



The Pakistan Society

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Newsletter – April 2007

The Queen's Commonwealth Day 2007 Message



HM The Queen, in her capacity as the Head of the Commonwealth, delivered her annual Commonwealth Day message on 12th March at the multi-faith Observance service in Westminster Abbey.

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UK and Pakistan Agree Closer Co-operation on Counter-Terrorism



Attorney-General, the Rt Hon. Lord Goldsmith QC, announced the agreement at the culmination of his visit to Pakistan. The agreement included a commitment by the British government to post a prosecutor from the Crown Prosecution Service to the British High Commission in Islamabad, to act as a liaison between the

prosecution and law enforcement authorities of both countries on terrorism and other criminal justice cases.

During the course of his three-day official visit, hosted by the Federal Law, Justice and Human Rights Minister, Muhammad Wasi Zafar, Lord Goldsmith met with Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz, Interior Secretary Kamal Shah, Foreign Minister Khurshid Kasuri, Attorney General of Pakistan Makdoom Ali Khan, and others. They discussed counter-terrorism, counter-narcotics, and enhancing legal and judicial co-operation.

Lord Goldsmith also expressed concerns during his visit about the ongoing case against the Chief Justice of Pakistan, recalling the European Union's position on the matter. He emphasised the importance to be attached to the independence of the judiciary as a key element of the rule of law.

Before returning to the UK, Lord Goldsmith said: "I have had a very fruitful visit to Pakistan, which is a key ally for the UK on issues like extremism, terrorism and drug trafficking, which affect both our countries. I reiterated the gratitude of the British Government for the great help we receive from the Government of Pakistan."

Members in the News

Congratulations to Sultana Al Qu'aiti for receiving MBE from HM The Queen for services to disadvantaged communities in Yemen and to British relations with Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

Reminder: Please Renew Your Annual Membership Subscription

The annual Membership fee for 2007 is now due. Ordinary Members £30, Students £10.

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Next Event: AGM at 6pm on 25 April 2007 at the High Commission for Pakistan, London SW1.

Your chance to get involved

DFID is undertaking a consultation exercise with a wide range of interested groups to ensure that the impact of its proposals on different sectors of society is taken into account.

Consultation on New Pakistan Country Assistance Plan

The Department for International Development is helping the Government of Pakistan to tackle poverty.

Between now and the end of April DFID is consulting on the development of its new Country Assistance Plan (CAP) for Pakistan.

Prime Minister Tony Blair recently announced that DFID would be doubling its assistance to Pakistan, increasing spending to £480 million over the period 2008-2011. The new CAP will set out the framework within which this money will be spent. In November 2006 the UK and Pakistan also signed a ten-year Development Partnership Agreement.

DFID's current Pakistan CAP is at www.dfid.gov.uk/pubs/files/cappakistan.pdf

If you would like to contribute, DFID would welcome your views on the following questions:

Poverty Reduction Strategy

1. How best can the UK help to increase Pakistani peoples' access to basic services (for example education, health, water and sanitation)?
2. What do you think should be the Government of Pakistan's poverty reduction priorities?

Economic/Governance

3. What can the UK do to promote economic success and economic growth that benefits the poor in Pakistan?
4. What can the UK do in Pakistan to support more involvement of poor people, especially women, in decision-making that affects them?
5. What more can the UK do to help the Government of Pakistan to promote transparency and accountability?

Geographical

6. DFID currently works at the federal level in Pakistan,

and also in Punjab and NWFP. If DFID also considered new work in Sindh, Balochistan or AJK where do you think the benefits of development would be greatest, and what would be the challenges faced?

7. What can the UK do through its development programme to help Pakistan improve relations with its neighbours?

8. How can the UK support Pakistan in adapting to the impacts of climate change?

Please e-mail your comments to: PakistanCAP@dfid.gov.uk by **30 April 2007**.

Alternatively, comments can be sent to:

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Development in Pakistan and Volunteering Consultation

Dear All

Thank you for your participation in the consultation events held in January and February this year, to gather views on the UK Government's development work in Pakistan.

Thanks also to everyone who has sent written comments to our online consultation. If you have not yet done so, you can view the consultation document at:

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/consultations/default.asp#pakistan>
 The closing date for comments is 30 April 2007.

One of the issues raised repeatedly at these events was the great potential of the diaspora community to contribute to development in Pakistan through volunteering, and the desire to find more effective ways to harness this potential. I would like to take the opportunity to draw your attention to another DFID consultation on a proposed programme to expand opportunities for young people and people from diaspora communities to volunteer in developing countries. Details can also be found on the website above, and comments are invited by 31 May 2007.

