

# Going back in time

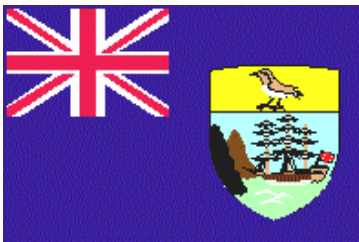
## This is broadcasting on the Island of St Helena

THIS booklet is just a collection of extracts taken at random from mainly local papers on ST HELENA.

*„We can't spoil the rest of our lives by not going to  
St Helena.“*

*Oswell Blakeston to his friend: 1950's  
From his book "Isle of St Helena"*

It may bring  
back some fond  
memories to  
those involved;  
also long  
forgotten  
names and  
events.  
Enjoy your  
reading.



### *'Airport Needed Now'*

"[...] AS SOON AS THERE IS AN AIRPORT, THE ECONOMY WILL  
EXPLODE INTO LIFE, AND SAINT HELENA WILL THEN BE SELF-SUFFICIENT -  
AND MUCH MORE. THEN A SUBSIDY WILL BE QUITE UNNECESSARY."  
*"Falkland Islands Newsletter", October 1999*

THIS BOOK IS FOR TONY LEO, RALPH PETERS, JOY LAWRENCE, DEREK RICHARDS AND HUNDREDS OF OTHERS. I WISHED I COULD BE A BROADCASTER TOO!!

## FROM DIPLOMATIC MEN TO VIKING'S INITIATIVE

Broadcasting on St Helena is relatively young, compared, for example, with the island's far flung neighbour to the south-west: As early as in 1928 a cable service called Rediffusion was introduced in Stanley and was soon extended to other parts of East Falkland. On the Island of Internment however, a regular broadcasting service for the public was introduced only in 1967.

### Enthusiasts

*In* the first part of this century, people on St Helena who were fortunate to own a radio set, or wireless, as it was called at the time, depended on stations other than their own because there wasn't a single one on the island. The official report for the year 1931 states: "*There are few wireless reception sets from which good results to be obtained*" And a year later: "*The Empire Short-wave Broadcasting Service is received well in the island*" As well-known islander, Jessica March, recalled her youth of the late 1940's: "We didn't have electricity yet, so we used a 12-V battery to power our radio set [a true luxury at that time]. The voice in the receiver was fading, so my parents tried to improve things by hanging up an aerial wire in the open. By that we managed to follow the news from the outside world - from overseas [literally] - by means of the BBC." The Colonial Report for 1947 puts the situation like that: "*There are about 150 radio sets but there's no local radio station nor electricity supply.*"

### "Bingo by radio restarts Thursday 5th Feb 1967..."

Electricity eventually took to the houses, first in Jamestown, in about 1953. One of the above mentioned approx 150 sets entails a good piece of local history ... Expressing their gratitude to the islanders for their kind hospitality, the survivors of the *City of Cairo*-disaster presented a fine radio set to the hospital. That *Empire Made* model *PYE* with a short-wave band ranging from 13 metres to 31 metres was in use for many years to come. As the Information Officer of the time remarks in 1984 about the set made in Wembley: "*Although not in a very good condition the radio set still enables the patients to listen to the local radio station.*" The set was still there in 1998 and I, personally, suggest it should be taken down to the museum the sooner the better because we all know what fate valuable pieces of history meet on St Helena at times, just to name the town gates and the Rock Fall Fountain.

As anywhere else on the globe, certain people develop a special, keen interest in technical matters. In a result of that, St Helena experienced various homemade, short-lived amateur radio programmes. A Mr A J Davies made a radiotelephone transmitter for which he used parts, which were imported by Percy Teale. Mr Teale himself had obtained a temporary licence in 1958 to broadcast to a public meeting, which was held in the cinema hall of those days. An islander who was a remarkably active radio amateur at that time was Mr Freese [Robert David, I suppose]. He had gained some useful knowledge what radio is concerned after he had taken up an apprenticeship with *Cable & Wireless* at the age of 15. From the local sheet *News Review* we learn that "*The St Helena Arts Club made a broadcast on January 3, 1960. It contained varied programmes and the secretary, Mr Freese, will be glad to get comments from different parts of the island.*"

A bit later on, Mr Bill Stevens - who was also Philips

agent, I was told - used to broadcast his own programmes that consisted mainly of musical requests, played from records. Some of his equipment are being displayed in the museum.

Even visitors realised, sooner or later, that there was something "in the air", as Mrs Jean Johnson notes in one entry of her diary, dated 27 January 1962: "*We discover that there is a local broadcasting station - The Ham of Half Tree Hollow.*"

To enlighten somehow puzzled readers who might not be familiar with these special terms and wonder about an 'eatable' broadcaster - a *ham*: The proper writing should be HAM and that person is a radio amateur who makes contacts with fellow enthusiasts around the globe, as far as the airwaves permit.

Real enthusiasts they are, these - usually male, freaks aren't daring nowadays to spend thousands of pounds just to set up their 'station' in a certain territory, say St Helena or Tristan da Cunha, only to be able to 'work' the place, as they call it. The more contacts they achieve from that usually remote place, the better. So-called QSL cards will give confirmation of their results. Two out of the pioneer-HAM-generation of St Helena, Barry Dillon and Mike Francis, once had had the chance to 'work' Tristan. Fellow American HAM's made funds of some thousands of pounds available but the dream didn't come true due to the lack of a licence, which couldn't be obtained at that time.

### D.W.R.S. and schooling

*The* 1960ties saw the arrival of a body, which was at the time, and is still today, a kind of a mystery covered under a classified cloud. In about 1965, the *Diplomatic Wireless Relay Station*, D.W.R.S., called sometimes just D.W.S., erected high-rising steel masts on Prosperous Bay Plain and Deadwood Plain. The men who serviced the wireless station were housed in prefabricated bungalows, which were built at a place called Piccolo Hill in Longwood. They are still being used as government accommodation.

Few is known about that service. However, it was with the help of their expertise, manpower and equipment, that the public of St Helena finally got their own broadcasting station for as the *News Review* announced in March 1966 that "*Beginning Friday 11 March there will be a local experimental transmission to test reception throughout the island. It can be heard on 200 metres, 1511 kilocycles in the medium wave band.*" A year afterwards, the same paper heralded in its issue of April 8th the following, more detailed news item:

"A Government Broadcasting Station is being constructed in the grounds adjacent to the Country Senior School and should be in operation by mid 1967. The costs for this station are expected to be £5,500. The sum does not include the transmitter and technical equipment, which will be lent free by the D.W.R. The D.W.R. has also offered to maintain the station free of charge.

### "A schools broadcasting unit commenced programming in August, 1967."

*The Colonial Development and Welfare Fund meet the entire expenses for construction. The radio station will be in operation on the wavelength of 200 metres medium wave. The main purpose of the station is to broadcast educational programmes as well as occasional government announcements, news and announcements of local interest. The programme consists mainly of BBC transcription records. To be able to gather experience, the Education ...*

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## Radio St Helena Back On The Air

Radio St Helena is once again back 'on air' following a shutdown on Monday and Tuesday of this week, to carry out essential maintenance to its aerial system. This involved renewing the whole of the aerial network and extending the existing towers by another 10 feet. This is the biggest project to be undertaken on the aerial system since it was first erected in 1966/67, and in order to do this major task, the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island assisted by providing the necessary materials for the job.

The job was completed at approximately 5.30pm on Wednesday afternoon when a test transmission was put on air followed by normal programming from 6 o'clock. Tony Leo, station manager, gave this short account of what actually took place during the time the Station was not functioning. "As Station Manager, I must apologise to all our radio listeners for not being 'on air' all day on Monday, Tuesday and for the best part of Wednesday. We were aware that the job, which took on would be tedious and the original forecast was for us to be off air completely for one day only, but alas, this was not to be. The construction of a new aerial system for our 'Gates One' one thousand Watt transmitter started a week ago. Working to a plan, which had been drawn up by the station's freelance engineer Larry Francis, this involved extending the height of the two existing aerial towers from 60 ft to 70 ft, and replacing and redesigning the entire aerial. From last Wednesday onwards, Larry, who was ably assisted by Derek Richards, and when required, by other station staff, had to cut and manufacture the actual aerials to a set specification and then came the onerous task of putting them into position. The team worked through Saturday and Sunday until eight in the evening in order to complete the project as fast as possible.

The whole aerial structure, including a tuning unit was no easy task and I thank Larry Francis for his hard work, enthusiasm and experience. Thank you also to Derek Richards and radio station staff for lending a helping hand when called upon. Thanks also to next door neighbour, Keith Williams, who gave assistance in the evenings when passing the scene of action.

To you, the listeners, thank you for your patience and understanding." *"St Helena News"*, 8 December 1995

### Good Mornin' Christm

*Listen in to Stedson's  
radio show on  
Christmas Eve morning  
between 9 and 11am  
for an extra treat,  
when*

*between 9.30 and 10.30,  
listeners will be able to hear some  
special telephone calls from  
Ascension Island.*

*The host of the show is, of course,  
Stedson Francis,  
and callers will be able to send their  
greetings to the island.*

*"St Helena News", 15 Dec 1995*

"I was told by the Broadcasting Officer here on the Falkland Islands that there will not be a Christmas programme coming from St Helena this year because the St Helena Broadcasting staff are very busy. We have a lot of disappointed Saints who always find time to sit and listen to the Christmas programme, even though some work on the day. Staff from the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station travelled 35 miles to Mount Pleasant so that everyone would have a chance to speak to their family and friends at Christmas. I am sure that the staff of the Broadcasting Station on St Helena are not that busy that they can't find time to keep families and friends of those working overseas in touch during Christmas.

This is a tradition that's been listened to by families and friends in St Helena and likewise in the Falklands for the past several years. We are only asking that someone from the Broadcasting Station in St Helena produce a small programme of messages from family and friends in time for the next ship, which will leave Jamestown in time for the programme to be broadcast here in the Falklands early in the New Year. Finally: I'd like to express my appreciations for the weekly broadcast of St Helena news which comes over FIBS on Fridays. Best Regards,

**Jill Roberts**

*"St Helena News", 21 Dec 1995*

## Good Government Funding for the Media Services

Radio St Helena and the 'St Helena News' have been very fortunate recently in having been successful in bidding for funds from Good Government Funds to improve the quality of the services offered by the staff of the St Helena News Media Board.

