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Editorial

The input of yacht people from the ARC Round the World Yacht Race is having an impact on St Helena this week. Up until Wednesday afternoon eight yachts had arrived from the fleet of eighteen. Further yachts arrived yesterday and some left again for the high seas last night. The yachts that are all in the cruising class started from St Lucia in the Caribbean on 8th January and they hope to be back in the Caribbean again in April of this year. The yachts coming in have a 72-hour stay at the island. The largest yacht of the race, a Swan 76 called "Wild Tigres" arrived here on Monday evening. The St Helena Tourism Office has done surprisingly little promotion of the huge amount of yacht people coming to the island. However, a few tours have been organised.

Last night the St Helena Yacht Club member, under Commodore Nicole Peters, and helpers organised a bring-and-brai for our visitors, which was much appreciated by all. It really showed St Helena hospitality at its best. It was another great effort from the Yacht Club, which is going from strength to strength when it comes to promote the Island's tourism industry. I am certain that the St Helena Tourism Office will put their hands in their pockets to support the Yacht Club to enable them to continue their great work. Without financial and moral support these talented people at the seaside can not go on forever to hold up the Island's limping tourism industry. The Yacht Club and the French Estates cost the least to the UK/St Helena taxpayers but do the most.

Well done SHYC!

Mike



THE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Department would like to remind all persons who have purchased permits to collect either fodder or wood chips from the Forest Estate, that when entering the Forest to collect such produce that they must carry the relevant permits with them at all times. Persons who have purchased trees from the Forest Estate must also carry the receipt for the tree as proof of payment when entering the Forest to collect their tree.

Your co-operation in this matter is very much appreciated.

D.G Duncan

Chief Agricultural and Natural Resources Officer

Groucho Marx:

"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies."

JUST IN FROM WIKILEAKS:

St Helena Governorship Appointment – open to FCO Internal Applications Only

Confidential Final Candidates Shortlist

Wilberforce de Numely Groat-Sparx

(currently Deputy Visiting Keeper of the Queen's Coconuts, Island of Bongo-Bingi, based at H.M.Consulate, Dunedin, N.Z., Part-time Tues/Thurs. Out-of-hours contact Neville's jungle-juice bar and poledancing academy, Old Marsupial Avenue)

Station Officer Jasper Covert I.D.bin-Mohamed al-Jolson

(position currently classified, North Waziristan, commercial liaison division, heroin exports and community razorblade destruction unit)

Felicity Lymeswold-Strangler

(7th Cultural Attache, British High Commission, Zimbabwe, specialising in eviction counselling, ethnic fashion and traditional machete skills, and UNESCO-funded cheerleading for the unemployed)

The Hon.Rupert Blois Chevenix Stickiwickett

(Deputy Director of Deniability and Rendition Support Services, Diego Garcia)

Kevin Dipstick,

(Staff Officer, H.M. Directorate of Paperclip Inventory Management [Colour Coding Enforcement Cadre], FCO, Milton Keynes)

Mortimer Henderson-Bugatti Illrd

(British Embassy, Bangkok, 4th Assistant Commercial Secretary, Wildlife Counterfeiting Unit [Crocodile Section] Team Leader – Handbags, purses and Gents' Loafers size 6 and above)

Charity Presentation



In an informal ceremony on Wednesday, held at the Consulate Hotel, Eddie Leo, representing the St Helena Charities in the UK, presented four cheques to different sectors of the island which included Help Us to Help Ourselves (HUHO), the National Trust, the Arts and Crafts Society and the Cricket Association. The cheques were received by members from each field with much appreciation. Eddie and his team were thanked for their support. Eddie will be reporting back to the Charity when he departs for UK next month.

NICO Doctor in Trouble on Tristan?

From Tristan it has been reported that on 17th January authorities received a message from the container vessel "Aliakana Maua" that they had a sick crew member onboard and wished to call in at Tristan for medical assistance. The vessel arrived off the settlement at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and the rescue team was launched and they launched the rescue boat "Atlantic Dawn" and boarded the vessel. The crewman was brought ashore accompanied by a few others to see if an operation was necessary or if the sailor could just receive medical treatment and return to the vessel. After being examined by the island's doctor, the Captain of the vessel was told that an operation was needed immediately and could not wait until the vessel arrived in Cape Town five days later. This was carried out shortly after and by the late evening the crewman had become stable. The 31 year old Pilipino married with two children will remain on Tristan until he is fit to travel. It was said that the operation needed was an appendectomy. So far, so good, but other information from Tristan said that the poor Pilipino patient was given three epidural anaesthetic injections and the patient screamed throughout the procedure. Voices are now raised on Tristan da Cunha that Governor Andrew Gurr should launch an investigation into the incident on his arrival. It has also been said that the Doctor on Tristan does not keep records of what he prescribes. It's been said that he has to ask the patients what prescription drugs they are taking before he will help. One person had to go to the bin to find his tablet packet and bottle to take it to the Doctor to get more heart medicine. The Doctor on Tristan is employed by NICO.



A much appreciated party for the Island's disabled was held at the Community Care Complex on Saturday afternoon.

Photo: Andrew Gurr

Another Earthquake on Monday

An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.3 was registered at about half past one on Monday morning 520 miles South-West off St Helena on the Mid Atlantic Ridge. It has been several months since we had an earthquake of this size so close to the island.

Fish Quota

On Friday, the St Helena Fisheries Corporation informed all the local fishermen that Argos Atlantic Cold Stores will not be able to receive any more than three boxes of Skipjack from each boat each day commencing from Monday 17th January. However, they will be happy to purchase all other species; Tuna of all sizes, Wahoo and Groundfish in any quantities. This is a hard blow to the local fishing industry which has seen a large amount of Skipjack in our waters lately. Now the landings are restricted to about a tonne per boat and day.

OBITUARY

Wife Daphne, Sons, Daughters and their spouses, grand children here and overseas of the late Robert Randolph Vanguard who passed away peaceful at the General Hospital on Saturday 25 December 2010, would like to express sincere thanks to Doctors and Nurses of the General Hospital for all their care and attention through out his illness and whilst he was in Hospital, Father Patrick, Father Dale and Bishop John for conducting the funeral service, Joy George for playing the organ, to the wreath makers, Roy Williams and his team and to all family and friends who gave us support and sent cards and messengers to all of us at this sad time, which was very much appreciated.

*The death of people whom we love
Brings sorrow and deep pain;
But if our loved one know the Lord,
Our loss becomes their gain.*

Airport - Yes or No?

Leaked information lately has suggested that after the attempt to attract more expressions of interest from contractors to build the island's future airport it still might only be down to the original two compliant bidders, the Italian Impregilo and the South African Basil Read. We have reported that the appointed Project Managers, the British Engineering Firm, Halcro, have scouted the market for more interested parties and this exercise is now finalised. Last week, inside information from the European Construction market suggested that firms have been ap-

proached by Halcro but the companies had felt that they were too far behind Impregilo and Basil Read and it would be a waste of time to put forward their interest. If this latest information is correct, a bid from Impregilo and Basil Read could be forthcoming in a few months whereafter a negotiation period would take place. Optimistic analysts suggest that under these circumstances a contract could be signed in the third quarter of this year. However, this theory would only work if DFID were satisfied with the outcome of the negotiations with either Basil Read or Impregilo.

Iceland in St Helena



Iceland stores occupies the high street in almost every part of the UK, yesterday we got to taste (literally) that Iceland feeling! Solomons have taken the initiative in helping the consumer with a range of goods for those on a tight budget. The arrival of frozen goods, including meat, pastry, vegetable, cakes and dessert products caused quite a stir at the Spar with shoppers filling their baskets! Most of the products were less than two pounds, which is great for the customer but the question remains whether Solomon's will be able to maintain these prices for any long period.

Press Release - Cemetery Fees

The St Helena Government recently agreed to provide some financial assistance to the Diocese of St Helena. This is to help with the upkeep of the Anglican cemeteries.

SHG was unable to meet the full cost and as a result, the Diocese will now charge £75 for a burial at the St Paul's Cemetery. In addition, the cost for grave plots at the Dungeon Cemetery has increased from £5.50 to £75.

**Public Relations/Information Office Office of the Bishop
Office of the Chief Secretary
20 January 2011**

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

I read with dismay about the letter, which was written about the "Wainwright lady" in the Independent, 14th Jan 2011 and I have a few question and comment of my own. What dose it mean by the writer of the letter? *"I was surprised (and by surprise, I meant not at all surprised) at the comments I received from people about her"*. Why can't people write their comments themselves, instead of discussing them with Sherrilee Phillips? The other comment that was made that I would like to comment on myself is, *"Why do people worry about their freedom of speech?"* **ALL** St Helenains's have freedom of speech and all we need to do is use this freedom. Sherrilee expected to return home and be swamped with job offices. Over the past months and weeks there has been lots of jobs advertising in both the Independent and Herald. Even a job for a new governor for the Island was advertised. So if you are seeking employment, one must apply, a job wont just be given to you. We all have a job to do, from a Dustman swapping the streets right up to the governor's job. So what is wrong with Sharon's job? I am sure she dose it to the best of her knowledge, Sherrilee goes on to say *"she bear no grudge against the women"*. So when Sharon invited Sherrilee to a meeting to discuss what her job consisted off, why didn't you go along Ms Phillips? Ms Wainwright I haven't got any complaints against the job that you are doing, but I couldn't help noticing the comments that were put forward from Ms Phillips. I recommend that you continue to do your job to the best of you knowledge.

