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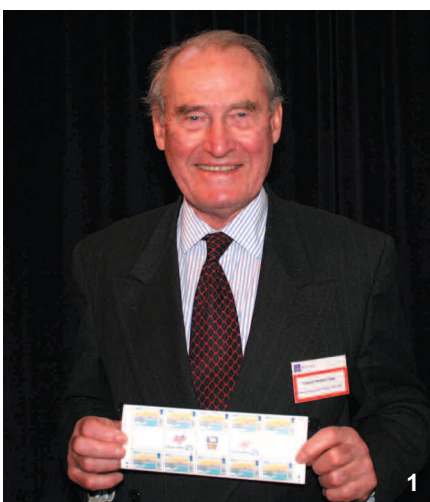
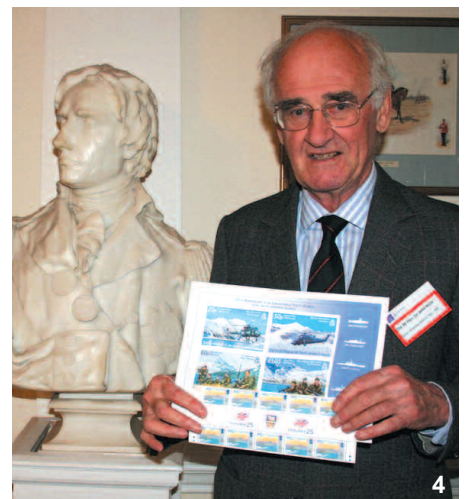
The Falklands 25 Years on

To mark the 25th Anniversary of the Falklands War the Institute held an event on Friday 9 March 2007 in the Duke of Wellington Hall, that had an emphasis on the grand strategic level and the build up and legacy of the conflict. The themes that were covered included intelligence, diplomacy, the challenges of Task Force deployment, Whitehall planning and the decision making process.

The event was an opportune moment to publicise the new Falkland Stamp Issues (*see overleaf*). Many notable personalities attended the event, in particular senior figures and statesmen involved in Operation Corporate. Pictured with the issues are (from left to right):

1. Captain Michael Clapp CB, Commodore of Amphibious Warfare, 1981-1983.
2. Sir John Ure KCMG LVO, Assistant under Secretary of State (Americas), The Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 1981-1983, and Field Marshal The Lord Bramall of Bushfield KG, GCB, OBE, MC, JP, who served as Chief of the General Staff, 1979-1982, and Chief of the Defence Staff, 1982-1985.
3. Sir John "Sandy" Woodward GBE, KCB, Rear Admiral who commanded the South Atlantic Task Groups in the Falklands War.
4. Sir John Knott KCB, former UK Secretary of State for Defence, 1981-1981, pictured at RUSI beside a bust of Lord Nelson.

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Victoria Cross Framed Tribute

A pair of Victoria Cross First Day Covers issued by the Falkland Islands and signed by Sara Jones (wife of Colonel 'H' Jones) and Freda McKay (mother of Sergeant Ian McKay) have been framed with an Isle of Man Victoria Cross coin as part of a limited edition of 7 framed sets. None have been offered for sale commercially but one has been presented by Creative Direction (Worldwide) Ltd and Pobjoy Mint Ltd to the Falklands Veterans' Foundation for auction.