We are in the process of carrying out public consultation with government and civil society in Pakistan, including regional events in Quetta, Peshawar, Lahore and Karachi. The views and ideas expressed at these events, and in written comments, will help to shape the new Country Assistance Plan for Pakistan which is now being developed. We hope to publish this later this year and will inform you when the document is available.

With best wishes,

DFID Pakistan CAP Team

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In today's difficult and sometimes divided world, I believe that it is more important than ever to keep trying to respect and understand each other better. Each and every one of us has hopes, needs, and priorities. Each of us is an individual, with ties of emotion and bonds of obligation – to culture, religion, community, country and beyond. In short, each of us is special.

The more we see others in this way, the more we can understand them and their points of view. In what we think and say and do, let us as individuals actively seek out the views of others; let us make the best use of what our beliefs and history teach us; let us have open minds and hearts; and let us, like the Commonwealth, find our diversity a cause for celebration and a source of strength and unity.

This is a thought worth bearing in mind as we gather on Commonwealth Day: we are a thriving community; we value our past; we make the most of our present; and we are working together to build our future. By respecting difference and promoting understanding, that future will be a better one for us all."

Pakistan to honour the late Bob Woolmer with the prestigious civil award Sitara-i-Imtiaz

On March 22, Pakistan posthumously conferred Sitara-i-Imtiaz (Star of Excellence), on late Bob Woolmer for his services to Pakistan cricket. President Gen Pervez Musharraf in a message to Mrs Gill Woolmer said:

"It was with immense sorrow that I learnt the shocking news of the demise of your illustrious husband Mr. Bob Woolmer. The sudden passing away of the much respected and loved coach of Pakistan deeply grieved me, just as it did the entire Pakistani nation. Please accept on my own behalf and on behalf of the people of Pakistan, our heartfelt condolences at this tragic loss. We all fully share your grief and stand beside you in your hour of distress.

I had the pleasure of knowing Bob personally, we found him to be a thorough professional and above all an excellent human being. He was an honest sincere and warm hearted person who took pride in what he did. Bob's reputation as a great cricketing mind, an excellent player and a trainer par excellence preceded him when he was brought in to coach the Pakistan cricket team.

I must add that he did his job with great distinction and commitment. Pakistan cricket shall forever be indebted to his services and this nation will always remember him for the joys he brought into the lives of millions of Pakistanis. We shall all greatly miss him, the cricketing world and Pakistan, in particular, will find it extremely difficult to fill the void Bob's death has left behind. May God rest his soul in eternal peace and give you and the family courage and strength to bear this irreparable loss with patience and fortitude."

Pakistan Day 2007



- Mr M Ali Khan
- Mr Ali Kiani
- Dr Peter J David
- Mrs Adeela Shafi
- Mr Rafiq A Chohan
- Dr Shakeel A Qureshi

HE Dr Maleeha Lodhi presented recognition awards to six Pakistanis for their outstanding contribution to the community.



The Flag hoisting ceremony was held in the lawn of the Pakistan High Commission. HE Dr Maleeha Lodhi read out messages from the President and the Prime Minister to a large gathering of the Pakistani community. She also greeted Commodore Kamran Khan, Defence and Naval Attaché for receiving the Sitara-i-Imtiaz.

Alderman John Stuttard, the first Lord Mayor to visit Pakistan in 10 years



During February, The Lord Mayor of London Alderman John Stuttard paid a six-day visit to Pakistan with a large business delegation from the City's financial district.

Lord Mayor said "determined economic reforms are increasing the size of the middle classes and the foreign investment is flowing in to build infrastructure. The World Bank has ranked Pakistan as the "top reformer" in South Asia and among the top ten in the world even though the country face a big challenge to lift its people out of poverty and to create a sustainable stable society. President Pervez Musharraf and Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz have adopted the mantra "Government has no business doing business" and privatisation is driving up standards and efficiency, and drawing in investment."

The Mayor mentioned Pakistan's strong connection with Britain, saying that there are more than 800,000 Pakistani Britons and they make a great contribution to the British society.

About Pakistan's economic development, he said "Standard Chartered Bank (whose vice-chairman Sir Tom Harris was part of his 18-strong delegation) has invested nearly \$500m (£260 million) in Pakistan's Union Bank and this year takes its 116 branches to 150." The Lord Mayor opened the newest branch in Karachi during the visit.

He said "International-standard banking is already raising the availability of credit, an important driver of growth for the entrepreneurial and employment generating small-business sector. Since the millennium, poverty in Pakistan has dropped from one in three to one in four and growth is averaging about 7 per cent. Billions are being invested by foreign firms in mineral extraction, power generation, water projects and roads. Pakistan's hydrocarbon reserves are under-exploited and the sinking of test wells has risen from 15 a year two years ago to nearly 50 as the Oil and Gas Development Corporation (listed on the London Stock Exchange last year) adopts an invigorated approach under the leadership of another returning international business leader, this time from Chevron."

