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Christine Scipio-O’Dean  Clint Beard  Cyril Leo  Lawson Henry  Corinda Essex  Russell Yon

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St Helenian Athletes Celebrate Success

Air Service Announcement

YET ANOTHER SHARK ATTACK ON ASCENSION!
Another Ascension Shark Attack

Second-ever recorded shark attack comes three months after first

Emma Weaver, SAMS

News of another shark attack in Ascension Island’s English Bay reached St Helena July 23.

This time, it appears an American male was attacked.

A gofundme page – which aims to raise $2,000 for “Kawika’s Aquatic Misadventure” – can be found through the Ascension Island Facebook page.

The description on the page, which was set up by Daniel Schempf, reads: “23 Jul 2017 our coworker, friend, and ocean brother was paddle boarding in English Bay, Ascension Island in the South Atlantic, and fell from his board into the sea, and was set upon by a large shark before he could recover. He sustained critical bite wounds to his torso and is lucky to be alive, only kept so by the heroics of the small US and UK medical teams on island, and because of the donated blood supplies of volunteers. He is being medically evacuated ASAP. This fund is to help him with the “unusually large number of sharks around Ascension Island” back in April, it is only after this latest attack they have told people not to enter the sea.

A press release from Marc Holland, Ascension Island Government’s Administrator, on July 25 read: “At approximately 5.30 pm on Monday 24 July there was a serious shark attack at English Bay on Ascension Island involving one person. Entering the sea on Ascension must be avoided until further notice. Emergency Services and the Ascension Island Government are working closely together to ensure all necessary actions for the victim and public safety are being undertaken. A huge thanks to the Sea Rescue team, hospital staff and everyone else who were involved.”

St Helena’s marine section said fishermen have sighted sharks around the island, but the marine section itself couldn’t comment on the presence of sharks around St Helena. For now, all those on Ascension – and travelling to and from Ascension – should take care.

Sharks around Ascension Island. Photo provided by Joanna Roberts George.
New Horizons Success on Ascension

New horizons team takes part in ascension activities

Lauren Crowie, SAMS

The New Horizons youth team that left St Helena in early July will soon be on its way home from the biennial Ascension Island Games.

Twelve young St Helenians travelled to Ascension for the New Horizons St Helenian team, to compete against the Ascension team. They were Christo Crowie, Rebecca Young, Tyranne Williams, Demi George, Ma-Kyle Fuller, Heidi Joshua, Danielle Benjamin, Chloe Yon, Brett Isaac, Riedwan Richards, Aiden Stevens and Isaac Greentree.

For some, it was the first time travelling so far from home on their own; for others, it was yet another trip back to Ascension.

All the team members did the island proud, and showed training pays off.

The team won a number of the sports events, including both boys and girls football. The St Helenian girls beat the Ascension girls 10-2. Heidi Joshua scored four goals, Rebecca Young scored four and Chloe Yon scored two.

The St Helenian boys scored nine goals, and beat the Ascension boys. Brett Isaac scored four, Aiden Stevens scored two, Christo Crowie scored two and Ma-Kyle Fuller scored one.

Team St Helena lost in swimming to Ascension, 21-27.

The New Horizons team also won rounders 32-16: Brett with five and a half points, Christo with two, Heidi with two and a half, Danielle with six, Tyanne with one and a half, Aiden with one and a half, Ma-Kyle with four and a half, Riedwan with six and a half, and Demi and Rebecca with one point each.

As well as participating in sporting activities, the team also took part in walks around the island and in boot camp.

New Horizons said team members all worked and travelled well together, and made sure everyone was included and enjoyed themselves while they were away from home.

Award presentations will take place August 1.
What does family mean to you?

Family is something everyone needs in their lives, whether you have your good times or bad. No family is perfect, we all have our ups and downs. It could be a simple argument about whether you left the light on or not, or it could be when no one in the family bothers to answer the common question “what’s for dinner today?”

But in the end you will still be a family that sticks together through thick and thin.

Sometimes family makes you want to tear your hair out but at the end of the day when you’re not with them it feels like you’re missing a piece of yourself.

I know some family members have their differences but sometimes it is good to put all that behind you and start over. It will be hard. But we only live once so live it to the full and enjoy the feeling that someone out there really cares for you.

I am a person who always puts my family first no matter what. I am a mum and I always want the best for my kids and I try teach them right from wrong, which is probably what all mother’s want for their kids.

I know the kids might think differently, and think "Oh she always on my case to do this and that," but one day they will thank you.

Only three weeks ago I let my son go off to Ascension Island with the New Horizons team, but I gave him the biggest talk ever before he left. Fingers crossed that when he arrives back he will then understand why I am always telling/teaching him different things in life.

So to the kids: We as parents only want what is best for you.

Family is a link to the past and a bridge to our future.
Never too Old

Older Persons Trip to Ascension

Andrew Turner, SAMS

A group of 27 people over the age of 65 left St Helena Tuesday, July 11 for a return trip to Ascension Island. The trip was organised by the St Helena Older Persons Services. The idea behind the trip was to give the elderly on the Island an opportunity to travel on the RMS St Helena before she is decommissioned (which is set to happen early next year).

The trip also enabled some of the elderly travellers to visit Ascension for the first time – or even to leave St Helena for the first time.

The oldest person on the trip, Rose Bennett, was 97 years old, and had never visited Ascension Island before.

The group was accompanied by carers and staff from the Older Persons Services team.

Funding for the trip was supported by St Helena Line, which provided cabins onboard the RMS at a special reduced rate for this occasion. Some older persons paid for the cabins themselves, while fundraising efforts and donations also contributed toward costs.

When arriving at Ascension Island, Captain Greentree reported that “all senior citizens seem to be enjoying themselves.” After departing from Ascension, Captain Greentree reported that “Our senior citizens would appear to have had a wonderful day ashore.”

Andrew Turner, SAMS

FOR SALE, White Motocross style hamlet, Medium size with storage bag - £50. Contact 51308

FOR SALE, 4 TYRES ON RIMS TO FIT RAV 4 ASKING PRICE - £250.00 CONTACT MOBILE 62596

FOR SALE, Yamaha Motor Cycle 125cc, Red in colour and licensed and insured. Contact 24710 or 62392

FOR SALE, Table-top Billboard Set 4’x2’ British-made 1970’s, good condition, with full set of 20 Ronite 35mm balls, 2 cues, triangle and wall-mounting score board - £30. Contact Cliff Huxtable2434

FOR SALE, Brand new 6-seater glass top round dining table with chrome legs still in its original box - £250. Please contact on 22544 if interested. Leave a message if I am not available.

WANTED, on behalf of Making Ends Meet Charity (basic furniture second hand greatly appreciated e.g. chairs, table, cupboards, cabinets etc) please call Tessa Roberts on 61515

WANTED, Laying Hens of any amount from 2-8. Can be old birds but still laying, will buy at a reasonable cost. Contact Barry Hutts Gate 23907

WANTED, Goss China tea or dinner set. Please contact 24464 if you are able to part with yours
Expressions of Interest - Footpath Clearance Contract

St Helena Tourism is seeking expressions of interest from the Private Sector to provide a footpath clearance service for 5 of the island footpaths.

These paths include; Mackintosh to Spring Gut; Hardings and Casons; Maskelyne’s Observatory; Brown’s Hill to Prince Andrew School and Casons Gate to Rosemary Plain.

Our footpaths contribute to the overall tourism product and provide opportunities for visitors and residents to explore our picturesque landscapes as well as promote a healthy lifestyle. It is also important that individuals or businesses who are interested in carrying out this work understand the need to preserve the environment whilst providing a safe passage for walkers with different levels of mobility.

As part of Enterprise St Helena’s procurement procedures, interested persons are required to produce a copy of their Public Liability insurance.

For further information please contact:
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VACANCY FOR TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN

The Education and Employment Directorate is seeking to employ a Technology Technician to work at Prince Andrew School.

The post holder will be responsible to the Subject Leader (Design & Technology) for the preparation, maintenance and storage of all technology resources and tools and for providing assistance to students of Technology as required under the supervision of the teaching staff.

Applicants should have Functional Skills at Level 1 in Numeracy and Literacy and have experience in the use of technology tools and equipment.

Salary for the post is at Grade A5, commencing £5,771 per annum.

The Education & Employment Directorate is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to uphold these principles. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory medical check and vetting or DBS Disclosure.

For further information regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr. Nicholas Plato, Head of Year, Prince Andrew School on Tele No. 24290 or email nickyp@princeandrew.edu.sh.

A full job description can be obtained from Acting Executive Officer Administration at the Education Learning Centre on tele number 22607 or email santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh Application forms are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources and should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable, to Mrs. Wendy Fuller, Acting Human Resources Officer at the Education Learning Centre, Jamestown or email, wendy.fuller@sainthelena.gov.sh by 4 pm on Thursday 3rd August 2017.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.  

Mrs. Shirley Wahler  
Director of Education & Employment  
20th July 2017

St Helena Commercial Fisher-man's Association would like to remind all members that the first round of bidding for refurbishment/replacement grant for inshore fishery which was allocated by Enterprise St Helena, will close on Monday 31st July 2017. Please contact either Chairperson Waylon Thomas, Deputy Chair Dorian Caswell, Treasurer Christine Caswell, Secretary Terri Clingham or Fishermen's Representative Julie Thomas for an application form or more information.

Mrs. Shirley Wahler                     Director of Education & Employment                                              20th July 2017
New chef in town
Roy MacAskill to manage the new Mantis kitchen

Roy MacAskill, the executive chef of the new hotel on Main Street in Jamestown, arrived on-island in May. Roy will be in charge of everything that comes and goes from the kitchen of the 30-bedroom hotel.

Roy has been a chef for over 35 years. He began at the age of 12, as a pot washer in his home country of Scotland, and has since worked his way up through the ranks. After leaving Scotland at age 19, he has worked all over the world; he worked for the top 10 restaurants in the Caribbean, leading 120 chefs. Roy then worked as the banquet chef in the Houses of Parliament; most recently, he worked for a national company in South Africa.

Roy has now come to St Helena to pass on his knowledge, and teach Saints his skills. The chef has brought with him his wife and 3-year-old daughter.

“I consider myself the lucky person to be here,” Roy said. “St Helena has always been one of those places that has always been on my radar. As I say, I’ve travelled all over the world and I am very interested in remote places.”

Roy said the Mantis St Helena Hotel will aim to only buy or import produce it can’t source locally.

Roy also will be looking primarily to employ St Helenians to work for the hotel, as well as people from Ascension Island and the Falkland Islands who want to come home.

“I am very passionate about trying to ensure that everything we buy is local,” Roy said. “[I’m] excited about developing that on-island.”

