TO THE 'B'

Grammarians hockey players have exceeded expectations in Zagreb, Croatia by coming top of their Group and winning the cross-overs to finish in 1st position of the European Champions' Cup 'C' Group and winning a place in next season's 'B' Group for Gibraltar's champions. Over the weekend, they crushed the Hungarian champions Rosco HC 9-0, and went better against the Finns' FTM winning 12-2. On Sunday they faced tougher opposition and drew 1-1 with the Irish champs. Instonians – to top the Group. In Monday's cross-overs, they beat Danish champs. Lingby 4-1 to head the Championship.

Congratulations! The Irish beat the Italians in the other cross-over. Grammarians return to the Coach Park this evening at around 7.15.

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