Dr Derek Topliss, the longest serving doctor on the Island, resigned earlier this week. Derek arrived to the Island in 1998 with his wife Anne and has been a well loved doctor and an appreciated part of the community since his arrival. Derek resigned from the post as Senior Medical Officer earlier this year. Dr Topliss said on Wednesday that he did not want to comment on his resignation in public before he had discussed the issues involved with his employers, Nicare in Northern Ireland, and St Helena Government. However, he said, it is very unlikely that any outcome from these discussions will make him reconsider his decision to resign. Doctor Topliss said that he will work his notice period of four months out and that he has not made any further decisions for the future but he said that most of his family is based in UK and it would be an option to leave for Britain. The Chief Administrative Health and Social Services Officer, Mrs Ivy Ellick said that Dr Topliss resignation came as a bit of a shock.

His colleague, Doctor Andre Troskie, who resigned earlier this year, will leave the Island for Cape Town on 24th November. The Nursing Staff at the General Hospital have concerns over the staff moral at their workplace after the resignation of two popular doctors in a short space of time. “Doctor Topliss’ resignation gave us the same feeling as when Princess Diana died” said one nurse, and “We are all in shock” said another after receiving the news of Dr Topliss decision.

On Tuesday this week, the Executive Council advised his Excellency the Governor to increase the price of fuel on the Island. After a previous Executive Council meeting on the matter the Councillors had written to the DfID minister, Gareth Thomas, asking for monetary assistance from his Department to help carry the burden of internationally increased fuel prices. After considering the letter from St Helena, the Minister’s answer was, not surprisingly, negative and local actions to avoid further losses at the Bulk Fuel Installation were necessary.

Increased fuel prices will have an impact on the Island’s economy as people have to spend more money on fuel and transport and will have less money to by other goods or services. At the same time, prices in the shops will go up as the merchants have increased transport costs. The delay in the decision to increase the prices might have worked in our favour as recently the high prices of over US$70 per barrel have dropped to levels under US$60, which hopefully will keep the increase at the pump moderate. According to international oil dealers the recent drop in oil prices is due to a very mild autumn in northern US and therefore a lower demand on heating oil. Normally fuel prices the increase this time of the year due to winter in the northern hemisphere with increased consumption of oil for heating. The Council did not rule out that further increases after Christmas could be necessary. This recent drop in oil price has also made it possible to avoid an increase in the electricity price until after March next year.

The next fuel tanker for St Helena, which would be the fifth one for this year, is due to arrive in Rupert’s Bay by the end of this month.
Finally it has happened.
St Helena has got a new and totally independent newspaper with no ties to any organisation and no government involvement.
For any media organisation, it is important to be able to stand on its own two feet and not lean on any single organisation for its survival. Every newspaper or Radio Station has got sponsors and advertisers for its survival but one single sponsor or advertiser should not be so important that the editorial freedom is put in jeopardy.
The Saint Helena Media Productions has run Saint FM for over a year with great success. The Island has experienced a completely new sound on the airwaves - FM radio. The world has become more aware of St Helena through internet radio, which has had 43,000 listeners in six months. This has never previously been done from the Island. More media features to bring us into line with the world are coming. Voicemail from the Falkland's have been introduced and similar service from the UK will be launched shortly.
It has all been done without expensive consultants or overseas expertise to great expense to the taxpayer. With a little enthusiasm a lot can be achieved.

Air access
The air access project is going forward. Newt week, on 16th November Industry Day will take place at DFID in London and it will be interesting to see how many interested companies turn up to this event, which has been established to give further information about St Helena and the air access project. As far as we have heard, Arup will be there on Wednesday and also Laing O'Rourke, another company that put forward its interest last time St Helena started a tender process about air access. Another company that according to our sources has put their name forward is AMEC, another British firm which was formed in 1982 from smaller companies of which Fairclough, which many Saints remember from Ascension, was one.
Many other activities within the access project are coming along. The members of the team undertaking the Environmental Impact Study seems to be very busy and soon, on 23rd November, we will have another consultant arriving, Mr Harvey Susser, that will help us to create an investment policy for the future.
I hope that Nigel Kirby from DFID was right when he said that the Minister had approved and put aside an ample amount of money to finalise the project. It would be terrible if the money run out before it was finished.

