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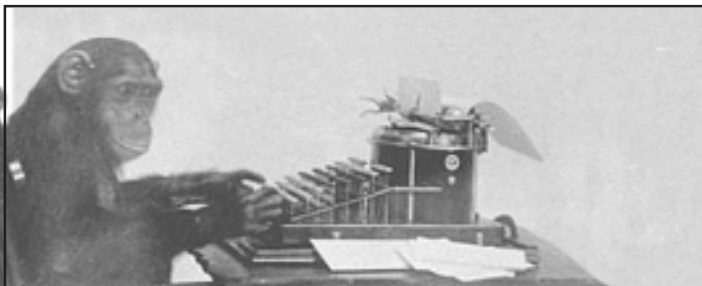


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see comments



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Editorial

I will end up in the bad books again. I could not help borrowing Vince Thompson's expression 'Nigel Kirby Roadshow' to summarise the last two weeks' public consultation about the airport development as I thought it was funny. Maybe I have to apologise right away to the ones who do not see the humoristic side of it. It was good to see all the people turning up to the consultation meetings and the exhibition outside the Canister. We have not made a separate report from the big meeting on Monday night at Jamestown Community Centre. There were 120 to 130 people there and quite a few questions were asked. Most of the questions had already been covered in other meetings or other forums, but were still worthwhile to ask. Still, I took notice of a few questions and comments made. The first one was the absolute negative answer to a question from the floor regarding the Ministry of Defence involvement in the airport project. Nigel Kirby was a bit too quick to deny the involvement, especially at these times with ever increasing tension in the South Atlantic. As Editor for the St Helena Independent, I have chosen to spend a lot of space and effort to cover the events in the South Atlantic because I strongly believe that they will have a great impact on St Helena and Ascension for the foreseeable future. If a dumb little Editor for a tin-pot newspaper on St Helena can see the connection between what is happening at the Falklands and the development of St Helena, I am sure MoD can see it as well. Maybe, the interest from MoD was not so big a couple of years ago, when I believe that DfID lobbied MoD for money for the project, but since the latest escalation of events, MoD is definitely interested now.

Another comment raised at the meeting on Monday came from Father Fred, who always comes up with some food for thought. He emphasised how important it was not to destroy the Island through 'over-development' and neglecting its people. The comment from Father Fred attracted a great deal of applause from the floor. I think this will be a major topic for discussion on the Island in the future. Many have said all the time that the biggest asset of this Island is its friendly people. Over-development will definitely put an end to the Island way of living and people's outlook on life. If the island gets commercialised, the people will change and the Island's attraction will be gone – simple as that. The risk is obvious that we are cutting off the branch we are sitting on by developing tourism on the scale needed to support the airport and the airlines. It will be interesting times.

Another question I would like to comment on is the flights to and from Ascension Island. Mr Kirby emphasised time after time in the meetings that the negotiations between UK and United States regarding the use of Wideawake airfield on Ascension for flights to St Helena were almost finalised. At the same time, in a radio interview on Saint FM last week, the visiting Administrator from Ascension Island, Colin Wells said, without hesitation, that the airport in St Helena was at an early stage and NO negotiations with the Americans had started. After some investigation I am fully satisfied that Mr Wells description of events is correct. When it comes to the use of Wideawake airfield we just have to wait and. Most surely the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will take the lead on this issue, not DfID.

Finally, I will make a comment about the aircraft to use. The shorter runway decided on has ruled out using a Boeing 737-800 as previously planned. Now it is said that it a 737-700 is the preferred, or design, aircraft. I have heard some people, who have much more knowledge than me, saying that the range of the 737-

"Happiness is not the absence of problems but the ability to deal with them"

-Baron de Montesquieu

700 would not be enough to fly any further than Walvis Bay without refuelling and it would still be a bit tight. They are saying that a 737-700ER (ER-Extra Range) would be needed for the route to Cape Town or Johannesburg. There is only one airline on the world who owns those planes – All Nippon in Japan. Furthermore, not just the plane has to be of the right type and certified to fly with two engines over long stretches of water (ETOPS-180 or higher), the operator must be specially certified to operate and maintain one of those specialised aircrafts. There are not many of those around-especially not in Africa.

Enough about air access.

What was the PM – David Cameron, up to when he said "that what the Argentinians have said recently is far more like colonialism"? It might have been a popular statement at home in UK but I will not give him much sympathy overseas, that is for sure. The Argentinians are fuming, the rest of the Mercosur countries angry and the rest of the world confused. I would have thought that a British PM would keep away from the word 'colonialism' as much as possible. Bringing it into the debate seems to be like 'throwing stone in a glass house'. Trusting Cameron with foreign policy seems to be like trusting Bill Clinton with your young daughter. After walking out from the EU summit about fiscal policy in December last year without first trying to negotiate or take a milder approach has made him a European villain and now he is on his way to create the same aura in the rest of the world. Well done.

Finally,

I heard a tasteless joke in the street this week. We know that the RMS had some problems anchoring on Tuesday afternoon and due to the current and odd winds she had to anchor three times and make some dance pirouettes in James Bay. A lot of people saw the scene and one spectator said that "Captain Rodney Young is doing the Schettino polka".

Enjoy your weekend - Mike

'We're all human'

Radio programme on Saint FM

Wednesday 25th January
2012, 7:30pm

With Dr Deon, Jackie Henry
and Gavie Williams
Topic of discussion: Men's
sexual health problems



Got a question you would like answered!!

Send it in beforehand to hpc@publichealth.gov.sh

MP for Overseas Territories - Interesting Thought

A call was made this week by Mr Andrew Rosindell MP for UK Overseas Territories to be represented in the UK parliament has stirred a considerable amount of interest. Mr Rosindell is chairman of the British Overseas Territories All Party Parliamentary Group, and he made this call in a submission to the UK Parliament's Backbench Business Committee:

"We give our 21 territories nothing. All they have is an informal all-party group, of which I am proud to be chairman..."

"We have a democratic hole, with hundreds of thousands of people for whom we make laws, whom we ultimately govern and on whose behalf we can declare war, make foreign policy and sign international treaties. We have substantial control over their domestic affairs..."

"Those territories that have sterling are bound by much of our own economic policy. In a range of areas, although the Crown dependencies and Overseas Territories are not part of the UK they are substantially influenced and ultimately governed by this Parliament, so it is wrong for them to have no voice at all."



SHELCO is Still Onboard

On Tuesday of this week, a major telephone conference was held with senior officials from St Helena Government and DFID talking to the principals of St Helena Leisure Corporation, SHELCO. The meeting was held to discuss the future of SHELCO's proposed development at Broadbottom. According to our sources, the meeting was successful and it is anticipated that an outline planning application for the hotel development will be submitted in a few month's time. The meeting on Tuesday will be followed by monthly telephone conferences between the parties to update each other on the progress of this major project. It is also likely that a formal agreement about the development will be reached shortly.

Interesting finds in James' Bay

During the last month, contracted marine archaeologists/divers have explored part of the seabed in James Bay in preparation for the Wharf Development Project Phase II. The divers, who left St Helena on the RMS on Wednesday, said on Saint FM that they had been surveying the seabed with air supplied from the surface which enabled them to be more thorough than by using diving tanks as the time underwater was not restricted by the air supply. They had noticed that St Helena once upon a time had been a busy port and many artifacts were found in the area. Especially they commented that a large number of ship's anchors, some of them presumably dating all the way back to the 1600s, were found. However, they saw no wrecks in the area surveyed. The divers are now submitting a report to St Helena Government with suggestions about the way forward to protect the underwater heritage in this specific area.



Falkland Islands accused of 'hostile act' as cruise ship is turned away

THE Falkland Islands – over which Britain and Argentina fought a 1982 war – has been accused of a hostile act after it turned away a cruise ship carrying South Americans because a small number had stomach flu. Brazil, Chile and Uruguay recently agreed to support their fellow Mercosur trade bloc partner, Argentina, by turning away ships sailing under the Falklands flag. Their citizens were among the 3,562 passengers and crew on board the Star Princess liner, which wanted to dock at island capital Port Stanley.

Falklands spokesman Darren Christie said it had to deny entry to the ship on Saturday because some passengers had norovirus, which the islands were ill-equipped to handle. The decision was made by the chief medical officer in consultation with a UK microbiologist.

"An outbreak in the Falkland Islands would put enormous pressure on our limited medical resources, and jeopardise other scheduled cruise visits," he said. Ship owner Princess Cruise called the decision "totally unwarranted" and unscientific, and said it ran against international health policy.

"No Princess ship has ever been denied entry into a port based on incidences of ill passengers and crew onboard," said Julie Benson, its vice-president for public relations. She said a total of 74 passengers and crew, about 2 per cent of those on board, had been reported ill. Of those, 20 people now have symptoms. Passengers also said they were surprised by the decision.

"We were told that we had only 20 cases and [the captain] considered that the refusal by the Falklands Island health department to let us land was very unreasonable and unprecedented," said English passenger John Sturgeon in Buenos Aires.

Argentine passenger Liliana Rodriguez said some of the passengers had been planning to pay respects to loved ones buried on the island. "There was a young guy who brought a shield for the tomb of his father there," Ms Rodriguez said. "There were at least 300 Argentines."

Argentina's foreign ministry said it hoped the decision wasn't "only the latest hostile act against tourists of various nationalities, including Argentine citizens who have the simple desire and hope of getting to see the Malvinas Islands [Argentina's name for the South Atlantic archipelago]". It called the Falkland Islands government "illegitimate and self-proclaimed." The UN Special Committee on Decolonisation issued a resolution in 1965 urging London and Buenos Aires to negotiate the future of the Falklands, but Britain refuses to discuss sovereignty over the islands it first occupied in 1833 – before the Republic of Argentina was founded.

The ship had planned to dock in Port Stanley in the middle of its 14-day cruise from Valparaiso, Chile, to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Falkland Islands' Penguin News reported that the loss of the visit may have cost the economy over £100,000, including £46,944 in arrival tax. **From the Scotsman**

Pensions Consultation

The St Helena Government is planning to change the pensions arrangements for staff who joined the service before 1 April 2010. The changes are being made in order to ensure that pension payments remain affordable, to modernize outdated provisions, and to ensure better mobility between the public and private sectors. These changes do not affect staff who have already left SHG.