**Best regards,
Kenny Fowler**



Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

With the Civil Society and Leisure Committee - {Bernice Olsson (Chair), Cyril Gunnell (Deputy Chair), Michael Benjamin, Brian Isaac, Derek Thomas} - having unanimously agreed the revised plan published in last weekend's papers, I can only conclude that the Committee was not adequately informed in balanced detail of the strength, character and breadth of the objections from the public to the original plan ... undesirable features of which have been carried into the revised plan which is now intended to be implemented no matter what anyone thinks of it. This intention completely ignores the informed responses from Serena Thorpe, Barbara George, Stedson George, Gail Thorpe, Matthew Joshua, Rodney Young, and two concerned visitors, published in local papers and only the Tourism executive really knows how many, like ourselves, responded to the public consultation but chose not to publish. The Committee should have sight of all those responses, published and unpublished, study them and weigh them so that an informed decision can be made.

The residents of St.Helena, and the Island's well-wishers, depend on the Councillors to prevent this kind of bulldozing from happening. This example parallels the determination to impose a single rate of Customs Duty designed to obtain tax money on purchases by the well-heeled visitors who it is imagined will flock to St.Helena when the airport is operational, and in the meantime will raise the cost of basic essentials for everyone who lives here. While it is necessary to have plans prepared to meet anticipated needs, it is not sensible to implement them until 'the pie in the sky' is ready to eat. The well-heeled tourists are 'the birds in the bush' better to focus on the needs of 'the birds in the hand'; your those who live and visit here. I hope the Civil Society and Leisure Committee can get the Jamestown Enhancement Plan back on the table for a decision that reflects current needs and the necessity to preserve the Island's unique heritage. The current decision agreed by the Committee does

neither.

Attached are Delia's and my responses to the public consultation exercise. Neither they nor the published responses seem to have had any, or very little, effect.

**Yours sincerely,
Cliff Huxtable**

Comments on Improving Main Street Jamestown

Personally, I do not think any major changes should be made. We like what is familiar and works.

"Main Street is the main gateway for everyone arriving on St.Helena." It will only remain a gateway whilst we have the RMS 'St.Helena' and whatever ships are able to offload passengers, and yachties of course. Come the airport without a replacement ship or a breakwater, which would allow passengers to land whatever the sea conditions, it will cease to be important as a gateway. But it is the capital and the business hub and will always be a key facility for everyone on the Island.

If we have a wonderful example of Georgian architecture, let's make the most of it. Encourage and help owners to preserve the frontage with necessary repairs and suitable colours of paint. Let's not detract from the beauty by planting citrus trees which are thorny, shed leaves and will need care and attention. (St.Helena can't keep the weeds off the streets now!) From anywhere in Main Street one can see trees. Care should be taken to preserve them. Some planters and troughs would add a nice touch to the plant life that is already there. Cobblestones (beetlestones) are not very practical; they are hobbly, collect dust and dirt and are not easy to clean. The new ones in front of Essex House were put down in preference to a nice little garden which contained beautiful blooming hibiscus bushes that lent a nice tropical touch. What we have now looks sandy and arid and exposes a roomful of junk through a window covered with chainlink fencing.

I have no problem with the stand as it is. If bigger vehicles are a hazard, make it 'cars only' parking. By all means repair the footpaths and reset the original stone kerbs in line with where they are now, with some drop kerbs; i.e. no extending pavements into the roadways. If better lighting is in order, fine.

The St.Helena Development Agency is advertising a catering opportunity in the Castle Courtyard! Much effort and money has been spent on refurbishing this area. I feel quite strongly that a ca-

tering business should not be set up there; it would just detract. In fact, there are already nine other such facilities in the area. I would think for a town the size of Jamestown, we already have more than enough.

Let's hope this exercise of collecting views and thoughts will produce a finished result which we will all enjoy.

**Yours sincerely,
Delia Huxtable (Mrs.)**

JAMESTOWN MAIN STREET ENHANCEMENT PROPOSAL

BEST AND WORST IDEAS

1. Best idea in your October 29th press release is, "to make footpaths continuous and safe to use; to repave the footpaths and re-set the original stone kerbs," (in their current alignment please).
2. Worst idea, "is to remove parking from the middle of Main Street and move it to the sides, in bays divided by paved areas which will contain trees;" and cobblestone sections in the footpaths in front of buildings.
3. Next-worst idea is to extend pavements with trees, at the expense of the motor traffic areas, in front of the Bazaar, the Market, the Canister, the Star, the Malabar and the Consulate, giving the whole area a 'curvy', closed, congested, and pedestrian mall appearance.

COMMENTS

1. The unique city of Jamestown is much admired, by those in the know, as a well-preserved and charming Georgian/Victorian town centre. Let us not wreck it! For as long as we have access by sea, Main Street is the valued entrance to this special Island. It must accommodate both full vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
2. Jamestown is a living city, a working town; not a museum piece. We like the present layout, but not the pervasive air of neglect. The proposal put forward closes in the open spaces with pavements and trees pushed into the street, and is likely to create dangerous traffic congestion.
3. Cars and trees along each side of upper Main Street will increase the prominence of cars and reduce the dominance of the buildings. Cars lining both sides of upper Main Street will be more hazardous to pedestrians wishing to cross the street than is the current central parking stand.

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A Tale of a Sailor

David Jeffs arrived at St Helena on Monday morning aboard his yacht, in an interview at Saint FM he said "Well, I think I really have St Helena to thank for this, so thank you St Helena. I was last here in 1962/1963, I was the first of the VSO, the Voluntary Service Overseas volunteers, it was the first time that I'd really been away from home, it was my gap year before going to medical school and really my months on St Helena changed my life more than anything else. It gave me an interest in yachting, in those days you only had about three or four yachts a year calling in, at least during the time I was here, but seeing these guys get off their yachts, sun-tanned and muscular, I thought, yes, that's what I'd like to do. It's also given me a lot of islands, I've lived on a number of islands in my life, but due I think to my time in St Helena, I ended up as the Chief Medical Adviser, Director of Public Health in Guernsey and Alderney in the Channel Islands where again we have a St Helena connection, we had the Island Games there and I was very pleased to be the representative, local representative for the St Helena Team at the inter-Island Games"



nally opens, it becomes a sort of niche tourist destination, because I'm sure that people will be really, really impressed just as I've been on my return visit".

It was way back in 1962, that David took the call to come to St Helena," I went to a interview at the Royal Commonwealth Society and they looked on my CV and they said, oh, we see you're interested in scuba diving and water sports, how would you like to go somewhere near the sea? I thought, well, maybe Tonga or Fiji or even the Caribbean, sounds very nice, so I said, "oh yes, Sir, I'd love to have a posting near the sea." He said, "very very good, do you know where St Helena is"? And being sort of a history, interest in history I said, "oh yes, that's where Napoleon went." He said, "very good indeed, yes, very good, we're sending you to St Helena" and that's how I arrived here at the tender age of eighteen.

Myself and David Hall were the first two, we really, sort of, put it to the trial and really I think we must have done something right because I understand you've had VSO volunteers coming for a number of years, some of them married local girls, some of them, the men even, the VSO connection has been a long-standing one.

When I arrived I was teaching, but they also said there was a lack of local resource for local schoolchildren and would I write a little pamphlet on the flora and fauna of St Helena, so, again, at the tender age of eighteen I had my first publication, I put together a little publication for use in the schools"

After 48 years David was asked whether he recognised the place he replied "I certainly recognise it, but a lot of the places we visited on our yachts, we're sort of sailing around three oceans, the North Atlantic, South Atlantic and the Indian Ocean to visit some of the places we've been in the past and enjoyed and a lot of the places, Mauritius for example, isn't as nice as it was thirty or forty years ago, but St Helena I must say is one of the few places we've visited which is positively thriving, booming, compared with how I remember it; lots more cars, people a lot better dressed, there were still people going barefoot back in 1962/1963, especially in the country districts, a lot more in the shops, a lot more facilities infrastructure, I think St Helena must be doing it right and I do hope that you continue getting lots of visiting yachts, lots of visiting cruise ships and, of course, when the airport fi-

David when onto talk about his sailing "We have the Arc Rally in a moment who are sailing round the world, but we prefer to just do three oceans and visit the places which we've been to before with my wife and myself, worked in Australia for a long time so we went from Cape Town to Fremantle, we went up the West Australian coast, we came back via Cocos – Keeling Island, Chagos, Rodriguez, Mauritius, Reunion, right along the South African coast and now from St Helena up to Ascension to Fernando de Noronha to French Guyana and we're meeting friends in Barbados and going to be spending a few months cruising the Caribbean. We still have the North Atlantic to do so we'd like to go to Bermuda and the Azores and then do Gibraltar and then, of course, there's the whole of the Mediterranean to explore, which, again will fit in with my historical interests.