The hotel will be looking for 11 kitchen staff, which includes one sous chef who will be second-in-command, three chef de partie chefs which will be in charge of each section of the kitchen, a commis chef who will be a trainee and three kitchen porters who will be in control of the cleanliness of the kitchen. This team will be expected to cater for over 100 people.

The hotel will have 24-hour room service, and will offer additional luxury food services.

“We will be doing hampers, which are specific to the activity that you are doing,” Roy said. “So if you are going hiking, you will have a sandwich, a bottle of water and some fruit.”

Roy has already decided on menus for the Mantis Hotel by meeting and speaking to local hotels and restaurants.

Island Leads Tuna Initiative

First One-by-One Tuna Fishing Zone

Andrew Turner, SAMS

St Helenian Julie Thomas has been appointed as St Helena’s first Project Manager for the International Pole & Line Foundation (IPNLF).

IPNLF is a non-profit organisation that develops and supports responsible one-by-one fisheries and supply chains around the world.

As Project Manager, Julie will manage the on-the-ground activities of the initiative to establish the world’s first one-by-one-only tuna fishing zone in St Helena’s waters. This initiative was launched by IPNLF, the St Helena Government and the St Helena Fisheries Corporation. It is supported by local fishermen and the Oceans 5 Foundation.

“It will open the door to networking and marketing opportunities, which is vital in providing us with the necessary skills and expertise to document, protect and promote our island’s marine sector, with a view of exploring new and improved markets for our product so that our fishery can become lucrative but remain sustainable,” Julie said of the initiative.

Julie brings over 10 years of experience to her new position, having been an executive committee member of the St Helena Commercial Fisherman’s Association and a member of the St Helena Fisheries Corporation.

The St Helena tuna fishery has traditionally been a pole-and-line fishery in both the inshore and offshore waters. Through this project, IPNLF will work with the local government to ensure polices are adopted and implemented that ban all destructive fishing gears, enhance management and strengthen Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS) to prevent illegal fishing within St Helena’s 172,439 square-mile maritime zone.

“We are delighted to have Julie join our international team, strengthening our on the ground presence in St Helena.” Adam Baske, IPNLF Director (Policy & Advocacy), said. “Julie’s knowledge and experience will be a tremendous asset to the progress of our project establishing the world’s first one-by-one only tuna fishing zone.”
Vacancy
Purser Accounts RMS St Helena

Main Duties:

Port formalities / documentation and clearances.
Day to day operation of ship’s safe and foreign currency exchange systems.
Operational maintenance of all crew records.
All onboard accounts using the SAGE MMS Accounts system.
Onboard paymaster, including monthly crew payroll.
Passenger safety briefings and documentation.
Pax and Crew freight administrator.
Pax entertainment in conjunction with Purser Customer Care.
Any other general duties as directed by the Hotel Services Director.

Experience and Qualifications
Knowledge of SAGE MMS or similar accounting package is essential. Must have an excellent accounting background. Must be very computer literate. Must be organised, outgoing and able to speak in public. Will be required to obtain qualifications in Fire Fighting, First Aid, Survival and Crisis Management. All courses will be arranged. Have knowledge of basic merchandising and POS systems.

Start date: TBA for training/overlap
Salary, Terms and Conditions: Upon application
Applications: Please forward covering letter and CV as follows:
   St Helena applicants to Solomon’s
   All other applicants to Tanya Price, email: tp@awcrewing.com

Closing date:
1st August 2017

Vacancy
Motor Man RMS St Helena

Experience and Qualifications:
Interested applicants should have experience in the rank and hold the basic STCW Certificates in accordance with STCW 2010 requirements including Engine Room Watch Rating Certificate.

Main Duties:
• Carrying out assigned tasks relating to the maintenance, servicing and routine inspection of all mechanical, hydraulic and electrical plant on board.
• Carrying out assigned tasks relating to the cleanliness and orderliness of the engine room and associated machinery spaces.
• Carrying out assigned watchkeeping tasks when required.
• Carrying out assigned tasks relating to all tank preparation operations.
• Carrying out assigned tasks relating to bunkering and ballasting operations.
• Complying fully with the vessel’s permit to work system.
• Strictly observing on board safety regulations and being aware of the location and method of use of all lifesaving, emergency and safety equipment.
• Reporting any apparent shipboard and engine room defects or damage promptly.
• Handling and stowing all ship’s stores and spare gear.
• Participating in the shipboard training programme.
• Ensuring the cleanliness and orderliness of personal accommodation and other crew accommodation and amenities as directed by the Mechanic.

Start date: 11th September 2017
Salary, Terms and Conditions: Upon application
Applications: Please forward covering letter and CV as follows:
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   All other applicants to Tanya Price, email: tp@awcrewing.com

Closing Date:
3rd August 2017
Sea level fears as Greenland darkens

Scientists are "very worried" that the melting of the Greenland ice sheet could accelerate and raise sea levels more than expected. They say warmer conditions are encouraging algae to grow and darken the surface.

Dark ice absorbs more solar radiation than clean white ice so warms up and melts more rapidly.

Currently the Greenland ice sheet is adding up to 1mm a year to the rise in the global average level of the oceans.

It is the largest mass of ice in the northern hemisphere covering an area about seven times the size of the United Kingdom and reaching up to 3km (2 miles) thick.

This means that the average sea level would rise around the world by about seven metres, more than 20ft, if it all melted.

That is why Greenland, though remote, is a focus of research which has direct relevance to major coastal cities as far apart as Miami, London and Shanghai and low-lying areas in Bangladesh and parts of Britain.

Algae were first observed on the Greenland ice sheet more than a century ago but until recently its potential impact was ignored. Only in the last few years have researchers started to explore how the microscopically small plants could affect future melting.

A five-year UK research project known as Black and Bloom is under way to investigate the different species of algae and how they might spread, and then to use this knowledge to improve computer projections of future sea level rise.

The possibility of biologically inspired melting was not included in the estimates for sea level rise published by the UN's climate panel, the IPCC, in its latest report in 2013.

One concern now is that rising temperatures will allow algae to flourish not only on the slopes of the narrow margins of the ice-sheet but also on the flat areas in the far larger interior where melting could happen on a much bigger scale.

We joined the latest phase of research in which scientists set up camp on the ice-sheet to gather accurate measurements of the "albedo" or the amount of solar radiation reflected by the surface.

White snow reflects up to 90% of solar radiation while dark patches of algae will only reflect about 35% or even as little as 1% in the blackest spots.

When we flew by helicopter onto the ice sheet, the rolling landscape seemed surprisingly grey - my first impression was that it looked dirty.

Much of the surface was covered with what looked like patches of soot and it was poock-marked with countless holes at the bottom of which were pitch-black layers of a mix of algae, bacteria and minerals known as cryoconite.

Prof Martyn Tranter of Bristol University, who is leading the project, told me: "People are very worried about the possibility that the ice sheet might be melting faster and faster in the future."

"We suspect that in a warming climate these dark algae will grow over larger and larger parts of the Greenland ice sheet and it might well be that they will cause more melting and an acceleration of sea level rise.

"Our project is trying to understand just how much melting might occur."

Over the last 20 years, Greenland has been losing more ice than it gains through snowfall in winter - a change in a natural balance that normally keeps the ice-sheet stable.

Large rise in takeaway shops highlights dominance of fast food in deprived areas

The total number of takeaway food shops in England has risen by 4,000 in the past three years, an increase of 8%, sparking fears that councils are losing the battle to limit obesity levels via planning rules that restrict new fast food outlets.

According to new figures provided to the Guardian by Cambridge University’s Centre for Diet and Activity Research (Cedar), there are now 56,638 takeaways in England – more than a quarter of all the country’s food outlets – with some of the heaviest concentrations of takeaways found in England’s poorest and most deprived neighbourhoods.

"The junk food and sugary drinks sold by these outlets make an important contribution to the UK epidemic of obesity and diabetes," said Professor Simon Capewell, vice-president for policy at the UK’s Faculty of Public Health.

"Furthermore, the much greater density of fast food outlets in deprived neighbourhoods exacerbates existing, substantial inequalities in health. These trends are very worrying."

The data also indicates a possible north-south divide in takeaway access. Of the 30 council areas where takeaways are the predominant kind of food outlet, 25 are in economically deprived areas of the north, with notable clusters in the north-west.

In Blackburn-with-Darwen, 38% of all food retail outlets are given over to fast food – the highest proportion in England – against a national average of 26%. Blackburn has 236 takeaways in all, an increase of 24% since 2014, and equivalent to one takeaway shop for every 625 people.

The figures will alarm policymakers concerned about rising levels of obesity and related illnesses, such as type 2 diabetes. Researchers have shown a link between increased exposure to fast food outlets, increased consumption of high-fat nutrient-poor food, higher body weight and greater risk of obesity.

"Despite the health impact of the obesity epidemic being well known, it is shocking that the number of fast food takeaways is increasing,” said Caroline Cerny, of the Obesity Health Alliance. “Whether it’s the marketing of junk food on billboards and TV, or the proximity of junk food outlets to schools, we know our environment has a huge impact on levels of overweightness and obesity.”

Nearly two-thirds of adults (63%) and a third of children aged two to 15 are obese or overweight, according to Public Health England. Obesity causes more than 30,000 deaths a year, and increases the risk of health conditions such as high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes. Treating obesity costs the NHS £6bn a year, a figure expected to rise £10bn by 2050.

Man who killed five-year-old boy in London park jailed for life

A man who battered a five-year-old boy to death in a park for losing a trainer has been jailed for life with a minimum term of 18 years.

Marvyn Iheanacho, 39, flew into a rage and subjected his girlfriend’s son, Alex Malcolm, to a brutal attack in Mountsfield Park in Catford, south-east London.

He was sentenced at Woolwich crown court by Judge Mark Dennis QC, who said Iheanacho had a “deeply entrenched character flaw” that led him to overreact and lose his temper.

Iheanacho was sentenced to 18 years but due to time served on remand the judge said he would serve at least 17 years and 119 days.
ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT (SOUTH ATLANTIC)
Assistant Director of HR - Package up to £46,500 per annum
(Two-year fixed term contract)

Are you looking for a better work–life balance?
Ascension is a small volcanic island situated in the sub-tropical South Atlantic with a warm stable climate (26-34°C), excellent beaches and unique biodiversity. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to our future success and to be part of a welcoming and friendly island community.

The Ascension Island Government is looking for an Assistant Director of HR from September/October 2017 to lead the HR function and to complete our HR Transformation. Over the past 18 months we have introduced an HR System, an e-recruitment strategy, job evaluation, revision of our terms and conditions and we are in the process of developing our core values supported by a new appraisal process and bonus scheme. We have also embarked upon an ambitious project to modernise our 90 year old Employment Ordinance. We are looking for someone to build on this progress, helping us to embed these improvements and strengthen our culture. In this role, you will report to Director of Resources and work closely with the Senior Management Team.