St Helena faces a number of issues which make pensions reform necessary. These include:

- Increasing lifespan which means pensions are paid to more people and for longer
- An 'unfunded' scheme which means that all pension payments have to be met from recurrent income
- An increasing number of pensioners and a falling number of working age taxpayers
- A reduction in budgetary aid from the UK, meaning that St Helena will need to fund a greater proportion of pensions from its own local resources
- The way pensions for staff who leave before retirement are affected by inflation.

St Helena Government wants to ensure that its staff continue to receive adequate pensions in retirement. These proposed changes are designed to achieve that whilst reducing the overall cost of the current scheme.

The main changes proposed are:

- Increasing the normal retirement age from 60 to 65 over a ten year period starting in 2014.
- Changing the rate at which pension is earned (from 1 April 2012 onwards) from 1/600th of salary for each month of service to 1/800th for each month of service, which is the rate used for calculating retiring allowances for non-pensionable staff
- Allowing 'frozen' pensions (for pensionable staff who leave after completing ten years service) to be increased for cost of living between when they leave and when they reach retirement.

The proposed changes have been discussed at a series of talks with SHG staff and the initial proposals have been modified as a result of staff feedback in order to:

- Ensure that eligibility for pension benefits earned up to 31st March 2012 is not lost and can still be taken from the age of 60.
- Improve the terms considerably for those who are required to leave after the age of 55 through redundancy or for medical reasons.
- Improve the terms a little for those who choose to leave between 60 and the normal retirement age that applies to them based on their age.
- Improve terms for part time staff.

Changes to pension arrangements require changes to the current Pensions Ordinance and Regulations. A consultation document, showing the proposed changes to the Ordinance and Regulations, together with explanatory notes, will be available from Friday 20th January 2012 and can be obtained either from the Receptionist at the Castle, the Public Library or the St Helena Government Website www.sainthelena.gov.sh. The Bill itself will be published shortly.

Members of the public and other stakeholders are invited to submit written comments by no later than Friday 17th February 2012. These should be addressed to the Clerk of Councils, the Castle or emailed to cofcouncils@sainthelena.gov.sh SHG staff have had the opportunity to attend talks on these proposed changes and to feedback their views through various channels. SHG staff are welcome to make submissions to the public consultation.

Following the formal consultation period, the Bill will be reviewed in light of the comments received and subsequently presented to Executive Council with any amendments. Elected Members will then decide on whether the Bill should be approved at the formal Legislative Council session scheduled for March.

Financial Secretary

The Castle, 19 January 2012

Due to increasing production costs the advertising rates for the St Helena Independent have to be increased as follows, with effect from 27th January 2012:

Black and white pages

Full page advert £60

Half page £30

Quarter page £15

Budget advert £8

Colour pages

Full page £120

Half of a page £60

Quarter of a page £30

Colour pages can only be offered at advertised price if there is a minimum of four pages.

All Radio advertising rates for Saint FM remain the same as at present.



The creation of wealth: At any cost?



Tammy Williams

Chappies Chewing Gum : Kids and moms favourite, inside each wrapper the source of all knowledge called "Did you know?"

Did you know that for all of our good intentions much of what is proposed on St Helena hardly ever comes to fruition and plenty of what does is so monumentally insignificant that we don't notice it at all!

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St Helena – the home of the mighty and free and as long as you keep wishing, all your dreams will come true.

I know I know I'm being sarcastic but the creation of wealth should mean sustainable wealth shouldn't it?

Saints may come across as being wor-

ried about themselves constantly but to be fair having being burnt too many times it's hard not to try and salvage a bit of the treasure for ourselves, we need to remember in our dealings, that this island although a remarkable tourist attraction is still HOME to many people and it must be accepted that most of us will want to retain the uniqueness that makes us... well... "A remarkable tourist attraction"

We ask the big question "What becomes of us?" and that has been well borne out by many with a personal interest in Lands, House Building and the fishing industry.

Indeed we want to attract money and investment but do we want it at any cost? If we frivolously hand over the bounties of our land and sea then we need to accept the consequences that come with it!

Now more than ever we need a discerning government, politicians and civil society in general which should transcend to our children in classrooms to our offices, building sites and even fishing boats!

I appreciate that there are agencies work-

ing hard to open up St Helena to investment and economic growth but along with that we need to ensure that Saints are given a firm place in the market and security for the future.

This also means that we will be looking to our politicians who work within the best interests of the people to study everything with a magnifying glass, it's one thing to encourage consultations and they are really important but if Politicians themselves are beginning to observe discrepancies within new policies then obviously they should enlighten the community.

I would like add here that it's going to take some time to establish the trust factor back into the community but generally I believe that people would like to think that there is someone out there looking after their best interests.

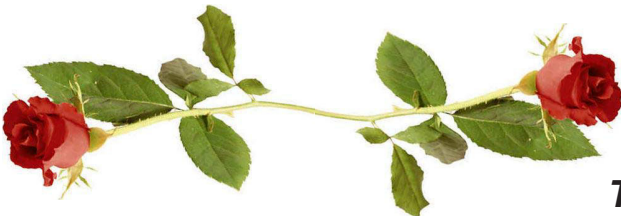
Chappies Chewing Gum has gone through many marketing changes but over the years it has retained that distinctive quality that keeps the kiddies (and moms) going back for more.

I pray the same for St Helena.

Thank You

Terry, Lorrian, Alan, Donna and Megan of the late Wilfred Yon of Thompsons Wood who passed away on the 31 January 2011 wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Doctors and nursing staff for their care and attention given to him during his short period in the General Hospital.

Thanks also to Gary Stevens, Roy Williams and his working party, Bishop Fenwick and Canon Clive, and Ruth Pridham for conducting the funeral, Lionel Lawrence, Mervyn Benjamin and Eddie Moyce for the supply of flowers, Fiona Duncan for making the wreaths, Pat Musk the organist, and to those who attended the funeral and sent condolence through cards.



Thank You

The wife and families, both here and overseas, of the late PATRICK GEORGE JOSHUA of Marshalls, Napoleon Street, Jamestown, who passed away peacefully at the General Hospital on Monday 9th January 2012, would like to express their sincere thanks to Dr Solomon and the nursing staff of the General Hospital for their attentive care, kindness and support during his illness.

We would also like to express special thanks to Father Dale who administered to him during his stay in hospital, Bishop Fenwick and Fathers Clive and Dale for their contributions at the service, Cliff Huxtable for reading the eulogy, Joy George the organist, Lieutenant Coral Yon who read the lesson, the cricket members who carried the cortège, Roy and his team, Kathleen Yon, Elvina Mercury and anyone else who assisted with the wreaths and the floral arrangements and all the many family and friends for their floral tributes and kind messages of sympathy both here and overseas.

Thank you and God Bless.

Thank You

Wife Sandra, Daughter Kerrylyn, Sons Ricky, Ian, Dale, Adam and Nicoli. Granddaughter Selena and Grandson Cory and other Family members both here and overseas of the late Gilbert Leo of Half Tree Hollow who passed away on the 11th of December 2011, would like to express sincere thanks to the doctors and nursing staff of the General Hospital for their care and attention given to Gilbert during his illness.

Thanks to Roy and his team and special thanks to Rector Jack Brady for his prayers, comforting support and uplifting funeral service.

Thanks also to Brother Fred for his prayers and Mr. Darren Peters for reading the eulogy and messages and to all the Family and Friends who expressed their condolences through phone calls, cards and floral tributes and those attended the funeral.

May God bless you all.

'In the Know with the MOU'

Immigration

This week begins a four part series 'In the Know with the MOU' which aims to inform our readers about the progress made on each of the 'big' reform areas under the MOU; Immigration, Land, Economic Development and Institutional Arrangements.

Kicking off the series is the latest update on Immigration. We caught up with Lewis Evans, Immigration Executive to tell us more.

Phase II of the MOU has now begun which puts into practice the reforms made during Phase I. One of the aims under the MOU was to develop a simple, transparent and development friendly system for non-St Helenians to be able to enter, live, work and acquire land in St Helena.

To achieve this a new immigration system has been put into place. The revised system will be closely monitored over the first half of 2012 and beyond to ensure that it meets the target set by the MOU while also protecting the interests of local people.

It includes a revised Immigration Ordinance and supporting legislation which will come into force from Monday 23rd January 2012.

Lewis explained that this means that any applications for entry, residence, permission to work or status will be handled under the new system. Revisions to immigrant land holding legislation will come into force later in 2012.

Lewis added:

"We have aimed to make immigration processes more transparent, fair and simple but at the same time incorporated safeguards to help ensure that the immigration system is not abused."

The revisions incorporate a Points Based System which is a new addition relating to employment of migrants. One of the aims of the system is to take discretion out of the decision making process of who can and can't work in St Helena. It does not apply to St Helenians who have every right to live and work on the Island.

Investors, entrepreneurs and others wishing to come to St Helena to work will need to meet the requirements of the Points Based System which is aimed at protecting the local labour market while allowing migrants to come and do the jobs that there is no one on island to do.

To improve the effectiveness of the new immigration system Immigration Officers have received training in forgery detection, in passports and other key documents and keeping children safe. The training was delivered in conjunction with the UK Border Agency and Social Services. As a result of the training the team have significantly improved their ability to prevent those who seek to abuse the immigration system from entering St Helena.

The positive airport decision will have a definite effect on Immigration and Lewis explained that this decision and the potential for additional ports at Ruperts and looking further ahead at a temporary airstrip means that the number of fully trained Immigration Officers on the Island will need to increase from within the current Police Force.

Lewis said:

"All new Police Officers have received basic immigration officer training but a complete training program is planned for later in the year."

"The Immigration Ordinance and supporting legislation were drafted with an eye on the future but I would expect that prior to the airport becoming operational the system will be reviewed again to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of the island."

Speaking with Lewis:



What was the general response from the public on the reforms made under Immigration?

"Immigration is always an emotive subject and so there are a variety of views. Generally, however, the transparency of the system has been positively received and the consultation periods throughout 2011 gave people the opportunity to comment as the reforms took shape."

"An important piece of feedback that we have taken direct action on is to simplify the forms that all visitors and arrivals to the island must complete. This was as a direct result of feedback from Saints and visitors and should make the process on board the RMS simpler and quicker for all."

Personally how do you feel about what has happened so far and what lies ahead?