Yachting is a very self contained, self sufficient world and it's very satisfying to feel that you've got your home with you, but whether you arrive safely or not is up to your skill and training and equipment, and it does ask to visit the places where you really enjoy, really want to go back to and sometimes, as I said about St Helena, get really pleasant surprises, we are very, very pleased to see what progress has been made.

We had originally intended to do the Governor's Cup, at the inter-island Games the Manager of your Team said, well, if you want to go back to St Helena why don't you do the Governor's Cup and we said we'd love to do that, we've got space, we can take a couple of young people from St Helena and share some of our experience. Unfortunately this year, instead of starting late December, the Governor's Cup was brought forward to early December to tie in with the RMS schedule and so because we'd already made arrangements for Christmas and we needed to have some work done on the boat we were unable to attend, but we hear it was a success again and perhaps some future year we will be able to visit St Helena with the Governor's Cup and perhaps with some young people onboard to share some sailing with them" We wish David and his wife all the best in their future travels.

Update on Tax Reform Proposal

In July 2010, a Working Group was appointed to review St Helena's tax system and to recommend a package that is based on the following principles:

- 1 Business friendly and promotes economic growth
- 2 Is simpler and reduces the administrative burden (both for Government and the taxpayer)
- 3 Ensures financial sustainability

With this in mind, the St Helena Government engaged a local tax expert to review the tax system. There has been consultation with the private sector and research was carried out into tax systems that are used in places with similar economies to St Helena including other small islands.

A long list of options came out of this work and at a meeting in December, Executive Council considered the following proposed changes:

- 1 To flatten the income tax rate to 25% and increase the personal tax free allowance to £7000. At present, income tax is calculated as: 0% on the first £3,500 you earn; 17% on the next £3,500; and 27% on anything you earn thereafter. The proposal would mean that anyone earning less than £7,000 would pay no income tax and that anything they earn over £7,000 would be charged at 25%.
- 2 Remove all allowances other than the personal allowance. This would stop child allowance, dependants' allowance, seaman's allowance and the farming allowance.
- 3 Lower Corporation Tax to 25%. At present, all companies pay 30% on their profits.
- 4 Combine wharfage rate with customs duties and introduce a flat rate of 15%. This does not cover fuel, alcoholic beverages, cigarettes and tobacco or vehicles. The amount payable will still be calculated on the value of the item when

purchased. So, if a bag of cement is purchased in Cape Town for £10, you pay duty at 15% of £10 which would be £1.50.

5 Allow smaller businesses to pay income tax on an annual rather than quarterly basis. Currently, all businesses have to pay quarterly installments.

6 Reinstate withholding tax. This means that if you earn interest with the Bank of St Helena, SHG will deduct 10% of this interest.

7 Introduce a service tax of 10%. This will be collected by providers of television, telephone, internet and insurance services.

8 Increase duties on cigarettes and tobacco and on alcoholic beverages by 37%. This would increase, for example, the cost of a bottle of beer with less than 4.5% alcohol content by about 15p and a packet of cigarettes by about 64p. Further areas will also be considered during the new financial year in order to encourage investment.

Executive Council agreed that changes should only come into effect if measures are put into place to protect low income households.

The law will need to be amended for the proposed changes to happen and if this is agreed by Legislative Council, the majority of the changes would come into effect on 1 April 2011. However, Executive Council has said that if the 15% flat rate is introduced, this will not come into effect until 1 July.

Finance Department

The Castle

20 January 2011



ST. HELENA POLICE SERVICE

Reports of concern for the period Monday 10th to Sunday 16th January are as follows –

On Thursday morning police received a report of criminal damage which had occurred in the Longwood area. Investigations are currently ongoing.

Two road traffic accidents were reported and dealt with. The first occurred on Thursday morning and was a damage only accident involving two vehicles. Driver at fault was given a verbal warning for driving a motor vehicle on a road without due care and attention.

The second accident occurred on Saturday afternoon in the Sandy Bay area. This accident was also damage only involving two vehicles, but is currently under investigation.

On Saturday night it was reported that a person had hit a dog in the Longwood area after it ran across the road. The driver was given a verbal warning for driving a motor vehicle on a road without due care and attention. The owner of the

dog was also given a verbal warning for allowing a dog to be loose in a public place.

Ten persons were dealt with in relation to parking offences in the Jamestown area on Saturday.

If you have any information please call Confidential Crime Line, telephone number 2888. . All information received will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Have a safe week.

Mark Good

Inspector of Operations

17 January 2011

Vacancy

Wanted is a couple to work on the Woolley Park Estate near Wantage, Berkshire. Free rent and utilities in a large flat attached to Main family home. Must be flexible and able to drive.

For more details contact Shirley Anderson on Tel: 01488639973 or e-mail sranderson@live.co.uk

Andrew Wells Sworn in as Acting Governor

In the presence of Councillors, Directors, Government officials and other invited guests, Chief Secretary, Andrew Wells, was sworn in as Acting Governor on Wednesday 19th January 2011. The Ceremony was held in the Governor's Office at 10am and marked the fifth occasion for Mr Wells to hold this position since his arrival to the Island in late 2008.

The Oaths of Office were administered by Acting Sheriff, Harry Legg OBE JP. This was followed by prayers and a blessing given by Bishop John.

In his role the Acting Governor spoke to all present on how it was a "great honour and also a pleasure, albeit as always a somewhat daunting one, to be sworn in as Acting Governor."

The Acting Governor then spoke about the hard work done by Councillors, officials and colleagues in London, in preparing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed last month, which now constitutes a formal agreement between the St Helena Government and the Department for International Development.

Acting Governor Wells then said that the really hard work now begins in order for the Island to "reach tough reform targets in a wide variety of areas so that we are, in all respects, ready to take advantage of the economic boost from the period when the airport is being built, even before the opportunities that will be available from the day on which the first international flight lands

on the Island."

He remarked that despite all of this "crucial activity" in securing the future, other work in vital areas of Government will not stop. Extensive preparations are, for example, now underway by Councillors and officers to prepare for the annual Development Aid Planning Mission (DAPM) which will take place next month and which will largely determine the level of grant-in-aid the Island will receive over the next financial year and beyond. Ending his address the Acting Governor commented on the determination of the Saints and their elected representatives on Council to "get the job done". Because of this he remains "optimistic as always that St Helena will rise to the challenges, in particular to the stretching tasks we have set for ourselves in the MOU - and with the support of a loyal

and more productive public service, and an increasingly vibrant commercial sector, ensure the bright future that the Island and its younger generation deserve."

Acting Governor Wells gave special thanks to the Lord Bishop John for his prayers and wished him all the best in his coming retirement, and also thanked his Deputy Gillian Francis who will now become the Acting Chief Secretary, the staff of the OCS for organizing the ceremony and to his wife Shanling for her support.

The morning concluded with the Acting Governor's wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to all present.

**Public Relations/Information Office
Office of the Chief Secretary
20 January 2011**



Your Opinion Counts

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4. The cobblestoned area recently created in front of Essex House:

- already has loosened cobbles, plus collected dirt, sand, paint chips and cigarette butts,
- is obviously not readily swept clean,
- is hobbly for pedestrians and serves no discernible aesthetic or practical purpose.

Let us replace it with a suitable small garden area and not have any more

public cobbled areas.

ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS for ENHANCEMENT EXPENDITURE (in addition to Best Idea 1. above)

1. Re-build and re-tarmac the road surfaces from the seaside to Ladder Hill Corner on Market Street and to Mundens Lane on Napoleon Street.
2. Institute a scheme to have all building facades in the area refurbished and painted in light pastel colours, or consider all facades being painted white, also some encouragement when re-roofing the buildings to use sympathetic materials. Remove all parked but unused old cars. Mobilise an effective scheme of street cleaning, sweeping, weeding and tidying, all "to achieve a sense of care rather than neglect."
3. All long and boxy vehicles to be rigorously excluded from the Main Street central car stand, perhaps using the is-

sue of annual windshield stickers for approved small cars when annual licences are issued all other vehicles excluded from the stand.

4. The back row (western) spaces in front of the Rickmers can be widened and lengthened to accommodate long, boxy, and other commercial vehicles. The other existing car parking spaces around the Grand Parade can continue to take the overflow of cars from Main Street as can the newly identified parking areas.

5. Remove the benches currently placed in front of the Market. Pursue the repainting of the Market with soft pastel colours, and the replacement of translucent corrugated sheeting with more sympathetic material.