Remote Control
Soon the Island will be headless as His Excellency leaves for Ascension and UK next Saturday. It has been announced that he will continue to be Governor and head the Executive Council meetings and maybe other important occasions on video link from Ascension or UK. Somebody will be put in charge as deputy to Governor to switch on and off the TV. It has not been confirmed if Ethel Yon or Ken Baddon should be entrusted with the remote control. The Independent bets a fiver on Ethel.

Fr Alan pictured with his wife Jan
Mike

New Vicar for James Town
The Bishop has appointed the Revd Alan C Bateman as the new Vicar of James Town. He will be arriving with his wife Jan on 7th January 2006, boarding the ship at Walvis Bay.
Fr Alan comes from the Diocese of Zululand where he has worked as Rector of All Saints’ Parish, Gingindlovu. Before that he worked at the Cathedral of St Michael and All Angels in Eshowe, where Bishop John was Dean for over 10 years before he became Bishop of St Helena.
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The tooth is thought to have been pulled during Napoleon’s exile to St Helena. A tooth believed to have belonged to Napoleon Bonaparte has sold for £11,000 ($19,000) at auction in Wiltshire.

The canine is thought to have been pulled in 1817 when he suffered from a mouth inflammation diagnosed as scurvy. It was first passed by his physician Barry O’Meara to General Maceroni, aide de camp to the King of Naples. The tooth has now passed to a private UK buyer. It is believed to have been extracted during Napoleon’s exile after defeat at the Battle of Waterloo. The hammer price was £11,000, so the Dominic Winter auction house in Swindon will also add on their premium to take the final sale price to nearly £13,000.

‘Physical wreck’
It is understood Napoleon was exiled on the South Atlantic British when the extraction took place following the defeat in 1815. “Historically, we know that Napoleon had toothache in 1816 and this was put down to a mouth inflammation diagnosed as scurvy,” valuer Chris Albury said. “By the time of his death in 1821, he was a physical wreck and his gums were soft and bled easily and his teeth were loose. “In dental terms, this (the tooth) appears to be an upper right permanent canine of a male in his 40s. “This would fit with Napoleon’s profile at the time O’Meara knew him.”

Australia faces a damages claim that could exceed ten million US dollars after five fishermen from the Uruguayan flagged longliner “Viarsa 1” were acquitted of charges over an alleged poaching of one million US dollars of Patagonian toothfish.

According to the Australian press the owner of the fishing boat and the charter company are trying to recover the 2million US dollars vessel, the value of the catch and income lost while the boat has been impounded for two years. The acquittals and Federal Court lawsuit are an embarrassing setback for the Australian government in its fight against increasing numbers of illegal poachers in Australian waters. The fishermen — one Uruguayan, three Spaniards and a Chilean — were captured in August 2003 after the longest chase in Australia’s maritime history — a 21-day, 7000km pursuit that crossed three oceans, cost millions of dollars and involved South African and Falkland Islands fisheries patrol vessels.

Australian press reports two of the fishermen broke down and sobbed uncontrollably when a District Court jury delivered not guilty verdicts to 12 charges in Perth late Friday night — tears shared by the jury. A single conviction would have ended the Australian Federal Court action launched by the two companies and justified the forfeiture notice issued by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority.

Defence lawyers Mark Trowell QC said authorities had not seen the men fishing in the Australian zone and the case had been based on circumstantial evidence. He says the men have faced a trial and a retrial on the charges, and are very relieved to be returning home to their families.

“They’ve been stuck in Western Australia for two years now” added Mr Trowell. “They haven’t been able to return to their family or friends or able to work”.

“It’s been very difficult for them and they’re quite emotional now at the prospect of returning home.”