"I feel that the immigration reforms have progressed well up to this point. The new system represents significant steps towards the requirements under the MOU."

"Additional safeguards that have been added through regulations, training and working with other Government Directorates and the UK Border Agency mean that I am confident that the system is significantly more secure. But there is still more work to do as the island prospers and we move towards additional entry points and ultimately air access."

**Strategic Policy and Planning Unit
19th January 2012**



St Helena Airport

Kingshurst packed for the Airport meeting

Kingshurst community centre was packed on Thursday when more than 70 people came to hear about the airport and discuss next steps. Councillor Stedson Francis set the context, and representatives of Basil Read, the Project Management Unit, St Helena Government and DFID were there to answer questions about the airport project and St Helena's long term future.

There were more questions on the impact of the airport contract on availability of berths on the RMS St Helena, with Basil Read using the ship for early mobilisation of staff. Those present heard of plans in motion to try to add additional berths. Naval architects are currently working on plans, and if these prove practical work could be carried out at the next dry dock.



Basil Read's Barry Leech responds to questions

There were more questions this time about the airport terminal, and Ian Ferguson set out some of the options that were being considered to provide a more exciting terminal, making greater use of local materials and looking for ways to incorporate the colours of the airport surroundings; considering the addition of a viewing platform and canopy to provide shade, and facilities that can be used on non-flying days.



Basil Read architect, Ian Ferguson, explains his approach to the airport buildings

There was more discussion on possible air fares and destinations. While DFID has guaranteed a minimum service to the African continent, the airport opens up many more opportunities for airlines to provide services to other destinations, something that the St Helena Government will be looking at over the coming years. The meeting continued to demonstrate high level of interest in the airport.

Sun shines on the airport at the Canister

A stand outside the Canister on Saturday offered people the chance to talk informally about the airport. Basil Read, St Helena Government, the Project Management Unit and DFID were all represented on a sunny morning.



Stand at the Canister



First site meeting at Basil Read's new offices

The Head of the Airport Project Management Unit, Andreas Huber, chaired the first weekly site meeting at the new offices for both Basil Read and the Project Management Unit in the former Longwood First School. The meeting brings together Basil Read, St Helena Government Directorates and the Project Management Unit to discuss current issues and progress on the project and plans for the next week.

Andreas Huber chairs the meeting. This includes progress of previous week, an outlook of works next week and issues affecting progress. Basil Read is continuing working on refurbishing the offices, geotechnical investigations in Dry Gut and Rupert's Valley, clearing lay down areas in Rupert's and surveying on Prosperous Bay Plain. Bringing all the parties together regularly will help to identify problems and agree solutions early.



Strategic Review at the Bank



Bank of St. Helena

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Bank of St Helena held its first strategic review session on Monday 16th January in the form of a workshop with SHG and other stakeholders. In attendance was Chris Duncan (the newly appointed Financial Services Supervisor).

The objective of the morning was to listen and record participants individual as well as collective views on what the 'Bank of St. Helena' should look like, focus on, do etc in the lead up to air access and beyond.

The workshop was very useful on a number of fronts:

- updating those who didn't really know what the bank does
- sharing ideas/concerns etc
- debating what is the most appropriate role for the bank going into the future

In addition to this workshop the Bank will be setting up individual meetings with commercial clients and conducting surveys with personal customers to gauge their views on what they would like to see with regards to future products and services.

The main considerations will need to be:

- Does the bank act as a truly commercial operation with the primary goal being the generation of profit as if it had shareholders to satisfy **OR**
- Does the bank take greater cognisance of the social aspects and its role as the facilitator of economic development making sure that affordability and accessibility are primary considerations with profit generation being viewed merely as an enabler?
- Does the Bank continue to operate conservatively, being risk aware and limiting loans with a lengthy repayment period **OR**
- Does the Bank entertain more risky venture capital type requirements with maybe a government (or SHDA) guarantee in case the venture goes pear shaped?

The Directors and Management are keen to hear the views of its customers and other stakeholders and all are welcome to contact Rosie Bargo, Joey George or Lyn Thomas if they have any concerns or suggestions on the Bank's future role, products and services.

ST. HELENA POLICE SERVICE

The main reports of concern for the period Monday 9th to Sunday 15th January are as follows –

On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday night police received two reports of theft which had occurred in the Jamestown area. Both crimes are currently under investigation. On Friday a person was arrested on suspicion of sexual assault and detained in custody and later interviewed and then released on police conditional bail. On Sunday evening a minor damage only accident occurred in Jamestown involving two vehicles. Investigations continue at this time.



The Land Planning and Development Control Board held its first open public meeting on Wednesday 18th January. The meeting was held at the Education Learning Centre in Jamestown which will now be the regular venue for meetings of the Board in order to give room and appropriate facilities for applicants, the Press and members of the public to attend.

In view of the fact that this was the first open meeting, the Board convened earlier than the advertised time of the meeting in order to ensure that seating and other practical arrangements were in place (including tea and coffee!) and that plans could be displayed in such a manner that members and visitors could see them. Before the public meeting, the Board also considered the minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising from it because that meeting had been held in private. All future meetings will be held in public and minutes will therefore be discussed in public.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman Mr John Styles by welcoming members of the public to the meeting and he outlined the procedure for public attendance and involvement. Two members of the public were in attendance, one of whom was present as the representative of an applicant. On this occasion nobody had given notice of a request to speak at the meeting. The Board then discussed the applications for Development Permission which had been presented in the Planning Officer's report. The Planning Officer introduced each application, the plans were studied by the Board members and the applications were considered in the light of planning policies. Of the eleven applications considered by the Board, eight were permitted, two were deferred for advice from the Fire Officer over issues of fire safety and one, an application for two advertisement signs on the Wharf, was refused.

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking all present for their attendance and he expressed the hope that the public will attend and contribute to future meetings.

The arrangements for public attendance and speaking at meetings of the Board will be monitored, and reviewed after six months in order to ensure that they are working satisfactorily and achieving their aim of open and transparent decision making.

Also see "A Funny Thing Happened" on page 11-12

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THE COURTS AND HOW THEY WORK

The administration of justice is a key element to any society. This article is intended to explain the structure of the Courts, and how they function both on St Helena and Ascension Island.

Supreme Court

The Supreme Court is presided over by the Chief Justice. It tries the most serious of criminal offences; and civil claims where the amount in issue exceeds £2500.00 or where an important point of law or principle is involved; and all divorce cases. Where in any criminal case the Defendant pleads not guilty then the case is either tried by the Chief Justice alone (at the election of the Defendant) or by the Chief Justice sitting with a jury of eight. In addition the Supreme Court hears all appeals from the Magistrates Court in both civil and criminal cases.

In reality and so far as Ascension Island is concerned the Supreme Court hears very few cases. In the last two years the Supreme Court has heard one criminal trial on Ascension, one criminal appeal from the Ascension Magistrates Court, one civil claim and a handful of divorce cases. So far as St Helena is concerned the Supreme Court has been more active but it is gratifying to note that on St Helena, too, serious criminal offences remain comparatively few.

Magistrates Court

It is the Magistrates Courts, both on St Helena and Ascension Island, which hear and decide the overwhelming majority of cases which arise in any given year. On St Helena it is something in the region of 90% of all cases; on Ascension Island in excess of 95% of all cases. In addition on St Helena it is the Magistrates Court which hears all applications for licences under the licensing laws.

It is difficult to overstate the importance of the Magistrates Court both on St Helena and on Ascension Island in terms of the role they play in the administration of justice. Magistrates are the glue by which the cohesiveness of the communities are bound. To be a Magistrate carries with it a considerable burden of responsibility. The successful discharge of the office of Magistrate requires courtesy, patience, fairness but above all the ability at all times to remain objective, impartial, and independent. Frequently the correct decision to take in any case may be a difficult one. For those with the right qualities, however, it is capable of being an enormously fulfilling role.

All Magistrates, both on St Helena and on Ascension Island are volunteers. A modest emolument is paid to the Magistrates on St Helena for each day they sit as Magistrates. Magistrates perform a vital function. They deserve the support and respect of the communities they serve.

Public Solicitor

Outside of the Attorney General's Chambers the Public Solicitor is the only qualified practicing lawyer on St Helena. On St Helena she is available, if instructed, to represent those charged with criminal offences and those involved in litigation against the Government. In disputes between private individuals the Public Solicitor will not generally act for one side or the other; but is available to advise the Lay Advocates instructed on procedural matters; and if asked by all parties will act as an unofficial but impartial mediator. There is no equivalent office on Ascension Island although the Public Solicitor on St Helena visits Ascension occasionally and is available to advise the Lay Advocates on Ascension by telephone.

Lay Advocates

The Lay Advocacy is a rarity in the context of a formal legal

system and indeed is perhaps unique to St Helena and to Ascension Island.

Lay Advocates have recognised rights of audience both in the Magistrates Court and in the Supreme Court. They are volunteers with, as the name suggests, no formal legal background training or qualification. Experience shows however that what Lay Advocates lack in formal legal qualification is amply compensated for in their intimate knowledge of the communities in which they live, and the trust reposed in them by those they represent.

The demands made of a Lay Advocate may be considerable. Any case, whether it comes before a Court or not, requires preparation. A Lay Advocate may be asked to represent someone whose cause is controversial or unpopular. In those circumstances the Lay Advocate may be asked "How can you possibly represent so and so?". It is a question asked of trained lawyers throughout the world. The answer is quite simple: anyone who appears before a court ought to have the right to be represented whatever the reason they are there for. To deny that right is to undermine the very fabric of the legal system. To recognise that right however requires that Advocates, Lay or otherwise, are available to represent without fear of criticism.

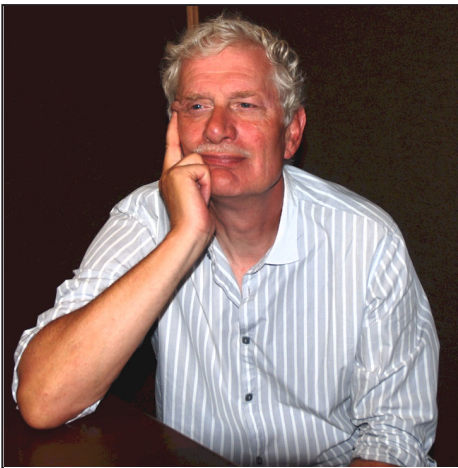
Lay Advocates perform a two-fold role. They are available to represent those who require representation. They also ensure that access to justice on St Helena and Ascension is available to all. Because they are volunteers they do not charge for their services, although on St Helena a small emolument is paid to them by the Government. No one therefore should be denied justice solely because the cost of seeking justice is too high.