6. Save funds for real needs, stop the philistines' destructive 'Proposed Catering Opportunity in the Castle Courtyard'! **Cliff Huxtable**



Executive Council

17th January 2011, Governor Andrew Gurr

Working absences meant that this was the first substantive EXCO where all were present for some time, and we welcomed Councillor Tony Green back from his sterling work on our behalf in Cardiff, Brussels and London.

The first paper was an Information Paper covering the recent increase in the price of fuel. Although there was no decision to make because some time ago we linked any price change to actual variances in the cost of imported fuel, whether up or down, there was significant discussion. This was because the actual cost of the fuel itself has not increased significantly yet the fact that we have had to buy in such a small quantity has increased the transport cost per unit. The reason for that is tied up with the schedule of Jo Tanker's delivery.

We all felt that this whole issue of the cost of fuel is so fundamental to our economy that we really should have another look to see if there is not a more cost effective way of procuring our supplies. We are well aware that the small size of our fuel farm is a huge drawback when minimising the unit cost of transport, and we asked that the issue should be looked into in conjunction with the planning that is taking place in relation to the airport.

Our next memorandum was seeking approval for a tightening up of the Fish and Fish Products Regulations. Andre Herne joined us for the item. The reason for having to do this is that we must comply with EU regulations if we are to have an export market for our fish in Europe. More sophisticated testing is required and that will mean samples going to South Africa and the UK. The new Regulations were approved and will come into force on 1st February.

The next Memorandum was a request to change the date for the annual Registration of Electors from October to May. It is felt that October is already a busy month and is too close to a potential General Election timetable. This was agreed.

I then presented Members with my thoughts with regard to the RMS following the Julian Morris report. There has been so much discussion on this topic that it would be impossible to summarise all the points of view expressed

prior to this meeting. Indeed I am very grateful to all of those who submitted their opinions. The report has also been discussed by the Access & Transport Committee and alongside that Committee I have had a teleconference with SHL on the issues.

The sheer depth of investigation and the passage of time have at least led to a fairly broad consensus on most of the major issues. Some of those issues remain for further investigation, for example the design and location of additional cabins, as well as the introduction of more flexible pricing for both passengers and cargo. But it is considered essential that we firm up on matters related to the schedule as soon as possible and I found that Councillors were unanimous in agreeing the following:

- Decisions with regard to the schedule should be staged in order to balance the requirements of the market with the possible need for more flexibility in the future.
- It is sensible therefore to review the schedule every 3 months and to build in a provisional schedule beyond that which is subsequently confirmed as being certain.
- The existing schedule until January 2012 remains intact, including the UK voyage this coming September and Julian's proposal to concentrate on the Cape Town run during 2012 is also

agreed with. So we are confirming the draft schedule up until the end of March 2012, and marking as "provisional" the rest of that year. However that "provisional" classification will be reviewed at the end of March this year.

· That means that there will be no Tristan voyage next year, nor any to the UK.

· The option of bringing Walvis Bay back in to the schedule will be considered every 3 months as time progresses.

· It is our policy to always maintain at the very least a 9 month certainty as recommended, and we may well reduce to that level as the RMS comes under more pressure.

Over the next few weeks Sharon Wainwright will hold a press conference and will be discussing her recent fact-finding voyage with Infolegco.

We confirmed two sets of minutes from the meetings of 10th and 14th December and dealt with a wide range of issues under Matters Arising.

Under AOB I indicated to Hon. Members that I will be leaving tomorrow to visit Tristan for the first time, in spite of the fact that I have been Governor of that even remoter island for 38 months. I know that many Saints here have many friends on Tristan and I will be taking greetings from many of you.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm

Thank You

The Daughter's Olga, Ethel Iris, Mary, Sister Eileen & sister in-law Phyllis; Fourteen grand-children thirty great-grand-children and twelve great-great-grand-children in the uk of the late Beatrice Clingham who passed away peacefully on the 6th January at the age of 97.

We would like to thank Ian Rummery and his staff at the community care complex for taking great care of our dearest sister mother and grandmother during her illness.

A special thanks to the staff at the general hospital, Roy and his team, not to forget all the friends and family who contributed in any way.

God have our sister mother and grandmother in his keeping. We have her in our hearts. May she rest in peace?

A Funny Thing Happened

Vince Thompson



Quick Decision on Main Street

'Much to everyone's surprise', we are told in a government press release, the consultation replies on the proposed Main Street improvements showed there was a strong feeling that car parking should be taken out of Main Street. Others on the other hand, the editor of this newspaper included, hold the opposite opinion just as strongly. For myself, I think Main Street definitely needs smartening up, and this is now happening. As for the parking issue, I don't have a strong opinion either way. I prefer to listen or read the arguments for and against and enjoy the discussion.

Mike Olsson wrote last week that people want a 'living town'. To my mind the main street in a living town has people bustling about. They are popping in and out of a range of shops, offices, restaurants and leisure venues which are making money from the high demand for their goods and services. To achieve that, the town needs to have a healthy economy. This means lots of people earning a decent wage with money to spare to spend in shops and restaurants. The plain fact is this Island's economy is far from healthy. It is indeed very sick. Jamestown starts to die each weekday afternoon on the stroke of 4pm. By 5.30pm Main Street is on life support. On Wednesdays Main Street hardly wakes up at all and gives up the ghost completely about midday. Just a few people remain in the evening in the one or two places which are still open. Yes, people do want a living town but we do not have one. The economy we need to get a living town on its feet will come, we are told, from tourists arriving by plane.

Well, we will see about that but it's not only tourists who should have a pleasant and tidy Main Street. Why should we not have it anyway for ourselves?

As for the car parking, we will see about that too. I know a town near where I used to live in the UK which has a very wide main street. The cars are allowed to park along the kerb along some parts of that road. Any suggestion that cars should park in the middle of the road in that town would be greeted with howls of protest. It just depends what you are used to. For the moment I have only one suggestion. The Scouts could make some money on a Saturday morning carrying people's shopping to their cars. It would make a change from cleaning them. Cleaning the cars, not the people!

Lastly, the decision on how to go ahead with the Main Street scheme was made very quickly. This is probably because it is someone else's money that's being spent and the cash is there already. Even so, it does show that government can make decisions quickly, let's see more of it.

UK Newspapers Gunning for DfID

International Development and the National Health Service are the only two areas of UK government spending which are escaping the severe budget cuts. It is never a good idea to attack government health spending so the DfID spending programme is first in the firing line when journalists in the UK are looking for a story to fill the pages of their newspapers. Recently, the Daily Mail told its British readers that DfID is giving people in Britain money from its Global Community Links fund to spend on coffee mornings and dance classes. The purpose of the fund is to raise awareness among Brits about the plight and suffering endured by people in other countries. As far as Daily Mail journalists are concerned this is all good stuff because they know their readers love to grunt and curse into their coffee cups about the government wasting money as they read the newspaper at the breakfast table or on the train to work.

At the end of the report, in the interests of truth and honesty, it is mentioned almost in passing that it was the previous

Labour government that spent £34million over eight years on such 'projects' and that Andrew Mitchell, the current DfID minister had written to organisations that manage the spending from this fund telling them to stop awarding grants until his department had finished its spending review.

So, the report was a lot of hot air about nothing, except that we should appreciate that a large slice of public opinion in the UK is always ready to moan, [like us] about the government spending money and they tend to moan even more if the money is spent on others rather than themselves.

A Small Victory

You may not agree with me, but I do not like the mild and mature cheddar cheese that is so plentiful in the shops. I've been calling it 'mousetrap' cheese for many years. Well, today I want to congratulate the staff at Tinker's. By special request, they have succeeded in getting some Edam cheese in their shop. Not too long ago, Edam was usually as readily available as Mousetrap cheese. Interestingly, I hear the Edam is selling well. This makes me wonder why those that do the ordering stopped getting supplies in.

Decisions on the Future RMS Schedule

The most recent Exco Report from Governor Gurr tells us the new RMS schedule will not include trips to the UK or to Tristan. Also, the South Atlantic only voyages will be based on Cape Town. Regular reviews of passenger numbers will decide whether any calls to Walvis Bay will be required. All this is in line with the recommendations in the consultant's report. What the Exco Report does not mention is whether SHG will be contacting the UK Ministry of Defence, at the highest level, to press for more seats on certain RAF flights to Ascension for civilians. The consultant's report on future RMS schedules did make clear that picking up more passengers for St Helena at Ascension was preferable to adding Walvis Bay to the schedule. Let's hope SHG are working diligently on a better Ascension airbridge link to the RMS and the absence of any mention in the Exco report of this aspect of future scheduling

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is due to the need for a diplomatic silence.

Not a Lot of People Know This

These not so important additions to general knowledge were gained during a lazy Sunday doing nothing in particular. The green light at the top of Ladder Hill flashes 1,200 times an hour. This light is on for about twelve hours a night in the winter, so the total number of flashes is around 14,400 per night. The Jacob's Ladder lights switch off at 5:40 in the morning in the summer.