The Lord Mayor urged the international business community to have a closer look at the reality of Pakistan and the role being played in its reform and growth by international business, much of it financed through London. He said "Leave your preconceptions and prejudices at home and be prepared to see for yourself the new Pakistan. Its success will bring many wider benefits of peace and prosperity to us all."



State Bank of Pakistan

Yaseen Anwar appointed Deputy Governor State Bank of Pakistan

Yaseen Anwar has been appointed as Deputy Governor, State Bank of Pakistan. He has 33 years of international banking experience. Yaseen has been associated with M/s. Kraken Financial Group, London as its Executive Vice-president since 2003. Earlier, he was Director-Private Banking, Riggs & Co., London from 2001-2003.

A senior global banker, Yaseen has held various directorships and developed an in depth understanding of the economic reforms in Pakistan relating to the financial services and energy sectors in recent years.

Yaseen, with deep investor and corporate business relationship in U.S., Europe, and the Middle East, has established a broad range of hands-on experience in managing rapidly growing business units of well known global financial institutions with detailed knowledge and oversight of the regulatory environment, operations, payments and credit related matters. As a Non-Executive Director on the Board of United National Bank Ltd. (U.K.) over the past six years, he has developed strong expertise in the U.K. financial services regulatory framework on corporate governance as well as senior level ties with the U.K. Financial Services Authority.

He remained associated with Merrill Lynch & Co., New York/London as its Vice President from 1992-2001. Yaseen also served Bank of America NT & SA from 1976 to 1991 in various responsible capacities such as Vice President & Section Head (1984-1991), Assistant Vice President, New York (1982-84), Assistant Manager, Cairo, Egypt (1979 – 1981) and Assistant Manager, Paris/London (1976-1979). He was also associated with J P Morgan Chase, New York from 1973 to 1975.

Yaseen holds Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the College of Arts & Sciences, University of Pennsylvania. He acquired his early education from Ascension Academy in Washington D.C. and Karachi American School.

He was the Founder and President of the Pakistan Bankers Association, U.K. from 1997-1999. He was also the Member of the Arab Bankers Association, U.K. In New York, Yaseen had served as an Executive Director on the American Turkish Society, Director on the US-Pakistan Economic Council, Director on the American Middle East Business Association, Member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Trustee of The Pakistan Society UK from 2002 – 2007.

Obituary: Robert Andrew "Bob" Woolmer



Bob Woolmer, who was found dead on Sunday, March 18 aged 58, was a gifted batsman for Kent and England and later made his name as a coach first for South Africa, then for Pakistan.

A genial man with an irresistible air of self-confidence, Woolmer was a right-handed batsman of touch, timing and considerable grace. He was capable of great fluency in the off-drive, and there could be a casualness about his strokeplay which sometimes invited comparison with Colin Cowdrey. He was a useful right-arm medium-pace bowler who could swing the ball in favourable conditions, and he was an accomplished close fielder.

As a successful coach he was a pioneer of the use of computers to monitor players' performances, something that is now commonplace. He used computers to show, for example, where opposing batsmen liked to score their runs, originally drawing on his own experience of batting against Middlesex when they were captained by the master tactician Mike Brearley. In the 1996 World Cup, when Woolmer was coaching the South Africans, England's Graeme Hick was a victim of Woolmer's computer analyses. These had revealed that, if Hick could be prevented from scoring for a time, he would be likely to flick a delivery on off-stump into the air towards midwicket. Fanie de Villiers duly sent down the appropriate ball, and Brian McMillan gratefully took the catch.

The son of a British businessman who had captained United Provinces (now Uttar Pradesh) at cricket, Robert Andrew Woolmer was born on May 14 1948 at Kanpur, India, and spent part of his childhood on the sub-continent. In 1959, as an 11-year-old schoolboy, he watched Hanif Mohammed score 499 for Karachi. In 1999, he was in the dressing room when Brian Lara scored 501 to break Hanif's record. He is one of the very few people to have seen both innings live. He went to Skinners' School, Tunbridge Wells, then worked at ICI before teaching for four years at Holmewood House prep school.

Woolmer played cricket for Kent from 1968 until 1984, gaining his county cap in 1970. He had joined a strong Kent side, and his apprenticeship was a relatively long one before, in 1976, he began to open their batting after a long period late in the order. That season he made 1,749 runs at 47.27. In the previous year he had taken a hat-trick for MCC against the Australians, and had also made his Test debut for England, in a drawn match against Australia at Lord's. In that match he showed

promise with the bat, scoring 33 and 31, and enjoyed some distinction with the ball: in the first innings he had Edwards, Australia's top scorer, lbw when only one short of a century.