Federal Fisheries Minister Ian Macdonald remarked the verdict was amazing and he would take advice on a possible appeal.

“I would repeat the exercise tomorrow if a foreign fishing vessel is sighted by an Australian patrol vessel inside the Australian fishing zone without a permit” insisted Senator Macdonald.
Our law allows Underage Drinking

Underage drinking is a big problem in St Helena, as it is in many other places in the world. The problem we have here is that we do not have any legislation to stop it. Our local law was endorsed in 1988 but did not consider modern legislation at the time. The Police Service, Public Health and Social Services Department and the Education Department are all working towards stemming the problem but do not have the tools to make a substantial impact as it is not an offence for youngsters under the age of 18 to drink according to our local legislation.

There is no local law preventing children at Prince Andrew School having a beer or maybe a glass of wine with their school lunch. Furthermore, no Policeman can confiscate the child's lunchtime beer as they have not committed an offence.

Despite all efforts it will be difficult to curb young people's drinking habits as we only regulate the selling of drink in licensed premises, not what is drunk outside without the knowledge of the licence holder.

A licence holder, as the owner of a pub or a club, could be prosecuted for, knowingly, selling drink to somebody under the age of 18 or sell drink to somebody that he reasonably would suspect to supply it to youngsters.

As far as the Independent is aware, there is nothing in the future legislative programme to change the current situation.

The legal situation concerning underage drinking, according to the St Helena Liquor Ordinance, Section 27 is:

1. A holder of a licence shall not knowingly sell or allow any other person to sell, and a servant of a holder of a licence shall not knowingly sell, intoxicating liquor to a person under the age of eighteen years.
2. A person under the age of eighteen years shall not buy or consume intoxicating liquor on licensed premises. (Amended by Ord. 11 of 1999)
3. No person shall buy or attempt to buy intoxicating liquor for consumption on licensed premises by a person under the age of eighteen years.
4. The holder of a licence or his servant shall not knowingly deliver, nor shall the holder of a licence allow any person to deliver, to a person under the age of eighteen years, intoxicating liquor sold on licensed premises for consumption off such premises, except where the delivery is made at the residence or work place of the purchaser.
5. No person shall knowingly send a person under the age of eighteen years for the purpose of obtaining intoxicating liquor sold or to be sold on licensed premises for consumption off the premises, whether the liquor is to be obtained from the licensed premises or other premises from which it is delivered in pursuance of the sale.
6. Subsections (4) and (5) shall not apply where the person under the age of eighteen years is a member of the licence holder's family or his servant or apprentice and is employed as a messenger to deliver intoxicating liquor.
7. Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section, other than the provisions of subsection (2), shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £100.
8. Any person contravening the provisions of subsection (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £50.

On Monday the 14th November the first breast screening clinics round the island starts. Wendy Henry, Community Nursing Officer told us on Wednesday that due to the raising number of female cancer patients around the world and women in their late 40’s, early 50’s are in the highest risk of developing cancer, the community nursing staff is offering breast screening which they hope to operate on a recall system, similar to the cervical screening that is done. The breast screening will operate on a one year basis and community nurses are currently contacting women of 45 years and older and inviting them to have the screening done in the hopes that any abnormalities can be found and treated early. Also it is to set minds at ease, says Wendy. All three doctors will be available to provide the screening from Tuesday and all clinics around the island will be open for the special service.
A recent event in the Indian Ocean could have a beneficial effect on St. Helena’s tourism industry. Pirates attacked the luxury cruise ship Seabourn Spirit en route from Egypt to the Seychelles via Kenya, using automatic rifles and rocket propelled grenades in an attempt to board the ship.

David Dingle, a spokesman for the Miami-based company Seabourn Cruises, told BBC News that passengers were “somewhat surprised and shocked” when they woke to find the ship under attack at 0530 on 5th November. One rocket went through the side of the liner into a passenger’s suite. “The couple were in there at the time so it was a bit of an unpleasant experience,” commented fellow passenger Norman Fisher, 55, from Hampstead Garden Suburb in London. The cabin was heavily damaged but the couple were fortunate to be in bed, and escaped injury.