The first bid was for the digital upgrade of recording and broadcasting equipment at Radio St Helena. This should make a great difference to the efficiency and quality of broadcasts from the station. The amount, which will be spent, on this particular project is £20,650. A further bid was made to upgrade the microphones at the Radio Station both for studio and outside broadcasts and recordings, this was also successful and £17,812 have been approved for this.

St Helena News has also been successful in bidding for funds to provide a networked computer system at Broadway House. This will enable all members of staff to take a more active role in the production of St Helena News. The provision of a colour printer will provide opportunities for alternative services. The network will greatly enhance our ability to produce the paper quickly and in time to meet the deadlines agreed with the Government Printer.

In total £9,233.57 have been approved for the purchase of the new network, which we hope to receive via the next southbound sailing of the RMS. The digital equipment for the Radio Station should arrive on the ship next week and the microphones on the next voyage. The three projects will be a tremendous boost to the media services; the staff are delighted with the good news. It would have taken several years for the Media Board to accumulate enough funds to effect these projects and we are all very grateful to FCO for the generous provision of this funding.

*"St Helena News", 11 February 2000*

### RADIO ST HELENA CALL SIGN

Many readers will have heard the term 'call sign' mention in relation to Radio St Helena. The call sign of the BBC is the tune "Lily Bullero" and is universally associated with that organisation.

Radio St Helena also has a call sign of its own. The call sign changed on the 15 October with the transfer over to the St Helena Media Board call sign was designed and produced by the Station Manager.

All radio stations have to, by international agreement, register their call sign with the INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (RADIO), which has its headquarters in Switzerland.

The call sign must be precisely written down, including the timing of any music or gaps as well as the words, for instance the number of bugle calls to use and their exact duration. Now that everyone has had a chance to get used to our new call sign, we would be grateful for any comments or ideas, which should be directed to Johnny Drummond at Broadway House. *"St Helena News", 12 November 1999*

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*Officer, who was currently staying in the UK, had been attached to the BBC Schools of Broadcasting Department for a short time.* Regular test transmissions followed for the rest of the year. They had a more or less fixed pattern, broadcasting on Fridays for schools and on Saturdays for the entertainment of the general public. The names of the programmes aired were such as *Variety Hour* or *Weekend Special* respectively; the latter hosted by Rex. Programmes aimed at schools were on alternate Fridays: *Story for Infants*, *Story for Juniors* and even from time to time a section for Seniors like ... *Great Moments in Science – Galileo's Telescope*, or ... *Your Question Answered*. Of course, when schools were closed, there wasn't any school programme on the air.

Not all programmes went on the air as announced in the weekly paper: "*Due to problems with electricity no Weekend Special will be broadcast today* [Saturday Nov 4th 1967]." Again, the D.W.S. lent a helping hand, this time to solve the problem at the powerhouse: "Help has been offered by crew of RFA *Wave Baron* and the D.W.S. Longwood. It is hoped that within the next five days 75% of the consumers will be supplied properly again."

### Christmas Present

On Christmas Day, Monday 25th of December 1967, the radio station was officially opened by His Excellency, Governor Field. At 9.45 a.m. Sir John read his Christmas Message which was followed by bells and carols at 9.55. Various other programme items followed that morning and in the afternoon, an uninterrupted musical programme, produced by Mr Roland Whiting of D.W.S. Longwood, entertained keen listeners for the rest of the day.

Radio St Helena, as it is known today, was born. The following year went by, by maintaining a Friday-Saturday-Sunday broadcasting pattern. Then, in January 1969, Messrs Gary Price and Peter Gamble ... *made a generous offer. They will air a programme every fortnight. This programme will mainly consist of light music. Listeners can submit their musical requests and hand in their greetings to be aired. This programme will be on the air up from January 8th 1969 from 5 to 6 p.m. every other Wednesday. Your written musical requests are to be handed in no later than noon on Monday each week prior to the airing date. To be submitted to G C Lawrence, c/o St Helena News Review, The Castle.*

A further step was done. Things improved through the years to come, although nobody was fully responsible for the service, as Tony Leo recalls those days when he used to produce programmes on a voluntary basis. In early 1973 the Information Office, which had been in charge of the station since July 1969, finally realised the need of a full time manager and approached Tony who agreed to face the challenge. He took over from Eric M George, Information Officer at the time, eventually became a radio self-made man and Jack-of-all-trades at Pounceys. Only once, in 1982, Tony was sent overseas to attend a training course.

### 1968's Christmas Day broadcasts with George Lawrence, Rex Duncan ...

A proper schedule came into being which allowed the Saints to listen to their own station every afternoon during weekdays later to be supplemented by BBC World Service relays. The station was equipped with an old-fashioned Marconi transmitter, actually two of them: one in service and one on stand-by. Built in 1945 it performed, however, a good service. It was replaced by a more up-to-date make in 1991. The current output is 1 kW on a frequency of 1546 kc/s while until October 1978 the frequency 1511 kilocycles were used.

Finance is a problem on St Helena, as our readers are aware, and the shortage of funds allocated to Radio St Helena makes no exception. The Education Department's expenditure for broadcasting in 1968 was £289 while the total costs for the up-keep of the service was stated as being £881. That's why the hours of broadcasts can't cover the whole day. Many, many volunteers have put in their spare time to educate and entertain the listeners of Radio St Helena. Government money allocated for wages allows only a more or less full time staff of five.

They are, beside the station manager Anthony Leo, Ralph Peters - the Dutchman, Joy Lawrence as Studio Organiser, Derek Richards as News Editor [meanwhile replaced by Cyril Gunnell] and Verona Phillips as clerk. While most European countries levy a licence fee on everybody who listens to the public radio service, this is not the case in St Helena. In 1980, the estimated overall cost for broadcasting stood at £5,000. To ease the financial hardships at the radio station, the fiscal adviser, Mr C E Codrington, suggests in his final report: "*It is a little surprising that no contribution is made by the beneficiaries of the local broadcasting service. I suggest that an annual licence fee of £1 for each household owning a radio would be a reasonable charge for the start. A running check on radio ownership could be maintained by customs records of radio*

*imported by individuals and by requirement for shops to notify the Treasury of the names and addresses of customers to whom radios have been sold.*"

This

proposal, fortunately, never came into being. For various reasons, those valuable supporters in the form of volunteers changed as the years went by; so did many items. However, some have proved very popular and survived on the schedule for many years. A number of them are still part of Radio St Helena. To name a few: *Police Five*, *Let's Sing and Listen*, *Evening Shuttle* and *Airwaves Command*.

Christmas time is always something special, because hours are extended. This, however, means an extra load of work for those who are behind the micro. A special thanks to them. It's also a time when on-air greetings are exchanged by those who have to win their own and the bread for the family abroad, on the Falklands and Ascension. Fellow radio people at *FIBS* in Stanley and *Volcano Radio* on Wideawake Island send in the recorded greetings to be aired by Radio St Helena.

The same procedure applies the other way round. If one has, as an outsider, an eye and ear for small details, one can notice things, which give a better inside view and understanding of the scenes behind the curtain. Remarked a librarian to her colleague on the last Monday in December 1997 that she had noticed that only half a hour of the actual one hour church service had been broadcast the other day. By sheer coincidence I myself had witnessed Ralph Peters' efforts cutting the recording of the service into the wanted length.

Radio St Helena is a government run and financed body and it is their responsibility to keep the programme 'clean'. This may explain the following note, dated 1995 and displayed in the studio: "*Instructions to all presenters and voluntary producers. The following records are banned from transmission: French Kiss; Leap up and down with your knickers in the air; Push it; My Ding-A-Ling; J'taime...; failure to comply with this request will result in further action being taken. Thanking you. Anthony Leo, Station Manager.*"

Another note has its reason in an incident which took place during a fête on Plantation lawn when a certain man was called by his nickname .... [cont'd on page 7]

## A Successful Worldwide Transmission Came To A Close Over A Glass Of Champagne

Working up to a worldwide transmission was quite an experience. Trying to recap what has gone before, and at the same time responding to worldwide listener's requests.

Many hours of planning went into this final transmission, which took the air on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October commencing at 7pm. All of the station staff were given different tasks to perform that evening, including two past members of staff who were aware of the requirements for such a broadcast.

As Radio Station Manager, and presenter of a part of that transmission, I can only describe this as a wonderful experience, sitting behind the controls, knowing that you are being listened to by hundreds of thousands of people from all walks of life on a worldwide scale. It is rather sad but true that the transmitter that was used on Saturday, has now been taken out of circulation.

I express my sincere thanks to the management and staff of Cable & Wireless PLC for the help, assistance, advice and technical support which they gave on Saturday and of course for all previous transmissions since 1990. Of course these transmissions shall be missed, not only by our local listeners, but by our overseas managers and supporters in Sweden who have been so active in publicising our annual transmissions on the Internet and in all Radio Magazines and other periodicals throughout the world.

The transmission focused mainly on promoting Saint Helena, more than Radio St Helena itself. It was an experience for all involved in this final transmission to hear comments on the telephone from our distant listeners as well as browsing through the multitude of Faxes and Emails, which were arriving before, during and after the programme. There will be weeks before we can clear the books on such a transmission. The reception reports will be arriving in the next mail from those who don't have access to Fax machines or Computers. We are actually expecting a bumper mailbag.

I would like to thank Cable & Wireless PLC for all the help and assistance and for keeping the transmitter intact for use on Saturday, not forgetting the operator on duty that night at Cable & Wireless Office for standing by on watch during the four hour transmission, the St Helena Government for supporting all of our worldwide transmissions, to those who participated in promotional talks, to His Excellency and Mrs Hollamby who were our studio guests that evening and who also contributed to the programming, Stedson George who took care of the international telephone calls for transmissions, and Vanessa Henry and Natasha Clingham for taking local and overseas calls on the outside line and answering all queries.

To Verona Phillips, many thanks for knowing exactly where things were, when we needed them most. My thanks also to co-presenter Ralph Peters, Joy Lawrence who supported the presenters, Johnny Drummond whose camera was flashing away throughout the on air period, and special thanks to Derek Richards who kept the computer running to almost boiling point at times once the transmission got under way, and to his assistant Johnny Clingham. Without the support of a dedicated team, a transmission of this magnitude could not have taken place. As always, at the completion of these transmissions there is a time for celebrations. We were able to crack a bottle of champagne during the transmission and celebrated with eats and drinks thanks to a donation from the St Helena Government and to the following organisations for donating palatable spirits and soft drinks:

Solomon & Company PLC, C & M's, W A Thorpe & Sons, Mrs Eva Benjamin, Mrs Pat Musk, Mr Barry Dillon, Mr Donny Stevens, The Queen Mary Store, Mr Eric Andrews, Wellington House Trading, The Rose & Crown Store and Mr Philip John.