Much better was to come in his second Test: Woolmer was England's saviour after they were forced to follow on against the Australians. He managed to keep at bay the lethal fast-bowling pair, Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson, for eight and a half hours, ending with 149 runs, his highest score in Test cricket.

Two modest series followed, against the West Indies in 1976 and in India in 1976-77. But in 1977 Woolmer scored centuries (120 and 137) in successive Tests against Australia at Lord's and Old Trafford. In only seven Tests against Australia (including the centenary Test) he had already scored three centuries - as many as May, more than Washbrook, Woolley, Grace and Graveney.

He was to score two more Test centuries - also against Australia - but interrupted his career by signing for World Series Cricket in 1977. What he gained financially, he lost in terms of the momentum of his Test career, which he ended for good by joining the rebel South African tour of 1981-82; as a result he was banned from Test cricket for three years. He had played his final Test against Australia at Lord's in 1981. Batting at number three he made 21 and nine, the match ending in a draw.

Woolmer turned his attention to coaching in South Africa, first at Avendale CC. From 1991 to 1994 he was in England as director of coaching at Warwickshire, but then returned to South Africa as coach of the national side, remaining in the post until 1999. There followed a spell back at Warwickshire (2000-02) and as the International Cricket Council's High Performance Manager (2002-04) before, in June 2004, it was announced that he would take over as the new coach for Pakistan; he was still in that role at the time of his death.

Woolmer played a total of 19 Test matches for England, scoring 1,059 runs at an average of 33.09. In all first-class matches he scored 15,772 runs at an average of 33.55, including 34 centuries and 71 half-centuries. His highest score was 203, for Kent against Sussex at Tunbridge Wells in 1982. Woolmer took 420 wickets in first-class cricket, at 27.85 runs apiece. He was rarely required to bowl in Tests, taking only four wickets (at 74.75).

Bob Woolmer was the author of three books: an autobiography, *Pirate and Rebel* (1984); *Skilful Cricket* (1993); and *Woolmer on Cricket* (2000).

He married, in 1974, Gillian Hall, who survives him with their two sons.

Pakistan settle “forfeit” claim



The England and Wales Cricket Board have agreed a settlement with Pakistan regarding the ECB's claim for compensation after the forfeiture of the Test match between the teams last summer. To settle the claim, Pakistan will waive their right to a fee for a Twenty20 match as part of their tour of England in summer 2012.

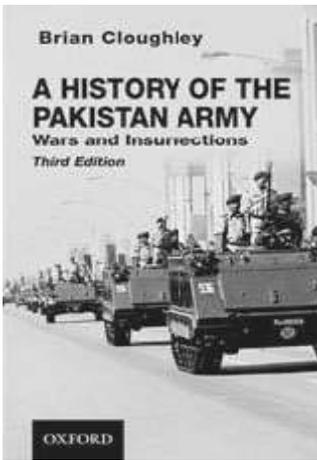
The match was deemed to have been forfeited by umpires Darrell Hair and Billy Doctrove after the Pakistan players stayed in their dressing room after the tea interval on the fourth day at the Oval in protest at a five-run penalty for ball tampering. The International Cricket Council chief referee Ranjan Madugalle cleared Inzamam-ul-Haq of the charge of ball tampering but found him guilty of bringing cricket into disrepute. The ECB estimated they lost £800,000 after being forced to offer ticket refunds.

As part of the revised plan, England's next tour of Pakistan in 2010 will be postponed until January 2012 and comprise three Tests and five one-day games. Pakistan will then tour England in summer 2012, playing three Tests and five ODI's in addition to the Twenty20 match.

A promotional poster for 'The Festival of Falconry'. The top section features the title 'The Festival of Falconry' in a large, stylized font, with 'Englefield Estate, Theale, Nr. Reading, Berkshire, UK. (Junction 12, M4)' below it. The text 'World Falconers United in Heritage & Sport' is prominently displayed. A red banner in the top left corner says 'July 14-15 Saturday & Sunday'. Below the text, there is a photograph of a diverse group of people, including falconers in traditional Middle Eastern attire and others in modern outdoor gear, holding various birds of prey. A small circular logo on the left shows a silhouette of a falconer. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'Hosted by the Hawk Board to promote and protect falconry for you. Supported by the Campaign for Falconry, the International Association for Falconry and the Emirates Falconers' Club. For all information and a stand booking form log onto: www.falconryfestival.com Contact: Tel: +44 1267 233864 Email: festival@falcons.co.uk'.