The attack was repelled by an on-board acoustic device which emits loud banging noises intended to deter attackers, making them believe they are under fire. Unfortunately, this secret weapon has been rendered useless after it was described in the world press a few days ago. Somalia is run by warlords and lacks a national law enforcement infrastructure, a coast guard or navy.

In a report issued in October, the Commercial Crime Services of the International Chamber of Commerce reported reported an unprecedented increase in the number of serious attacks off Somalia, with 23 pirate attacks on cargo ships since March.

Last week’s attack was the first involving a cruise ship. There have been a number of attacks against circumnavigating yachts, causing some of them coming from Asia to opt for the dangerous route south around Africa, which accounts for most of the 200 boats anchoring at Jamestown annually. Cruise line management concerned about passenger liability, or insurance underwriters with similar concerns, could cause many cruises to opt for the peaceful Caribbean or South Atlantic islands, to the benefit of the economy in those islands.

AFTER a month-long break, the Air Atlanta Icelandic contract with the Ministry of Defence to fly to Ascension and the Falklands resumed this week.

The 747 service, which flies to the Islands thrice a fortnight was been out of action due to both repair work of the fuselage, that was ruptured by a forklift, and a strike by Boeing. Before the service was suspended, it suffered a number of delays due to engineering work.

On the Falklands there have been concerns raised over the safety of the Air-bridge flights.

The UK’s Department for Transport (DFT), which is responsible for air safety was asked by Merco Press whether the British government had concerns over the standards of safety adopted by Air Atlanta Icelandic.

A spokesperson for the DFT, Andy Foulkes, commented, “...we have looked at the available evidence on the airline’s safety standards. Air Atlanta is a large airline which operates numerous services to the UK and elsewhere in Europe. “It has been inspected a number of times both in the UK and elsewhere in Europe under the European Safety Assessment of Foreign Airlines Programme. “There is no evidence which suggests that Air Atlanta is not currently meeting international safety standards.”

He added that the situation will be kept under review.

International civil aviation is governed by the Chicago Convention. Under the Convention, the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) is responsible for establishing minimum safety standards which contracting states are required to implement.

States are required to recognise the certificates issued by other contracting states unless they have reason to believe that they have not been issued in accordance with ICAO standards. ICAO also audits contracting states’ aviation authorities to help identify and address any deficiencies in the implementation of international standards.

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“The primary responsibility for ensuring that foreign airlines are operated in accordance with international safety standards rests with their national aviation authority,” he said.

“However, if we were to find evidence of any significant non-compliance with international safety standards the Secretary of State will suspend or revoke the airline’s permit until those issues are addressed.”
PRESS RELEASES

Executive Council Decision on Fuel Prices

Executive Council yesterday concluded that it had no option but to increase the price of fuel sold from the BFI, as a result of increasing world oil prices. Elected Members made every effort to avoid increasing prices by approaching the DFID Minister for additional funding. Unfortunately, he was unable to help. ExCo was aware of the impact this would have on individuals and businesses on St Helena and has therefore decided that although an initial increase would be made immediately, any further increase necessary would not be made until after Christmas. This keeps prices as low as possible, for as long as possible. The Council have also agreed that there will be no increase in electricity prices in the current financial year. Solomon and Company will shortly be announcing the new prices of fuel at the pumps together with the effective date of the increase.

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5(1) of the St Helena News Media Ordinance, Cap 160, His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following persons to be Chairman and Members respectively of the St Helena News Media Board:

- Mr Colin Patrick Yon JP - Chairman, for a period of one year
- Mr Leslie Paul Baldwin - Member, for a period of three years
- Mrs Jean Esther Gough - Member, for a period of three years
- Miss Joyce Maureen Harris - Member, for a period of three years

By command of His Excellency the Governor

Ethel Yon, Acting Chief Secretary
The Castle, St Helena
4 November 2005

Legislative Council

The first Legislative Council sitting after the inauguration following General Election in August will take place on Monday and Tuesday next week. Only a small piece of Legislation, an amendment to the Election Ordinance, is to be dealt with.