At this stage of the proceedings no one really knows what the future of Short-Wave transmissions will be, but one thing is for sure, St Helena is now known the world over and is well liked by all. It was a great transmission and will long be remembered. The following is just one of the hundreds of e-mail messages we received from a listener to the worldwide transmission:

Hello Tony,

I enjoyed all of the final broadcast on Saturday. Well done! Looking at the pictures of the studio on the web site, I see you use Sonifex cart machines. Here at BBC Radio Nottingham, we moved earlier this year to new studios and now everything is PC based so we no longer use carts. Most of the old studio equipment went to scrap but I managed to salvage the cart machines. They appear to be the same model you use. I was wondering if they would be of any use to you if we could devise some way of getting them down to you? They are both record and replay machines. We also have assorted items, like spares for Revox and Studer tape machines if you use those. I have some CD's for you which I will mail hopefully in time to catch the south bound ship. I will also be mailing a proper reception report. Let me know if we can help with anything.

Best wishes,  
Richard Buckby  
BBC Nottingham



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Over the loudspeakers, asked by Tony to collect his bumper prize. The notice in question, also hung up in the studio, reads: "With immediate effect please refrain from using nicknames on the air. Please ask for correct name before using it in requests, announcements etc." The lucky winner, nicknamed *Peanut*, who wasn't really happy at that very moment, has left the island by now!

### Nordic supporters

In early 1990 an Outside Broadcast Vehicle was purchased and made it much easier to do outside recordings as well as live broadcasts of council meetings and sports events. However, as early as in February 1974 live broadcasts were made and much appreciated by those who couldn't be on the field to watch themselves.

This live-broadcast was a noteworthy achievement, no doubt, but nobody of the staff involved would have spared a single thought on live broadcasts for the outside world. But this became reality, thanks to the efforts of some radio enthusiasts from Sweden, among them Jan Tunér and John Eckwall.

Tony Leo, Manager Radio St Helena [ "*St Helena News*", 29 Oct 1999]  
Since it's a rather long story, I better try to brief the quintessence. While on holidays in The Gambia in the 1980ties, John Eckwall had the idea of relaying a medium wave service of the local station via a Cable & Wireless transmitter, which was realised. Having established quite sound relations with the authorities of C&W in London afterwards, he made it possible that a similar broadcast could be made on St Helena by using a C&W short wave transmitter.

*Prizes awarded following the Radio St Helena Audience Research went to Donald Harris of Main Street (£25) and second a »Candle in the Wind« CD to HE Gov Smallman ...*

Joy Lawrence' soft and distinctive voice went round the globe when she took to the micro on October 6th 1990. The, in the first place, one hit wonder, should prove to be so successful that later broadcasts were to follow and these became transmissions of longer duration, usually three hours. Hundreds of reception reports filled up the mail bags carried by the RMS *St Helena* in November, December, even January after the actual event. The two Swedes first came to the island in 1992 and liked it so much that they returned five years later.

Besides promoting the island by means of Radio St Helena Day, Mr Eckwall puts in also a lot of time to enlarge and up-date the Internet page he has set up, so anyone who has access to the new media can browse through the information provided. Radio St Helena's 30th anniversary was celebrated without loud trumpets and HE the Governor on which he took the opportunity to honour the two gentlemen from Scandinavia for their engagement and almost tireless efforts to promote St Helena who they love as much as I do gave parties but a reception.

**CATCH US ON 1548 KHZ  
194 METRES**

While on St Helena, just stay tuned into 1548 kc/s, according to the jingle: "Now that you found us - keep us" and you'll learn more about what's going on in St Helena. May be you'll agree that ... *Radio St Helena turns me on!*

Manfred Rippich [Originally written for '*The Wirebird*', 1998]

## LAUNCH OF NEW RADIO PROGRAMME

*Radio St Helena* went around the globe on

6 Oct 1990	Saturday
23 Oct 1992	Friday
15 Oct 1993	Friday
14 Oct 1994	Friday
27 Oct 1996	Sunday
26 Oct 1997	Sunday
24 Oct 1998	Saturday
23 Oct 1999	Saturday

"In the New Year [2000] I will be launching a new programme for radio. Called 'Environment Matters' it will be a five



minute programme of news about environmental matters on St Helena. It is intended that the radio programme and this newsletter will compliment each keeping you a breast of current environment development.

*Rebecca Cairns-Wicks*



## STOP PRESS - STOP PRESS

Last night HE Governor and Mrs Hollamby held a reception for the staff and spouses of St Helena News, Radio Saint Helena and members of the Media Board, the Acting Chief and Deputy Secretaries were also guests.

The reception should have heralded the transfer of the media services to the Saint Helena News Media Board.

Unfortunately, as was announced in last night's radio news, the transfer has been postponed until 15<sup>th</sup> October because of, amongst other things, certain legal implications, which were highlighted to the Board designate by the Public Solicitor who had been consulted.

Governor Hollamby expressed his regret that he had also accepted the resignation of Mr Eric George, Chairman designate to the Board who had resigned for personal reasons and said that the staff, both at the Castle and the Legal and Lands Department would be working hard to ensure that the transfer takes place on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Tony Leo, Station Manager, said a few words expressing regret at the news of Mr George's resignation and a degree of surprise that the Voluntary Producers who support the station staff were not present.

Mr George clarified his personal reasons by saying that the remuneration was insufficient for the workload involved and that his personal work was suffering as a result. He wished the other Members of the Board and the staff of the media services the best of luck for the future. Drinks and refreshments were served. *"St Helena News"*, 1 October 1999

## EARLY BIRDS – RADIO ST HELENA

Reader will remember the period between June and December

1997 when Radio St Helena ran a trial expanded service. The new programming format was very popular and there were many requests for its return.

Well, starting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October the Radio Station will commence broadcasting at 7.00am and continue throughout the day until 10.00pm. A great deal of planning has gone into developing new ideas but there will be the return of old favourites like Job Shop, Tradio and Golden Trunk. The revised schedule will involve live announcements working shifts, linking programmes together making announcements as well as playing music, which will act as the carrier. The local Radio News will, in addition to the normal evening broadcast, be repeated in the morning.

Local news headlines will also be given at intervals during the day. There will be radio competitions and interviews as well as invited guests on radio shows. Breaking News will have a place, this was a popular feature last time and will be aired as and when it comes in. The Radio Station staff has expanded in numbers recently and there are two new Production Assistants, Natasha Clingham and Laura Lawrence. Cyril Gunnell took over as News Editor at the end of August. There is also the station clerk, Monica Johnson, who works quietly away behind the scenes and the librarian, Valerie Williams who looks after the recorded material.

The Radio Stations Veterans, Tony, Ralph and of course Joy are a re spearheading the new service. The staff are looking forward to the challenge of providing an expanded service but there can be no doubt that it is going to be hard work. Needless to say the faithful Voluntary Producers will be a great support. Readers will note from the photo [not included here] that the Station cat "Teabag" is also a powerhouse of energy and contributes greatly to the life of the station. Teabag turned up one day and has been a part of the organisation ever since. So tune in on Monday morning at 7.00am for the start of a new era in radio on Saint Helena. *"St Helena News"*, 29 Sep 2000

As a result of the review of the advertisement rates conducted by the Media Board, the following rates will apply as from 1 April 2000

### *St Helena News*

A Free Service: Death, funeral announcements, obituaries, pen pals, letters, contributions, sports news. Items for sale up to £50. Advert to be no more than 20 words.

B Personal Thanks; Wedding gifts, care in hospital, enjoyable holiday etc. – 30 words @ £1.00; 30-50 words @£2.00

C Public/Non Government Organisations: 75 words @ £2.00 76-150 words @ £4.00. Therefore page rates will apply.

D Commercial/Government: 75 words @ £4.00. Therefore page rates will apply.

E Church Services/Sports Fixtures: £1.00 per insertion.

Page Rates:  
Quarter page - £ 5.00  
Half page - £10.00  
Full page - £20.00

### *Radio St Helena*

A Free Service: Deaths, funeral announcements, emergencies, lost property, sports news, greetings, thanks during request programmes, private sales up to £50.

B Public/Non Government Organisations: 30 words @ £2.00, thereafter @ 5p per word.

C Commercial/Government: 30 words @ 3.00, thereafter @ 10p per word.

D Church Services/Sports Fixtures: £1.00 per announcement.

*"St Helena News"*, 24 March 2000



## THE FIRST OUTSIDE BROADCAST WAS MADE IN FEBRUARY 1974

“Knockout competition on Francis Plain, live coverage 14:45-16:35 hrs. According to the various reception reports, it would appear that the sports commentary on the football match relayed direct from Francis Plain.

The quality of the actual relay together with the graphic picture of the game portrayed by the commentators was well above expectations, thanks to the combined efforts of the Broadcasting Officer, commentators and members of the D.W.S. staff who made such a historic event possible. It is hoped that similar radio coverage's on sporting activities and other noteworthy functions will be made possible in the not too distant future.

On this occasion it was also possible to make a direct appeal over the radio for the assistance of a doctor, who arrived on the scene within half a hour after the call went out but unfortunately was unable to save the life of the spectator who had collapsed at the sports ground.”



*The accompanying supplement contains radio programmes for the month of February, 1975.*

*The new programme “Spectrum” will be broadcast on alternate Tuesdays by Mr Colin Hosker (DWRS). The “Faith for Today” programme has been renamed “The Voice of Prophecy” and will be broadcast by Mr Pennell Duncan at 9.30pm on Tuesdays.*

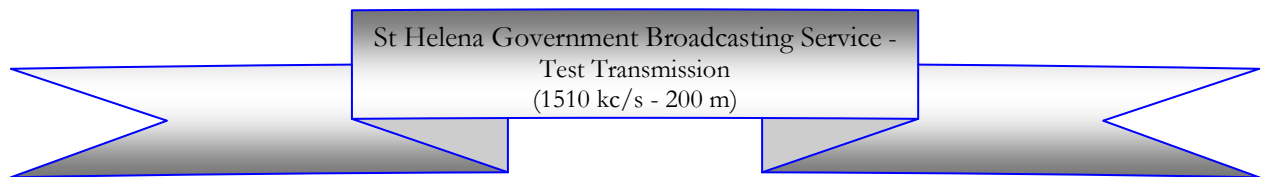
Supplement to “St Helena News”, 1 Feb 1975

## GENEROUS OFFER



“Messrs Gary Price and Peter Gamble have made a generous offer. They will air a programme every fortnight. This programme will mainly consist of light music. Listeners can submit their musical requests and hand in their greetings to be aired. This programme will be on the air up from January 8th 1969 from 5 to 6 p.m. every other Wednesday. Your written musical requests are to be handed in no later than noon on Monday each week prior to the airing date.