This is a unique opportunity to affect the Government and how we work, working with some unique challenges. You will need to build effective relationships with a wide range of stakeholders on the island and deliver the highest standard of customer service. You will need to be a self-starter, resilient and able to live and work in a remote island community whilst remaining enthusiastic in the face of the challenges that this brings.

Some of the key activities you will need to work on include:
- Review existing HR policies, systems and procedures and help embed our work so far and to reflect the revised Employment Ordinance (once approved)
- Manage and advise on employee relations matters (equipping members of the HR team to assist with this)
- Lead on a leadership and management development programme to enhance the capability of the management team
- Complete consultations on the revision of terms and conditions and the Island’s Employment Ordinance.

We are offering a two year accompanied status contract with a salary of £27,500 per year (taxable in Ascension Island), together with the following benefits valued at up to £19,000 per year:
- Food allowance (£3028 or £6054 dependent on single or accompanied status)
- One mid-contract return journey to the country of recruitment/residence
- Rent free housing, with electricity and water allowances
- Free primary medical and dental care
- A bonus payment on successful completion of each 2 year contract.

To be successful you will be a qualified HR professional with a proven track record of successful HR transformation, a strong commitment to customer service, and leading HR policy development at a senior management level. You should be experienced leading staff engagement initiatives and be able to demonstrate excellent “softer” people skills alongside employee relations, change management and people development skills. You must be familiar with the use of HR and IT systems. Experience managing Employment Tribunal legislation is desirable.

For an information discussion, please contact:
Our current Director of HR, Dean Hambleton-Ayling, Dean.Hambleton-Ayling@ascension.gov.ac, or Director of Resources, Jamie Manson, Jamie.Manson@ascension.gov.ac

To apply visit: http://www.ascension-island.gov.ac/working-here

Closing date: Midday 7 August         Interviews: 17 August via Skype.
Shortlisted candidates will be asked to complete an online task 10th - 11th August.
Saint by Saint

Gavin Ellick

Gavin Ellick (“Eddy Duff”) lived an eventful life since 1963.
“I went to Half Tree Hollow First School, then to St Pauls Middle School and left when I was 14,” Eddy said. “So anybody thinking that if you leave school early you’re not going to make it – put your mind to it.”
Eddy left school early to work, in order to help his parents make money.
“I went to work as a young farmer, round the reception, tourist guide, training tourist guide, hospital, help at the butcheries, working at the fisheries, and my last job was working with wirebirds in the National Trust,” Eddy said. “We got to do birds and everything else, and then I became a councillor. And I’m also a co-median.”
Eddy helped his community in various ways while on council during the most recent term. For example, he did volunteer services with district cleanups and encouraged others to come along and help.

It’s evident because if you look in different places throughout the island, in the St Pauls area, we still keep things going,” Eddy said. “Plus, by just being in the community and mixing with the people that gives people a good sense that somebody is there who they can talk to.”
Eddy was always outspoken ever since he was a young boy. He said he found a perfect outlet for his outspokenness when he joined the council.

Since working with wirebirds since 2006 up until 2013, I found out that by helping our wirebirds species survive, I thought I can give it a try to help people,” Eddy said. “There’s always room for improvement.”
As a councillor he connected with the people, got to ask what their concerns were and got to speak out for them. He liked helping people because he knows how tough life can be, but he knows hard work really can get you somewhere.

Lee Yon

After growing up in Clinic Drive, Half Tree Hollow, St Helenian Lee Yon has found a passion for engineering.
“My dad would let me fix broken electrical equipment and take me on jobs where he would wire houses,” Lee said. “That’s probably where my interest in engineering stemmed from.”
After finding an interest in engineering early in life, he got an opportunity to leave the island with the Scouts, and found even more passion for both engineering and travelling.
“The first time I ever left the island was with the Scouts for the 100th World Jamboree,” Lee said. “This was a major eye opener for me. It was a round trip (Ascension, UK, Cape Town). Ascension fire service took me on as a volunteer where I spent half the day for two weeks learning different knots, splicing, filling fire extinguishers and learning how to use them effectively on a grease fire. It was under the supervision of Simon Wade and Marty Joshua.”
Yon is currently in the UK studying Higher National Diploma (HND) Electrical and Electronic Engineering, in which he had to do two years of Business and Technology Education Council (Btec) as he didn’t have a good foundation when he left school.
“Alongside doing the Btec I also attended a Level 2 electrical installation and was awarded the student of the year. I then did a Level 3 Electro Technical certificate after the Level 2 completion. In all my courses I have completed so far and is the first year of the HND Electrical Engineering. I have achieved all distinction which is the highest marking criteria one can achieve. Although I love the UK for its convenience and ease of travelling, I can’t wait to get back home to the simpler things in life like going to a friend’s house or swim without having to plan everything. I do miss the spontaneity of living!”
Lee has also represented the island at social events in the UK, such as the CPA youth parliament meeting in London and the Queen’s Garden Party 2017. However he does miss the island, and has fond memories from his childhood here.
“I mostly have memories of my cat, Cuddles, and dog, Lady,” Lee said. “The best day was when she slept on my bed over my face. She almost suffocated me.”
St Helena Airport Announcement

From RMS Subsidy to Airport Subsidy

Emma Weaver, SAMS

The announcement of an air access agreement July 21 sent waves of excitement through the island. After years of waiting, an airline is finally in place to provide service to and from the island’s infamous St Helena Airport.

SA Airlink and the St Helena Government (SHG) signed an agreement July 21 for Airlink to provide a scheduled commercial air service between St Helena Airport (HLE) and OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, with a stopover at Windhoek International Airport in Namibia. Airlink will also operate a monthly charter service between St Helena and Ascension Island.

No start date for service has yet been announced, but Airlink will be finalising regulatory approvals in the coming weeks. This will include a “proving flight” to the island. A start date for service is set to be announced after this flight.

The initial weekly Saturday service will be operated using an Embraer E190-100IGW aircraft, with Business and Economy class, with the flight time from Johannesburg to St Helena being approximately 6 hours and 15 minutes. The St Helena Government said in the July 21 press release, “There is scope for SA Airlink to lay on an additional mid-week flight as demand grows.”

Along with the press release, a press conference took place in the Governor’s Office at 3:30pm July 21. Details of the agreement with SA Airlink, which will last three years from the date of the first flight, were questioned during the conference.

After waiting so long on air access, many community members are still wary of the service details. Community members questioned why Johannesburg was chosen over Cape Town, and also why – although a main reason that the RMS St Helena was set up was the Cape Town link, and also why – although we have at this point in time, other than the commitment to the contract,” Dax said. “It will be an SHG subsidy, which will have an underwriting of it from the UK Government.”

For those who have not had a chance to see the press release from July 21, a condensed version of the questions and answers from the press release are below; the main questions from the community are addressed in the questions and answers.

Q: Where will the service operate from and to?
A: The St Helena Air Service will operate from OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, South Africa (JNB). There will be a stopover at Windhoek International Airport in Namibia (WDH) before the flight continues to St Helena Airport (HLE). In summary, the route is as follows: JNB – WDH – HLE – WDH – JNB.

The stopovers at Windhoek have been carefully scheduled so that on both the onward and outbound journeys to/from St Helena, the flight will coincide with the SA Airlink flight between Cape Town International Airport and Windhoek.

Customers will be able to book flights between Cape Town and St Helena and vice versa on a single ticket contract with a short connection at Windhoek. Thus the routing will be: CPT - WDH (connect) - HLE - WDH - (connect) - CPT.

Q: Why was Johannesburg chosen over Cape Town as the hub in South Africa?
A: An in depth analysis was undertaken which considered a number of issues, including but not limited to: local preference; airline preference; connectivity; destinations served; seasonal fluctuations in service; fares for direct flights from European destinations and their flight times; access to medical facilities; potential for two centre tourist destinations. It was agreed that the initial service should originate from Johannesburg with connectivity to Cape Town.

Q: When will the service to Ascension commence?
A: It is expected following the anticipated commencement of the main service that the monthly service between St Helena and Ascension Island will start soon after and operate on the second Saturday of each month.

Q: If the flight is going to Johannesburg, does this mean that medical referrals will have to go there?
A: Connection to Cape Town will be available from the beginning of operations and can readily be used for services currently rendered in Cape Town for SHG and the Health Directorate. Necessary arrangements to ensure access to services in Johannesburg will also be explored.

Q: Can SA Airlink carry patients with additional requirements, for example, medical referrals, wheelchair customers and stretcher cases?
A: Residents on St Helena should note that emergency medical cases will be transported using the aeromedevac flight service in place with ER24 - emergency cases will not need to wait for the SA Airlink weekly scheduled air service.

However, in future the Island’s medical referrals (i.e. non-urgent cases) will travel to South Africa on the St Helena Air Service. SA Airlink is applying for a Part 138 licence in order to facilitate this.

SA Airlink already has the capacity to carry passengers who are wheelchair bound. Persons with reduced mobility may carry free of charge, some wheelchair and/or other assistive devices upon which they are dependent.

SA Airlink is also developing its capacity to carry stretcher cases and this service will be in place in the first quarter of 2018.

Q: What does the agreement with SA Airlink commit them to?
A: The St Helena Government and SA Airlink have signed an agreement for SA Airlink to provide a minimum weekly scheduled flight to/from St Helena. There is provision for the number of flights to increase as passenger demand increases.

Q: What does the agreement stipulate?
A: The agreement covers a three year period, with the option to extend for a further two years.

Q: What needs to happen before the service can start?
A: SA Airlink has already started the process to obtain the final regulatory approvals for the service. In order to comply with the requirements of the SA CAA (South African Civil Aviation Authority), SA Airlink will need to carry out an ETOPS (Extended Range Twin Engine Operations) Proving Flight and more information will follow in due course.

In addition to formal regulatory approvals, there is a great deal of practical planning required and this is already underway. For example, SA Airlink and SHG are in discussion regarding fares and ticket distribution systems.

Q: Will the aircraft use Runway 20?
A: For planning purposes, SA Airlink has designed its service to St Helena based on the use of Runway 02 with a 15 kt tailwind.

On the day of operation the crew will select the most appropriate runway for landing as per the weather prevailing on that day.

It is intended that over time sufficient data will be accumulated with regards to actual landings and the environmental conditions experienced at the time. This data will be analysed and used to establish the viability of normal use of Runway 20 given the known prevailing wind situation. Based on the data accumulated from the 12 landings that pilots have experienced at St Helena so far (11 during the Embranch & Jet trials that took place during December 2016 and 1 on 3 May 2017 during the Avro RJ85 charter), Airlink is optimistic that the data accumulated from future landings will prove that normal landings will be able to be performed on runway 20 when prevailing winds at the time of landing so require.