Lay Advocates provide a remarkable service. It also can be an enormously rewarding role. In the same way as the Magistrates the Lay Advocates too are deserving of the support and respect of the communities they serve.

St Helena and Ascension both require additional Magistrates and Lay Advocates. Unless new recruits can be found for both there is a real danger that, in time, the unique legal system that we enjoy in these communities will wither and die. If that happens then there is a very real possibility that the principle of access to justice for all will severely be weakened, which would be a tragedy. As I have already said, it is a system that depends on volunteers. Anyone, whether St Helenian or not, is eligible to apply to become a Magistrate or Lay Advocate. For those who might be interested in applying to become Magistrates it is important to demonstrate that your employment is sufficiently independent of Government. If you feel that you possess the qualities to be a Lay Advocate or a Magistrate then I would urge you to step forward. Those interested in the Magistracy should contact the Judicial Services Commission through Ms Yvonne Williams on St Helena and Ms Marion Leo on Ascension. Those interested in the Lay Advocacy should contact the Public Solicitor on St Helena, Mrs Debbie Wahle. Do please seriously consider whether you have something to offer as we have a system that is worth preserving but which can only be preserved with the active participation of the community.

Charles Ekins.

Chief Justice, St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha



Short on Revelations

So, the Nigel Kirby Roadshow has been and gone. All the public meetings organised by the DfID project manager for the airport were well attended; reflecting the widespread interest in what is happening and going to happen in connection with airport construction. The timing of Nigel Kirby's visit surprised me a little bit. Basil Read representatives held a series of equally well attended and similar meetings just before Christmas. With Christmas and the New Year in between not a massive amount can have happened before Nigel Kirby arrived to undertake a similar exercise.

The Basil Read meetings produced one or two revelations; Rupert's jetty being put on hold and the Haul Road reduced to a single carriageway with passing bays being the most notable. The Nigel Kirby meetings did produce one significant revelation but only right at the end of the last meeting in Jamestown. It is planned that the rock needed for the temporary jetty at Rupert's will be quarried from a site near the head of Rupert's Valley. The quarry will be operational for three months and used only for this sole purpose. The required permission to go ahead with quarrying at the Rupert's site is expected next week. Curiously, permission to quarry rock at Rupert's is a separate requirement from the permission to build the airport runway, terminal, haul road, temporary jetty and all else.

Looking to the Future

During a brief conversation with Nigel Kirby I raised the question of the cargo ship required when the airport is operational and the RMS is cut up for scrap. Disappointingly, Nigel's response was the same as it always has been whenever the very many people who have made the same enquiry over the many years this important question has remained unresolved. The cargo vessel, Nigel says, which brings our food, building materials, clothes and everything

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else will be a commercial operation which will have no financial support from DfID. This aspiration for a commercial, non-subsidised cargo service is fraught with uncertainties. To start with, do we have a cargo ship on permanent charter to get the cheapest daily rate or is it cheaper overall to have the least number of cargo ship calls possible with more cargo delivered at one time?

A passenger ship, the size of the RMS, chartered for twelve months to give a more favourable rate, would cost about £35,000 a day. This is an all-in charge, including the crew's wages and fuel costs. Charter rates for cargo ships may be less than for passenger ships, there are fewer crew for one thing, but the cost is still going to be horrendous. But why would we want to charter a cargo ship for twelve continuous months? The Island would not need a cargo ship which constantly plies between James Bay and Cape Town. This Island does not need a ship load of cargo every fortnight; it's too much, far too much. A cargo ship that calls too frequently will sail with its cargo holds half empty and the freight charges would rise even further.

Maybe we should try to organise cargo ship arrivals in a similar fashion to the tankers which call every three months to replenish our fuel stocks? Would larger, bulk cargo coupled with fewer calls of cargo ships be a cheaper way to get our vital supplies here without the commercial non-subsidised freight charges sending the inflation rate right through the roof? This I do not know. Does anybody know? It may be that any method used to charter a cargo ship to call here on a commercial basis will increase the already high prices we pay for our goods to unsustainable unaffordable levels. Even if cargo ships making fewer calls with larger volumes of goods resulted in lower freight rates there would be additional costs associated with storage. We would probably have to rely even more on frozen foods as imported fresh food would become even more of a rarity. We would need more and probably better refrigerated storage to keep a bigger volume of frozen food in good condition for a longer time.

Too often we are told that something we want to buy was expected on the last call of the RMS but it didn't arrive. Maybe what we want will be on the next ship. If, in an attempt to keep prices down, we have a cargo ship calling less often than

the RMS does now this kind of 19th century business practice will have to stop. This is the 21st century; it's possible to know exactly where your goods are in the supply chain at any given time. Things move slowly now because of unreliable deliveries. If deliveries do not become more reliable a future cargo ship making less frequent calls will mean this Island will not just grind to a halt, we will start moving backwards.

Together with a cargo ship calling less often but, with larger volumes of cargo, new warehouses would need to be built and stock control would need to reach new levels of professionalism to competently organise the storage and distribution of everything from many thousands of bags of cement to even more thousands of bottles of Windhoek. The cost of the extra storage and the longer storage time required needs to be balanced against fewer cargo ship calls; if indeed fewer calls do result in cheaper freight rates. Going for the cheapest freight rate does not necessarily mean the price in the shop is going to be cheaper, the cost of storage could make it more expensive overall. Whichever way is used to get cargo to St Helena, we could be paying more, maybe much more, than we do now.

I do not want to be a scaremonger about this issue. I don't know the answers to these very complicated questions nor can I foresee the consequences for the money in our pockets when we move to a commercial, non-subsidised cargo service for all our supplies. The big problem is I don't think anyone has yet started to sensibly investigate which cargo ship option is the most economical and best suited for St Helena. Certainly, there has been no official announcement that this important access issue for St Helena is receiving serious consideration. I firmly believe, as many others do, that the airport decision and the cargo ship to follow on from the RMS should have been taken together and seen as two aspects of the same project. The airport is four years away. Even when a decision is made on what type of ship should be chartered and what type of charter should be agreed, it can take a year, maybe more, for the chosen type of ship to be brought into service. We have three years, maybe less, to resolve this important issue and serious work on it should have already started.

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Don't Do As I Do, Do As I Say

The first meeting of the Planning Board for 2012 was also the first ever meeting of the Planning Board or any of its predecessors to be held in public. Two people placed themselves in the public seating area. This was a good result, especially for a first time, compared to the number of people who turn up for the open session of Exco meetings. I expect it will be a surprise to many to find out what topics get to be discussed at planning meetings and what type of issues sometimes have to be resolved. Last Wednesday's first public meeting was a good example. Apart from having to decide what the Board's consultation response should be to governor-in-council on the Rupert's quarry application, [see first item] we stumbled upon another difficult issue. St Helena government had put in a planning application to convert the ground floor of a government landlord house into two flats. In itself it was not a contentious issue and can only be seen as a sensible idea. The Planning Board approved the appli-

cation. However the Board was informed that the work associated with the planning application had not only already started, it was almost finished. This is not the first time the St Helena government has gone ahead with work before the application for development has been given the required approval.

The Planning Board chairman surprised the Board members by telling them that he in turn was surprised to find out that the planning ordinance states that starting work on a development before the required permission is given is a criminal offence. The Planning Board resisted the temptation to phone for the police and settled for a strongly worded letter to the Chief Secretary's Office. Again, it is not the first time a letter has been sent to that office drawing attention to this aspect of maladministration.

I believe the rule of law to be one of the foundations of civilised society. The family and free speech are two others. When the law makers themselves or their representatives in government administration do not respect the laws they them-

selves instigated and administer, then we are on the slippery slope to anarchy. I say this in all seriousness. If some people in government choose to ignore the law when it suits them they lose the authority to enforce it. There are those in government who need to pull themselves up by their boot straps.

The Books Don't Balance

Did you see in last week's *Independent* the medals table for the Bank of St Helena Youth Games? And did you see the deliberate mistakes? St Paul's medal tally is given as eleven gold, eleven silver and seven bronze. The total number of medals for St Paul's is therefore twenty-nine; isn't it? Not so apparently. The total tally in the published table is, for some reason, twenty-five. But that's not all. Two of St Paul's team appear in the individual rankings. These two between them carried off a total of thirty medals. How is it these two St Paul's athletes managed to win more medals than the entire St Paul's team?

More About the M/V LIDA

LIDA arrived at the Island on Friday morning the 13th January for provisions. She is one of a kind having been built in 1974 as a geared general cargo vessel, which later specialised in carrying project cargos.

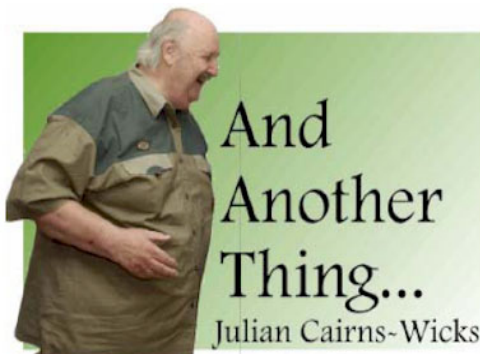
In 2009 she changed owners and following a conversion in Cape Town she now caters for a very specialised market and that is the retrieval of disused Submarine Cable from the seabed. In 2007 Merteck Marine based in Cape Town took ownership of the SAT-1 Cable, a retired Co-Axial Submarine Telecommunication Cable of approximately 6,524 miles that lies along the West Coast of Africa between South Africa and Europe. The recoverable portion of the SAT-1 Cable could yield 2,900 tons of Copper, 3,300 tons of steel and 6,000 tons of high grade Plastic. Various metals can be recovered from the 684 Signal Repeaters which by-the-way are located every 11.18 miles along the cable at varying depths along the ocean floor. Interestingly, a weighted braided rope is coupled to a hook that resembles a grappling iron which is deployed out through the bow sheave and towed astern of the vessel between 0.8 of a knot to 1 knot, the line has sensors affixed which are deciphered



on computers on the Bridge and relayed via a large digital readout mounted on Monkey Island which enables the winch operator on deck to know exactly when the SAT-1 has been hooked or the hook has come fast upon an obstruction on the seabed. LIDA is on passage from the Cape Verde Islands (and passed Ascension Island 5 nautical miles off) and on this leg of the voyage two of these special hooks have been lost due to getting snagged on the seabed.