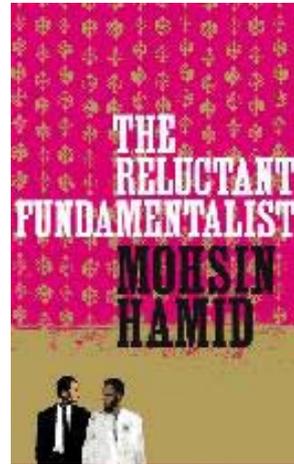
Pakistani Falconers have funding from the Emirates' Falconry Club for flights and places within the International Marquee in which small national delegations will be able to display aspects of their falconry heritage. There is also an opportunity to demonstrate wider aspects of Pakistan's culture such as music food and traditional crafts. If you feel that you are able to help with this, please contact **The Pakistan Society Tel: 020 7235 9914 or email info@thepakistansociety.org.uk**

New Books



This is an in-depth study of the Pakistan Army. **Brian Cloughley** describes Pakistan's internal politics and erratic international relations in the context of military involvement, with the deep knowledge gained through long association with the country and its armed forces. Pakistan's wars with India are covered vividly, using unpublished sources and facts, and opinions from Indian as

well as Pakistani accounts. The most important aspect of this new edition is the final chapter which covers the army coup of 1999 and ensuing developments. There are forthright descriptions of involvement by the army in governing Pakistan for so much of its history, and accounts of friction between civilian governments and the army are drawn from discussions with senior figures involved. There is analysis of the political aspects of the post-coup years, and examination of the army's budget, procurement, capabilities and deployment in support of the US 'War on Terror', notably its campaign in Waziristan in 2004–2005. **Third Edition** 411 pages; 19 maps & 17 photographs; ISBN13: 978-0-19-547334-6; ISBN10: 0-19-547334-5



At a cafe table in Lahore, a Pakistani man begins the tale that has led to his fateful meeting with an uneasy American stranger ...Changez is living an immigrant's dream of America. He thrives on the energy of New York, his work at an elite firm, and his budding relationship. For a time, it seems that nothing will stand in the way of his meteoric rise to success. But in the wake of September 11, Changez

finds his relationship crumbling and his exalted status overturned. Allegiances are subsequently unearthed, proving themselves more fundamental than money, power and maybe even love. 224 pages; ISBN-10: 0241143659; ISBN-13: 978-0241143650; Hamish Hamilton Ltd (1 Mar 2007).

The author **Mohsin Hamid** grew up in Lahore, attended Princeton University and Harvard Law School and worked for several years as a management consultant in New York. His first novel, *Moth Smoke*, was published in ten languages, won a Betty Trask Award, and was a finalist for the PEN/Hemingway Award. Mohsin Hamid currently lives, works and writes in London.



Destination Pakistan 2007

We invite you to a journey of unbridled joy and beauty. From the mountains of the Himalayas and the Karakorum, to the rich hospitality of Lahore and the breathtakingly stark beauty of the Thar Desert. Pakistan offers you a spectrum of experiences that will leave you breathless.

Our rich culture emanates from the ancient Indus and Gandhara civilizations while our traditions can be traced back to Muslim, Buddhist and Central Asian influences.

Immerse yourself in the colours of our country's illustrious heritage! There is great pride in our handicrafts which hark back to the beginning of civilization for inspiration. Each region of the country has an art of its own, alluding to the richness of our history.

This year, embrace the true essence of beauty and experience adventure like never before. From white water rafting in the mighty Indus, and mountaineering in the highest mountains of the world to desert safaris through the Thar and Cholistan deserts, Pakistan takes adventure to the extreme.

The rich hospitality of our heartland will take your culinary experience to another level. Pakistan's love for food is unparalleled and its ethnic cuisine a sumptuously delicate blend of flavours and spices. **For more information visit: www.tourism.gov.pk/destinations**



Pakistan Software Export Board in collaboration with UK IT industry is organising events in **London, Manchester and Glasgow** to promote the brand

image of the Pakistan IT Industry and to foster trade and collaboration with British companies. Events will consist of receptions and business networking meetings with leading business professionals, chamber of commerce and top British IT companies.

Monday 30th April 2007 - Evening Reception at the High Commission for Pakistan.

Tuesday 1st May 2007 – Day visit to Outsource World-London at the Business Design Centre, Islington & Industry meetings.

Wednesday 2nd May 2007- Networking Event in London.

Thursday 3rd May 2007 – Reception in Manchester, Networking event and Meeting with Manchester Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Friday 4th May 2007 - Networking event in Glasgow, Meetings with Scottish Enterprise Board and individuals.