Q: How much does a ticket cost?
A: Fares will be announced when ticket sales go live. There will be a number of fare bands, for example, but fares will depend on the passenger wishes to travel in economy or business class and how far in advance the passenger is
making his/her booking. We expect child fares will be 50% of the adult fare price. Further information will follow prior to tickets going on sale.

Q: When will tickets go on sale?
A: This will be announced in due course.

Q: How can I book a ticket?
A: Tickets will be available online via the SA Airlink website and through all normal IATA global distribution systems. Passengers are advised to contact their IATA travel agent. For those passengers that are resident on St Helena, SA Airlink proposes to also use local agents who will be able to manage ticket bookings. Further information will follow prior to tickets going on sale.

Q: How many seats will be available on each flight?
A: Initially, the maximum number of seats available on each flight will be 76.

Q: What will be the diversion airport?
A: Widewake Airfield at Ascension Island has been nominated as the diversion airport. However, SA Airlink also plans to use island hold reserves as part of its ETOPS protocol. In this case, if conditions are not favourable at St Helena Airport at the time of departure from Windhoek the aircraft will not depart Windhoek until landing conditions at St Helena Airport so permits.

In the island hold scenario, there will be a flight time related decision making point along the flight path between Windhoek and St Helena at which the aircraft will ascertain from the St Helena Airport that the meteorological conditions at St Helena Airport remain conducive for landing and that conditions are not trending such that a landing will not be assured. In the event that unfavourable conditions are reported to the aircraft by St Helena Airport at or before the decision making point, the aircraft will be compelled to return to Windhoek. If favourable conditions for landing are reported and the flight continues beyond the decision making point, it will be compelled to land within two hours of arriving overhead St Helena Airport.

Q: Can a flight still land there even with the runway repairs?
A: Widewake Airfield at Ascension Island is open. Whilst it is not possible for heavier aircraft such as the A330 to land there, other regular aircraft services continue as normal.

Q: Is the service being underwritten?
A: SA Airlink will operate the St Helena Air Service as a commercial venture. Financial support might be required in the initial stages but there is every expectation that as demand grows, so too will the profitability of the venture.

Q: What is the baggage allowance?
A: For checked or hold baggage, the general free allowance on SA Airlink flights is 20Kg in Economy Class and 30Kg in Business Class per adult passenger.

In addition to the checked or hold baggage, passengers may carry the following cabin or hand baggage. Each piece should not exceed 8kg.

- Economy Class: 1 Piece plus 1 slimline laptop bag
- Business Class: 2 Pieces plus 1 slimline laptop bag

Q: What is the freight/cargo allowance?
A: SHG has reached agreement with SA Airlink that in the first instance the priority for cargo/freight will be given to essential services for the Island. A typical example is the Island’s mail which will be given priority over other types of cargo.

Any remaining cargo/freight capacity can then be made available. Cargo transport is currently charged at GBP 1.88 per Kg from Johannesburg or St Helena respectively. Note that this fee will be subject to change from time to time.

Q: Can pets be transported on the flight?
A: We are working with the airline to put in place the practical arrangements. Further information will follow.

Q: Is there any back up if the aircraft breaks down?
A: SA Airlink has additional Embraer E190 aircraft together with a standby crew available to deploy on the St Helena route in the event of technical or other delays.

Q: Are other air services able to operate to St Helena?
A: Yes. The St Helena Airport operates an open skies policy and approval will be given to all flights that meet the regulatory and technical requirements. All flights are on a prior permission required basis and interested operators should contact Gwyneth Howell, Head of Operations at St Helena Airport, via email hoo@airportsthelena.com or on tel. +290 25175.

Q: What about the Comair service?
A: Comair planned to operate a B737-800 to St Helena, however, as a result of the severe wind shear experienced on Runway 20 from the initial test flights and the new requirement to primarily make use of Runway 02 this aircraft type would not provide an optimum payload if it were operated in tailwind conditions. Discussions are underway with Comair to reach mutual agreement on the termination of the original air services agreement.

Comair has remained very much engaged with SHG and has been a helpful source of advice. SHG extends its thanks to the team at Comair for their support.

Q: Can I transfer my ticket from the RMS to the flight? Will charges apply?
A: Passengers booked to travel on the RMS St Helena at the time that tickets become available for the St Helena Air Service will be able to transfer their ticket to the St Helena Air Service. No transfer fees will apply. The full details on how to go about this will be published nearer the time.

Q: How long will the RMS operate for?
A: Further information will follow.

Q: When will the MV Helena service commence?
A: The MV Helena will commence its freight service to St Helena when the RMS St Helena is withdrawn from service. Further information will follow on this.
Dear Sentinel,

I felt that I should let you know of the death of my wife Jean last Friday. It seems over pompous to issue a statement, so I will relay to you what happened and then you can treat it as you feel best.

Jean was actually diagnosed with colon cancer in September 2014. She was put on chemotherapy that was managed by the Christie Hospital in Manchester. That involved a weekly infusion and at first she was able to take it well. However it caused an increasing numbness in her feet and had other side effects that were not welcome. A scan showed some stability, and so an operation was carried out and removed the tumour from the colon as well as some smaller secondary ones from the liver. At that stage we were fairly optimistic. However, at the next scan the cancer began to show up in the lungs and the stomach lining and another round of chemotherapy was begun. That was not successful and seemed to have little impact. At the beginning of this year it became clear that the cancer had spread into the spine and that started to produce a great deal of pain. So she was admitted to the Christie for radiotherapy, which did alleviate the pain a little bit, but failed to stop the onward march of the disease.

Her major problem of pain was dealt with by drugs, mostly morphine-based, and I gradually became her full-time carer. My effort being supplemented by a Macmillan nurse on a weekly basis. I did that for about 15 weeks but eventually she became totally unable to move, (last Tuesday in fact), and it really became impossible for me to look after her as I should, and so she was admitted to the local hospice. Last Friday morning they rang me to say she was nearing the end and that proved to be the case. I sat by her bed with our son all morning, she was unconscious but breathing heavily, and at 12.45 she simply stopped breathing.

Since our return from St. Helena we have spoken a great deal about the Island and all our friends there. We thoroughly enjoyed our 4 years and looked back on them as the best of our lives.

I wish St. Helena a solid and prosperous future,

With very best wishes to all,

Andrew
A woman goes to her boyfriend’s parents’ house for Christmas dinner. This is to be her first time meeting the family and she is very nervous. They all sit down and begin eating a fine meal. The woman is beginning to feel a little discomfort, thanks to her nervousness and the broccoli casserole. The gas pains are almost making her eyes water. Left with no other choice, she decides to relieve herself a bit and lets out a dainty fart.

It wasn’t loud, but everyone at the table heard the poof.

Before she even had a chance to be embarrassed, her boyfriend’s father looked over at the dog that had been snoozing under the woman’s chair, and said in a rather stern voice, ’Skippy!’.

The woman thought, ’This is great!’ and a big smile came across her face. A couple of minutes later, she was beginning to feel the pain again.

This time, she didn’t even hesitate. She let a much louder and longer rrrrrrip.

The father again looked at the dog and yelled, ’Dammit Skippy!’.

Once again the woman smiled and thought ’Yes!’ A few minutes later the woman had to let another rip. This time she didn’t even think about it.

She let a fart rip that rivaled a train whistle blowing.

Once again, the father looked at the dog with disgust and yelled, ’Dammit Skippy, get away from her, before she poo on you!’

**Joke of the day!!!**

**Sentinel Wordsearch**

TV’s funniest cartoon is at it again. Find Family Guy characters in the word-search grid below.

**Family Guy Characters**

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Are You Looking For A Better Work-Life Balance?

We are looking for a Repairs and Maintenance Team Leader - (Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing) on Ascension Island. (Package up to £34,000)

The Ascension Island Government is currently looking for a Team Leader for our Repairs and Maintenance team (MEP).

Ascension is a small volcanic island situated in the sub-tropical South Atlantic with a warm stable climate (26-34°C), excellent beaches and unique biodiversity. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to our future success and to be part of a welcoming and friendly island community.

Managing a team of eight, you will be responsible for leading a multi-skilled workforce to undertake the repair and installation of electrical systems and equipment together with air conditioning equipment and plumbing.

The successful candidate should have either an electrical or plumbing background. You will be required to prepare drawings for installations.

We are offering a two year contract with a benefit package worth up to £34,000 (£14,000 salary + up to £20,000 package) per year (taxable in Ascension Island):

- 37.5 hour working week
- Rent free accommodation (with electricity and water allowances)
- Food allowance (up to £6054)
- Relocation package
- Return flights for you and your family during the contract duration
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)

This appointment will be subject to:
- Satisfactory Employment References
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

This is an accompanied post.

We are looking for the post holder to start as soon as possible.

Closing Date: 11th August 2017

Interviews will be carried out via Skype or teleconference

For more information and to apply visit: www.ascension-island.gov.ac/working-here/
Good News Stories - Sustainable Businesses

One of Enterprise St Helena’s (ESH) key goals encompasses supporting business development on St Helena, as well as enhancing entrepreneurial skills. As ESH marks its five years of being in operation, we take a look at businesses we have supported who have developed and sustained their operations over the past few years.

This week we focus on **Gigabyte IT Solutions** owned by Craig Williams and **Beauty Sport** owned by Noleen Stevens.

**Gigabyte IT Solutions** has been operating for around three years and was established by Craig Williams. The business offers advice on PC and Laptop repairs, broadband installations and a range of solutions for computer related issues, including troubleshooting common technology problems.

Craig began fixing computers and laptops for family and friends, however this hobby then developed into a full fledged business when an individual suggested to Craig that his hobby could bridge the gap in a non-existing market at that time. “Inspiration to start my business came from the main incentive that I wanted to be my own boss. I saw several businesses that were doing well and expanding and I wanted to join the world of the private sector.” explained Craig.

Currently Gigabyte IT Solutions is a part time business and Craig’s full time employment is also centered around Information Technology, so he spends his entire day working with IT.

As new technology has been introduced on the island, Craig has expanded his services to include repairing mobile phones and also sells a limited variety of electronic devices.

For future plans, Craig envisages opening a computer shop: “I want to open an electronics shop similar to those in the UK, in addition to having a repair facility within the outlet.” When asking about giving future advice to entrepreneurs, he offers some business advice: “Don’t rush into setting up a small business, but build your ideas over time.”

**Beauty Spot** is located at the ESH Business Park at Ladder Hill. Noleen Stevens has operated her hair salon from the premises since 2012.

Noleen speaks of her previous experience: “I have been cutting hair since I was 16 years old. It began with family and friends, but it grew to visiting clients.”