To be submitted to G C Lawrence, c/o Saint Helena News Review, The Castle.”



<b>1967</b>		
Sat 19 Aug	1700-1800	Variety Hour
Thu 24 Aug		For Schools
	0945-1000	Story for Infants: "The Dragon Who Couldn't Breath Fire"
	1000-1020	Light Music
	1020-1034	Story for Juniors: "The Shepherd and the Troll"
	1034-1105	Light Music
	1105-1119	Social Studies for Seniors: Oil from Iraq
Sat 26 Aug	1700-1800	Weekend Special
Sat 2 Sep	1700-1800	Variety Hour
Sat 9 Sep	1700-1800	Weekend Special
Sat 16 Sep	1700-1800	Variety Hour
Fri 22 Sep		For Schools
	0945-0959	Story for Infants: "Mrs Higgins and the Big Red Fox"
	0959-1020	Light Music
	1020-1034	Story for Juniors: "The Ugly Duckling"
	1034-1050	Light Music
	1050-1055	A Short Talk of the Work of the Local Branch of RSPCA
	1055-1130	Light Music
	1130-1144	For Seniors: Great Moments in Science - Galileo's Telescope
Sat 23 Sep	1700-1800	Weekend Special
Fri 29 Sep	0945-1144	For Schools
Sat 30 Sep	1700-1800	Variety Hour
Fri 6 Oct	0945-1125	For Schools + Island Women's Magazine
Sat 7 Oct	1700-1800	Weekend Special
Fri 13 Oct		For Schools
	0945-1125	Story for Juniors: "The Frog and the Ox"
Sat 14 Oct	1700-1800	Variety Hour
Fri 20 Oct	0945-1115	For Schools
	1115-1120	For Seniors: Your Question Answered
Sat 21 Oct	1700-1800	Weekend Special
Fri 27 Oct		For Schools
	0945-1120	Story for Infants; Story for Juniors; For Seniors: Your Questions Answered
Sat 28 Oct	1700-1800	Variety Hour

## *Radio St Helena Top Ten*

1. Swing Low Sweet Chariot	Lady Smith Black Mambazo featuring China Black	same
2. Misirlou	Spaghetti Surfers	same
3. Stay Alive '95	Fever featuring Tippa Irie	up
4. In The Summertime	Shaggy	down
5. Right In The Night	Jam and Spoon	NE
6. Magic In U	Sugar Babies	up
7. Sex On The Street	Pizza Man	up
8. Kiss From A Rose	Seal	down
9. Zombie	A D A M featuring Amy	down
10. Pathway To The Moon	MN8	down

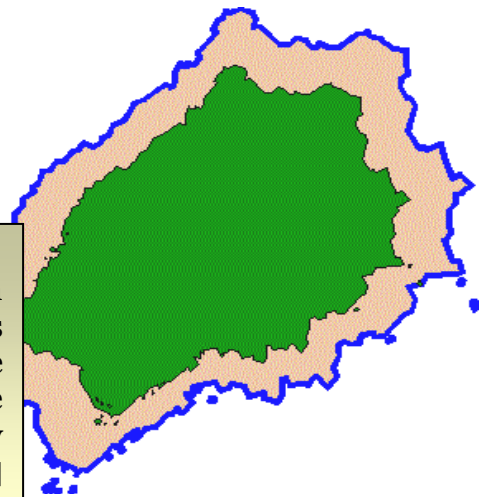
Since the presentation of ST HELENA TOP TEN I've had loads of letters concerning the movement of entries into the chart, but I know there are a lot of you who don't like, or can't find the time, to write in, but would like to have your views put forward.

If you are one of these people, please feel free to call me on Tel. 4669 during normal working time. The deadline for your suggestions is 4pm, Tuesdays. *Andrew Nicholls*, Trainee Production Assistant

Producer/Presenter of the St Helena Top Ten „*St Helena News*“, 6 October 1995

*Because schools are  
closed next Friday,  
there won't be any  
broadcasts.  
[Oct 1967]*

There have been breakdowns at the powerhouse on Monday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. Help has been offered by crew of RFA *Wave Baron* and the DWS Longwood. It is hoped that within the next five days 75% of the consumers will be supplied properly again. [1967]



## YOUR SEVEN DAY PROGRAMME GUIDE ISLAND-WIDE

		1986
Sat 11 Oct	2020-2100 2100-2130 2130-2200	This, That & The Other Dedications & Requests This, That & The Other Cont'd
Sun 12 Oct	1830-2000 2020-2100 2100-2200	Let There Be Love Country Music Time Recorded Service from the Baptist Chapel
Mon 13 Oct	1130-1200 1200-1215 1215-1300 1300-1310 1310-1330 2020-2100 2100-2200	Women's Half Hour* Let's Sing & Listen Smooth Passage World News Smooth Passage Cont'd Travelogue Springs of Living Water
Tue 14 Oct	2020-2025 2025-2200	It's Getting Better Airwaves Command
Wed 15 Oct	2020-2200	Evening Shuttle
Thu 16 Oct	1200-1215 1215-1300 1300-1310 1310-1330 1900-1930 1930-2000 2020-2025 2025-2030 2030-2200	Let's Sing & Listen Smooth Passage World News Smooth Passage Cont'd Children's Half Hour BBC Science Magazine It's Getting Better* Radio Bingo A Jolly Good Show
Fri 17 Oct	1000-1200 1900-2000 2020-2030 2030-2100 2100-2130 2130-2200	School's Broadcast It's My Pleasure Linger Awhile Breaking Point Top O' The Evening Women's Half Hour
□	2000-2200 2010-2210 2220 2230 *	World News Daily Local News Daily Epilogue Daily Station Close Down Daily Repeated Programmes



# *Programme Items 1991*

## *STORY SPECIAL*

Next week you can hear the story of Pinocchio. It's read in five parts by Vicky Wooton, beginning at 7.15pm with Part 1.

## *THE MAN IN BLACK*

Edward de Souza introduces stories of horror and suspense. The first story in this new series is entitled "Fat Andy" and it is written by Stephen Dunstone. "Persecuted since childhood because of his size, Andrew has a terrible secret on his conscience." You can find out what that secret is if you tune in at 8.30pm on Thursday.

## *THE BIG BEAT SHOW*

Derek Richards, Producer and Presenter of the Country Breakfast Show over the holiday period will be returning to the Airwaves with some completely different music. Join him for those 'big beat' sounds at 6pm on Tuesday.

## *BACK TO SQUARE ONE*

If you enjoyed the first series, we hope you will tune in for the first programme in a new series of 'Back to Square One', which starts next Thursday at 8.30pm. Chris Serle will once again be chairing this quiz game, which explores the origins of common sayings in the English Language and other oddities.

## *MY MUSIC*

This is a music-based panel game chaired by Steve Race and taking part are John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Dennis Norden. Test your musical knowledge in this series of 12 programmes, the first of whom will take the air at 6pm on Thursday.

*These programmes are especially  
designed for  
your listening pleasure*

Joy Lawrence, Radio St Helena, 1997

# Xmas Bingo

WIN £1000

IN 62 NUMBERS  
FOR THE EARLIEST FULL  
HOUSE CLAIM.

£500 TO BE SHARED AMONGST  
ALL OTHER  
FULL HOUSE CLAIMS

*Are you looking for instant cash?*

*Then tune in to*

*Radio St Helena*

*for*

*RADIO BINGO!*

## DO YOU REMEMBER RALPH McTELL AND BOB DYLAN? LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT A PROGRAMME SCHED OF 1988

Fri	14 Oct	1900-1915	In Company with The Nolans
		1915-1930	Story Special
		1930-2000	Book Club - 'Goldfinger' - Part 3
		2020-2100	The Friday Nite Show
		2100-2130	Women's Half Hour
		2130-2200	Top O' The Evening
Sat	15 Oct	2020-2200	Anything Goes incl Dedications & Requests from 2100-2130 hrs
Sun	16 Oct	1930-2030	Hot Shots
		2030-2110	Country Style
		2110-2130	Sports Desk
		2130-2200	Service from St Paul's Cathedral
Mon	17 Oct	1130-1200	Women's Half Hour
		1200-1215	Let's Sing & Listen
		1215-1330	Smooth Passage incl World News at 1300 hrs
		1900-1915	In Company with the Hi Lo's
		1915-1930	Story Special
		1930-2000	Book Club - 'Goldfinger' - Part 4
Tue	18 Oct	2020-2200	Airwaves Command
		1900-1915	In Company with Bob Dylan
		1915-1930	Story Special
		1930-2000	Hello Tomorrow
Wed	19 Oct	2020-2200	Nite Flight incl Ascension News and Police Five
		1900-1915	In Company with Bert Weedon
		1915-1930	Story Special
		1930-2000	Strings 'n' Things
Thu	20 Oct	2020-2200	Evening Shuttle
		1900-1915	In Company with Ralph McTell
		1915-1930	Story Special
		1930-2000	BBC Science Magazine
		2020-2030	Radio Bingo
		2030-2100	30 Minute Theatre - The Winslow Boy - Part 3
		2100-2200	Sweet Songs of Salvation

**THE WINSLOW BOY** Don't miss the final episode of this exciting drama by Terrence Rattigan. To recap, fourteen year old Ronnie Winslow has been expelled from the Dartmouth Naval College, accused of stealing a postal money order from another cadet. His father, Arthur Winslow, upon hearing that his son has been expelled without any kind of enquiry, begins a campaign to bring the case to a proper trial. He meets with a lot of opposition, but is determined that his son's case will be heard in a Court of Law. The struggle to do this takes several years during which the Winslow family suffers both emotionally and financially, but with the services of the distinguished lawyer, Sir Robert Morton, the case is finally re-opened.

**STORY SPECIAL** - Our reader for next week is no stranger to Radio St Helena and young listeners will remember her as the Producer of "Together for Children" programme. Gillian Gough will be on the air at 7.15 hrs each evening. Next week reading you a selection of Enid Blyton stories together with other short stories. We hope you can join her.