For more information email: saira.ahmed@phclondon.org

Recent Events

Tourism in Pakistan: Perception v Reality event on 23 January 2007 was organised in collaboration with Sohail Azhar of Travelpak to promote visit Pakistan Year 2007. The speakers were Guardian writer **Antonia Windsor**, landscape artist **Tim Benson**, **Rachael Jack**, Head of the Biology Department, Karakoram International University, Gilgit, and **Muhammad Zahir** Lecturer in Archaeology in the Higher Education Department of NWFP and the first Pakistan Visiting Fellow at the Ancient India and Iran Trust, Cambridge. Each speaker gave a fascinating personal account of their journey through Pakistan and their experiences of the warm and kind hospitality extended to them throughout their stay in Pakistan. Rachael Jack lived with a Pakistani family in Gilgit. She felt safe and completely at home with them. She appreciated that the family ties were far stronger in Pakistan than in the West. In the time he was given Muhammad Zahir talked about the rich cultural heritage of Pakistan and brought us up to date with recent archaeological excavations with which he has been associated. **HE Dr Maleeha Lodhi** and **Lt. General Anthony Palmer** also spoke and highlighted the significance of this year.

The talk by **Dr Francis Buner** and **Emily Woodhouse** on **Pheasants and forests in the Palas Valley** on 13 February 2007 was both interesting and educational. Dr Francis Burner explained that the Palas Valley, situated in NE Pakistan, falls within the Western Himalaya Biodiversity Hotspot and is an incredibly diverse and globally important area for a range of threatened species, especially larger mammals and pheasants. The valley in particular supports internationally important numbers of the threatened Western Tragopan. However, despite Palas's conservation value and the national and international efforts to save it, very little is known about the status of habitats and wildlife within the area. The area has been placed under increased pressure in the aftermath of the 2005 earthquake, which destroyed a substantial part of the infrastructure of the valley. As all of the school buildings are unsafe, World Pheasant Association is planning to build and support a school in the Palas Valley. This is based on WPA desire to provide long-term support to the people and mirrors a successful project in central Nepal. To better understand what the needs are and what the school really seek to address, Emily Woodhouse conducted a two month study. Her principal aim was to understand the perceptions of women and children towards the environment and what their level of knowledge was. She concentrated on two villages, Sherakot in Lower Palas and the more remote Girdar, closer to western tragopan habitat.

On 21 March 2007, due to unforeseen circumstances, "Castles of the Assassins" talk by Peter Willey had to be scheduled for later in the year. **Lt Col Tony Streather and Margaret Brown** valiantly stepped in to give a fascinating account of their recent visit to the Northern areas of Pakistan where they were VIP guests of the Frontier Corps. **Lt Col Tony Streather** was in Pakistan till 1950. He served with the Frontier Corps, the Chitral Scouts, the Zhob Militia and the Tochi Scouts. His fluency in speaking Pushto endeared him to many. He was the last British officer to serve in Chitral. For some time he was ADC to the British Governor of NWFP Sir Ambrose Dundas as well as his Pakistani successor. Col Streather's other passion has been mountaineering. He has successfully climbed Tirich Mir and Kanchenjunga. He led an expedition to Everest when two young soldiers reached the summit. **Margaret Brown** joined the Civil Service in London hoping this was the best route to be able to fulfil her childhood dream of visiting the Khyber Pass. Eventually she was posted to Pakistan, arriving in Karachi to work at the British High Commission. While riding one evening she managed to fall off her mount. Major William Alexander Brown came to her rescue. Three weeks later they were married! Margaret's dream came true when the two of them went up the Khyber on their honeymoon! Major Brown was awarded an MBE and the Sitara-e-Pakistan posthumously in 1993 in recognition of his action in securing Gilgit and for ensuring that the Northern Areas became part of Pakistan during 1947. The book written about this episode in our history is entitled The Gilgit Rebellion. The audience enjoyed the slide show and had many questions to ask them afterwards.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday, 25 April 2007

Annual General Meeting followed by Reception

Chairman's Report and Financial Statements for year ending 31 December 2006.

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Venue: High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1X 9JN

Admission: Free. **RSVP** Tel: 020 7235 9914 or email info@thepakistansociety.org.uk

Wednesday, 23 May 2007

Film Show: Jinnah

Staring Christopher Lee, James Fox, Maria Aitken and Shashi Kapoor. Directed by Jamil Dehlavi.

Time: 6pm

Venue: High Commission for Pakistan, 36 Lowndes Square, London SW1X 9JN

Admission: Free. **RSVP** Tel: 020 7235 9914 or email info@thepakistansociety.org.uk

Wednesday, 27 June 2007

54th Annual Dinner

To celebrate the 60th year of Pakistan's Independence.

Venue: Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3TL.

Admission: **£60 each** for Members and their Spouse, and **£75 each** for Non-Members.