Her crew of 14 comprised of Ukranian Master, in fact there were two of them,

the new Master (Russian) was understudying the regular Master to ensure continuity of the operation. The remainder of the crew comprised of Ukranian, South African & Zimbabwean's. With no hard and fast deadline to adhere to, the crew embarked on a tour of the Island and weighed anchor around 18:30hrs and got underway to resume retrieval of the SAT-1 cable with her destination being her home port of Cape Town where she usually occupies a scenic berth in the V & A Waterfront.



And Another Thing...

Julian Cairns-Wicks

It was with a good deal of interest that I listened to the couple of fervent Napoleonic buffs from California, as they eulogised and waxed lyrical about St. Helena on Radio St. Helena. Their commentary as to the unspoilt beauty of the miraculously jumbled countryside and the staggering views which rear up as if by magic, after a few paces in any direction, had them unable to compare it with any they had seen in all their years of travel.

These much travelled visitors spoke with engaging clarity about the respectful manners and gentle ways of our people who they met who talked to them with a warmth and regard they had never experienced on their many previous adventures.

You might wonder why I am so interested in what they had to say? Well! Some of you know that Per and Eliza have come home with three other 'Thorpe' family members: I was afraid it would not add up to their pre conceived ideas of the island. I was wrong as they have also been amazed by the friendly courteous people and speak in the most fervent tones about the wondrous walks and fantabulous views. Indeed, in truth, we Saints have much for which to be thankful. I found it slightly mind boggling to think that in spite of the amazing amount of litter and crud, cans, bottles and plastic bags being hustled and bustled to wheresoever's the wind has dictated, plus those horrid signs of wanton disfigurement, vandalism and graffiti; the actions of a few mindless moronic idiots, who burn our scenic picnic tables, and remove or destroy the various rubber stamps from the nature trails. In spite of all my misgivings our visitors all stated how much they have enjoyed every moment on the island.

Anyway my point is we really ought to stop this ridiculous distain for what little we have; please learn to respect our home by clearing up and keeping the island clean and tidy, so others can lie back and enjoy the same idyllic surroundings as when you arrived for your day in the country. And if you are one of

the tidy folk and witness some witless berk being stupid; report them to the police. It is important to stamp out the ridiculous actions of this minority! In case you have not noticed things are getting out of hand and soon it will be too late to wring our hands and wonder what to do as we will no longer be able to stop St. Helena becoming the rubbish tip of the South Atlantic.

The real shame of it all is simply the whole premise on which this airport, hotel, chalet, golf course Etc. is based, would appear to me to be fallacious, because the real beauty of the island is the manner in which one is removed from the grime and grot of an uncertain world, into a slow meandering way of life, pleasantly decanted from a different time. Thirty Thousand visitors per year will strip away all vestiges of this timeless society and all will be rendered unpleasant, without beauty, tranquillity or calm. The price of progress is not kind or thoughtful; the fact is we are sitting on the very branch we are sawing from the tree.

I just got off the phone with a friend living in North Dakota near the Canadian Border. He said that since early this morning the snow has been coming down, it is nearly waist high and is still falling. The temperature is dropping way below zero and the north wind is increasing to near gale force. His wife has done nothing but look through the kitchen window and just stare. He says that if it gets much worse, he may have to let her in.....!

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many will you have?"

Johnny: "Seven, Sir". Teacher: "No, listen carefully. If I gave you 2 cats, and another 2 cats and another 2, how many will you have?" Johnny: "Seven." Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you 2 apples, and another 2 apples and another 2, how many will you have?" Johnny: "Six.". Teacher: "Good boy, now

you got it! So now if I gave you 2 cats, and another 2 cats and another 2, how many will you have?" Johnny: "Seven!!!" A very angry Teacher: "Where the in hell do you get seven from?!?!?" Very angry Johnny: "Because I've already got a bloody ' cat at home!!!"

In response to the question "Do you have any dependants?" I replied "2.1 million illegal immigrants; 1.1 million crack heads; 4.4 million unemployable people, 901 thousand people in over 85 prisons; and 565 idiots in Parliament."

Can you believe it - they sent my Census form back!

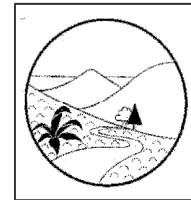
Apparently, this was NOT an acceptable answer. Who did I miss out?

Two lawyers had been stranded on a desert island for several months. The only thing on the island was a tall coconut tree that provided them their only food. Each day one of the lawyers would climb to the top to see if he could spot a rescue boat coming. One day the lawyer yelled down from the tree, "WOW, I just can't believe my eyes. There is a woman out there floating in our direction." The lawyer on the ground was most sceptical and said, "You're hallucinating, you've finally lost your mind." But within a few minutes, up to the beach floated a stunningly beautiful woman, face up, totally naked, unconscious, without even so much as a ring or earrings on her person. The two lawyers went down to the water, dragged her up on the beach and discovered, yes, she was alive, warm and breathing. One said to the other, "You know, we've been on this God forsaken island for months now without a woman. It's been such a long, long time.....So...Do you think we should.....well.....You know Screw her?" "Out of WHAT?" asked the other.

For Sale

4 Good Year tyres 225 x 55 x 17 - £240 for the set
 4 Bridgestone tyres 205 x 80 x 16 - £200 for the set
 1 Radiator to fit Land Rover 2.5 Petrol or Diesel - £180
 1 Free Lander exhaust - £290
Contact telephone number 4815

THE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTORATE



Importing Dogs and Cats from South Africa

Until recently it had been possible to import dogs and cats directly from South Africa, whereupon they underwent 6 months quarantine. Subsequent to an amendment to the Animal Diseases Ordinance, Cap. 96, St Helena will no longer provide this quarantine service for pets.

6 months quarantine is a heavy drain on resources for a small island economy. It requires proper secure premises, daily use of personnel to feed, water and clean out the pens, and is often breached by anxious owners. Essentially it is both costly and not true quarantine. There are even welfare implications for the animal, not used to such punitive isolation. As rabies is poorly controlled in Africa and can take months to show, St Helena can not entertain the possibility of slackening restrictions. There are also several other diseases of major concern for the island.

It is still possible to bring pet dogs or cats here, but it would be via the UK having first satisfied the UK's import requirements. The UK is in effect the gateway to St Helena. Obviously this will prove more costly as the animal has to be flown, but for anyone wishing to pursue it, they should contact DEFRA (UK's ministry of agriculture) via their website (www.defra.gov.uk) regarding the agreed UK import certificates for South Africa.

Under an obligation to align with the EU, DEFRA has publicised new pet import rules which came into effect 1st January 2012. There is now no UK quarantine for pets from Third Countries as long as a specific protocol is followed. The protocol is currently, in order:

1. Implant microchip;
2. Vaccinate against rabies (if no microchip before this, then even if already vaccinated);
3. Blood test at least 30 days after vaccination;
4. Wait 3 calendar months from date of blood test;
5. Treat for tapeworm 1-5 days pre expected ARRIVAL time in UK;
6. Acquire official documentation from vet;
7. Import via official entry route (<http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/pets/travel/pets/routes/>)

NOTE: These are DEFRA's rules and no responsibility can be taken by ANRD, St Helena for their accuracy. Up-to-date details should always be checked on the DEFRA website (<http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/pets/travel/>).

Once the UK has been entered, the pet owner will need to apply for the St Helena certificate from DEFRA's Carlisle office (CentralOps.Carlisle.AnimalHealth.gsi.gov.uk). St Helena is still free from many diseases, and further blood testing requirements take approximately 1 month. From vaccination in South Africa to landing the pet in St Helena, an owner can expect the whole process to take 5-6 months. To reach St Helena there is a monthly MoD vessel sailing from Southampton which provides the link to the *RMS St Helena* at Ascension. The RAF Brize Norton flight will not take pets, only military and police dogs.

Further information can be obtained at this office on 4724, or by contacting the Senior Veterinary Officer at svo_anrd.gov.sh .

Joe Hollins MA VetMB MRCVS
Senior Veterinary Officer



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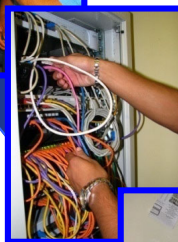
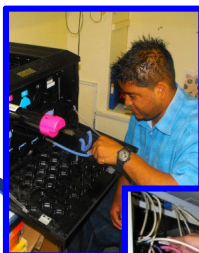
IT Assistant

Job Purpose:

To assist the IT Manager with the day-to-day running of the Department.

Duties will include:

- Ensuring computer and data security.
- Maintaining the Company's computers in accordance with the Maintenance Program.
- Maintaining Hardware to ensure the effective operation of the Company's network.
- Assisting with implementation and development of new computers/communication systems and Policies.
- Organising software training sessions for computer users.
- Assisting with the development of the Company's Operating Manuals.
- Providing online support with the following software:
 - Access Dimensions
 - EPOS systems
 - Sage Programs
 - Microsoft Office Programs
 - Crystal Reports
- Dealing with customers.



Salary will start at £5,040 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 Peter Thomas, IT Manager on telephone number 2380, or via email address: it@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 **27 January 2012**

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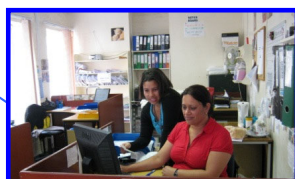
Senior Accounts Clerk (Agencies)

Job Purpose:

To ensure the effective and efficient processing, reconciling and reporting of all financial data pertaining to the Company's Agency portfolio.

Duties will include:

- Processing transactions via Access Accounts & Sage financial software.
- Producing relevant reports and carrying out follow-up action when required.
- Originating data for processing where applicable.
- Reconciling various accounts and other documentation, and liaising with key personnel on issues arising.
- Completion of costing of products and other related documentation



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NEWS FROM ST HELENA TOURISM

TOURISM UPDATE

Get Afloat...and enjoy the sunshine!