**STRINGS 'N' THINGS** replaces "Remember the Forties". This is another musical programme featuring well known instrumentals and it will be presented by Joy Lawrence.

**ASCENSION ISLAND NEWS:** Since 1986 except for short periods when she has been on leave, Mrs Margaret Blick has given up her time to present a weekly bulletin of radio news from Ascension. She has kept us in touch with events, conveyed messages and greetings and generally brought families, friends and fellow Islanders closer together 'across the miles' for a few minutes every week.

Mrs Blick, with her husband who is the Administrator of Ascension, will leave Ascension at the end of this month. On behalf of Radio St Helena and its listeners, we say "Thank You" and wish both Mr and Mrs Blick best wishes for the future. *"St Helena News"*, October 1988

## TUNING GUIDE

Metres	500	400	300	200	194
MW					
kHz	1000	1100	1300	1400	1500
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It has been customary since 1967 for Radio St Helena to extend its broadcasting hours over the festive season. Starting at 0800 hours on Sunday 18 December, we will be broadcasting 14½ hours daily and details of the various programmes to be aired during this time are contained in the Christmas Programme Guide. However, for tonight and tomorrow night, programmes are as follows:

Fri 16 Dec	1900-1915	In Company with Glen Campbell
	1915-1930	Story Special
	1930-2000	Stringsound
	2020-2100	Variety Time
	2100-2130	Women's Half Hour
	2130-2200	Variety Time Cont'd
Sat 17 Dec	2020-2200	Anything Goes incl Dedications & Requests from 2100-2130 hrs

**SCHOOL SPOT:** Tonight at 1930 hrs. Don't miss the first in this series of fortnightly programmes, produced and presented by a group of pupils from Prince Andrew School.

**STRINGSOUND:** A programme of popular light music from BBC Transcription Services featuring John Fox and his Orchestra (Friday at 1930 hrs).

**STORY SPECIAL:** Mrs Belle Kriel returns to the airwaves next week with another selection of Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories. As you will recall from the last series of these stories broadcast during the first week in October, they are different in that each one is true and has a moral to it. Next week you'll hear two short stories each night, starting at 1915 hours, with the exception of Friday evening when Mrs Kriel has got three stories for you. Don't forget to tune in.

**30 MINUTE THEATRE** - "Passing Through" - A comedy of the after-life by Derek Raby. Matthew is an ordinary sort of chap but, when he finds himself facing an unusual form of interrogation he becomes increasingly disconcerted. You see, Matthew is dead - killed when overtaking the driver of another car whom he has successfully brought up to the Heavens with him. Matthew is extremely annoyed at this untimely disruption of his plans - work at the office, his Golf, even cutting the lawn, all prevented. But, as questions progress, he gradually learns that he has more immediate cause for worry - the examining official does not at all approve of what he finds in Matthew's file! Matthew is played by Fred Bryant, the 1st Official by Eric Allen and the 2nd Official by Charles Gray. Don't miss 30 Minute Theatre next Thursday at 2030 hrs.

*All at Radio St Helena extend Yuletide Greetings to all listeners and wish you happy listening.*





## COUNTRY EXPRESS

This one-hour programme, filled with mixture of the older type country music, western swing and country comedy, first went 'on-air' on 5 May 1990 and over the past seven months or so, has attracted a large listening audience. The Producer/Presenter is Rick Spurlin, who, we are sorry to say, will be presenting his 37th and final Country Express tomorrow evening from 7 to 8 o'clock. Rick, unfortunately will shortly be completing his work with the Geodetic Survey here in St Helena and will be heading home at the end of this month, which means that Radio St Helena will



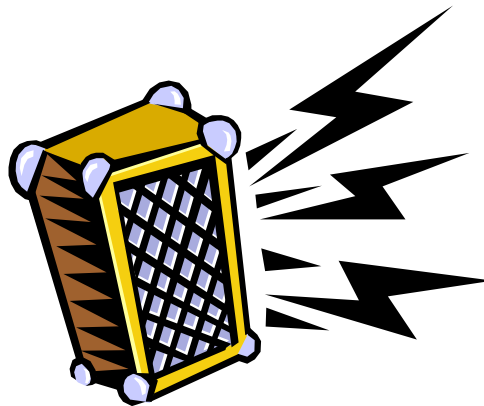
Dear ladies und gentleman of Radio St. Helena,

On October 24, 1998, I received your special broadcast in the short wave band. I was very pleased about it. Unfortunately, the reception was disturbed by local TV-interference. That's why I couldn't understand the contents of great parts of your interesting program. As said before, I am pretty glad having received your program and request a verification.

*Yours sincerely, Manfred*

Manfred Hüppelshäuser  
An den Linden 41  
D-40723 Hilden  
Germany  
eMail: hildanusdx@4ubox.de

lose a valuable Voluntary Producer who has spent many hours in preparing and presenting some 'mighty fine shows'. In addition to thanking him for his contribution over the past seven months, Radio St Helena also wishes him all the best for the future. In your own words Rick - "May the good Lord take a linkin' to ya and may you live as long as you want, but never want as long as you live." The Country Express Show will continue however, in the capable hands of an old friend of Radio St Helena, Mr Ambrose Henry. Ambrose will be on the air at 7pm on Saturday, 19 January. "St Helena News", 1991



Radio St Helena requires a part-time librarian,  
five days a week, three hours each.  
Rate per hour: £1.45

„St Helena News“, 1998

*Now, let's have a look at some of the old 'stock' at Radio St Helena, Bert Constantine, for instance. Bert lives at Escourt Gardens, Upper Jamestown, formerly known as 'English Mary & French Ellen'. Bert runs his 'Variety Time' for ages. When not behind the micro, he looks after the proper delivery and collection of the mails island-wide.*

Fri 9 Oct	1715-1745	Master Control	SBC
	1745-1845	Listeners Choice	Joy Lawrence
	1845-1900	Story Special	
	1900-1930	30 Minute Drama - Part 4*	BBCTS
	1930-2000	From My Collection - Prog 7*	Hugh Cuminskey
	2020-2130	Variety Time	Bert Constantine
	2130-2200	Women's Half Hour	P Musk & Sue
Ward			
Sat 10 Oct	1900-2200	The Saturday Show	Joy Lawrence
Sun 11 Oct	1900-2000	Twilight Classical Hour	Terry Ward
	2020-2130	Counterpoint	Alan Nicholls
	2130-2200	Service from the Salvation Army	
Mon 12 Oct	1715-1745	Album Time - Val Doonican: "Mr Music Man"	
	1745-1815	Women's half Hour*	Pat Musk & Sue Ward
	1815-1830	Health Watch	BBCTT
	1830-1845	Let's Sing & Listen	Mrs Guy & Team
	1845-1900	Story Special	Doreen Bagley
	1900-1930	Country Crossroads	SBC
	1930-2000	Sports Review	Tony Leo
	2020-2030	Interlude	
	2030-2100	30 Minute Drama - Part 1: "Mind Your Own Business"	BBCTS
	2100-2200	Fine Tuning	John Coleman
Tue 13 Oct	1715-1745	Album Time - The World of Frank Ifield	
	1745-1815	Feature - In Their Elements	BBCTS
	1815-1845	From My Collection - Prog 8	Hugh Cuminskey
	1815-1845	Story Special	Doreen Bagley
	1900-1930	Stardust	Richard McMeekin
	1930-2000	BC Science Magazine	BBCTT
	2020-2200	Airwaves Command	Ralph Peters
Wed 14 Oct	1715-1745	Power-Line	SBC
	1745-1845	Twilight Classical Hour*	Terry Ward
	1845-1900	Story Special	Doreen Bagley
	1900-1930	Going Live - Prog 1	PAS Students
	1930-2000	Feature - In Their Elements	BBCTS
	2020-2025	Police Five	
	2025-2200	Evening Shuttle	Tony Leo
Thu 15 Oct	1715-1745	Topics Unlimited	Ralph Peters
	1745-1815	Streams in the Desert	SBC
	1815-1830	Let's Sing & Listen	Mrs Guy & Team
	1845-1900	Story Special	Doreen Bagley
	1900-1930	Future Perfect	BBCTT
	1930-2000	Nothin' But The Blues	Stedson Stroud
	2020-2030	Radio Bingo	Rodney Buckley
	2030-2100	Jazz Time	Tony Leo
	2100-2200	Gospel Hour	Pastor Chalmers

1992



The Station opens at 0900 hours Monday to Friday relaying programmes from the BBC World Service. Local News at 2010 and 2210 hours Epilogue before Station closes. \*Repeated programmes

"St Helena News", October 1992

# Radio St Helena

## PROGRAMME GUIDE ISLAND-WIDE

1986	Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> December
	1000-1200	SCHOOL'S BROADCAST
	1900-2000	IT'S MY PLEASURE
	2020-2100	FRIDAY NITE SHOW
	2100-2130	WOMEN'S HALF HOUR [1]
	2130-2200	TOP O' THE EVENING

Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> December
2020-2100	NITE DELIGHT
2100-2130	DEDICATION TIME
2130-2200	NITE DELIGHT CONT'D

[1] Women's Half Hour is on of the longest running programmes along with "Let's sing and listen".

Station consists of 14 rooms which are: Computer Room, Record Library, Studio A, Studio B, Toilet Gents and Ladies, Archives, Storeroom, Utility Room, Main Office, Managers Office, Engineering Room, Kitchen, Transmitter Room and garage for the Outside Broadcast Vehicle. (Info Sheet provided by Radio St Helena, 1997)



### RADIO ST HELENA GOES WORLD-WIDE

Last Friday, Radio St Helena once again expanded its listening audience by many thousands, as the station broadcasted on short wave around the world. Using a 1½ kilowatt transmitter through the services of Cable & Wireless PLC, Radio St Helena went on air at 8pm. By tuning in to 11.092,5 kilohertz on upper side band, listeners around the world picked up the transmission with varying degrees of quality. After the BBC World news, the local news read by Derek Richards and the adverts and announcements read by Joy Lawrence, the station manager introduced the evening and welcomed overseas listeners for the third such broadcast.

*"St Helena News", 22 October 1993*

## Government Broadcasting Service

“A Government Broadcasting Station is being constructed in the grounds adjacent to the Country Senior School and should be in operation by mid 1967. The costs for this station are expected to be £5,500.