And Not a Lot of People Know About This

The Land Development Control Plan [LDCP] is due for review very shortly. What is it? You may well ask. And so what? You may think. Development planning is a boring subject for many people. That is, until they want build their own house, extension or garage or put up a new sign in Jamestown, a satellite dish in the country or set up new business premises. Then the do's and don'ts in planning policies become very important. Most people have to deal with the planning department and planning policies at least once in their lives.

The changes proposed in the review of the LDCP will affect some people directly. For some the effects will be ben-

eficial but for others, not so. The worst thing about all this is that although consultation on the proposed changes has been going on since 12th November, the responses to the consultation have been next to nothing. This is hardly surprising because publicity for this review has also been next to nothing. What little publicity there has been swamped by other issues in the memorandum of understanding. At the same time, government officials involved with the review have been running around like headless chickens dealing with all manner of other things as well. The official date for closing the consultation period is 24th January. Maybe you had better decide over the weekend if there is anything in the consultation text re-printed below which you should check out on Monday. The phrases in **bold italics**, used for emphasis, are mine.

Land Development Control Plan – Reform Proposals

The objective of this review is to foster and respond positively to development opportunities, whilst protecting forever St. Helena's unique attributes and attractions against inappropriate development by controlling the impact, nature, scale, density, configuration and appearance of land use.

Overriding principles of proposal:-

(1) Maintain present zoning system of Green Heartland, Intermediate zone and

Coastal zone as the basis of planning policies **but refine both the boundaries and policies to give added strength and clarity**

(2) **Redefine the Green Heartland zone** allowing no further housing on the basis that under all predictions there is ample housing land outside it

(3) Establish within the Green Heartland zone, **a sub-zone where no building at all will be allowed**, in order to preserve the undeveloped nature of the peaks for all time.

(4) Establish within the Coastal zone, five sub-zone boundaries with reference to natural landscape features, **with policies ranging from no building, through tourism development to all development, with the expectation that there will be extensive development opportunities in this zone** whilst still protecting the essential nature of the coastline

(5) Include in all policies integral reference to **design standards**

(6) **Include design briefs, design guidance and binding formal agreements** to facilitate development by ensuring that infrastructure is provided by the developer

(7) Provide for policies to be the subject of strategic environmental assessment, largely **obviating the need for EIA's** if development complies with planning policy.

To ALL MEMBERS of the St Helena Art and Crafts Association and CONTRIBUTORS to the Centre.

The Art and Crafts Association Committee hereby gives notice of a special meeting of the Association on 8th February 2011 at 7.00pm in AVEC. The business of this meeting is to bring before all members a proposal to dissolve the Association and establish it as a Company Limited by Guarantee.

This has come about because of the wish to expand the role of the Association into a Social Enterprise which can only be achieved by forming it into a Company Limited by Guarantee. Also, the Committee recently applied to SHDA to rent

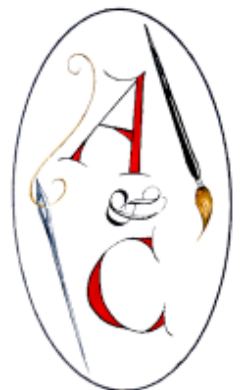
Workshop space in Half Tree Hollow, and, during discussions about subletting the space it became clear that individual members could be held liable if there was a claim against the Association. In order to avoid such an eventuality, the Committee has decided to recommend to members that the Association is dissolved and, all assets transferred into a Private Company Limited by Guarantee whose articles of incorporation would be built upon the current aims and objectives of the Association.

All members and contributors to the Centre are encouraged to attend this important meeting on Tuesday 8th February at 7.00pm in AVEC.

Mrs M A C Hopkins MBE

Chairman

The St Helena Art and Crafts Association



Beaten By The System

'The Nicky 'Duke' Story'

Nicholas 'Duke' Yon or Nicky as I shall refer to him throughout the article is no push over, he's a small man about five feet tall but with a very big opinion and powerful voice.

Nicky along with his wife Carol came to Saint FM studios on Tuesday to tell us his story, what struck me about this man was his resoluteness to get the truth out there.

He said "there are many more out there like me in the same situation but they are afraid to speak out!"

Nicky started in the Private Sector about twenty years ago, in his words "things were going good because the SHG would ask our advice on certain things however we soon noticed that they were awarding contracts to just a specific few, we were not being recognised as a business"

Wandering back through the years Nicky recalls approaching SHDA for a small loan to purchase a Block Machine, a meagre sum of £400.00 only to be told that the business was high risk, he didn't get the money.

Nicky struggled on and raised the money himself and was then able to purchase the machine, the business took off, in time he needed to purchase a truck and again like before he approached SHDA for another tiny loan of £150 to purchase the truck, the reply he got was that there are "too many trucks on St Helena!"

In the last twenty years Nicky said there have been hundreds of trucks brought to this Island, he added "If SHG along with the other agencies had helped me I would have had a stronger business, the same things that are being talked today by other businesses I was talking about 20 years ago, but no one would help me.

Certain people have gone to SHDA, not even Islanders and gotten grants up in the thousands and it was no problem for them!"

Within 10 years the business was well established said Nicky "all on our own steam we started to see real turnover and orders for blocks increased, we owned as many as 7 trucks and employed up to 7 people who because of business collapse have now gone over to Public Sector employment"

Nicky recalls that the problem started

when competition came on the scene, specific Private Contractors went into the same business but were undercutting their prices, at this point the reader will assume that healthy competition is good for the economy however Nicky said "these Contractors could afford to undercut us because they had OTHER BIG jobs backing them up, our business was the only form of livelihood that we had and it continues through to the present day, sometimes we don't even get to hear of contracts being advertised they are just given to the same contractor again and again, it's crap- absolutely crap!"

The system is wrong and the worst thing is that no one is listening or the response is "sorry, but there's very little that we can do", the government should be going around and see what contracts are being awarded, if the contractor has enough work for that year then give it to someone else, they should be visiting the private sector least once a month, they don't do anything else except sit on their backsides all day, they can see for themselves as a Private businessman whether or not you got enough work"

Moving on Nicky talked about the Wharf Improvement Project he said "the crushed stone that they needed for the project was taken from all of the other Quarries except mine, the guy from CAN France came out with me to the Quarry and said "Oh they didn't tell me there was another Quarry"

"My idea is that the orders for building

materials should be equally shared amongst all the businesses, so if you got four guys crushing stone then you share out between the four, heck we only got four thousand people on the Island.

Secondly I was awarded a contract to supply eight thousand blocks for a project at Donkey Plain, I asked for some financial assistance up front to purchase materials but was flatly refused.

Nicky has held to the idea that Saints could've done the job on the Wharf with the exception of one or two engineers overseeing the job "All that concrete being poured on the Pierhead, I worked for Fairclough on Ascension, it ain't no different, I worked on the Falklands it ain't no different!"

All those jobs were done by Saints!

WE extended the Airhead, laid concrete for the huge Airstrip as well and put up a brand new Hanger on Ascension the Brits were excited they didn't realise how skilled the Saints actually were!

When Fair Clough closed down we built Prince Andrew School!

The only Ex pat engineers were John Jefferies and Keith Hash, the rest were Saints, it was a massive project but we did it!

You go down to Sandy Bay beach, the guy down there packed that beach with stones using a big Case Loader and it's still there!

Another time the government contracted overseas people to come in and re roof Plantation House, the same tiles



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'The Nicky 'Duke' Story'

that were used on Prince Andrew school were also used at Plantation but we got in an overseas contractor to do a job that we could have done ourselves and all the money was taken of the Island.

You'd be surprised what skills are walking the streets

At this point Nicky became really cross, maybe a short coffee break was on hand but he was on a roll and there was no holding back.

He said "I hate the fact that people are paid to come here to tell us what to do, what not to do, fill their pockets and leave us here with the mess!

Another thing that winds me up is the Bay Plain situation, as young boys we used to get stone from there, everybody

got to make a bitta cash, it was a fair situation but an ex-pat came here from overseas and put a stop to that, we're not allowed there anymore.

Now DWRS (Diplomatic Wireless Relay Station) came here and ran the whole of Bay Plain because they had big Towers out there including their power station at Bradley's, they ran the place and nobody stopped them!

At this point Carol, Nicky's wife chuckled and said "the spiders were still there long after DWRS left!"

Moving on Nicky said "ANRD is another unfair department, still government, with the contracts being awarded to the permanent men.

It's not right, they will always undercut us because they have full time jobs, if

they tender £100, they don't care, because that's still £100 profit to them The jobs are actually offered to the full time workers before the private contractor can get a chance"

In conclusion I asked Nicky what were his plans for the future, he replied "Selling up and going to the UK with my family", he shakes his head, "My son was gonna take over the family business, he's real good at it, but I can't go on like this because the income has dropped so much that we just can't afford to keep things running any longer, it's such a disappointment.