Noleen is self taught and has developed her skills by watching others, reading books and also watching DVD’s. She wishes to gain some training in the UK, which would allow her to learn new techniques, gaining a national vocation certificate and experience in a salon.

The push to develop her business into a salon came when Noleen covered for a salon owner at the Market and she very much enjoyed the experience. The business now features the sale of cosmetic and hair products and Noleen hopes to develop her business further by offering beauty treatments.

Both businesses would like to recruit an additional member of staff, specifically targeting school leavers, to pass on their knowledge to future entrepreneurs.
Have you ever wanted to work on a tropical island?

We are looking for a Carpenter on Ascension Island (Package £19k)

The Ascension Island Government is currently looking for a suitably experienced Carpenter to work within their Repair & Maintenance (B&C) Section.

Ascension is a small volcanic island situated in the sub-tropical South Atlantic with a warm stable climate (26-34°C), excellent beaches and unique biodiversity. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to our future success and to be part of a welcoming and friendly island community.

You will be required to undertake any carpentry, repairs and maintenance for AIG and other Organisations on Ascension, which will also include being involved in a number of projects. In addition to having the ability to carry out a wide range of carpentry duties, the successful candidate is expected to carry out stevedore (marine cargo) duties as a core function, which involves working a 12-hour shift and at times, weekends.

We are offering a two year contract with a salary of Grade 5 (£8,500 - £9,500) per year (taxable in Ascension Island) dependent upon experience. You will also receive benefits worth over £10,000 per year:

- Rent free accommodation (with electricity and water allowances)
- Food allowance (£2969)
- Relocation package
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)

This appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory Employment References
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

This is a single status role. As such you will not be able to bring family to live with you, although they may be able to visit on a tourist visa.

We are looking for the post holder to start as soon as possible.

Closing Date: 11th August 2017 (at 5pm)

Interviews will be carried out via Skype or teleconference

For more information and to apply visit: www.ascension-island.gov.ac/working-here/
Food, Alcohol and Tobacco Prices Rise

Statistical bulletin shows population sizes, rising inflation rates

Andrew Turner, SAMS

The Quarter 2 Statistical News Bulletin, which includes the latest inflation rates and population size, was released July 24.

Annual price inflation between the second quarter of 2017 and the second quarter of 2016 is estimated to be 5.1 percent, which is slightly lower than last quarter’s annual price inflation of 7 percent. However, inflation remains high compared to the last four years.

Most significantly, food prices have increased by 11.7 percent since one year ago. The majority of the rises in food prices are on items such as bread, imported meats and imported fruits and vegetables. ‘Food’ is the largest category in the average household shopping basket.

Additionally, alcohol and tobacco prices have risen just over 3 percent in the last three months: The annual inflation rate for Quarter 1 was 7.1 percent, while the annual inflation rate for Quarter 2 is 9.3 percent.

This is partly because taxes on alcohol and tobacco were increased at the start of the financial year. The categories with the lowest annual inflation rates for Q2 2017 are ‘Services,’ which includes broadband internet and mobile phone services, and “Fuel and Light,” which includes electricity (but not petrol and diesel, which is included in ‘Transport’). Since the electricity tariff was last increased in the first quarter of 2016, now over a year ago, this change is no longer detected in the annual inflation rate.

The Q2 Bulletin also included the population size estimates, which would have run in the Q1 Bulletin as usual if data was not delayed. The on-island population at the end of May 2017 was estimated to be 4,589 – a 1.2 percent increase from May of last year. The number of actual residents on the island is estimated at 4,119.

The full Bulletin is available on the St Helena Government website.

Weather Report

Please see stats below from the Met Office, Bottom Woods for W/E 23rd July 2017

Max Temp 19.7 Degrees (20th)
Min Temp 14.5 Degrees (22nd)
Mean Temp 16.7 Degrees
Mean W/Spd 13.1 Kts
Max Gust 29 Kts (17th)
Total Rainfall 21.8 mm
Total Sunshine 17.7 Hrs
Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for a

Senior Buyer

Within the Procurement Department

Job Outline
To ensure that a reliable and efficient service is provided for the sourcing and supply of overseas purchases.

Interested Persons Should:
- Have grades C or above in GCSE Maths & English
- Be computer literate namely in Microsoft Outlook, Excel & Word
- Have some supervisory experience
- Have good communication skills both verbally & written

Salary for the post will be $737.11 per month, ($8,845.32 per annum), Depending on qualifications and experience

For further information, including the Company’s attractive benefits package, please contact Julie Lawrence, Procurement Manager on telephone number: 22104 or via email address: procurementmanager@solomons.co.sh

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St Helena’s Got Young Talent

Saturday 12th August 2017
Prince Andrew School. 7pm.
Tickets: Adults £2.50, Under 16 £1.00. Available from Moonbeams shop.
creativesaintheleona@gmail.com

Compères - Debbie Stroud, Merrill Joshua & Alan Bennett :D

Singing
Dancing
Instrumentals
Souvenir stall. Refreshments available

Raffle:
Prizes include Meals for two at Bertrand’s Cottage, Blue Lantern and Tasty Bites ;)

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**Music**
- 10am - 12 Noon: Music Playlist
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- 7pm: Music Playlist

**Presenter Shows**
- **LIVE** 7am - 10am: Sunrise Show with Roxanna Williams
- **LIVE** 4pm - 7pm: Afternoon Drive with Andrew Turner/Mic-kail Harris

### TUESDAY
**Music**
- 10am - 4pm: Music Playlist
- 7pm: Music Playlist

**Presenter Shows**
- **LIVE** 7am - 10am: Sunrise Show with Donna Crowie
- **LIVE** 12:30pm - 2:30pm: with Lauren Crowie
- **LIVE** 4pm - 5pm: Afternoon Drive with Stewart George

**Chart Shows**
- **LIVE** 5pm - 7pm: Mike Brown

### THURSDAY
**Music**
- 10am - 4pm: Music Playlist
- 9pm: Music Playlist

**Presenter Shows**
- **LIVE** 7am - 10am: Sunrise Show with Andrew Turner
- **LIVE** 12:30pm - 2:30pm: with Mic-kail Harris
- **LIVE** 4pm - 7pm: Afternoon Drive with Donna Crowie
- **Golden Oldies**
- **LIVE** 7pm - 9pm: My Generation Show with Stuart Moors

### FRIDAY
**Music**
- 10am - 4pm: Music Playlist
- 7pm: Music Playlist

**Presenter Shows**
- **LIVE** 7am - 10am: Sunrise Show with Stewart George
- **LIVE** 11:30am - 12:30pm: Behind The Music with Roxanna Williams
- **LIVE** 1pm - 3pm: Free for Sale Friday with Lauren Crowie/Mic-kail Harris
- **LIVE** 4pm - 7pm: Afternoon Drive with Roxanna Williams

### SATURDAY
**Music**
- 10am - 12 Noon: Music Playlist
- 12 Noon - 4pm: Music Playlist
- 7pm: Music Playlist

**Presenter Shows**
- **LIVE** 8am - 1pm: Saturday Show
- **Genre Shows**
- **LIVE** 5pm - 7pm: The Soul Show with Lydia and Stewart

### SUNDAY
**Music**
- 2pm - 3:30pm: Music Playlist
- 6pm - 7pm: Music Playlist

**Presenter Shows**
- **LIVE** 8am - 1pm: Sunday Show

**Chart Shows**
- **LIVE** 3:30pm - 6pm: Mike Brown

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Would you like to be a Volunteer Radio Presenter for SAMS Radio 1 call 22727
Activities at the Army this weekend

SUNDAY 30TH JULY 2017 (5TH SUNDAY)
UNITED WITH THE ANGLI-CANS AT THE HALF TREE HOLLOW HALL AT 5.30PM. ALL ARE WELCOME. TEA & REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.

MONDAY 31ST JULY 2017
MUMS & TODDLERS AT THE HALF TREE HOLLOW HALL FROM 10AM.

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY AT THE HALF TREE HOLLOW HALL AT 7.30 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME.

There is always a warm welcome for you at the Salvation Army.

If you would like to know more about The Salvation Army’s activities, contact Lt. Coral Yon on telephone nos 22703/24358.

Take care and God bless.

WILL BE HAVING A SALE AT THE JAMESTOWN HALL ON SATURDAY 29TH JULY FROM 10AM TILL LATE.

THERE WILL BE SPECIALS ON CHILDREN’S CLOTHING FILL A BAG FOR ONLY ONE POUND.

COME ALONG AND GRAB A BARGAIN….THERE’S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!

Bible Study/Cell Group
Prayer Meeting
Meet at Anthony & Elaine Hopkins Home on Saturday 29th July 2017 at 08:00am

Church Service
At Half Tree Hollow Community Centre on Sunday 30th July 2017 at 5pm

Combined Cell Group
At Sandy Bay on Wednesday 02nd August 2017 at 19:00

For further information on any of the above contact Cecil Thomas on telephone No 22469

THE PORTRAIT

2 Corinthians 12:9, “…My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness…”

A king with a defect in one eye and in one leg asked all the painters in the land to draw a portrait of him. As expected many were unwilling, but one painter however agreed and drew a classic one. It was such a fantastic painting that everyone was surprised! He painted the king aiming for a deer in a hunt, targeting with one eye closed and a leg bent for it…!

The painting was fantastic because it hid the king’s weakness and highlighted his strength.

Trusting the good Lord; may His grace be sufficient in our weakness.

Seventh Day Adventist Church
9:15 – 9:30 song service
9:30-10am Sabbath school
10am – 10:40 Bible studies
11am – 12:00 divine service
14:00 – 15:00 Youth

BHA’I FAITH
www.sthelenabahai.org

“We love to see you at all times consort ing in amity and concord within the paradise of My good-pleasure, and to inhale from your acts the fragrance of friendliness and unity, of loving-kindness and fellowship.”

Baha’i Scripture

DEVOTIONAL MEETING
BAHA’I CENTRE
Gumwoods
8pm
THURSDAY EVENINGS
ALL ARE WELCOME
Telephone 24525 or 24342

Baptist Church Services and Bible Studies
Sunday Service
30th July Combine Service
Jamestown Chapel 2.30 pm
No services will be held at the Sandy Bay and Head O’Wain Chapels.

Bible Studies
Tuesday 1st August
Jamestown Chapel 7.00 pm
Thursday 3rd August
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME
Have you ever wanted to work on a tropical island?

We are looking for a Facilities Operative to work as part of the Waste Management/Facilities Support Team on Ascension Island (Package worth up to £17,321)

The Ascension Island Government is currently looking to recruit a Facilities Operative. Working as part of the Waste Management/Facilities Support team, you will be responsible for assisting with waste management duties of AIG’s waste collection, disposal and recycling facilities. Assisting with general duties relating to pools, toilets, sewage plants, other tradesman with day-to-day repairs and maintenance programmes, and with maintenance and accommodation services of the Two Boats and Georgetown areas. This role also performs Stevedore duties, which involves working a 12-hour shift and at times, weekends.