Booking required Tel: 020 7235 9914 or email info@thepakistansociety.org.uk **Application Form attached.**

Sunday, 12 August 2007

Visit to Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

The event will commemorate a joint operation carried out by Gurkhas. Guides Infantry and Royal Green Jackets around Delhi in 1857. The programme starts at 1200 and includes Lunch by the lake, Cricket and Polo match, tour of the museum display in the British Indian Army Memorial Room, Re-enactment of the events on the ridge above Delhi and the storming of the Kashmir Gate in September 1857, Tea in marquees by the lake, Musical display by the Band and Bugles of The Rifles, the Pipes and Drums of the Royal Green Jackets, and the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas and finally Retreat and Trooping of the Queen's Truncheon.

Venue: RMAS, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 4PQ

Places: 30 (First come first served)

Admission: £25. **Contact:** Mrs Shama Husain Tel: 020 7235 9914 or email info@thepakistansociety.org.uk

Other Events

CONFERENCE: Beyond Independence: South Asia, 1947-1977. Royal Holloway, University of London, 11-12 April 2007. The sixtieth anniversary of independence presents an opportune moment to assess the three decades which followed Independence and Partition. From 1947 to 1977 the first generation of citizens were fashioned in the newly created states of South Asia. These crucial years of nation-building, and transition from empire to independence, have sometimes been overlooked by historians of the subcontinent in favour of earlier or later events. The social dimensions of South Asian life in the 1950s, 60s and 70s have been particularly neglected, yet these formative decades deserve historical attention and may pay dividends for researchers as they offer up a time of rapid change and a rich visual culture. This conference to be held at Royal Holloway, University of London, invites historians, political scientists, historical geographers and anthropologists concerned with the social and cultural life of India, Bangladesh and Pakistan from 1947-1977. For further information contact **Dr Sarah Ansari** at Royal Holloway, University of London, Surrey TW20 OEX. **email:** s.ansari@rhul.ac.uk



Pakistan: Strategic Challenges and Prospects. Royal United Services Institute, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2ET, 17 Apr 2007. Because of its geostrategic location and as one of the leading partners in the world-wide coalition against terrorism and political extremism, Pakistan is a pivotal state. The country has deployed significant

forces against militants in its northern border region, sustaining considerable casualties. And its security services continue to play a crucial role in fighting terrorism and containing the spread of extremism. President Pervez Musharraf has stressed that the root causes of global terrorism have to be tackled in a holistic manner, with a combination of soft and hard power. He has also argued that Pakistan is becoming an engine of economic growth exerting a positive influence in the region. This conference will aim to explore Pakistani and British experiences in combating terrorism and to define the road ahead for regional peace and security. Speakers from Pakistan: **Mr Aftab Ahmed Khan Sherpao** Minister for Interior, **Brigadier Javed Iqbal Cheema** Director General, National Crisis Management Cell, **Dr Ishrat Hussain** Former Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan and currently the Chairman of National Commission on Government Reforms, **Dr Pervaiz Iqbal Cheema** President, Islamabad Policy Research Institute and **Mr Inam Ul Haq** Chairman, BOG, Institute of Strategic Studies. **Open to all - Normal rate £30, Government rate £20. To register contact Sabrina Downey Tel: 020 7747 2622**

The Foreign Policy Centre



Pakistan: Perception and Reality. The Attlee Suite, Portcullis House, House of Commons, Bridge Street, London, SW1A 0AA, 2.45pm, 18 April 2007. This year, Pakistan is celebrating the 60th anniversary of its Independence. In its national

journey, Pakistan has braved a number of challenges on both internal and external fronts. The last seven years have been of particular importance. Pakistan has experienced an economic turnaround. It is also a frontline state in the ongoing fight against terrorism and extremism. President General Pervez Musharraf has also taken initiatives to have lasting peace with India. But there continue to be apprehensions about Pakistan. This seminar will explore the chasm between the perception and reality of Pakistan. Are perceptions about Pakistan correct? Are these out of touch with reality? Speakers: **Mr. Inam ul Haque**, Chairman, Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad (Former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs) **Mr Sadiq Khan MP**, **Professor Ian Talbot**, University of Southampton, **Dari Taylor MP** and **Ms Maria Sultan**, Director, South Asian Strategic Stability Institute. Chair: **Stephen Twigg** Director, Foreign Policy Centre. **Places are limited, Register by 13 April. Alex.bigham@fpc.org.uk or Tel: 020 7729 7566**