Nicky is angry, very angry, he says "The system 'gits' to you, sometimes I feel like chewing of my own head!"

Governor Gurr to Pay Official Visit to Tristan

His Excellency, Governor Gurr departed the island on 18th January 2011 for an official visit to Tristan da Cunha. This is the first visit Governor Gurr will pay to the Territory.

En route to Tristan, the Governor and Mrs Gurr will be hosting a reception on the RMS in Cape Town for those in South Africa who are interested in St Helena or Tristan.

Unfortunately Mrs. Gurr will not be able to continue from Cape Town to Tristan as she will be returning to the UK for a family funeral.

The Governor should be able to spend two full days on Tristan and hopes to be able to meet all of the inhabitants. There will of course be meetings with the Chief Islander, the Island Council and the Administrator, but the schedule also includes visits to the new fish factory, the Conservation Department, the Communications Centre, the Museum, the Post Office and the School. There will also be a public reception

and a tea with pensioners as well as a visit to the Camlogi Hospital.

If the weather holds, then a walk on the volcano and a visit to the Potato Patches will take place.

When asked about his visit the Governor said:

"I am really looking forward to visiting an island that must be on all island lovers' list of places to see. Over the past three years I have been disappointed three times as advanced plans to get to Tristan have fallen through. Now at last I will be able to see the place and meet the people that I have heard so much about."

Whilst away from the island Chief Secretary, Andrew Wells will act as Acting Governor and Gillian Francis as Acting Chief Secretary until His Excellency's return on 6th February 2011.

**Public Relations/Information Office
Office of the Chief Secretary
18 January 2011**

PRESS RELEASE

REVIEW OF MEDICAL SERVICES

Arriving on the RMS on 5 January was Derek Muhl, who will be carrying out a review of the Island's medical services.

Derek has many years of experience working at Director level within NHS Trusts in the UK and more recently on the Falkland Islands as Director of Health and Social Services.

Included in Derek's Terms of Reference is the need to recommend a realistic and affordable package of care for the population and to recommend benchmarks to safeguard standards and improve quality of services, taking into account the island's isolation and available resources.

Derek will work closely with staff in the Public Health and Social Services Department, and will meet with members of the Health and Social Welfare Committee and senior officials in SHG. Derek is due to leave the island at the end of February.

**Public Health and Social Services
Department
14 January 2011**

The Public Health & Social Services Department

would like to advise that with effect from Monday, 24 January 2011 until further notice, all outpatient clinics held at the Levelwood will be held at Quincy Vale, Sheltered Accommodation.



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc
has a Vacancy for a
Secretarial Assistant
within the Secretariat Department

Job Purpose:

To assist the Senior Secretary in the effective operation of the Secretariat Department.

Salary will start at £4,360 per annum depending on qualifications and experience.

Solomons have recently enhanced their Terms & Conditions of Employment and offer an attractive benefits package which includes, free home-to-duty transport, a Pension Scheme, Annual, Sick, Maternity and Paternity Leave, Training & Further Education Incentives, Discount on Purchases and much more.

For further information, please contact
Marilyn Johnson, Senior Secretary
on telephone number 2380 or via email address:
marilyn@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected
from Solomons Cash Office
and should be completed and returned to
Marianne Young,
Human Resources Manager,
Solomons Office, Jamestown

by 2 February 2011

Duties will include:

- General office duties including typing, filing, photocopying, sending, receiving, registering and circulating correspondence.
- Dealing with Customers.
- Issuing stationery.
- Maintaining the Company's stamp stocks.
- Cash Handling.

Job Responsibility:

- Stamps to the approximate value of £1000.

Web: www.solomons-sthelen.com

PUBLIC PAYPHONE REMOVAL AT THE POST OFFICE

Cable & Wireless SA Ltd would like to advise the public that the payphone located at the Post Office building has now been removed to accommodate wheel chair access into the building. They are exploring alternative locations in Jamestown and will advise in due course if approval of another location is given.

There are three payphones for use in the immediate vicinity located near Greenlands on the Bridge.



CABLE & WIRELESS



Training for basic food and beverage skills

The Saint Helena Development Agency will be hosting a series of Silver Service Training. The Agency is specifically funding this training as an ongoing concern raised by business proprietors of not having and/or finding suitable, trained staff.

This training will be produced and delivered by Philip Dennis, Hotel Services Director of the RMS St Helena.

The training and knowledge that will be delivered will cover the following components:

- Unit 1: Element: Providing a silver service and table service
- Unit 2: Element : Safety Awareness
- Unit 3: Element: Dealing with customers
- Unit 4: Element: Providing a table drink service
- Unit 5: Element: Preparing and serving bottled wine
- Unit 6: Element: Preparing and clearing areas for table service

The basic knowledge that is outlined in this Food and Beverage Training will enable you to work within the Hospitality and Catering field in a professional manner. You will be able to provide an efficient and effective customer care service to all customers to sustain a positive reputation in any small hotel, café and restaurant on St Helena Island.

The course will be delivered on the 9, 10, 15 and 17 of February 2011 at the Consulate Hotel, Wellington House, & Ann's Place respectively, running from 9 am – 1 pm each day with a demonstration of skills achieved on the final training day.

Tourists are demanding a higher level of service than most St. Helena catering businesses currently offer; this is your opportunity to improve the competitiveness and profitability of your business and/or enhance the professionalism of your staff.

Note: The course will consist of theory and practical sessions.

If you or a member of your staff would like to attend this training please contact Kirsty Yon at SHDA , or alternatively call Kirsty on telephone 2920 or email kirsty.yon@shda.co.sh by no later than 31 January 2011.



Vacancy

Deck Rating Trainee RMS St Helena

Main Duties:

- Carrying out assigned tasks during berthing / unberthing / anchoring
- Carrying out deck repairs and maintenance duties as directed by the bosun, including cleaning of cargo spaces, external decks and deck stores.
- Strictly observing on board safety regulations and being aware of the location and method of use of all lifesaving, emergency and safety equipment.
- Handling and stowing all ship's stores and spare gear.
- Preparing the vessel for sea as directed by the bosun, including securing of cargo / containers when required
- Participating in shipboard training programme.

Requirement:

- Education to GCSE Level or equivalent

Start date:

28th February 2011

Salary, Terms and Conditions:

Upon application

Applications:

Please forward covering letter and CV as follows:

- St Helena applicants to Solomon's
- Onboard applicants to the Master onboard
- All other applicants to Tanya Price at BIS, email:
tprice@we.bibbyshipmanagement.com or fax +44 1624 687280

Closing Date:

Approx 20th February 2011



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

has a Vacancy for a

Butcher/Handyman (Ascension Island)



Job Purpose:

To operate the Butchery Section effectively and efficiently, being aware of food safety legislation and best hygiene practices and, to assist with Handyman duties as and when required.

Butcher Job Responsibilities:

- To operate the bandsaw, mincer, slicer and all other cutting equipment, ensuring health and safety practices are adhered to at all times.
- Receiving, jointing and pre-packing of all meat carcasses.
- Slicing and pre-packing of all deli products.
- Pricing and date coding of all meat processed and packed in the Butchery and, ensure stock rotation.
- Assisting the Manager in compiling overseas orders relevant to the Butchery operation.
- Preparing and delivering meat orders for customers.
- General cleaning duties.

Handyman Job Responsibilities:

- Cargo clearing and distribution duties.
- Replenishment of stock within the Georgetown and Two Boats shops and Stock Checks.
- General Cleaning duties.
- Operate the Company's forklift and other business vehicles.

Special Conditions:

- To be in possession of a valid drivers license.
- Forklift license desirable.

Solomons offers an attractive remuneration and Staff Benefits package, including:

- 30 working days annual leave per year.
- 1 paid holiday to St Helena/UK; equivalent to a return passage to St Helena.
- Sick, Maternity & Paternity Leave.
- A Pension Scheme.
- Training & Further Education Incentives and much more.

This post is offered as 'Single', 'Household' or 'Accompanied' status.

Single status: Salary - £7,200 per annum
Cost of Living Allowance - £2,688

Accompanied status: Salary - £7,200 per annum
Cost of Living Allowance - £5,088

Accommodation will be provided.

For further information, please contact
Nicola Essex, Manager Ascension
on telephone number: +247 6810 or
via email address: georgetownshop.manager@cwimail.co.ac

Application forms should be completed and returned to
Marianne Young, Human Resources Manager
Solomons Office, Jamestown
Fax: +290 2423
Email: hrm@solomons.co.sh

by **31 January 2011**



Web: www.solomons-sthelena.com



BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Is your house empty? Do you have relatives or friends whose house is empty?

Here is an opportunity to generate some income...

St Helena Tourism is looking for good quality accommodation on St Helena to add to its existing range of self-catering properties. Properties are made available to rent on a short or long term basis to visitors and tourists.

To support such properties, the Tourism Department will be creating a property management scheme that will maintain (including repairs and looking after gardens), check and clean any houses. The Tourism Department will also make bookings and ensure all payments are made and promptly passed on to the owner.