This sum does not include the transmitter and technical equipment, which will be lent free by the D.W.S. The D.W.S. has also offered to maintain the station free of charge. The entire expenses for construction are met by the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund. The radio station will be in operation on the wavelength of 200 metres medium wave. The main purpose of the station is to broadcast educational programmes as well as occasional government announcements, news and announcements of local interest. The programme consists mainly of BBC transcription records. To be able to gather experience, the Education Officer, who was currently staying in the UK, had been attached to the BBC Schools of Broadcasting Department for a short time.”

“News Review”, 8 April 1967

### FROM “PRE”-RADIO ST HELENA DAYS

“To keep in touch, Christmas messages recorded here were sent to St Helena in time to be transmitted through their local radio; a service started by me in 1964. The broadcaster on the island then was Mr W Stevens, who, to the best of my knowledge, owned the only ‘ham radio’ from which he was able to contact yachts - an important alley to those in trouble. The service still continues but better reception is enjoyed from an improved Radio Station under the management of Mr Tony Leo.”

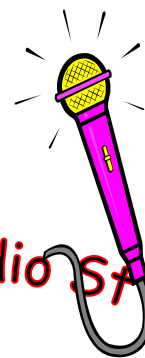
“Wirebird”, Autumn 1993, by Owen George on the issue of The St Helena Association/UK

Radio St Helena starts early morning radio. The Station will be broadcasting from 7am until 10pm, Monday to Friday.

Music will be the carrier of the new schedule which will feature news, interviews, competitions, Tradio and much more for your listening pleasure.

The weekend schedule is not affected. Tune in 1548khz, 194mtrs.

OCTOBER 2000



Radio St Helena jingle, 1997, by Joy Lawrence



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The St Helena News Media Board wishes to recruit a Chief Executive Officer. The post reports directly to the Media Board and has overall responsibility for the day-to-day management and supervision of all Media Services and all staff. Duties include attending and reporting at Board Meetings, Services annual preparation and control of Media budget. Plan future developments within the Media and Board business. Management of the Boards accounting systems for expenditure, commitments and controls as well as presentation of monthly, quarterly and the annual accounts to the Board. The successful applicant would have the ability to deal with all types of people in various situations, work under pressure, meet deadlines and necessary, also work outside normal hours if



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graded at level 7. Applications in writing including qualifications and experience should be sent to the Acting Chairman, St Helena News Media Board, c/o Broadway House by no later than 1200 noon on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April [2000].

# RADIO ST HELENA ...

MORE THAN JUST MUSIC: → News, Religion, Sport,  
→ Discussions, Information,  
→ Drama, Comedy...

The Radio St Helena Top Ten, devised by Andrew Nicholls, is mainly to see which pop song is the most popular on the island. In Britain, the United States and other places in the world, the charts are decided from record sales. Since we can't do that here, we are going to be relying on you, the public, to send in your votes and suggestions as to what songs should go up, down, in or out of this locally-compiled chart, based on songs that are being played most at the moment on radio and at discos. If there is a situation where there is the same amount of votes for the number one position, then there will be a draw to select the new number one. Don't forget, the movement of songs will depend on your votes so make sure to send them in by 4pm each Tuesday to Andrew Nicholls, Radio St Helena Top Ten. Here's this week's chart:

- |                               |                                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Bubbling Hot               | Pato Benton and Ranking Rogers        |
| 2. Think Twice                | Céline Dion                           |
| 3. Back For Good              | Take That                             |
| 4. Love Will Build A Bridge   | Neneh Cherry, Chrissie Hynde and Cher |
| 5. The Cowboy Song            | Sting                                 |
| 6. Don't Stop (Wiggle Wiggle) | The Outthere Brothers                 |
| 7. Baby Baby                  | Corrona                               |
| 8. Runaway                    | MC Sar & The Real McCoy               |
| 9. Old Pop In An Oak          | Rednex                                |

# Life on the Ocean Waves

ST. HELENA (British)

**LT:** UTC - **Pop:** 560 - **Radio sets:** 2.000 -  
**Only L:** English - **E.C:** a/c 50, 240V (yes) -  
**ITU:** SHN.

**ST. HELENA GOV. BROADCASTING SERVICE**  
**ADDR:** The Castle, Jamestown, Island of  
 St. Helena, South Atlantic Ocean

**L.P:** Broadc. Officer: Tony Leo. Prgr.  
 Planning Committee: Tony Green, Stedson  
 George, Pamela Lawrence, Martin Taylor.  
**STATION** (G.C:15.55S/05.42W) 1548kHz 0.45kW.

**HOME SCE. in English:** 1000-1200 (Fri), 1130-  
 1300 (Mon), 1200-1330 (Thurs), 1900 (Wed/Sat  
 2000, Sun 1930)-2230. **N:** 2000 (BBC), 2009  
 (local), 2200 (BBC), 2209 (local).

**ANN:** "R. St. Helena".

**INT-SIG:** Trumpet call 11 seconds repeated at  
 5 second intervals for 64 seconds followed by  
 "Live on the Ocean Waves".

**V.** by letter.

*World Radio TV Handbook, 1989*

"We chatted to the Secretary, telling him that we had only come to introduce ourselves to the official world; and he smiled kindly and invited us to his house ... Later, when we were to visit him, he was to introduce us to one of the island's radios, a grandiose affair with lights shining in it and with plenty of scope for knob doodlers. We sat in a small room, primly round the walls as is the custom, and our host switched on his set. At first we thought it was a joke, the roaring of all the sea-lions in the Atlantic and the gaggles of brobdingnagian mynah birds, and we were ready to exchange sophisticated winks with our sophisticated host; but to our amazement, he said solemnly,

»It's coming through very well tonight, isn't it?«

His delightful children came in to pay their respects before going to bed; but we were not so lucky. We had to sit on, listening to an ocean zoo of atmospherics ..." 1950's;

*"Isle of St Helena"* by Oswell Blakeston

Before the days of short wave broadcasts and email, there was still time to write a personal letter to someone who hasn't even picked up the station. At that time I hadn't imagined in my wildest dreams that only six years, and ten years respectively, later, I was to be interviewed myself in the studio of Radio St Helena.

30th September 1987

Mr Manfred Rippich  
 Bergstrasse 5,  
 Oschatz,  
 DDR - 7260,  
 Germany.

Dear Mr Rippich,

Thank you for your letter and your interest in our station and our Island. Radio St Helena operates on a frequency of 1548 KHZ, 194 MTS in the Medium-wave band, and we broadcast daily from 1900 to 2230 hours with two midday shows per week. In our programme we cover music, drama, quiz, interviews, local sports news, religion, a programme dedicated to the women and children and talks from the Medical and Police Departments.

You asked me to give your name to the local paper for correspondence purposes. I have had no need to do this as one of my staff is very interested in writing to you. Gillian has been working with me for the last two years and I am sure you will enjoy corresponding with her.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Leo  
 Station Manager.

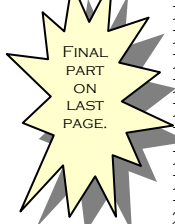
# Christmas Programme Schedule 1988 ~ 1989

Sun	18 Dec	0800-0900	A Date after Eight	Stedson Francis
		0900-1000	Stedson's Country Christmas Show	Stedson Francis
		1000-1200	Sharon's U Name It	Sharon Wade
		1200-1400	Package Deal	Gillian Gough
		1400-1500	Love on the Rock	Derek Richards
		1500-1600	Back to Rock 'n' Roll	Barry Jonas
		1600-1700	Folk Song Cellar	Tony Leo
		1700-1900	Country Music Time	Ralph Peters
		1900-2000	Sounds Instrumental	Isa Williams
		2020-2100	Those were the days	Isa Williams
		2100-2130	Keeping it Country	Isa Williams
		2130-2200	Service from St Matthew's Parish	Fr Ryder
Mon	19 Dec	0800-0900	The Country Breakfast Show	Derek Richards
		0900-1100	Atlantic Echoes	
		1100-1115	World News & News about Britain	
		1115-1130	Interlude	
		1130-1200	Women's Half Hour	
		1200-1215	Let's Sing & Listen	Joan Guy
		1215-1630	Atlantic Echoes	
		1630-1800	Blues in the Afternoon	S Stroud & Gary Pratt
		1800-1900	Star Parade	Joy Lawrence
		1900-1915	In Company with Perry Como	
		1915-1930	Story Special	
		1930-2000	Book Club - 'KIM' - Final Episode	BBC TS
		2020-2200	Christmas Command	Arnold Beard
Tue	20 Dec	0800-0900	The Country Breakfast Show	Derek Richards
		0900-1100	Atlantic Echoes	
		1100-1115	World News & News about Britain	
		1115-1800	Atlantic Echoes	
		1800-1830	John Fox presents The Sounds of Xmas	BBC TS
		1830-1900	Carols and Verse for Christmas	Geoffrey Guy
		1900-1930	In Company with Harry Belafonte	
		1915-1930	Story Special	
		1930-2000	30 Minute Theatre - Come back Mary Brown	BBCTS
		2020-2200	Night Flight	Derek Richards
Wed	21 Dec	0800-0900	The Country Breakfast Show	Derek Richards
		0900-1100	Atlantic Echoes	
		1100-1115	World News & News about Britain	
		1115-1800	Atlantic Echoes	
		1800-1900	The Messiah	Fr Crook
		1900-1915	In Company with Tony Bennett	
		1915-1930	Story Special	
		1930-2000	Christmas Strings 'n' Things	Joy Lawrence
		2020-2200	Evening Shuttle	Tony Leo
Thu	22 Dec	0800-0900	The Country Breakfast Show	Derek Richards
		0900-1100	Atlantic Echoes	
		1100-1115	World News & News about Britain	
		1115-1130	Interlude	
		1130-1200	Animal, Vegetable or Mineral?	BBC TS
		1200-1215	Let's Sing & Listen - The Christmas Story	Joan Guy
		1215-1700	Atlantic Echoes	
		1700-1730	He's Coming	Fr Peter Price
		1730-1900	Arena Blues Nite	Stedson Stroud & Gary P
		1900-1915	In Company with Pat Boone	
		1915-1930	Story Special	
		1930-2000	Take it from here	BBC TS
		2020-2030	Interlude	
		2030-2100	Christmas - A Time of Hope	Lt Fillies
		2100-2200	Sweet Song of Salvation	Lt Fillies