The Grand Trunk Road - From Delhi to the Khyber Pass. Exhibition about the story of ordinary people and how they changed the world by well-known photographer Tim Smith and oral historian Irna Qureshi will be on display until Sunday 15 April 2007 at the **People's History Museum Bridge Street, Manchester**. In conjunction with Bradford Museums, Galleries and Heritage Service, the exhibition will explore the longest, oldest and most famous highway in the Asian subcontinent using photographs and oral history. Tim and Irna travelled to India and Pakistan from Delhi to the Khyber Pass earlier this year where they photographed life along the road and sought out and interviewed people with links to Britain. The result is a fascinating photographic exhibition personalised by memories, opinions and feelings of the individuals they interviewed. Admission is free. For further information contact Jo Magee **Tel: 0161 839 6061 email: info@phm.org.uk**

21st Pakistan Workshop: "Competing narratives". 11-13 May 2007 at The Rook Howe, Lake District. This workshop was founded to bring together anthropologists and sociologists whose research involved Pakistan, Pakistani Diaspora and South Asian Islam. However, this workshop has also attracted scholars and researchers from a broad range of disciplines including historians, political scientists, economists and applied social scientists. In the recent years, the themes have also included Gender studies, Health studies, History, Literature, Religious studies and Management studies. This workshop provides new (including postgraduate students) and established scholars the opportunity to get acquainted with each other in order to motivate and inspire people working in common fields of interest. This workshop is therefore normally kept small and intimate with a group of 25 or less people. The total cost of the Workshop will be £65-70 approximately for those staying at the Rook How (this includes Workshop registration, reception, breakfasts, Pakistani lunches, teas and coffees). There is a registration fee of £30 for the Pakistan Workshop 2007. For further information contact **Marta Bolognani**, Department of Sociology and Social Policy, Leeds University, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS2 9JT. email: **splmb@leeds.ac.uk** or see <http://psg.anthropology.ac.uk/workshop2007>

The Festival of Falconry - To be held at Englefield, near Reading on 14 and 15 July 2007



The Festival of Falconry will bring falconers from five continents and many diverse cultures to the UK. National falconers' camps will portray the falconry, costume, music, food and customs of each culture represented. Members of the Society and the general public are invited to attend. For further details please visit the website: **www.falconryfestival.com** or email **festival@falcons.co.uk**



Global Debt Crisis: An Islamic Perspective. World Debt Lecture hosted by the University of Birmingham, in conjunction with Jubilee Debt Campaign and Islamic Relief. **4.15pm on 15 May 2007 at Barber Institute of Fine Arts, University of Birmingham.** Speaker: **Professor Khurshid Ahmad**, former member of Senate of Pakistan, Founder and Chairman of both the Institute of Policy Studies Islamabad and The Islamic Foundation Leicester (UK). For further information contact Audrey Miller **Tel: 0121 471 4175** or Email: **jubileedebt@blueyonder.co.uk**

Independence of India and Pakistan: Sixtieth Anniversary Reflections. The conference will be held at the Avenue Campus, **University of Southampton** on **17-20 July 2007**. The event will be divided into panel discussion and keynote plenary lectures. Papers will be of 30 minutes duration followed by questions. The following people have already agreed to participate: Gyanendra Pandey, Urvashi Butalia, Gurharpal Singh, **Akbar S. Ahmed**, Joya Chatterji, **Victoria Schofield**, Sten Widmalm and **Sikandar Hayat**. For further information contact **Professor Ian Talbot**, Department of History, University of Southampton at **iat@soton.ac.uk**

CONFERENCE: 'Mutiny at the Margins' New Perspectives on the Indian uprising of 1857. A conference to mark the 150th anniversary at the Centre for South Asian Studies, **University of Edinburgh**, Scotland, **23-26 July 2007**. The University of Edinburgh's Centre for South Asian Studies and School of History & Classics is holding a conference to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Indian Uprising of 1857. One of the most iconic events of British imperial history, the Uprising continues to be widely misrepresented and misunderstood. This conference aims to bring together scholars with an interest in developing new approaches and exploring new perspectives on this seminal event. The conference will run over three days and will focus on the involvement of marginal and neglected groups in the Uprising, its historiography and its many historical legacies. This call is for offers of research papers specifically addressing regional studies [e.g. the Punjab]; the experiences of British soldiers and civilians; the involvement and experiences of women; the post-mutiny diaspora; the involvement of adivasis/dalit/nomadic groups; and the later impacts on Muslim and Hindu revivalism, British imperial ideology and Indian nationalism. There will be a panel specifically focussing on the difficulties and divergent approaches to teaching 1857 in various countries and cultures. For further information **Email: 1857conference@ed.ac.uk**

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54th Annual Dinner
To celebrate the 60th year of Pakistan's Independence

Wednesday, 27 June 2007

The Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3TL

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Please state each guest's full name and any decorations.

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Corporate table for 10 persons @ £900		£
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I enclose a cheque made payable to The Pakistan Society	TOTAL	£

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