St Helena Tourism would be keen to hear from anyone, on Saint Helena or elsewhere, who would be interested in placing their property with the Tourism Department or participating in the scheme. All properties will be inspected by the Tourism Department before being accepted for rental.

To provide details of your house, or for more information, please contact Christina Stroud at the Tourist Office, Jamestown. Tel: +290 2158 or email: development@tourism.gov.sh



Job opening for a Printing Press Operator

Printech St Helena Ltd. is looking for a press operator to join our hard working and motivated team at Scotts Mill. Initial training will include assisting the press operator in printing newspapers and colour work on a litho offset press, as well as other print finishing work. Following the training programme, the successful candidate will be expected to produce printed work to the standards required.

If you are interested in a rewarding career in commercial printing please contact Edward Thorpe or Stasia Plato on telephone number 3310 or email printech@cwimail.sh

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New Horizons Update



After a well earned festive break New Horizons was open for action on Tuesday 4th January. The members enjoyed 2 weeks of activities before they started back at School.

Some of the highlights of the 2 weeks were a walk to the Water Fall; this was enjoyed by the 20 members and staff although the pace of the walk up was brisk with most members and staff reaching the Water Fall within 15 minutes. The National Trust has to be commended for a job well done.

Another highlight was a day of competition whereby the members and

staff were split into 2 teams of 14 and had to compete in a mental test (Quiz and Picture nary) Leisure activity (Pool) and Physical activity (Football & Volleyball).

Last Friday 30 members went out to the Scouts camp in Thompson's Wood. They did some Volleyball with teams of Scouts. We also went on a walk to the Ball Alley (not sure if this is the right name) where members had great fun sliding down a steep hill; one member decided to run down and earned the nickname of **Crash and Burn**.

Since our last article in the paper we have made some changes to our club times; the Water Sports will take place on Tuesday afternoons from 4-6pm and the Athletics club will be on Thursdays from 4-6pm. Games activities will be a Longwood on Wednesday 3.30-6pm and Thursday at Sandy Bay from 4-6pm. New Horizons Centre will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights.

Nick Stevens, Youth Leader



At Camp



At Heart shaped waterfall



At Thompson's Wood

1st ASCENSION GIRLGUDING UNIT UPDATE OCTOBER AND DECEMBER 2010

Friday 29th October 2010, the Girl Guides joined the Scout Movement at The Challenger, to celebrate Halloween. The Scouts had the cellar decorated as the haunted dungeon and with smoke seeping out into the dark and the ghostly sounds it was very, very scary!!!

This time the girls put a lot of effort into their costumes so it was a hard decision to be made for the winner. After much debating the Scout Leaders chose Ebony Stevens won first prize as the ghostly table!! Even though her cloth was covered in cut out cockroaches Yours Truly did not stand even a centimetre in front of her!!!

Which brings me to say that at the Midnight Service in St. Mary's Church I ran out the church and over to my house just before communion, because the church was infested with flying cockroaches. They allowed me to do the

solo for Once in Royal and read the lesson then decided to have some fun. With sweat pouring down my back, tears in the eyes I had had enough as the service could not be enjoyed. It was like watching tennis, my head was going back and forth checking where they were landing!!!

Now then back to Girlguiding.....On Christmas Eve the girls along with Annis, Kirsty, Shanna, Sara and myself took places on the Christmas Candyland Float with Schmichael as our DJ. This won us 1st prize but no thanks to us – a HUGE THANKS goes to Robert who took all his spare time - 2 hrs for 8 days to do this wonderful float. Thanks also to Gerald March our driver.

We collected £80.62 on our travel Christmas Eve which paid for our Insurance (£75.00) while on the Trailer.

It's nice to see all the girls back again after their holiday in the UK or St. Helena, so by the time you read this I will be in the UK on my medical check – Girls be good and stay safe. I look forward returning to more adventures and laughs with you.

Cheryl E. Anthony MBE
Guide Guider
1st Ascension Girlguiding Unit





Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a Vacancy for a

Clerical Administrator/Cashier Georgetown Shop, Ascension Island

Main duties of the post are:

- Cash handling.
- Invoicing.
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This post is offered as 'Single Status.'

Salary will start at £4,800 per annum, depending on qualifications and experience. A 'Cost of Living Allowance' of £3,600 per annum will also be paid.

For further information, please contact Nicola Essex, Manager (Ascension) on Tel No. (247) 6810 or Email: georgetownshop.manager@cwimail.co.ac

Applications together with an updated CV should be submitted to Marianne Young, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, St Helena
Email: hrm@solomons.co.sh
or Fax: (290) 2423

The closing date for applications is
27 January 2011

Web: www.solomons-sthelena.com



Vacancy

Engine Room Trainee RMS St Helena

Main Duties:

- Carrying out assigned tasks relating to the maintenance, servicing and routine inspection of all mechanical, hydraulic and electrical plant on board.
- Carrying out assigned tasks relating to the cleanliness and orderliness of the engine room and associated machinery spaces.
- Carrying out assigned tasks relating to all tank preparation operations.
- Carrying out assigned tasks relating to bunkering and ballasting operations.
- Complying fully with the vessel's permit to work system.
- Strictly observing on board safety regulations and being aware of the location and method of use of all lifesaving, emergency and safety equipment.
- Handling and stowing all ship's stores and spare gear.
- Participating in the shipboard training programme

Requirement:

- Education to GCSE Level or equivalent

Start date:

April 2011

Salary, Terms and Conditions:

Upon application

Applications:

Please forward covering letter and CV as follows:

- St Helena applicants to Solomon's
- Onboard applicants to the Master onboard
- All other applicants to Tanya Price at BIS, email:
tprice@we.bibbyshipmanagement.com or fax +44 1624 687280

Closing Date:

Approx 20th February 2011

Microsoft Word for Beginners

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by Tuesday, 1st February 2011

RMS Draw

Captains Young and Greentree and the crew of the RMS would like to thank all those that bought, and sold tickets for the RMS Grand raffle last year. A big thank you to all the companies that donated the prizes and to all the people that helped with the raffle draw on the 22nd December.

The Grand total of 7197 pounds was raised and this will be allocated later in the year.

Congratulations to all the prize winners listed below

Gemma George Fridge
 Robert Augustus TV/DVD
 Fred Buckley BBQ
 April Thompson Girls Toy
 Pat Williams Boys Toy
 Clayton Andrews Freezer
 Andrea Benjamin Meat Hamper
 Shelia Stevens Duvet set
 Walter Williams Round trip on the RMS
 Penny Bennett Girls Toy
 Gemma Lawrence Games Wii
 Angela Leo Christmas Food Hamper
 Lola Henry Boys Toy
 Jolene Moyce Case of wine
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 John Walter Patio Set
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PUBLIC NOTICE
VACANCY FOR NURSING ASSISTANTS
GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Public Health & Social Services Department has vacancies for Nursing Assistants to work within the General Hospital.

The salary for this post is at Grade B commencing at £5148 per annum. The successful applicant will be responsible to the Nursing Sister for assisting in the provision of the hospital nursing service.

The main duties of the post include:

- To deliver a high standard of patient care under the supervision of a registered practitioner.
- To recognise and report any exceptions and situations which may affect the quality of patient care.
- To ensure all patient care and treatment is documented correctly in the healthcare record and countersigned by a qualified practitioner.
- To maintain a clean, tidy and safe working environment and equipment in accordance with hospital infection control policy.
- To undertake patient observations and accurately record results.
- To accompany a registered practitioner on ambulance call-outs and assist trained staff in the provision of resuscitation.

Qualifications and experience required for the post includes GCSE (or equivalent) in English, a willingness to undertake NVQ Health & Social Care Level 2 or previous experience of working in a hospital/care environment.

For further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the Job Profile please contact Mrs Anna Crowie, Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone number 2500 during normal working hours.

Application forms, which are available from the Human Resources and Public Health & Social Services Departments should be completed and submitted to the Chief Administrative Health & Social Services Officer by Friday 28 January 2011.