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Fri	23 Dec	0800-0900	The Country Breakfast Show	Derek Richards
		0900-1100	Atlantic Echoes	
		1100-1115	World News & News about Britain	
		1115-1200	Marching & Waltzing	Tony Leo
		1200-1330	Rise to the Occasion	Derek Richards
		1330-1500	The All Sorts Music Show	Sharon Wade
		1500-1600	Hurry to Bethlehem	Fr Michael Houghton
		1600-1700	Atlantic Echoes	
		1700-1730	Christmas Memories	Sharon Wade
		1730-1800	Carols and Verse for Christmas*	Geoffrey Guy
		1800-1900	Christmas Kaleidoscope	Russel Yon
		1900-2000	A Bumper Bundle	Audrey, Carol & Georgie
		2020-2130	The Friday Nite Show	Tony Leo
		2130-2200	Steptoe & Son	BBC TS
Sat	24 Dec	0800-0930	Variety Pack	Isa Williams
		0930-1000	A Very Merry Disco	Isa Williams
		1000-1100	Christmas Gala	Tony Leo
		1100-1115	World News & News about Britain	
		1115-1200	The Wild West Country Show	Tony Leo
		1200-1300	Hot Line (Phone-in Requests)	Isa Williams
		1300-1530	Atlantic Echoes	
		1530-1600	Children's Carols	Joan Guy
		1600-1800	Requests from Ascension Island	Volcano Radio
		1800-1930	On the Eve	Patsy & Arnold Flagg
		1930-2000	The Men from the Ministry	BBC TS
		2020-2200	Christmas Dedications & Requests	Joy Lawrence
Sun	25 Dec	0800-0930	Request Box	Stedson Francis
		0930-1100	Christmas Message from ... followed by Festival of Nine & Carols	<i>Her Majesty the Queen</i>
		1100-1115	World News & News about Britain	
		1115-1300	Christmas Surprise	Arnold Beard
		1300-1315	Christmas Messages:	<i>HM the Queen</i>
				<i>HE the Governor</i>
				<i>Rt Rev the Lord Bishop</i>
		1315-1400	Rhythm & Rock	Tony Leo
		1400-1430	Children's Carols*	Joan Guy
		1430-1500	Take it from here	
		1500-1630	Back to Basics	R Peters & S Stoud
		1630-1700	Jesus is the Reason	Ralph P & Stedson S
		1700-1800	Mixed Bag	Isa Williams
		1800-1830	Cash Only	Isa Williams
		1830-1900	What's Left	Isa Williams
		1900-2000	Keeping in Touch - Requests from UK	
Mon	26 Dec	2000-2130	The Local Vintage Christmas Show	Joy Lawrence
		2130-2200	Service from the Salvation Army	Lt Fillies
		0800-1000	Let there be Love	Barry Jonas
		1000-1145	The Morning After	Isa Williams
		1145-1200	Let's Sing & Listen	Joan Guy & Team
		1200-1400	B & T's Megamix	Barry & Thelma Thomas
		1400-1500	Requests from the Falkland Islands	FIBS
		1500-1730	Boxing Day Special	Ambrose Henry
		1730-1800	The Men from the Ministry*	BBC TS
		1800-2000	Copper's Christmas	John Clifford & Jeremy
				Cairns-Wicks
		2000-2200	Star-Trax	Arnold Beard
Tue	27 Dec	0700-1000	RSH AM Call	Derek Richards
		1000-1100	Atlantic Echoes	
		1100-1115	World News & News about Britain	
		1115-1300	Mode Recycle	Geoffrey Francis
		1300-1330	Instrumental Half-hour	Stedson Francis
		1330-1430	Two's Company	Ralph & Stedson
		1430-1500	Phone a Song	Stedson Francis
		1500-1700	The Ken Henry Show	Ken Henry
		1700-1800	Keeping in Touch - Requests from UK*	
		1800-2000	Joy to the World	Lt Fillies
		2020-2200	Let's get it together	Isa Williams





*"This is Radio  
St Helena: now that  
you found us,  
keep us!"*

Jingle, 1997

*Radio St Helena  
had another  
Short wave transmission,  
Sunday, 27 Oct 1996*

From Germany to Ecuador,  
from Alaska to Argentina,  
short wave listeners listen  
today to the Island of St Helena.

Dear Tony, I hope and pray  
To Heaven, next  
Radio St Helena Day will be in  
1997.

Fax received from Hans Bradtke,  
Berlin

„St Helena News”, 8 November 1996

□ »Expenditure for broadcasting  
within the Department of  
Education stood at £253 in 1969.« □

Christmas Radio Programmes for  
Ascension and the Falklands: Radio  
Saint Helena is once again preparing  
Christmas radio programmes for  
Ascension Island and the Falklands.  
These will have to be despatched at  
the end of this month in order for  
them to reach their destinations in  
good time before Christmas.  
Therefore, if you wish to send  
messages and greetings to loved ones  
in either place, would you send these  
in (preferably by letter, although short  
messages will be accepted by  
telephone) to the radio station or  
information office as soon as possible.  
The closing time is 4.00 pm on Friday,  
18 November. In addition this year,  
those people who want to, can have a  
message recorded for inclusion in the  
programmes. radio staff will be on  
duty on Sunday, 20 November and you  
can phone your messages in between  
1000 am and 1230 pm. Please don't  
delay if you wish to have a message  
included. Write in as soon as possible,  
keeping Ascension and Falklands  
messages separate. Remember, the  
closing time is 4.00 pm next Friday.  
“St Helena News”, 11 November 1994.

*Instrumental's*

~  
Strings 'n' Things

Presented by Joy Lawrence  
**WEDNESDAY AT 1930 HRS**

WINNER OF £1.000

As most people are aware 'BINGO BY RADIO' has grown  
to become quite a feature! It started about three years ago; NASAS  
(National Sports Association of St Helena)

being the body responsible for the instigation and running of  
this hobby/pastime ... gamble?? The proceeds are of course used for  
very worthy purposes. Last Thursday, however, the Snowball prize had  
reached £1.000 – the highest it has ever been - having started off at  
£200, it increased by £100 each week as a result of no claims being  
made. A full house on the 55th number was all that was needed and  
[...] Mr NORMAN BUCKLEY

of near The Manse, Jamestown, could not believe it when the number  
he was waiting for actually came up with the calling of the 55th number.

Good luck to you Norman!

Three people had a full house on the 56th number and so shared the  
£100 prize and the £50 prize for other full houses  
was shared between sixteen people.

“St Helena News”, 17 October 1986

“Despite the increasing popularity of video on the Island, the  
radio is still an important source of information, communication and  
entertainment. Radio St Helena will be 19 years on Christmas Day this year  
and for most of this time, its output has been largely dependent upon  
voluntary producers. Recently, with aims in mind to expand local radio  
services, Government has employed extra staff for Radio St Helena. But  
there is still a need for persons coming forward and volunteer their help,  
to add variety and quality to radio programmes.  
Right now, there is an urgent need for ladies to come forward and  
help produce a Women's Programme.

Do not be put off by the  
thought of a microphone or having to 'man the controls'.

You'll soon get used to hearing your voice over the air  
and programme recordings are done for you until such time you  
may want to learn the ropes yourself. There is a need for informed persons  
to participate in or give guidance with certain types of interviews - for  
persons with special interests and talents. So, do come forward and 'lend a  
hand.' Contact the Station Manager, Tony Leo, who will give you further  
details about how you can get involved. And it need not be an indefinite  
commitment. With plenty of voluntary help on reserve, long term  
scheduling can be done to include a variety of programmes where  
producers and presenters change periodically.”

Editorial, “St Helena News”, 28 November 1986 [Editor: P M Lawrence]

# STEDSON'S SUNDAY SELECTION NEWSPAPER QUIZ

WHAT GROUPS ARE NAMED AFTER:

- 1 Buddy Holly
- 2 1st Book of the Bible
- 3 A cocktail of champagne and orange juice
- 4 An Unemployment Benefit Form
- 5 Debbie Harry's hair colour and
- 5 The financial difficulties the group once faced.

Answers to be in by Friday 2nd October, c/o Radio St Helena or Information Office. The winner will receive a £5 Shopping Voucher.

"St Helena News", 25 Sep 1992

## SOME LIKE IT HOT!

The first ever Boiled Pudding Contest was run from Radio St Helena last week and judged at the Market in Jamestown last Saturday. Mrs Helen Thomas, one of the Producers of the local programme 'Women's Half Hour' ran a competition for the best Boiled Pudding, although there was a lot of interest just 4 puddings were entered and these were presented before the Judges - Pamela Lawrence and Patty Constantine on Saturday morning in the Market.

The first prize of a Radio St Helena T-Shirt, bearing the slogan 'Boiled Pudding Champion 1992' on the back, was presented to Mrs Kathleen Benjamin, of High Knoll, who emerged as the winner. The runners-up were Pat Thomas, also of High Knoll and Cecily Williams of Longwood. They were awarded a sieve and a Certificate.

In fourth place was Mrs Iris Thomas of Half Tree Hollow. She was awarded a Highly Commended Certificate as this was the first time she had attempted to make a boiled pudding and she used the recipe which was given over the radio. The prizes were awarded by Miss St Helena. Helen, who was the organiser of the Competition, plans to hold a similar Competition in the near future."

"St Helena News"

22 May 1992

### PUBLIC NOTICE [Land Tax Ordinance]

Note: Listen to Radio St Helena for important announcements about Land Tax

R E Essex  
Acting Government Secretary  
"St Helena News",  
10 Oct 1986



Busy Professionals at Pounceys

If again becomes necessary to issue a reminder with regard to the procedure one needs to follow when wishing to make a Radio Announcement or Advertisement.

All announcements and adverts are to be channelled through the Information Office at Broadway House, not the Radio Station and should reach the office preferably in letter form by 12 noon on workdays - Mondays to Fridays.

Although we do accept announcements and adverts by telephone, we do so with some reluctance for 3 reasons:  
a) Inaccuracies are likely to result through a bad line or misinterpretation.  
b) Calls for announcements or adverts obstruct other important business calls.

c) We experience difficulty in collecting fees - and find ourselves having to chase people for same.

Future rule for the latter (c) is as follows:

1) Any person or body currently owing fees will not be allowed to advertise or make an announcement via radio until the outstanding fees are paid.

2) Anyone who must because of difficulties, telephone announcements or adverts through to the office must also ensure that the fee reaches the office by 12 noon the next day.

If it doesn't, the second airing will not take place until the fee is paid. Fees for announcements and adverts are: 25p for up to 50 words and 25p for every 25 words thereafter i.e. up to 50 words 25p, 51-75 words 50p and 76-100 words 75p etc. etc.