Several procedural papers will be tabled. New Standing Orders, New Guide to the Operations of the Executive Council and to the Conduct and Duties of Members, Code of Conduct for Legislative Councillors and also a Schedule of Special Warrants for the current financial year.

There are also eleven motions, six of which are from Councillor Robert Robertson, and 21 questions are also on the order paper for the two day proceedings.

It can be noted that all questions except two are either directed to the Ex-officio members of the Executive Council or the Chairman of the Public Works and Services Committee, Councillor Bernice Olsson.

Two of the new members, Councillors Lionel Williams and Victor Lines have not submitted any questions or motions, for their first ordinary Legislative Council sitting. His Excellency the Governor has also decided that there will be another sitting of the Legislative Council later this year. It will take place on 19th December and will contain new legislation for consideration. Two bills are currently circulated for public consultation, the Land Acquisition Bill and the English Law (Application) Bill. These bills are scheduled for the sitting in December but it is, at this stage, uncertain whether the English Law (Application) Bill will go forward or not, at least in its current form.

Remembrance Day 2005

Remembrance Day Service will be slightly different this year.

Churches around the world will follow a more modern service, and after much consideration St Helena decided to follow suit. The Service will still take place at the Cenotaph with various bodies and organisations in attendance, but changes will be made to the actual wording of the service. St Helena has also made a change of its own so that this year, the service will include offering each other a sign of the Peace.

As is the case every year the Office of the Chief Secretary has distributed a supply of poppies to shops and schools island wide in order to raise money for the Poppy Appeal.

 Acting Deputy Secretary, Gillian Francis said “The Poppy Appeal has informed us that we raised just over £483 last year. I hope that St Helena will raise even more for 2005.”

Five Pounds alone ensures that a housebound or hospitalised person receives a one-hour friendship visit, while £230 could buy an emergency lifeline alarm for an elderly person.

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In the morning of Friday 4th November, a tree fell down over the power line between Hutt's Gate and Clingham's shop in Longwood Road. The tree caused extensive damage as one electricity pole was turned over and the two adjacent poles were tilted. This caused a power outage in most of the Island.

The Island is divided into two feeder systems and only Jamestown and Half Tree Hollow up to Red Hill, which is on feeder one still had power, as the entire of feeder system two had shut down. Fortunately, the damaged line could be isolated and power will be restored to all areas of the Island this afternoon.

Police Update
Monday 7th November

The Police Service received and dealt with a total of 27 reports between last week and until today, Monday 7th November, which included 6 criminal reports, 1 of which resulted in an arrest being made and 4 road traffic accidents. On Saturday, 5th November, a male person was arrested in the Jamestown area for the offence of being drunk and disorderly in a public place. He was later released, charged with the offence and bailed to appear before the Court.

Saturday afternoon, the Police received a report of one of the clients at Cape Villa had been missing from the premises. This sparked a search in the surroundings of Cape Villa and also at Breakneck Valley, to which it was known that the person had an attraction. Sea rescue was also performed by the Fire and Rescue Services. Fortunately, the person returned home to Cape Villa later in the afternoon.

This morning Police were called to the scene of a burglary in the St. Paul's area. At this time no further information can be released. This case is being investigated.

Also under investigation is a case of theft of a tractor battery and a case of common assault, both cases occurred in the St. Paul's area.

A person was given a verbal warning for the offence of causing harassment, alarm or distress in Half Tree Hollow and another person was given a formal caution for consuming intoxicating liquor in town.

It has also been brought to The Police’s attention from a resident in Half Tree Hollow that some person or persons deposited litter and removed a solar light from their property. Police will be patrolling the area and any person caught will be dealt with accordingly.