Ascension is a small volcanic island situated in the sub-tropical South Atlantic with a warm stable climate (26-34°C), excellent beaches and unique biodiversity. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to our future success and to be part of a welcoming and friendly island community.

This is a single status role. As such you will not be able to bring family to live with you, although they may be able to visit on a tourist visa.

We are offering a two year contract with a package worth up to £17,321 (£7,321 salary and a benefits package of up to £10,000). Benefits include:

- 37.5 hour working week
- Rent free accommodation (including electricity and water allowances)
- Annual food allowance (£3,028)
- Medical & primary dental care
- Removals / shipping allowance
- Relocation package
- One return passage to your country of residence during the contract period
- Gratuity payable on completion of two years
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays) each year

This appointment will be subject to:

- Employment References
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

We are looking for the post holder to start as soon as possible.

Closing Date: 11th August 2017

Interviews will be carried out via Skype or teleconference

For more information and to apply visit: www.ascension-island.gov.ac/working-here/
SOCIAL ENTERPRISE GRANTS

Enterprise St Helena is now offering funding to support Social Enterprises. Grants will be offered at 75% of the project cost to a maximum grant value of £7,500.00.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?
Social Enterprises, Non-government Organisations, Associations and Charitable Organisations with a business approach and a social aim, which provide products and services that deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to the local community and/or enhance the local tourism product.

Supported Activities

- Strategic plan preparation
- Planning application requirements (e.g. design plans)
- Technical and Legal Advice
- Marketing advice including packaging and branding
- Business financial and administration systems
- Website design and implementation including promotional video development
- Equipment, fixtures and fittings, technology hardware and software
- Skills Development*

All grants are subject to eligibility, policies and terms and conditions

*Skills Development Grants are offered at 75% to the maximum value of £5,000.00.

For further information please contact Mandy O’Bey on telephone 22920 or email: Mandy.obey@esh.co.sh

The Economic Development Group | Head Office | ESH Business Park | Ladder Hill
Tel: +290 22920 | Fax: +290 22166 | Email: info@esh.co.sh
A shot at Gold

Contributed by, Simon Henry

Winning Gold felt good and a sense of accomplishment. In Jersey 2015, I was one of the favourites to medal in my main event, the 50m 3-Position. After leading in the finals, I bottled under pressure and finished fourth. I had the skill to win, but lacked the mental fitness.

Over the past year I have been focusing more on preparing myself mentally.

In Gotland 2017, going into the finals of the 100-yard Rifle Prone event – I felt confident and positive and after I had finished, I knew I had shot well. When the result was published and I learnt that I had won, I felt pleased and happy that all my hours of training had paid off. But my mind was still in competition mode and focused on the next competition; celebration would just need to wait little while longer.

My main event, the 50m 3-Position Rifle (Individual), took place two days later. This was the event I’d been eagerly waiting two years for; two years of training and preparation; two years of carrying the disappointment of letting St Helena down with my poor performance in Jersey.

It all came down to this one moment. I felt confident, calm and ready going into the qualification. Then panic struck!

On the 59th shot in the qualification, I shot on the wrong target. I had just gone and shot on the target to the right of me. Luckily, I shot well and still had enough points to qualify in third.

Here I was two years later in another final with another shot at gold. My nerves were in check, I felt solid and I was focused. They do a running commentary during the final, and from the start I took the lead; and continued on in the lead throughout the final.

With one shot to go I held a 2.3 lead, shooting against Bjorn from Gotland – twice a former gold medallist in this event. Gold was one shot away. I cleared my mind one more time, dumped out any negative thoughts and concentrated on process.

Bang!

Looked down at my monitor and it displayed 9.7. Yes, I had done it; no matter what Bjorn scored I had an unassailable lead. Bjorn finished with an 8.1. Instantly, I was swimming in euphoria and a feeling of relief.

Winning the competition was a great feeling, but standing on the middle of the podium, in your Island’s colours, having your country’s national anthem playing and St Helena’s flag being raised, is just awesome. It is hard to find words to explain what I was feeling, but on both occasions I became very emotional, proud to be Saint and proud to be representing St Helena. All the hours of training, sacrifices and setbacks seemed to disappear, replaced with, “It was worth it!”
At the end of Bio-security Awareness Month, we take a look at one of St Helena’s most prized endemic species. Its unique life like the wirebird – also known as the St. Helena plover (Charadrius sanctaehelenae) – we need to value and protect. The wirebird is the island’s last surviving endemic land bird. Wirebird Monitoring Officer Denny Leo, who is typically aided by just one team member for 11 months of the year, said the species is categorized as ‘vulnerable’ on the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds’ (RSPB) endangered list.

A wirebird chick overlooks Man and Horse. Photo by Emma Weaver.

Wirebird team member Benjy Lawrence holds a wirebird chick near South-West Point. Photo by Emma Weaver.

Chicks are extremely fuzzy, are fast runners and are usually difficult to spot. Photo by Emma Weaver.

Long, wiry legs are immediately apparent, even in young chicks like this one. Photo by Emma Weaver.
Wirebirds nest between September and March each year. The wirebird census is carried out each January. Photo by James Fantom.

The male and female take turns nesting, and it's difficult to tell the species apart. Photo by James Fantom.

Wirebirds “broken wing” – pretend they are injured – to distract predators from chicks and nests. Photo by Emma Weaver.

A wirebird nests, with Flagstaff in the background. Photo by James Fantom.

Wirebirds nest in the ground, often along roadsides and sports fields – especially since one of their main habitats was taken over by the St Helena Airport. Photo by James Fantom.
QUEEN’S YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMME 2017 REMINDER

The public is reminded that applications for the Queen’s Young Leaders Programme are open until Monday, 21 August 2017.

The Queen’s Young Leaders Programme is now in its third year and aims to discover, celebrate and support exceptional young people aged 18-29 from across the Commonwealth, leaving a lasting legacy for Her Majesty The Queen.

Young people nominated for an Award should be taking the lead in their community and using their skills to transform their own lives and the futures of others around them.

Each application/nomination must meet the following criteria:

• Applicants need to have proven experience of working to improve their communities locally, regionally or at a national level and be able to show evidence of their achievements

• Applicants must be aged between 18 and 29 throughout 2018. The applicant’s date of birth must fall between 1 January 1989 and 1 January 2000

• Applicants must be citizens of and working in a commonwealth country or citizens of an overseas territory (of a commonwealth member)

• Applicants need to demonstrate evidence of their leadership qualities

• All applicants need to be supported by a suitable referee (a professional in one of the following occupations - a teacher or counsellor, a registered physician or nurse, a church or community leader, social worker or family services or business leader). Referees must not be related to the applicant.

Priority will be given to individuals who have overcome challenges to achieve their goals.

All applications/nominations will be considered based on the young person’s achievements to date as well as their potential and their future ambition.

For more information, including how to apply and how to nominate a young person for the Queen’s Young Leaders Programme, please visit: https://www.queensyoungleaders.com/

#StHelena #QueensYoungLeaders

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SHG
25 July 2017
Corporate Finance invites applications for an Accounts Executive to work in their Accounting Services Section.

The Accounts Executive will have the opportunity to contribute to the effective operations of the financial accounting system and is responsible for the accurate and efficient entry of data. This is a diverse role which involves the monitoring of transactions for all directorates within the St Helena Government.

Applicants should have at least GCSE English Language and Mathematics at Grade C or above and should ideally have the following:
- GCSE Accounts at Grade C or above, or ACCA Certified Accounting Technician Level 1 or equivalent;
- Possess intermediate IT skills in Access Dimensions;
- At least 1 year’s experience in an accounting role.

Salary for the post is at Grade B commencing at £6,722 per annum. However, applicants who do not possess the relevant qualifications and/or experience will have the opportunity to become a Trainee Accounts Executive.

For further details regarding the duties of the post and for a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Temporary Senior Accounts Executive, Sarah Greentree: sarah.greentree@sainthelena.gov.sh or Accounting Services & Budget Manager, Sara Benjamin: sara.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh or on telephone no: 22470.

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and Corporate Finance and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Nicole Peters, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail nicole.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 9 August 2017.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance.

SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.

Corporate Services
26 July 2017
Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking Expressions of Interest from persons for the role of a Non-Executive Directors of their Board to direct the Company’s overall vision, mission and values.

Non-Executive Directors act with a degree of independence from the operational activities and have a role in providing strategic vision; monitoring the Company’s performance; the financial reporting process; the review of risk and controls and governance.

Interested persons should submit Expressions of Interest to Clare Harris, Company Secretary, by email clare.harris@connect.co.sh or in person at Connect Saint Helena Ltd Offices at Seales Corner by 31 July 2017.
THANKS FROM THE FAMILY OF THE LATE LUCY MAUD FRANCIS

Son Stedson, Brother George in Ashford Kent England, Neices Iva, Brenda and Edna and the rest of the family of the late Lucy Maud Francis of Thompsons Wood Blue Hill would like to say a big thank you to those who gave their overwhelming support and comfort during their sad loss at the time of her passing. They would also like to thank all those who gave so generously beautiful flowers.

Members of the Womens Corona Society of which Lucy was a member and all others who turned out in great numbers to be present at her funeral at St Helena and the Cross, where she was laid to rest on Monday 17th July, and to those of you who sent cards and messages of sympathy by phone or e-mails from family and friends here and Overseas.

Thanks also to Fr Dale Bowers and Cannon Clive for Officiating at the Funeral To Miss Sharon Wade for reading the lesson and Mr Raymond Williams the Eulogy. To all those who helped in any other way including Organist Mrs Pat Musk, Funeral Director Mr Roy Williams for his professionalism along with his team for providing services and to Ms Devona Lawrence for the Making of the Wreaths, Crosses and other Floral arrangements.

Thanks also to Church Warden Mrs Beatrice Peters, Brian and Gilly Stroud Rust and Joyce Williams, Martin and Doreen Peters for their invaluable help.

The Police and to Solomons, and Tony Leo for the printing and all who assisted in any other way.

Skin thanks to the Management and staff of the Princess Royal Community Care Centre where Mama Lucy spent the last year of her life from July 2016.

She always had a good word about the staff who looked after and cared for her so well and always looked forward to her meals and was full of praise for the kitchen staff. Thanks also to the Staff and Doctors of the General Hospital in particular Dr Reece for their kind attention to her especially during the last week of her 90 years, when she quietly slipped away on the afternoon of Tuesday 11 July 2017.