The only announcements the Radio Station Staff are permitted to receive daily from 4pm onwards are those of a very urgent nature - anything relating to death or serious accidents etc.

Important announcements only (not adverts) will be accepted by Station Staff on Saturdays but payment must be made at the Information Office on the following Monday.  
"St Helena News"  
3 Oct 1986

# Radio People

THE new programme "Spectrum" will be broadcast on alternate Tuesday by Mr Colin Hosker, D.W.R.S.

THE "Faith for Today" has been renamed "The Voice of Prophecy" and will be broadcast by Mr Pennel Duncan 9.30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

[March 1975]

*Your haunting and much loved tender music  
Breaks the dismal and unsought for silence  
Of the dark and lonely lingering night's  
And the word of cheer and wisdom  
Breaks through the sky and hills  
To rain on my patient and waiting self.  
Tony, your Evening Shuttle brings to me  
The things I need and want to know  
How much darker would this Island be  
Without the beacon of your informing voice.  
And dear Ralph, how I look forward to  
Your voice sailing on the night radio waves  
I tremble to your husky, pleasant tones  
That strips away my fears and tears.  
And Derek I don't care much for sport  
But still I like and listen to your views  
So keep on with the good work you are doing  
By giving us the sports and world news.  
And you sweet Joy, how I look forward to  
Your Music songs and pleasant dulcet voice  
For each song or tune you change the play  
Strikes for me a chord down memory lane.  
And now a word for all those lovely people  
Who fill the vacant and lonely hours  
Remember I and others are out there listening  
Sharing with you your thoughts and deeds.  
To all my grateful thank you  
For the goodness and wondrous work you do  
And to remind you, your efforts are worthwhile  
For you bring happiness and sometimes a wistful smile.*

Dorothy Crowie

„St Helena News“ - 17 December 1993

## NAMES

## PLEASE!!!

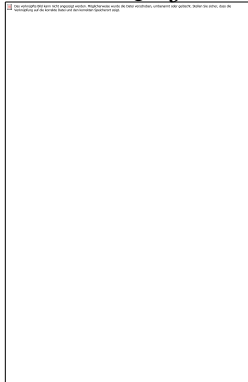
Would all persons advertising items for sale from Radio St Helena or this newspaper,

please include your name and address with your home telephone number.

“St Helena News”

4 Sep 1992

*“There is mounting excitement in the Information Section as Radio St Helena prepares to celebrate 25 years of broadcasting. It really is a commendable achievement that*



## Presentation at Radio St Helena

Miss St Helena, Cara Young, has been diligently carrying out her role over the past few weeks and was called upon last Thursday to make the draw for the lottery to mark Radio St Helena Day 1994. Last year on 14 October, Tony Leo, presenter of the 1994 Radio St Helena Day programme, ran an international lottery on short wave for overseas listeners. To participate in the lottery, listeners were invited to send a CD of their choice to Radio St Helena and their names would be submitted for the draw to win a kilo of St Helena coffee.

The lucky winner was Roberto Borhy in Italy and the winner of the quiz, which also took place on 14 October, was Patrick Kulle in Germany who won a Charles Frater video tape. Second prize of a book by Philip Gosse was won by Nancy Tucker in the United States. The video was donated by Charles Frater, whilst the book was given by Trevor Hearl. Cara also presented certificates to the amateur radio operators who participated in a HAM Rally, prior to the live show in October. They were Brian Fowler, Jimmy Peters and Derek Richards. This was followed by official photographs and a champagne toast. As announced last year, Radio St Helena Day will not be celebrated this year but will take place on Sunday 27 October 1996. “St Helena News”, 9 Jun 1995

*over the years, the station has produced so many interesting programmes. From its humble beginnings in 1967, when it broadcast for one or two hours at a time until today when the BBC World Service and many hours of local programmes are transmitted each week, the station has been kept running, not only by the full time staff, but also with the help of all the voluntary helpers and producers.*

*The new building extension to the Radio Station has been completed and with improvements to the facilities the Information and Broadcasting Section is hoping to continue to serve you all on St Helena by bringing you the best of radio broadcasting.” Editorial “St Helena News”, 16 Oct*

1992

### The „Miss St Helena“ Contest Has Become A Popular Event On The Island

Here in Germany we've got a saying: "The prettiest women are 'growing' in Poland." - which is doubtless true. HOWEVER, when it comes to look overseas, one can only wonder on the extraordinary race found on St Helena, something unique, indeed!

Before we look at RADIO ST HELENA's message heralding the last 'Miss-Contest' of the outgoing century, there might be a look allowed on what former Gov Charles Elliott KCB remarked on the race found on the Island: "There can be no position on the face of the earth where it would be more difficult to discriminate between the various strains of blood of which the body of the population is composed than here in St Helena."

SIR CHARLES KCB 1868

[By strange coincidence, Charles Elliott was born in Dresden, just 55 km to west of where I am putting these words to 'paper'. His father had served as Consul in the City of Art & Culture on the banks of the River Elbe]

## Miss St Helena Contest

The Miss St Helena '95 contest will be held at Prince Andrew School tonight and there are twenty young ladies who will be competing for the title.

Those of you who were able to purchase a ticket to see the contest are advised that the doors will be opened at 7pm.

The tuck shop will be opened at this time until the start of the show, and will also be opened during the interval and for a short while after the show.

On sale will be: soft drinks, crisps, chocolates and hot soup.

Tickets for a multi raffle will be on sale and the draw will take place at the end of the show.

Programmes of the evening's events will be on sale also and a lucky number draw will take place during the interval.

The show is expected to start at 8pm sharp and it would be appreciated if the audience could be seated by ten minutes to eight.

In addition to the names of the sponsors which have already been advertised, the organisers would also like to thank

Cable and Wireless PLC and the St Helena Growers Co-op for their generous donations.

To those of you who were unable to get a ticket or anyone else at home, please turn your radio on as the programme for the contest and entertainments evening will be relayed live from the Prince Andrew School by

*Radio St Helena.*

*Monday: Radio St Helena transmitted a special service from St James' Church life. Present were Gov Hollamby and wife, Bishop John Salt and other ministers, members of the public and participants of the Millennium Odyssey 2000 Canarias' yacht rally around the world.*

17 January 2000



*"St Helena News", 19 May 1999*

THE GRAND FINALE: I MAY HAVE BORED SOME READERS, ESPECIALLY WITH THE SCHEDULES EXTRACTS, BUT FOR OTHERS IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A GREAT THING LOOKING AT ALL THE NAMES OF PROGRAMMES LONG GONE, ISLANDERS & EXPATS LONG LEFT. AGAIN, ENJOY READING WHAT WAS 'ON THE AIR'!

### Here's the last piece of the Xmas programme schedule of 1988

Wed	28 Dec	0800-1100	Atlantic Echoes	
		1100-1115	World News & News about Britain	
		1115-1300	Midday Express	W Joshua & D Richards
		1300-1400	Holiday Bonanza	Georgie & Pat Benjamin
		1400-1700	Atlantic Echoes	
		1700-1800	Rock Profile - Paul McCartney	BBC TS
		1800-1900	Requests from Ascension Island	Volcano Radio
		1900-1930	Together for Children	Gillian Gough
		1930-2000	Holiday Laugh-along	BBC TS
		2020-2200	Evening Shuttle	Tony Leo
Thu	29 Dec	0800-1100	Atlantic Echoes	
		1100-1115	World News & News about Britain	
		1115-1130	Interlude	
		1130-1200	30 Minute Theatre - A Word in Time	BBC TS
		1200-1215	Let's Sing & Listen	Joan Guy & Team
		1215-1700	Atlantic Echoes	
		1700-1800	Falkland Islands Requests*	FIBS
		1800-1900	Rock Profile - The Bee Gees - Part 1	BBC TS
		1900-1930	Together for Children	Gillian Gough
		1930-2000	Take it from here	BBC TS
		2020-2200	Sweet Songs of Salvation	Lt Fillies
Fri	30 Dec	0800-0900	Teen Beat	Stedson Francis
		0900-1000	Sounds Country	Stedson Francis
		1000-1100	Gospel Sounds	Vincent March
		1100-1115	World News & News about Britain	
		1115-1500	Atlantic Echoes	
		1500-1600	Audio-pack	Derek Richards
		1600-1800	His 'n' Hers	Arnold Beard & Isa Williams
		1800-1900	Rock Profile - The Bee Gees - Part 2	BBC TS
		1900-2000	Women's Hour	Audrey, Carol & Georgie
		2020-2200	Variety Time	Barry & Thelma Thomas
Sat	31 Dec	0800-1030	Atlantic Echoes	
		1030-1100	Reminiscing - Part 1	Isa Williams
		1100-1115	World News & News about Britain	
		1115-1200	Reminiscing - Part 2	Isa Williams
		1200-1400	Wired for Sound	Barry & Thelma Thomas
		1400-1600	The Final Countdown	Derek Richards
		1600-1630	Animal, Vegetable or Mineral?*	BBC TS
		1630-1700	Jazz Notes	Tony Leo
		1700-1800	Atlantic Echoes	
		1800-1900	Rock Profile - The Bee Gees - Part 3	BBC TS
		1900-2000	Holiday Laughalong	BBC TS
		2020-2200	Dedications & Requests	Joy Lawrence
		2200-2300	1988 Recap	Joy Lawrence
		2300-0030	Magic Moments	Joy Lawrence

During the Block Leave period there will be emergency announcements only and these should be phoned through to the Radio Station on telephone 669.

WHAT is new?? Radio St Helena starts early morning radio. The Station will be broadcasting from 7 am until 10 pm, Monday to Friday. Music will be the carrier of the new schedule which will feature news, interviews, competitions, Tradio and much more for your listening pleasure. The weekend schedule is not affected. Tune in 1548khz, 194mtrs.

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 - Pounceys, St Paul's, Near Plantation House Telex (!) 202  
 - Fax 00 290 4542 Tel 00 290 4669  
 - »radio.sthelenas@helanta.sh« [www.sthelenas.se](http://www.sthelenas.se)

Are you looking for information [any kind] about St Helena, Tristan da Cunha or the Falklands [+ Ascension]? Please contact me: Manfred Rippich

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"I don't like a lot o' riches. You can't take money to heaven, you might leave it here. Riches is no good." - MARY REPETTO [Tristanian]  
 "Radio Has Changed Everything. We Live In A New World." - GAMAL ABDEL NASSER [President of the UAR of Egypt]