There were 4 minor road traffic accidents. All drivers were free from alcohol and all drivers concerned were given verbal warnings for driving a motor vehicle on a road without due care and attention.

Executive Council

In Tuesday mornings Executive Council meeting the Council advised that COPE, Community Opportunities for Participation in Enterprise, can utilise the Sandy Bay School for social enterprise that supports adults with disabilities to participate in productive businesses.

In the Shetland Islands COPE, which was formed in 1998, is running several businesses giving disabled the opportunity work in business.

The Order Paper for LegCo on Monday and Tuesday was also endorsed.

The Financial Secretary presented an information paper showing the cost of Crown Agents administrating the St Helena Currency Fund. It was disclosed that the cost of Crown Agents services were not, in real terms, higher than could be expected from other, commercial, fund managers in UK and the Council did not mind to continue working together with Crown Agents.

Cultivating News

The Vacancy as Chief Agricultural and Natural Resources Officer attracted 10 applications. The Post was advertised as a Key Post – A two year contract with a salary of £25,000 per annum and other benefits, after the Personnel Department had failed to fill the vacancy under normal terms and conditions. The short-listed applicants will be interviewed today Friday 11th November.

The vacancy as Chief Engineer, which will close on Friday, has not, so far, attracted any applications. It is likely that if no applications are received under the advertised conditions, with a pay of £12,480 per annum, the Chief Engineer’s Post also will be made into a key post.

Solomon’s Familiarisation Site Visit

Wednesday 9th November, the Board of Solomon & Company hosted a familiarisation tour of some of Solomon’s business units around the Island. The invited guests, His Excellency, Governor Clancy and the Acting Chief Secretary Ethel Yon were invited to visit sites on the Island suitable for future tourism development. They also went to the Piggery in Bamboo Hedge, Broad Bottom and Half Tree Hollow Spar before returning to Jamestown, where the new warehouse complex between Narra Backs and Main Street and the Wharf hosted the SHG dignitaries. The familiarisation ended with a lunch in Wellington House where also Solomon’s Management Team was in attendance. The Managing Director of Solomon & Company said this morning that the visits had been most successful and useful in further displaying the company’s activities to the major share holder.
Saint FM has only three full time staff who produce and present between them, 58 and a half hours a week. Station Manager, Mike Olsson opens the station every morning with the Wake-up Call from 6am for all you early birds out there through to 9 o’clock every morning, Monday’s to Fridays. In addition to his morning show’s every week, Mike also produces two hour long specials on the weekends - Behind the News between 7am - 8am Saturdays - and Knowing me, Knowing you Sunday morning 9 - 10am.

Mike’s followed by Angela Williams with the Downtown Party from 9 to 12:30 every weekday, giving you a mix that will ease you into the working day. She’s followed by Emma-Jane Yon at 12:30 with the afternoon show Another Day in Paradise, taking you through lunch time and the afternoon till 4 each day.

In addition to great music varying from everything from rock, pop, country and the classics throughout each day, we strive to bring you all the announcements, entertainment news, vacancies and adverts as and when we receive them.

News is broadcast LIVE everyday starting at 7 every morning, then again at 9am, 12 noon, 2pm and afternoon evening editions at 4:15, 7pm and 9:30 every weeknight…being updated all the time and refreshed to ensure little as possible is repeated. We also provide two international news bulletins at 8am and repeated at 10am weekdays. Local bulletins weekends at 8am and 7pm.

Link-ups: As part of the 58 + week there are one and a half hours each day dedicated to ensuring all adverts and announcements are heard between the Drive Time 4 – 4:30 and also the Evening Drive 6:30 – 7:30.

In the Spotlight
Behind the News with Mike Olsson

This one hour special provide you with all you need to know about the week’s news every Saturday morning, bright and early at 7am - 8am. For a summary of all the news that happened throughout the week and behind the scenes as well as news that didn’t make it into our bulletins. ‘Behind the News’ every Saturday morning - keeping you well informed.
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