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application has been received in respect of the following proposals:

1. Application 2017/69: Proposed Renovations and Extensions to Barnes Cottage (combining two separate units into one dwelling & an addition of a kitchen/living space within the top cottage), Jamestown on Land Parcel No. JT090027 in the Jamestown Registration Section, adjacent to the property of Mr Ronald Caswell. Applicant: W A Thorpe & Sons

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected at the Planning and Building Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30 am to 4 pm.

Any person who wishes to make representations on the above Application should make them in writing within 14 days, to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or email Karen-Isaac@enrd.gov.sh

Public Review Commencement Date : 27 July 2017
Public Review Closing Date : 11 August 2017

Riana De Wet
Chief Planning Officer

Expression of Interest – Vehicle Inspection

Looking for a Business opportunity, the Saint Helena Government is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified & experienced individuals or businesses to provide a Vehicle Inspection Service.

If you consider that you or your business have the necessary skills and expertise and would like to provide this service, please request an information pack and pre-qualification questionnaire from the contact details below.

Miss Christy Joshua
Procurement Officer
Corporate Procurement
Procurement Services
The Castle
Jamestown
St Helena
Tel: + 290 22470
Email: Christy.Joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

The deadline for expressions of interest 8th August, 2017.
As part of their Neighbourhood Policing Programme, St Helena Police Officers will continue their ‘beat surgeries’ in various places around the Island throughout August 2017.

These surgeries are designed to take place in busy areas where it is easier for more people to attend (see dates & times below).

A questionnaire will also be available so people can tell the Police what concerns them most in their area. This will help the Police identify patterns which will then help them to develop a problem solving plan.

Police Inspector of Operations, Julianne Benjamin, said:

“The Police Service encourage members of the public to come to the surgeries with any concerns they may have. In order for us to provide the best possible service, we need to know how we can best help you. If we can’t help you ourselves, we will contact other agencies that can. Please take this opportunity to voice your concerns and help us to make St Helena safer.”

Beat Surgeries - Dates & Times

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SHG
25 July 2017
Wellness means Feeling Good!
Your physical and emotional/mental health are all connected. Taking care of your body helps keep your mind healthy, and vice versa.

Mental Wellness

Eat Well
Eat healthy foods and drinks. They keep you looking and being your best.

Sleep Well
Getting enough rest each night can help you with stress. Sleep also repairs your body and helps you fight off illness and disease.

Tobacco-Free Living
Tobacco-free living is avoiding use of all types of tobacco and also living free from secondhand smoke.

Adapted from http://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Operation-Live-Well/Focus-Areas/TobaccoFree-Living

For more information, please contact Health Promotion on tel: 22500 ext: 2037 or Health Promotion Co-Ordinator, Marian Yon, via e-mail: marian.yon@publichealth.gov.sh
Agreement Signed for Scheduled Commercial Air Services

St Helena Government and SA Airlink (‘Airlink’) have signed an agreement for Airlink to provide scheduled commercial air services to St Helena Island. Airlink will also operate a monthly charter service between St Helena and Ascension Island. This follows a period of contractual negotiations with Airlink.

Over the coming weeks, Airlink will be finalising regulatory approvals with the South African Civil Aviation Authority. This will include a proving flight to the Island.

Following the necessary approvals and proving flight, SHG will be able to announce the commencement date for a service between St Helena Airport and OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, South Africa. It is expected that the monthly service between St Helena and Ascension Island will start soon after and operate on the second Saturday of each month. OR Tambo is an international hub and offers connectivity to over 80 airports around the world including to the UK and Europe.

The initial weekly service on a Saturday will be operated using an Embraer E190-100IGW aircraft in a two class configuration (Business Class and Economy) with the flight time from Johannesburg to St Helena being approximately 6hrs 15 mins including a half hour stop in Windhoek.

The agreement with Airlink is for an initial term of three years from the date of the first flight. Information on the commencement date, ticket sales and details on the cost of fares and sales distribution, including for Ascension Island, will be issued in due course. The fares offered are anticipated to be the same or similar between Johannesburg and St Helena and Cape Town and St Helena. A Question & Answer document on scheduled commercial air services can be found on the SHG Website at: [http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Air-Services-to-St-Helena-QandAs-21-July-2017.pdf](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Air-Services-to-St-Helena-QandAs-21-July-2017.pdf)

Airlink is a privately owned airline registered in South Africa. It is a franchisee to South African Airways. Airlink is a member of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and as such is IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) accredited. Airlink is a well-established South Africa domiciled airline operating on a comprehensive scheduled network with domestic and regional passenger and cargo services offering more than fifty thousand flights annually.

Latest Calibration Flight

A Beech Super King Air 200 aircraft, operated by TAB Charters, arrived at St Helena Airport on Tuesday, 4 July 2017, at 2.05pm.

On Wednesday, 5 July 2017, the calibration team conducted routine calibration flights of the Navigational equipment at the Airport. All operational equipment has been certified for another six months.

The flight departed on Friday, 7 July 2017, at 8.25am for Walvis Bay (Namibia) then onto Lanseria (Jo’Burg). The calibration team will return in January 2018 for the next six-monthly check.
Using a Drone on St Helena

Last month, changes were made to when and where a drone can be flown on St Helena. Drones (also known as Small Unmanned Aircraft) offer a new way of showcasing the beauty of the Island as well as allowing for innovative and exciting commercial opportunities.

However, drone owners need to be aware of the need to maintain safety whilst conducting flights, especially when flying within the restricted airspace over St Helena. For example, recent drone activity around London Gatwick Airport resulted in temporary closure of the airspace, resulting in delays and diversions to other airfields, and causing significant inconvenience to affected passengers and crew.

The safety of St Helenian airspace needs to be maintained whilst at the same time, allow drone flights to take place whenever possible. As such, the changes introduced last month divide the airspace over St Helena into three zones - a green zone ‘Safe Zone’, an amber zone ‘Restricted Zone’ and a red zone ‘No fly Zone’.

Other than the pre-existing restriction of flying over Jamestown, the green zone allows drone flights to be conducted without further restriction. The amber zone also allows flights to be conducted but only when the airspace is clear of flights and once permission has been given by the Airport. The red zone does not permit drone flights to be conducted at any time.

Regardless of whether flights take place in the green or amber zones, they must adhere to the safe flying rules at all times. As a reminder, if drone owners wish to use their drone on a commercial basis, prior permission from Air Safety Support International (ASSI) is required to conduct ‘aerial work’.

An information sheet describing the three zones and safe flying rules has been produced by the Airport Operator. If you wish to obtain a copy, make a request to fly in the amber zone or have any other queries, please contact the Head of Operations at the Airport, Gwyneth Howell, on tel: 25175 or via e-mail: hoo@airportsthelena.com

For more information about using a drone for commercial purposes, please contact ASSI in Crawley (UK) on tel: + 44 (0)1293 214040 or via e-mail: enquiries@airsafety.aero

Restricted Area at Rupert’s

Construction works for the Fuel Gantry Support in Rupert’s are ongoing.

Casting of the support base is in progress, which involved excavation works and the exposure of the sheet pile along the existing sea wall to create a suitable working area.

Following the completion of the base, the support columns for the gantry will be erected. On completion of construction works the area will be reinstated.

In the interest of Health & Safety no public access is permitted past the demarcated area during the construction period. Your co-operation in this matter is very much appreciated.
World Breastfeeding Week

In order for our children and mums to get the benefits of breastfeeding, there needs to be a change of expectations.

Five Myths that are Not True!

1. ‘Breastfeeding will make my breasts saggy’
   
   **Fact:** Breastfeeding doesn’t cause your breasts to sag, but the ageing process and losing or putting on weight can all have an effect.

2. ‘Infant formula is basically the same as breast milk’
   
   **Fact:** Infant formula isn’t the same as breast milk. It’s not a living product so it doesn’t have the antibodies, living cells, enzymes or hormones that protect your baby from infections and diseases in childhood and also later in life.

3. ‘People don’t like women breastfeeding in public’
   
   **Fact:** Surveys actually show that the majority of people don’t mind women breastfeeding in public at all. The more it’s done the more normal it will become.

4. ‘Breastfeeding is easy for some women, but some don’t produce enough milk’
   
   **Fact:** Almost all women are physically able to breastfeed. It’s a skill that every woman needs to learn and practice. It happens more quickly for some women than others, but nearly all women can produce the amount of milk their baby needs.

5. ‘If I breastfeed, I can’t have a sex life’
   
   **Fact:** After you’ve had your baby you’ll decide when it’s time to have sex with your partner. The same hormone that helps to release your milk for the baby (oxytocin) is also made when you have sex. When having sex you may leak a little breast milk. This is normal.

For more information, please contact Health Promotion on tel: 22500 ext: 2037 or Health Promotion Co-Ordinator, Marian Yon, via e-mail: marian.yon@publichealth.gov.sh
Polling day for the 2017 General Election took place on July 26. Polling stations were open from 10am until 7pm.

The count began at 8pm Wednesday and concluded just after 3am Thursday morning. The new council now comprises of new council members Clint Richard Beard, Kylie Marie Hercules, Cyril Kenneth Leo and Russell Keith Yon. Candidates that retained their seats are Cruyff Gerard Buckley, Gavin George Ellick, Corinda Sebastiana Stuart Essex, Lawson Arthur Henry, Brian William Isaac, Christine Lilian Scipio-O’Dean and Derek Franklin Thomas. Anthony Arthur Green has also returned to council after a number of years outside the political arena.

1108 people turned out to vote for the 17 candidates who have competed over the last two weeks for the 12 council seats. This represents approximately 49% of the electorate compared with 55% in 2013, 58% in 2009, and 47% in 2005.

Only two ballots were spoilt, where the voters had voted for more than 12 candidates.

The youngest of the new council members, Kylie Hercules, shared her feeling after being elected.

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Who Got In?
Votes Counted, Council Seats Announced

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POLLING DAY FOR THE 2017 GENERAL ELECTION took place on July 26. Polling stations were open from 10am until 7pm.

The count began at 8pm Wednesday and concluded just after 3am Thursday morning. The new council now comprises of new council members Clint Richard Beard, Kylie Marie Hercules, Cyril Kenneth Leo and Russell Keith Yon. Candidates that retained their seats are Cruyff Gerard Buckley, Gavin George Ellick, Corinda Sebastiana Stuart Essex, Lawson Arthur Henry, Brian William Isaac, Christine Lilian Scipio-O’Dean and Derek Franklin Thomas. Anthony Arthur Green has also returned to council after a number of years outside the political arena.

1108 people turned out to vote for the 17 candidates who have competed over the last two weeks for the 12 council seats. This represents approximately 49% of the electorate compared with 55% in 2013, 58% in 2009, and 47% in 2005.