C A George (Mrs)
Chief Administrative Health & Social Services Officer

19 January 2011

A New Head for Prince Andrew School

Abraham Swart, the new Headteacher for Prince Andrew School was interviewed by Mike Olsson this week on radio. Here's what he said "I was born and bred in Cape Town, South Africa and I did my education in the Republic and trained as a Teacher. In fact, I come from a family of teachers and decided to go into education myself because I believe education is a wonderful opportunity and vehicle to not only educate but also to develop oneself, develop community, etc, and I completed my education at the University of Western Cape and been involved in teaching since 1989. After a few years in teaching I, due to the political pressures at that time, the Black Democracy Movement etc, a great amount of pressure was exerted upon the teaching profession to propagate instead of educate and I felt it was time for me to leave teaching. I then joined the financial services sector where I did financial advice and eventually started my own company and in 1994 the ANC Government took over the running of the country which was a great opportunity for all citizens, but it embarked on an affirmative action programme which meant that people who were previously disadvantaged would now be getting all the opportunities. However, being from the coloured community, it was, in fact, I was not, put it bluntly, I was not black enough and what we then decided as a family, by then I was married to Ruth, who has been a great supporter of my career, we then decided to relocate to New Zealand, also to give our children a choice of an opportunity for the future. So we emigrated to New Zealand in 1996 and we've been there since, from 1996 up until 2006 and there I re-engaged in teaching and it was quite an interesting period in time because I had to unlearn what I learned in South Africa in terms of education curricula and I had to learn a whole new curriculum with the added quality of teaching and learning aspects, pedagogy etc and eventually being promoted to principal was a definite highlight in my career, and, interesting enough, in 2001 I had an opportunity to either do my Masters Degree in Education or engage in something completely different and I chose to do something different because education was moving towards being more based upon a business model where outcomes being more pronounced and I decided to do my MBA and I enjoyed that, engaging and networking with people from different professions, but also seeing how education, the schools can benefit from those synergies and relationships and in 2005/2006 we had the opportunity to do some education and research in the United Kingdom and I grabbed that with both hands because I wanted to know more about the British education and after 2006 I had the opportunity to work in Mombassa, Kenya where I worked for two private schools and now in 2011 I'm here in St Helena to assist with the development of our youth and to make a positive difference in the community".

When asked "You have just arrived to the island and just started settling in. What have you found so far?"

Abraham replied "I found great similarities in the St Helenian island community to that of New Zealand communities. Close knit communities, everyone's concerned about one another, looking out for one another and the terrain itself reminds me of the steep slopes, the terraced slopes of New Zealand and obviously I couldn't help but notice New Zealand's contribu-



tion to the island, which are, of course, the invasive flax plants!"

Abraham will be taking over as Headteacher of Prince Andrew School officially on the 24th January.

He said "John Sullivan has done an excellent job at Prince Andrew School, his last day will, in fact, be Friday and my opportunity would be to continue with building on that foundation, what I do notice is there's a need to provide more training opportunities and skills training for our young students. We do not want to lose them suddenly because they turn sixteen, but we want to offer programmes and to engage them and train them and see them leave with a qualification so that's one of the opportunities that I look forward to developing.

I also look forward to building up a good relationship with Saint FM like with other institutions too to communicate what we are doing up at Prince Andrew and to get the community involved with some of our activities.

St Helena welcomes Abraham and his family into our community and every success in meeting the educational challenges ahead!



The Public Health and Social Services Department is seeking Expressions of Interests from suitably qualified and experienced Project Managers, to manage the implementation of the building alterations and renovation work associated with the upcoming redevelopment project at the General Hospital.

This is a temporary position and interested persons should submit their written expressions of interest and CV to Alan Hudson, Head of Technical Services, Public Works & Services Department by no later than noon on Tuesday, 1 February 2011

On Saturday 15th January 13 players took to the field for the 18 hole Bogey competition, finding the top spot for the first time in a singles competition was Graham (Crank-handle) Cranko, with a very credible +2 and in the runner up spot was Eileen Wallace on all square. Only one player managed a two ball and that was Lawson Henry who had a birdie 2 on par three first hole and an eagle two on par 4 ninth hole. Graham who was playing off a 24 handicap has had one stroke taken away.

We had 12 players taking part in the Royal Signals Cross Country stroke play on Sunday 16th January. This competition was first introduced to the Club in 1982 by Sergeants Mark Eaton and Barry Sewell from the Royal Signals.

We had two players on net 72, Larry (Nails) Thomas and Cecil (Jiks) Thomas Larry took the top spot after count-back and Cecil runner up. Only one player holed out in two and that was Larry on 3rd hole. Congratulations to all winners.

Next week's competitions are on Saturday 22nd January there will be an 18 hole modified stableford and on Sunday 23rd January monthly medal, signup sheets for both games have been posted on Club Notice-board.

On Wednesday 19th January there will be Committee meeting at 6pm in Clubhouse, members are again reminded that the Annual General Meeting and election of new Committee will take place on Sunday 13th February, the nomination list for all positions on the Committee has been posted on Club Notice-board.

Lawson Henry
Golf Captain

Upcoming Premier League Football Fixtures



Date	Teams Playing	Time	On TV?
Sat 22/01	Wolverhampton v Liverpool	12:45	L- 12:00
	Arsenal v Wigan	15:00	
	Blackpool v Sunderland	15:00	
	Everton v West Ham	15:00	
	Fulham v Stoke	15:00	
	Man Utd v Birmingham	15:00	L-14:45
	Newcastle v Tottenham	15:00	
	Aston Villa v Man City	17:30	L-17:00
Sun 23/01	Blackburn v West Brom	16:00	L-16:45 2ND HALF
Mon 24/01	Bolton v Chelsea	20:00	L-19:30
Tue 25/01	Blackpool v Man Utd	19:30	
	Wigan v Aston Villa	19:45	
	Arsenal v Ipswich agg 0-1 L2	19:45	L-19:40
Wed 26/01	Liverpool v Fulham	20:00	
	Birmingham v West Ham agg 1-2 L2	19:45	L-19:00

Volley Ball Tournament 2011

The Women's Sports Association are currently registering teams for our 2011 Volleyball Tournament. Teams must consist of a minimum 6 players over the age of 15 years and all players must be paid members (Membership Fee – 50p).

Registration Deadline: Wednesday 31 January
Entry Fee: £70 per team
Committee meeting: Thursday 3 February @ HTH Community Centre

(all team captains will be required to attend)

Tournament starts: Sunday 20 February
Please contact either Tara (3866), Giselle (2601) or Christine (3569) for a registration form.

CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS

Councillors of the East and West Electoral areas would like to advise the public that the next round of constituency meetings will be held during the month of February. All meetings will commence at 7:30pm at the following venues:

Wednesday 2nd February at the Jamestown Community Centre and Sandy Bay Community Centre
Wednesday 9th February at the Harford Community Centre and Half Tree Hollow Community Centre
Wednesday 16th February at the Silver Hill Bar and the Blue Hill Community Centre
Wednesday 23rd February at the Kingshurst Community Centre

These meetings will provide the opportunity for constituents to raise any concerns with their Elected Members and the public is invited to contact any member in advance of the meeting if there is a specific topic they would like to discuss, in order for the relevant preparation to be made.

Councillor Derek Thomas would to advise the constituents of Half Tree Hollow that there will be a public meeting at the Half Tree Hollow Community Centre on Wednesday 26th January 2011 at 7:30pm.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss future development in Half Tree Hollow. The Tourism Development Executive, Mr Mike Dean will also be in attendance. Councillor Thomas looks forward to as many people as possible attending this important meeting.

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Expressions of Interest

The Public Works & Services Department is currently seeking Expressions of Interest from contractors for the proposed construction of a concrete ramp and concrete steps at the Post Office Building, Jamestown

Further information pertaining to this job can be obtained from the Project Manager, Glenn Owen, on telephone 2470.

All interested persons are asked to submit their Expression of Interest in writing to the Manager, Public Works & Services Department by no later than noon on Wednesday, 2 February 2011.

The Public Works & Services Department is currently seeking Expressions of Interest from contractors for the rebuilding of the collapsed section of retaining wall at the Jamestown Education Learning Centre, previously known as the Jamestown First School.

For further information, please contact the Project Manager, Glenn Owen, on telephone 2470.

All interested persons are asked to submit their Expression of Interest in writing to the Manager, Public Works & Services Department by no later than noon on Wednesday, 2 February 2011.

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Joe and Sheila Morton (nee Davids) would like to
thank family, friends and acquaintances, old and
new, for helping us to have a wonderful visit to
Saint Helena yet again
Hope to be back in the future.



To a special Niece and Cousin
Melissa Ward-Andrews
Wishing you a very Happy Birthday
on the 25th Jan
From Aunty Jeanette, Angela & Alan
Uncle David, Aunty Pamela and Uncle
Andy.



Arnold and Sandra

Thank you for always being there.
Thanks for the countless cups of tea and roast spuds!
Next week it's our turn
Love Gavin and Tammy



Alan and Cecily Bateman

Would like to thank everyone for the messages
of congratulations and telephone calls both
from here and overseas, and for the gifts.
We would also like to give a very big Thank
You to everyone who helped in anyway to make
our Wedding Day such a very special
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Sunday 23rd-

Open @ 12 noon. Relax & enjoy the sounds of mix favourites, pool & other pub games are available.




GODFATHERS ROCK CLUB

Friday 21st Sundowners with BBQ, fish & Steak meals on sale followed by Family Bingo

With prizes and cash prizes.

Would you like to book your tickets for the Valentine ball on 14th February then you can call 3059.

**A Dance will be held at the
 Police Service Club
 on Saturday 22nd January at 8:30pm.
 Music by Brian & friends
 All are Welcome.**