The Tourist Office is organising some trips afloat. Take the opportunity to see the island from the sea, and try out a new experience...

*Sunday 22 January, 9.00am at the Wharf Steps – **Dolphin watching***

A chance to see the island's dolphins, as well as the seabirds and coastline of the leeward side of the island.

£8.00pp (maximum of 20 places)

*Saturday 28 January, 7.00am at the Wharf Steps – **Sport Fishing***

Come and try your hand at catching some of the fish in the waters off the island. And you get to keep what is caught. You can join the trip at 4.00am to catch bait, or at 7.00am for fishing.

£25.00 pp (maximum of 6 places)

*Sunday 5 February, 5.00pm at the Wharf Steps – **Sundowner cruise***

Enjoy a relaxing evening cruise along the island's coast to watch the sun set, before returning at around 7.00pm

£7.00pp (maximum of 20 places)

To book any of these trips call the Tourist Office on 2158.

Cruise Ship visits next week

A reminder that two cruise ships are scheduled to visit the island next week, on Thursday 26 and Sunday 29 January. On both occasions, in conjunction with SHDA, private sector businesses and community groups, the community market will take place on Grand Parade, Jamestown. This will offer visitors and local residents alike a variety of produce, gifts and crafts from local growers, producers and artists. If you are interested in taking space as part of the community market, please contact Christina Stroud at the Tourist Office on 2158. Alternatively, people are welcome to set up their own stalls on Longwood Green on these days.

Tourism Development Project -

The Lemon Valley landing stage is now in place. There are some minor pieces to complete, but the landing stage can be used by boats. Watch out for details of some forthcoming weekend trips, once the final work is completed. Work is also starting shortly at Sandy Bay to erect some barbeques and shelters. More details about this shortly.

For further information on any of the above items, or for any information about tourism activities on the island, contact the Tourist Office on 2158. We are now open 7 days a week.



Jamestown in Bloom

As part of the celebrations for Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee
The Governor and St Helena Tourism will sponsor

Jamestown in Bloom 2012 competition

All residential and business premises in Jamestown are invited to
participate in a competition to beautify the street frontage with displays
of living flowers and plants.



Prizes for the winning displays will be awarded

First Place £400

Second Place £300

Third Place £200



The Governor assisted by two St Helenian residents
will judge the best displays on 19 February 2012

Make us all proud of St Helena!

Make Jamestown bloom!

For more details contact St Helena Tourism on 2158



Bank of St. Helena

www.sainthelenabank.com

Mobile Banking January 2012

The Bank of St Helena would like to advise the public that Mobile Banking will take place again
starting next week, in the following areas:

Cashiers Office at ANRD Scotland on Monday 23rd January.

Half Tree Hollow Supermarket on Tuesday 24th January.

Longwood Supermarket on Wednesday 25th January.

The times of operation will be from 9:30am – 1:00pm.

Save yourself the trip into Jamestown and have all your bills paid, make a withdrawal or a
deposit, request the balance of your account, set up your standing order, you can even open a
new account - all of this and much more from your nearest mobile banking station.

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Phone 00247 3270
Fax 00247 4506
e-mail-: 40700@naafi.co.uk

Naafi Ascension has a vacancy for a Club Assistant, this will include working in various sales points of the business,

Shop, Snack bar and Bar Duties also general store duties.

Hours of work 48 hours per week on a split shift basis Mornings & evenings,

For further information call 00247 3270 or e-mail 40700@naafi.co.uk

Any persons who has already submit a CV in the past need not reapply



Sodexo on Ascension Island has a vacancy for a Cover Worker.

The main duties of the post will include pest control, refuse, store duties and should preferably hold a class B drivers licence.

The successful applicant should be medically fit and also prepared to undergo a security clearance which includes a character reference.

For more details concerning this post, please contact Miss Lacosta Mc Daniel, Site Services Assistant on telephone no. 00247 3244.

Applications along with CV's & a valid police vetting certificate should also be submitted to the Lacosta, email oa-sodexo@cwimail.co.ac by no later than 27 January 2012.



ST HELENA POLICE SERVICE

FIREARMS LICENCE REMINDER

The public are reminded that before a Firearms licence can be renewed they will first need to have the security of the firearm(s) checked along with a follow up interview to ensure that the circumstance in which the licence was issued have not changed. Appointments should be made prior to the expiry of the licence with Support Officer Arthur Clingham who can be contacted at Ogborn House on telephone number 2626 or on email support.officer@police.gov.sh

The fees for Firearms are as follows:

“CATEGORY	FEE
Spear or airgun	
Issue of certificate in respect of spear or airgun	£17.05 for every year (or part thereof) in respect of which the certificate is issued
For every additional spear or airgun included in the certificate	£2.50 for every year (or part thereof) for which the additional spear or airgun is included in the certificate
Any other firearm	
Issue of certificate in respect of any other firearm	£22.00 for every year (or part thereof) in respect of which the certificate is issued
For every additional firearm included on the certificate	£5.50 for every year (or part thereof) for which the additional firearm is included in the certificate”.

The St. Helena Fisheries Corporation has a vacancy for an Administrative Assistant.

The Administrative Assistant will report directly to the Administration Manager.

This will include specific responsibility for: -

- § Preparation and input of accounting data onto computer using Sage Accounts software
- § Act as a receptionist
- § Handling of cash including issuing receipts and making payments
- § To operate stores stock control system, acting as cover for store man as required
- § Reconciliations
- § Any other duties as directed by the Administration manager

Applicants who are computer literate with possible Sage software knowledge would be considered most favourably. For further information on the job description, please contact the Administration Manager Mrs Kayla Fowler – tel: 2430

Salary is negotiable dependent on qualifications and experience.

Applications in writing should reach the General Manager by no later than Monday 6th February 2012.

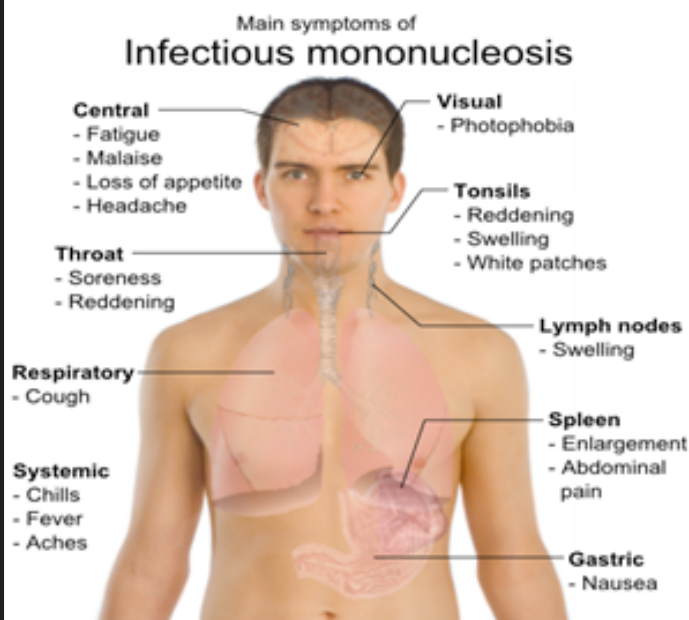
HEALTH WATCH

The Kissing Disease *(Infectious Mononucleosis)*

Infectious mononucleosis is also known as glandular fever, mono or even as the kissing disease. It is transmitted through saliva, so you can get it through kissing, but you can also be exposed through a cough or sneeze, or by sharing a glass or food utensil with someone who has the illness. However, mononucleosis isn't as contagious as some infections, such as the common cold.

It is a viral disease caused by the Epstein-Barr virus (EBV), one type of herpes virus, to which more than 90% of adults have been exposed. Most people are exposed to the virus as children, when the disease produces no noticeable or only flu-like symptoms. Sometimes individuals are only exposed as adolescents or young adults and the disease is characterized by fever, sore throat and fatigue, along with several other possible signs and symptoms. It is primarily diagnosed by observation of symptoms, but suspicion can be confirmed by several blood tests.

The classic symptoms of mononucleosis include:



How long someone with the virus stays contagious after symptoms are gone is uncertain, but the most contagious period is thought to last about six weeks after the onset of symptoms. Once you have had the infection, it is highly unlikely that you will develop a second bout. This is because almost everyone develops a life-long immunity after the initial infection.

There is no cure for glandular fever. Treatment focuses on helping to relieve the symptoms, such as using painkillers, to reduce the symptoms of pain and fever.

The majority of the symptoms of glandular fever should pass within two to three weeks without treatment. However, the symptoms of fatigue can sometimes last longer.

In most people, the symptoms of fatigue will resolve after three months, although around 1 in 10 people will experience fatigue for up to six months.

Complications associated with mono are uncommon, but when they occur they can be serious. They can include:

- Secondary infection of the brain or nervous system

- Breathing difficulties as a result of the tonsils becoming massively swollen
- Ruptured (burst) spleen, which is a life-threatening emergency; (this complication is very rare, occurring in just 1 in 1,000 cases)

The Epstein-Barr virus can cause much more serious illness in people who have impaired immune systems, such as people with HIV/AIDS or people taking drugs to suppress immunity after an organ transplant.

Consult your doctor if rest and a healthy diet don't ease your symptoms within a week or two or if your symptoms recur.

In addition to getting plenty of bed rest, these steps can help relieve symptoms of mononucleosis:

- Drink plenty of water and fruit juices. Fluids help relieve fever and sore throat and prevent dehydration.
- Take an over-the-counter pain reliever. These medicines have no antiviral properties. The only reason to take them is to relieve pain or a fever.
- Gargle with salt water. Do this several times a day to relieve sore throat. Mix 1/2 teaspoon salt in 8 ounces (237 milliliters) of warm water.

References

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/mononucleosis/DS00352>

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/glandular-fever/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infectious_mononucleosis

By

Dr Solomon Lebeso (Medical Officer)

For Sale

1 bench saw

1 planer/ticknesser

1.7 Vauxhall Astra engine and gearbox

1.9 turbo diesel engine and gearbox to suit a Peugeot

1 diesel engine to suit a Austin Maestro

2.5 diesel engine to suit a Ford Transit or any LVD

Land Rover parts including 2 back doors

Please contact Brian Clingham on telephone no: 3739 if you are interested.

Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves

Last Saturday saw a packed house for the 2 performances of this year's Ivyletts Pantomime, 'Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves'. Before the performance commenced a moving tribute was paid by Alan Nicholls to the 2 founder members of Ivyletts who sadly passed away last year, namely Larry George & Sharon Wainwright.

Then the fun began! The story is narrated by 2 trainee fairies, Topsy & Curvy, watched closely by their Headteacher, Fairy Nuff. A third, very naughty fairy - Silly Tilly, does her best to disrupt proceedings! They tell the story of Ali Baba & his fight to win the hand of the beautiful(!) Shan Ling (do we know her from somewhere?), one of Yousless the carpet seller's 3 daughters. Alas Shan Ling has been promised to another, the Sultan of Zanzibar. As the story continues we meet a host of entertaining (& in some cases downright hilarious) characters - dancing girls (both young & old!), a genie (named Jeannie), a Dame (who is on the receiving end of several custard pies), a whole host of 'boo-able' baddies, a cheeky monkey & even a dancing camel named Charlie.

As we approach the obligatory happy ending Ali captures all the baddies. As a result, & in thanks for saving his kingdom, the Sultan grants Ali his hearts desire, the hand of Shan Ling in marriage. The finale includes a huge dance number with the entire cast performing Y.M.C.A. All this is enhanced by the marvellous costumes. It was an wonderful performance & show cased the amazing amount of talent we have here on the island.

Finally tributes (of the floral, edible & liquid variety) were given by Fairy Curvy & baddie Mustapha on behalf of the cast to key members of the production including Ivy Ellick who, with the help of Gay Marr, produced & directed the show.

Rumour has it that Ivyletts may perform again mid-year & I, for one, can't wait! Well done & congratulations to everyone involved, directors, cast, all the 'behind the scenes' crew, costume makers, dance choreographers and everyone else who contributed to make this such a success.

Alison Hubbard
Oaklands
Saint Helena



Golf News

The final round of the Champion of Champions took place on Saturday 14 January. The Winner was Paddo Johnson. Runner-Up – Scott Crowie. The tow ball pool winners : Leon Crowie on the 10th, KJ on the 14th and Shotty Green on the 2nd.

Sunday 15th

Twenty players turned out for the final round of the GAFFER CUP. The winner was none other than Paddo Johnson on 135, Scott Crowie in 2nd place on 141. There was a play-off for third place between Roy Reynolds and Brian Coleman both on 143. After a sudden-death - Brian came out the 3rd place winner. The two-ball pool winners were : Roy Reynolds and Louis Evans on the 16th. Gerald George and Ray Yon on the 7th. The nearest the pin awards went to : Larry Thomas on the 5th, Joan Thomas on the 7th, Scott Crowie on the 14th and Louis Evans on the 16th. Well done to all the winners and a special mention to Louis Evans who is gradually becoming Mr Consistency for the nearest the pin awards.

Hats off to Paddo Johnson – Triple winner of three Major tournaments over the past three weeks- The World Weather Watch, Champion of Champions and the Gaffer cup. Well done Paddo ! Hope you will be joining the RMS very soon.

A special “Thank You” to Colin Owen and family for sponsoring the prizes for this tournament and also for laying on the curry supper. Thanks are also extended to the Chef – KJ.

This coming weekend:

Sat 21 Jan : 36 Hole Stroke Play – Sponsored by Solomon & Co. PLC

Sun 22 Jan : 18 Hole Monthly Medal.

Other dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 25 Jan Committee Meeting in preparation for the Annual General. Starting at 6pm.

Friday 27 Jan : Don't forget to sign up for the New Years Dinner Dance

Saturday 28 Jan : Par Three – Stroke Play 18 Hole.

Sunday 29 Jan : Final Round Solomon & Co PLC.

Golfers Corner

A man slices his ball into the woods and goes in to look for it. He meets a girl from the next fairway looking for her ball. They start to chat and have a hilariously conversation. She suddenly says to him, “ you know..... you look like my third husband.” He says, “Oh yes”, and then asks her how many times she's been married. “Twice”, she said.

One sunny spring day, there was a foursome of ladies about to play the par three, 165 yards long. Quite suddenly, out from the trees , a stalker bounded across the open expanse of the fairway. In a gasp one of the women remarked, “Oh my! I think I know that guy. Isn't that Dick Green?” “No”, replied her golfing friend. “I think it's just the reflection from the grass”. Have a joyful weekend and keep swinging. **John J G/C**

Lucky Lyns' Nursery

Pot plants, flower & vegetable seed will be on sale at the Market on Thursday, 26th January from 8am.

PRESS RELEASE



Preparations are well underway for St Helena's first ever foray into International Cricket as the Training Squad continues bi-weekly fitness and skills sessions at Francis Plain.

The International Cricket Council Division 3 T20 tournament takes place in Johannesburg from the 25th – 30th April with the Squad departing on the RMS on the 10th April. The other competing countries are Cameroon, Gambia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, Rwanda and the Seychelles.

We are still seeking sponsorships and are looking at a number of fundraising opportunities.

On Saturday, the 11th of February at 2pm we will be holding a sponsored walk starting at Francis Plain and finishing on the Grand Parade in Jamestown, via the 'W' Road, Milking Pound, Hutts Gate, Two Gun Saddle, The Briars and Side Path Road – a distance of 10Km.

The walk will be followed by a cash bar and food in the Mule Yard and live music in the evening by 'Big Easy' – all are welcome so please come along, either to walk or support, and enjoy a great time to benefit a unique cause.

Sponsorship forms are available from Simon Green on 4206. Training Squad: Greg Coleman, Scott Crowie, Tyrell Ellick, Jamie Essex, David George, Gavin George, Myles Henry, Ross Henry, Gareth Johnson, Dane Leo, Tris Moyce, Damien O'Bey, Dax Richards, Philip Stroud, Anthony Thomas, Andrew Yon.



Volley Ball Tournament 2012

The Volleyball Tournament 2012 will officially start from Sunday 29 January 2012. There are seven registered teams. The fixtures below are warm-up matches and teams assigned for umpiring must nominate three members to assist with lines etc.

Volleyball Fixtures, Sunday 22 January 2012

2.00pm Ballsy Ladies Vs Serve-ivors

Umpired by: Thundercats / Crazy Daisies

2.30 pm Thundercats Vs Crazy Daisies

Umpired by: Saints Served Hot/ All Star Hot Shotz

3.00 pm Saints Served Hot Vs All Star Hot Shotz

Umpired by: Ballsy Ladies/ Serve-ivors

TRAINING SESSIONS WILL RESUME AT PRINCE ANDREW SCHOOL HALL FROM MONDAY 23 JANUARY AT 630PM.

St Helena Business Directory

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Harris' Guest House
Freda Harrison
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Ronald Williams
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Raymond Coleman,
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Basil Francis
Barry Henry
Isaac's Construction
Colin Lawrence
Dwayne Osborne,
Alan Richards
Eric Maggot
Goodview Electricals
Solomon's Electrical Workshop
Anthony Thomas
Nicholas Thomas
Raymond Yon
Brian Yon
Michael Young
Stuart J Yon (Thompsons Hill)
Stuart Yon
Dick 'n' Son
Nigel George
Trevor Furniss,
Bagley's Hire
Bruce Salt
William Thomas
Adrian Duncan
Ronald Lawrence
Larry's Repair
Roy Robinson
Danny Thomas
David Marr
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Consulate Investments
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Silver Hill Bar
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Bobby Goose
Boot-C
C-Bird
Terri Clingham
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Bert Leo,
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Sharon Clingham,
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The Newcastle
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The Ocean Gypsy
The Ocean Wave
The Swordfish
The Tina
The Yellow Fin
Ocean Spray
Line Walker
Ocean Queen
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(Secondary)
KGT Fish Retailers

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Coffee Shop
Sunflower Café
Baseline Catering
Cake Dreams Bakery
Anne's Place
Cyril's Confectionaries
Harris' Guesthouse
McKnight's
Pridham, Ruth
Wellington House
Cater Hire
Godfather's Rock Club
Farm Lodge Hotel
Orange Tree Oriental Restaurant
CK Take Away
Pink Flamingo
Skinnerz Take Away
Mikes Munchies
Sally's Sandwich Bar

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Moonbeams
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Printech
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Violet Johnson
Zena Scipio
Ruth Pridham
Basil George
Olive Brown
Giselle Richards
Joyce Duncan
Muriel Stevens
Ronald Lawrence
Iris Henry
Trevor Fagan
Brian Davies
Kurt Johnson
Christopher Williams
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Bernista's Tailoring
Caroline Peters
Abiwans

Bennets Upholstery

Timber Logging

The Sawmill

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Thorpe's Emporium
Moonbeams
Arch Gate Corner Shop
Especially 4 U
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Bazaar' Shoe Shop
It's A Shoe Affair
Arthur Francis
G-Unique
Options
Marlene's Fashion Shop
Salt's Shop
The Hive
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Victoria Store
Baseline
Barbara Clingham,
Dorothy's Store
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Marcus Fowler,
Adrian Greentree,
John's Store
L&K's Shop
MacKnight's
Queen Mary Store
Philip John's Shop
Rose & Crown
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Solomon's Stores
Thorpe's Stores
Christopher Williams,
Doris Yon,
Mabel Yon
Maisies Shop
Muriel & Stuart Yon,
CNSKB Trading
Exhaust Fabrications
Philips Shop
Hazel's Music World
Solomon's Overseas Procurement
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Romans'
Lil' Gems
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St Helena Growers

Undertakers

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Henzil Peter's,
Solomons
Fox Motors
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Clint Stevens
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Sim's Motors
Robinson's Garage
Joshua's Hire Drive
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D&A Rentals
Corkers Island Tours
Cecil George,
Joshua's Taxis
Corkers Island Tours
Contours
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Current SHDA Business Listings

These are the current local Businesses listed with the St Helena Development Agency . If you do not see your business on this list please contact the Agency on 2920.

Email: enquiries@shda.co.sh or visit our website www.shda.co.sh before the 1st February 2012.

In line with the upcoming,
Business Awards 2011-12,
it is hoped that this list will inform the public of businesses operating on the island.

To promote your business, contact SHDA
NOW!!

