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Censored Mail



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Bounty Tribute





overnight after film shows - visits to Henderson Island to collect miro wood - provided supplies to islanders - landed technicians and scientists - exchanged medical assistance.

1970 (16/6) ORANGELEAF (McCarthy) - Fleet tanker (Oiler) (SG 250 Tristan da Cunha).

Supplied *Sir Percivale* – brought eight bags of mail – sent rice and meat ashore.

1971 (23/2) BLUE ROVER (Brace) - Fleet tanker (Oiler)

In escort to *R.Y. Britannia* (Trowbridge) during the Duke of Edinburgh's three day royal visit to Pitcairn – special stamps

issued – naval historian Richard Hough leaves Pitcairn aboard *Blue Rover* – carved shark signed by most of the islanders, continues to be exhibited aboard *Britannia* to this day.

1971 (15-18/8) BRAMBLELEAF (Wilkinson) - Freighting Tanker (SG 484 Pitcairn Islands)

Brought Commissioner C.E. Dymond on official visit – bad weather prevented public dinner – adventist pastor AJ Webster also aboard.

1971 (6/11) TARBATNESS (Evans) - Stores Support ship (SG 251 Tristan da Cunha)

Brief visit of two hours – brought returning Pitcairn islander Robert Young to supervise the erection of the new Government hostel.

1972 (29/6) TIDEPOOL (Taylor) - Fleet tanker (Oiler)

Four Royal Engineers landed.

1972 (3/8) TIDESPRING (Butterworth) - Fleet tanker (Oiler)

(SG 324 South Georgia + SG 788 Tristan da Cunha)

Collected Royal Engineers and stores from Island - sailed prior to Brenda Christian and Mike Randell wedding day celebrations.

1973 (4-5/7) TIDEFLOW (Groves) - Fleet tanker (Oiler) (SG 787 Tristan da Cunha)

Brings four bags of mail and two Royal Engineers to do surveying in preparation of Operation Pallium (landing/harbour/hill of difficulty improvements) – crew visit island - Pitcairners come aboard ship – 20 drums of fuel left for Government stock.

Bounty-Pitcairn Conference 2012

The successful three-day Bounty-Pitcairn Conference, co-sponsored by the Pitcairn Islands Study Group and the FRIENDSOFPITCAIRN Yahoo! Group, featured 15 speakers, two films, and two spirited



The audience in Angwin enjoyed a lively Q & A Skype video call conducted by Moderator Barbara Stein (far left) with Pitcairn Mayor Michael Warren (shown on screen).

Skype video question-and-answer sessions with Pitcairn Islanders who had gathered in their public hall. The event,

which was held 19-21 August 2012 at Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, drew over 100 attendees from Australia, Canada, Egypt, Norfolk Island, Pitcairn Island, The Netherlands, the United Kingdom and 17 U.S. states.

Of the nearly \$5,400 raised for the conference, 54% came from registration fees, 44% through donations, and the largest



L to R: Captain Sean Bercaw, Mary K. Bercaw Edwards and volunteer Doug Ermsshaw admired new Pitcairn issues displayed at the Pitcairn Islands Philatelic Bureau's table which was operated by Immediate Past PISG President Mark Butterline (far right).

1973 (10-14/8)

PLUMLEAF

(Rutterford) - Freighting Tanker

Governor and Mrs Scott arrive for official four day visit – crew ashore at Pitcairn – early morning departure ‘full ahead’ towards Tahiti with their excellencies and the two Royal Engineers.

1974 (12/12) BLUE ROVER

(Salt) - Fleet Tanker (Oiler)

Second visit escorting R.Y. *Britannia* (no royalty aboard – Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips previously disembarked at the Galapagos Islands) – few hours sail from Pitcairn, *Blue Rover* suffers major fuel leak (was towed to Tahiti by the royal yacht)

1974 (20/6&17/9) BROWN RANGER

(Carr) Fleet Tanker

Stops twice in 1974 – September visit delivered stores sent by New Zealand

Govt. – fruit given to crew by grateful islanders.

During the very last visit of *Sir Percivale* in September 1974, islander Steve Christian

fell and sustained a broken arm, and was removed to the ship’s hospital. In the final analysis these Auxiliary ships, which generally are not celebrated as much as their Royal Navy counterparts, were extremely helpful in many ways to the people of Pitcairn.

Originally constructed for the Army, Tyneside built *Sir Percivale*, was to later earn a battle honour for her part in the Falklands war, and was the first ship to sail into Port Stanley after the Argentinian surrender. Battle honours were also awarded to *Sir*



Percivale for the role she played in Operation Desert Storm (Kuwait 1991). She was the last British ‘naval’ vessel to leave Hong Kong when the colony reverted to China in 1997, and spent almost a year at Freetown, Sierra Leone, in support of British forces in 2000. After a distinguished service of almost 25 years she finally ended her career in 1995, and left the RFA base at Marchwood (Hants) during late 2009 to be broken-up at Leavesley International, Liverpool. ■

donation, £100, was given by PNI Soc. Since the conference budget allowed for video recording, over 8 hours of video coverage has



L to R: Pitcairn Islanders Leslie Jaques, OBE, David Brown, Melva Evans, Jacqui Christian and Marie Christian Thomas, playing the ukelele, sang ‘In the Sweet By and By’ and the Pitcairn ‘Goodbye Song’ at the conclusion of BPC 2012.

been posted online at www.2012BPC.com. This includes video clips of: each of the 15 speakers’ talks; the two Skype Q & A sessions with Pitcairn Island; the opening and closing ceremonies; and several additional clips covering all of the singing in Angwin and on Pitcairn during the video chats. Five PowerPoint presentations are now available online too as well as over a dozen supplementary documents. In short, the website now makes it possible for those who were unable to attend in person to do so virtually, online.

In addition, a conference DVD set will be made available for sale in early 2013 for those who would prefer to digest the wealth of BPC 2012 material in that fashion rather than online. This will be sold by the Pitcairn Islands Study Center for the benefit of the Center. ■