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Results of the Count

Clint Richard Beard: 513
Cruyff Gerard Buckley: 471
Gavin George Ellick: 458
Corinda Sebastiana Stuart Essex: 742
Anthony Arthur Green: 476
Cyril Keith Gunnell: 383
Lawson Arthur Henry: 568
Kylie Marie Hercules: 460
Brian William Isaac: 631
Jeremy James Johns: 333
Elizabeth Margaret Mary Johnson-Idan: 299
Cyril Kenneth Leo: 561
Christine Lilian Scipio-O’Dean: 392
Derek Franklin Thomas: 668
Pamela Ward Pearce: 198
Marian Bernadette Yon: 136
Russell Keith Yon: 753
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General Election 2017

Election Wrap-up

Main highlights of candidate campaigning discussed

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During campaigning, candidates focused on certain issues. These included Freedom of Information, social benefits and same-sex marriage.

All of the 17 candidates, who were running for the 12 Councillor seats in the 2017 General Election, said they were in favour of more accountability in government. However, many also warned that Freedom of Information legislation would need to be teamed up with Data Protection laws to ensure that people’s personal information was protected.

Social benefits were another focus of campaigning. Many candidates believed that the benefits system needed further revision in order to ensure that those who needed it could survive to a decent standard of living once the airport opens.

“The cost of living is rapidly increasing every day,” candidate Brian Isaac said. “I am someone who frequents the shops a lot and I’m always confronted by people, and they are complaining about the cost of living. We need to be able to bring our people up to a standard where they can cope.”

The issue of same-sex marriage divided the candidates. Some said the island was not yet ready for the change. Others said that they would support the marriage amendment (which includes more than just same-sex marriage) if they knew the majority of islanders were in favour of it. Some candidates went as far as to say the amendment is a necessity for the island, and that they would push for it.

“Within the priority list for St Helena is something that is not to be overlooked,” candidate Cruyff Buckley said. “This is something that a lot of Saints are driving and want to happen here. It is also important internationally because we have places now like Germany – who took a long time to break down that barrier – and even they have accepted same-sex marriage. They are really moving forward and breaking down barriers so there is no reason why we on St Helena cannot follow suit.”

This election saw several new faces in the candidate pool, and in particular some younger candidates stood for election. One such candidate was Kylie Hercules.

“I believe I can make things better on St Helena – I’ve seen young, passionate, and informed people like me doing similar things around the world,” Kylie said in her campaign manifesto. “These young people with fresh ideas and genuine care are having a big impact.”

The first meeting of the new council is set to take place on Wednesday, August 2 at 9am.

Rules for Candidates

Case studies of what is and what is not acceptable behaviour by candidates and the general public:

1. Candidate X invites Mr B to the pub for a beer if Mr B votes for X. Is this wrong?
   No, as long as X does not ask for a vote from Mr B.

2. Candidate X tells Mr B that if X is elected one of the top policies that he will pursue will be employment for all. Is this wrong?
   No, this is a policy - it is perfectly acceptable for candidates to state what their policy intentions are.

3. Candidate X says to Mr B ‘if you vote for me, I can get your son a job’. Is this wrong?
   Yes, this amounts to treating.

4. Candidate X tells Mr B ‘if you don’t vote for me, I will beat your brother up’. Is this wrong?
   Yes, this is a bribe.

5. Candidate X tells Mr B ‘if you vote for me, I will make sure that you win the government tender (for goods/services)’. Is this wrong?
   Yes, X is bribing Mr B.

6. Candidate X tells Mr B, who is a resident in Cape Villa ‘if you vote for me, I will drive you to town’. Is this wrong?
   Yes, X is treating Mr B.

7. Candidate X’s wife tells Mr B, who is a resident in Cape Villa ‘if you vote for my husband, I will drive you to town’. Is this wrong?
   Yes, X’s wife is treating Mr B. She commits an offence even if she is not a candidate.

8. Candidate X’s son tells Mr B ‘if you vote for my dad, he will have your road done’. Is this wrong?
   Yes, X’s son is bribing Mr B to obtain a vote for X. He commits an offence even if he is not a candidate.

9. Candidate X tells Mr B ‘I will arrange transport to and from the Polling Station for you and your family, if you all vote for me on Polling Day’. Is this wrong?
   Yes, X is bribing Mr B.

10. Candidate X tells Mr B ‘if you wish I can arrange transport for you on Polling Day’. Is this wrong?
    No, as long as X does not ask for a vote from Mr B.

In March of this year the Cargo vessel “Stella Daisy” sank in the South Atlantic. There has been a request from the Korean Government via the foreign office to report on any items which could have originated from the wreck (including life rafts) to assist in the investigation of the sinking.

Due to the location of the sinking it is most likely that any items would come ashore on the southern side of the island.

Could anyone in the maritime community (including rock fishermen or members of the public) if they discover any items that could have come off the “Stella Daisy” report it to the St Helena Police Service.

Your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated.

For more information contact Emergency Planning Department.
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**THE SOLDIER AND THE HARBOUR MASTER – PART 3**

A continuation of the story about the author’s soldier g.g. grandfather, George Randal Bruce after the Napoleonic period, his work as a shopkeeper, his several female liaisons, his role as a slave owner and his part in the exhumation of Napoleon.

**Contributed by, Ian Bruce**

George was not employed by Saul Solomon much beyond 1821 because an ex-naval clerk called William Thomas started to work for Solomon in a similar capacity about that time. The manner of William Thomas’s death seven years later from drowning after visiting a ship suggests George’s work likewise included trips out to ships to arrange for the landing of cargo or shipping of goods. If so, this was the start of a long association by George and his descendants with St Helena’s wharf activities.

Given the experience thereby obtained, it is not surprising he ran a retailing operation after leaving Solomon’s employment. Certainly, this was his occupation between 1825 and 1836 when records are available in the form of an annual census, which consistently lists him as a shopkeeper. In 1820, he inherited £40 from the estate of one of his ex-military colleagues, sergeant William Green, which may have helped to fund his move into retail. It also seems likely he sold fresh produce in the market (between sunrise and sunset) - i.e. not delivered to homes or ships. George and his descendants with St Helena’s wharf activities.

He seems to have had a role in bringing up all but one of his children. The exception was Sarah Bruce (baptised 1819), daughter of Sarah Hercules, both mother and daughter being slaves. Thanks to Colin Fox’s researches, both Sarah Hercules and Sarah Bruce have been identified as slaves belonging to James Dickson’s estate in 1827. Although then described as “useful at needlework, etc.” and valued at £20 (second class), by 1839 Sarah Bruce was working as a prostitute, described as “a notorious thief now in jail for theft”. When she died as a pauper in 1903, the registrar was George’s grandson, Charles Bruce. In writing out her death certificate, Charles inserted a prominent question mark against her name, suggesting he was puzzled how she related to him.

Records show George owned at least two slaves, putting up a 13-year-old boy, Jack Rippon, as collateral against a loan to a Mr John Cummings. This was a slightly circular arrangement whereby, if George failed to pay a debt to Mr Cummings, the slave would pass to a Mr Eyre, who would then presumably pay off the debt.

St Helena December 16th, 1823

I do hereby mortgage to Mr A Eyre for an account of Mr John Cummings, a slave boy named Jack Rippon and agree that if the balance of Mr C’s Bill is not paid by the 16th February next that the said boy be sold for his benefit.

(Signed) G R Bruce

Registered this 5th September 1825

A search of slaves drawn up prior to their mancipation a couple of years later in 1827 showed John Rippon (aged 17, second class, valued at £65) was one of seven slaves owned by Mr Eyre, being described as “a waiting servant let out for £12 per year”. Therefore, George presumably failed to pay off his debt by the due date. John Rippon (aged 18, slave of Mr Eyre) was buried just a year later on 24 May 1828, according to ecclesiastical records. These records also show George owned a second slave, “Margaret, slave of Mr Bruce”, giving birth to William David Rippon on 9 January 1831 (baptised 16 months later on 24 May 1832). This was four years after the emancipation of slaves started in 1827, so she was late being set free.

He presumably continued to work as a shopkeeper throughout this period. The economies introduced after 1836 when the UK government installed its first Governor undoubtedly badly affected retail trade. This may explain why he eventually fell back on his clerical skills, joining the island’s civil service as clerk to the harbour master on 11 June 1839 on an annual salary of £86-18s-6d.

He was therefore a wharf employee at the time Napoleon’s body was exhumed in October 1840. He was somehow directly involved in the handover of the body because after the coffin had been boarded onto the French ship, the Prince De Joinville presented medals to a number of officials on the wharf, including George. This medal left the island with his grandson Robert Bruce when the latter immigrated to the USA in 1923.

George “Randell” Bruce (aged 58) died 18 months later. He was buried in Jamestown on 5 April 1842. This age would suggest he was born about 1784 rather than the year 1788 indicated from his military records. His headstone has not been found.

Next week: The son’s life working as a harbour master during the early Victorian period.
FOOTBALL FIXTURES

WEEK 10

SATURDAY
1:30 HARTS VS CRUSADERS
3:30 AXIES VS BELLBOYS

SUNDAY
11:30 WOLVES VS SAINTS
1:30 WIREBIRDS VS FUGEES
3:30 CHOPSHOP VS ROVERS

Golf Report weekending 23 July 2017

A Four Ball Better Ball competition was held last Sunday 23 July with twenty-four players taking part. In first place and the team winners of the day were Eileen Wallace and Kevin Nott returning a score of 63. Close behind on 64 and in second place were Cecil Thomas and Lawson Henry. Four teams shared the Two Ball Pool and these were Jeffrey Stevens and Anne George on 5th, two teams Larry Legg and Stuart Moors and Padno Johnson and John Joshua on 7th and Eileen Wallace and Kevin Nott on 16th. A big ‘thank you’ to Lawson Henry for sponsoring this competition and providing some very good prizes.

Next Saturday 29 July there will be a course cleanup from 9 o’clock to 12 noon. The course will be closed until after lunch.

On Sunday 30 July will be the Monthly Medal. A sponsor would be gladly welcomed! Sign-up sheets are on the Club Notice Board or members can leave their names on the Club telephone Message Service 24421 by Friday afternoon.

Contributed by Tony Green

DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE 2017 RESULTS

Sunday, 23 July 2017
Jamestown vs Mix-Up (25 - 7) (17 - 25) (9 – 15)
LOM: Merle Peters

St Pauls vs Half Tree Hollow (7 – 25) (13 - 25)
LOM: Kim Francis

DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE 2017 FIXTURES
Sunday, 31 July 2017
14:00 Mix-Up vs Half Tree Hollow (Ref: JT & SP)
14:30 Jamestown vs St Pauls (Ref: MU & HTH)
Organiser: Jamestown