Coming Soon

St Helena's Business Awards 2012

"It is not often that we take the time to congratulate ourselves for our achievements; however we should, as recognition is not always given. St Helena congratulates the Islands Private Sector; those full or part-time, those who are brave enough to take an idea and turn it into reality against the odds."

This year the St Helena Development Agency is again hosting St Helena's Business Awards, celebrating the success of individuals in Enterprise; In addition to those awards presented last year a number of new categories are being added this year.

Stay tuned for more information...

Email: enquiries@shda.co.sh | **Website:** www.shda.co.sh | **Tel No:** (290) 2920





St Helena Cricket Association League Results

Saturday 14th January 2012

Jamestown B batted first against St Matthews A scoring 277 runs for 4 wickets in 35 overs

Top Scorers for Jamestown B Gavin George 109 not out & Anthony Thomas 73

Wickets for St Matthews: Gareth Johnson 2/35, Shane Benjamin 1/53 and Scott Crowie 1/44

St Matthews A in reply made 96 all out in 18.2 overs

Top Scorers for St Matthews A Gareth Johnson 22 and Gary Benjamin 19

Wickets for Jamestown B: Jason Thomas 2/9, Damien O'Bey 1/32, Leroy Caswell 3/17, David George 1/14 and Neil Joshua 1/17

Match Result: Jamestown B 20 points; St Matthews A 4 points
Man of the Match: Gavin George of Jamestown B

In the second match on Saturday Longwood B batted first against Jamestown Z scoring 188 all out in 33.4 overs.

Top Scorers for Longwood B: Wilson Clingham 72 not out, Rico Yon 15 and Alex Osborne 12

Wickets for Jamestown Z: Jamie Essex 4/23, Dax Richards 1/33, Andes Bowers 1/23, Donny O'Bey 1/27 and Michael Bedwell 2/25

In reply Jamestown Z made 191 for 1 wicket in 18.1 overs

Top Scorers for Jamestown Z: Dax Richards 74 not out and Jamie Essex 60

Wicket for Longwood B: Chris Thomas 1/10

Match Result: Jamestown Z 20 points & Longwood B 4 points
Man of the Match and Young Player of the Match: Jamie Essex of Jamestown Z

Sunday 15th January 2012

Levelwood C batted first against Sandy Bay A scoring 264 for 6 wickets in 35 overs

Top Scorers for Levelwood: Darrel Leo 112, Dane Leo 27 and

Greg Coleman 25

Wickets for Sandy Bay: Darren Isaac 1/39, Mark Isaac 2/57, Lynton Fowler 1/35 and Jeremy Henry 2/23

In reply Sandy Bay scored 23 all out in 6 overs

Top Scorer for Sandy Bay: Jeremy Henry 8

Wickets for Levelwood: Greg Coleman 4/11 and Ross Henry 6/10

Match Result: Levelwood C 20 points Sandy Bay A 3 points

Man of the Match: Darrel Leo of Levelwood C

In the final game of the weekend HTH A batted first against St Paul's scoring 82 all out in 22.4 overs.

Top Scorers for HTH: Colin Yon 17 and Gregory Phillips 11

Wickets for St Paul's: Ralph Knipe 4/14 and Cormac Crowie 6/13

In reply St Paul's made 85 for 3 in 11 overs.

Top Scorers for St Paul's: Ajay Bennett 27 not out, Mcyle Williams 24 and Andrew Plato 13

Wickets for HTH: Arthur Clingham 1/27 and Gregory Phillips 1/22

Match Result: St Paul's 20 points and HTH 3 points

Man of the Match Cormac Crowie of St Paul's and Young Player of the Match: Ajay Bennett of St Paul's.

Fixtures for this weekend 21st and 22nd January 2012

Saturday

9am: St Paul's v Sandy Bay

1.30pm Longwood B v St Matthews A

Umpires/Organisers: HTH A

Sunday:

9am Levelwood C v Jamestown Z

1.30pm Western B v Jamestown B

Umpires/Organisers St Matthews A

Nick Stevens

Human Rights Art Competition

Just before Christmas some Primary school children submitted Human Rights posters for the Art Competition that we have been running since September 2011.

Judging for the competition took place today and prizes are as follows:

First Place winning £100 Chloe Midwinter

Joint 2nd place: Kurt Henry and Danni Marie Thomas both winning £50 each

Joint 3rd place: Nicole Paulsen and Renee Youde both winning £25 each

We are now running a similar competition for secondary school students which will end Tuesday 31st January 2012

Nick Stevens & Liz Idan-Johnson

Members of the Human Rights Capacity Building Group



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- Compiling and managing budgets for the respective outlets and preparing regular reports.

Job Responsibilities:

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Argentine colonialists!

Cameron raises Falklands stakes after report of plan for 'fishermen's invasion'

David Cameron accused Argentina of 'colonialism' for threatening the Falkland Islands on Wednesday after being warned the regime in Buenos Aires is plotting a mock 'fishermen's invasion'.

He dramatically raised the diplomatic stakes during an exchange at Prime Minister's Questions.

The accusation by the Prime Minister came as it emerged that the Ministry of Defence has 'contingency plans' in place enabling troops to be deployed swiftly in an emergency to the Falklands via Ascension Island.

Wednesday night Argentina's interior minister Florencio Randazzo hit back after Mr Cameron approved the MoD plans, saying: 'It is absolutely offensive especially in the case of Britain. History clearly shows what its attitude to the world was.'

The war of words is fresh evidence of the increasing tension between the two countries in the run-up to the 30th anniversary of the invasion of the islands by Argentina in April 1982 and their liberation by British forces. Days ago, the Prime Minister hosted a National Security Council summit which was devoted to the defence of the islands, which are claimed by Argentina as Las Malvinas.

Ministers were shown plans drawn up to combat a campaign of intimidation planned by Argentina to mark the anniversary. Mr Cameron was warned at the meeting of intelligence showing that Argentine fishermen could be sent to land on the Falklands and the neighbouring island of South Georgia to plant an Argentine flag this spring.

The mock invasion fears have echoes of the 1982 conflict which began when an Argentine force landed on South Georgia, which was defended by a small company of Royal Marines.

Chief of the Defence Staff General Sir David Richards has already outlined Britain's contingency plans and reassured Mr Cameron that Britain can defend the islands.

But ministers and spy chiefs warned the Prime Minister that Argentine president Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner will use the anniversary as the pretext to 'raise the temperature'.

At the NSC summit, Mr Cameron led a series of war game discussions about how to respond to a series of provocations by Argentina.

The NSC agreed that the Falklands police – rather than the Armed Forces – would be used to combat a flag-planting stunt



Is history repeating itself?

by the Argentines.

But Mr Cameron went public with details of the meeting yesterday to deliver a 'strong message' to Buenos Aires that the UK will respond militarily if Argentina tries to reclaim the islands.

The Prime Minister told the Commons that the islanders can remain British as long as they want.

'What the Argentinians have been saying recently, I would argue, is far more like colonialism because these people want to remain British and the Argentinians want them to do something else,' he said.

Mr Cameron said he ordered the NSC discussion so he could 'make sure our defences and everything else is in order'.

He added: 'It is important for Britain to send a clear message that as long as people in the Falklands want to remain British, we respect that right of self-determination.

'The reason for holding a National Security Council is to make sure nobody is in any doubt that Britain supports that right of self-determination, and we will go on doing so for as long as people in the Falklands want to continue in that way. I think it is important that everyone understands that.'

The NSC also heard that Prince William will go ahead with a posting to the Falklands as a search and rescue pilot next month. Argentina has called the posting a 'provocation'.

General Richards detailed the military assets defending the islands and made clear that reinforcements could be sent quickly.

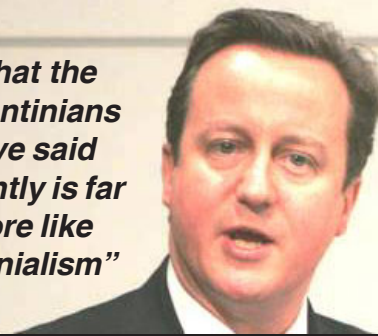
Forces based on the islands include four Eurofighter Typhoons and 150 troops, while the surrounding seas are patrolled by the frigate Montrose, the offshore patrol vessel Clyde and survey ship Protector.

A Government source said: 'Kirchner is highly unpredictable. The meeting was designed to make sure we are totally plugged into where the threats might come from.

'We think there will be a further push at interfering efforts from Argentina.' Mr Cameron also outlined plans for a series of events to honour the 255 British servicemen and three islanders who died in the 1982 war.

From Daily Mail

"what the Argentinians have said recently is far more like colonialism"



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OASIS

FRIDAY-20TH JANUARY- Open @ 5PM, Prime up early for this friday nights **BIG DANCE PARTY**, DJ. SIDONIO will be breaking it down with those **BIG DANCE BEATS**.

SORRY!! the pool table will be covered @ 9.00PM.

HOT FOOD WILL BE ON SALE.

SATURDAY -21ST JANUARY- Open @ 2PM - Relax in a cool atmosphere, enjoy the afternoon with a few drinks, pool and the usual bar games.

THIS SATURDAY NIGHT -GOOD OLE HILLBILLY NIGHT , DJ FREDDIE, will be playing your favourite country tunes for dancing.

YOU & YOU PARTNER can have great time.

SUNDAY 22-JANUARY - Open @ 5PM Drop by at the OASIS, chilled out with a few drinks and pool ,

ANDREA will be pumping your favourite sunday night beats for dancing. **DONT MISS IT!!!**



PUB PARADISE

FRIDAY

NORMAL OPENING WITH MIXED TUNES FROM THE BAR.

SATURDAY

JOIN BARRY & THE JOSHUA 2 FOR A NIGHT OF GOOD DANCE MUSIC.

SUNDAY

OPEN FROM 5PM. STOP BY FOR A REFRESHING DRINK IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSHERE.

THE CONSULATE HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT



EVERY FRIDAY

Succulent BBQ Meals



Saturday 21st January 2012

KIDZ DISCO



DJ COLIN PETERS

7.30 – 11PM



Saturday 11th February 2012

Reserve this evening for a wonderful night out with your Valentine for the Consulate Hotel Valentines Ball

DJ Freddie Maggott



GODFATHERS ROCK CLUB

Friday Night

there will be a fish fry for those of you who don't require fish you can have Chicken instead .

Tickets cost £4 each. Call 3059 to order.