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Ascension Nose-diving?



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Report
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*Nose-dive at
the Wharf*



*'Standard
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The election campaign is in its last hectic days. The candidates are running around to as many homes as possible, hanging posters and handing out leaflets. If they have been successful or not, they will know on Wednesday night. It is really not much more to say about the campaign. The exposure of the candidates have been record breaking and it appears that there is a huge interest for the election on Wednesday.

In London, Lord Jones of Cheltenham is continuing his barrage of questions in the House of Lords. One of the most interesting ones this week was:

“Lord Jones of Cheltenham to ask Her Majesty’s Government what research, plans or projects (a) have been completed, (b) are ongoing, or (c) are planned to mitigate the impact of climate change in (1) St Helena, (2) Ascension Island, (3) Tristan da Cunha, and (4) the Falkland Islands.”

Climate change is something we do not talk much in St Helena but as we are living in the middle of the ocean, it definitely will affect us, but there are no plans how to protect ourselves.

Somebody else in UK working hard for St Helena is Simon Pipe. He did a piece about St Helena and the airport on the “From our correspondent” programme on BBC last Saturday and he wrote something for BBC web news yesterday.

The media exposure overseas helps to put pressure on the politicians in UK but if the pressure is strong enough remains to be seen.

Rosemary Stevenson’s Consultation Report was also out this week. Interesting reading but really no surprises. It appeared as Rosemary had a clear picture of the situation on the Island before she left us in June. What she said then is what she has written in the report. It says “in almost every meeting, participants expressed a sense of disbelief, distrust or betrayal when the pause was announced.

It included the feeling that “the Island is more dejected and lacklustre than ever before”. These are strong words but I am sure the Labour Government will come up with another excuse to do nothing. **Mike**

The government consists of a gang of men and women exactly like you and me. They have, taking one with another, no special talent for the business of government. They have only a talent for getting and holding office. Their principle device to that end is to search out groups who pant and pine for something they can’t get and to promise to give it to them. Nine times out of ten that promise is worth nothing. The tenth time is made good by looting A to satisfy B. In other words, government is a broker in pillage, and every election is sort of an advance auction sale of stolen goods.
H. L. Mencken

‘No threat’ to airbridge as **AIG economy nosedives**

MoD tax dispute at the heart of Ascension row

A dispute between the Ministry of Defence and Ascension Island Government is threatening the future of the island’s economy. If the row is not resolved in the coming months, the British overseas territory – which links the Falklands to the UK via the airbridge – would effectively become bankrupt. However, the MoD says the airbridge is not at risk. The row centres on less than £1 million in unpaid taxes on the MoD’s RAF airbase, and the AIG budget is going into a tailspin as a result. Government administrator Ross Denny yesterday admitted the Island’s economy was at a “critical point.” He told the Penguin News: “We have some reserves left, but we anticipate they will be exhausted by the middle of next year. “We certainly face some major challenges. In the meantime we are realising as much savings as we can to mitigate the problem.” The council and government, responsible for all services to the 900 inhabitants, have reportedly “cut spending to the bone.” A review of taxes was also imminent, said Mr Denny. The outstanding tax bill relates to the value of MoD assets on the Island, calculated when property tax was introduced in 2002. “It is a long and complicated story,” said Mr Denny. “But that is essentially what is at the heart of the dispute.” The MoD, in a statement to the Penguin News, said it was disputing the level of property tax levied on its facilities, and that the government had “almost doubled the MoD’s bill without prior consultation in 2007.” Mr Denny disagreed. “That is obviously their interpretation of it,” he said. “It

is not right to say there was a tax increase. The taxes have never been increased since 2002. “They had a variation to pay a smaller amount and that was time limited and subsequently the full tax is due.” He said budget shortfall of about £900,000 was mainly due to the MoD’s unpaid tax. “We are doing everything we can. We are not just waiting for something to fall into our laps.” Asked if the Island would effectively be bankrupt by June if the issue was not resolved, Mr Denny said: “It is a reasonable estimate of where we would be if nothing changes in the meantime.” A spokesperson for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office said it was doing all it could to resolve the dispute, but it was having a “serious impact” on the Island’s budget. “AIG is currently making efficiency savings which are necessary whether the dispute is resolved or not. But further savings will have to be found if the dispute is not resolved.” Mr Denny said he did not want to speculate on whether the airbridge would be affected as a result of the row: “The MoD operates the airbridge. We rely on it too. The MoD, like everyone else, realises how people in this part of the world and the South Atlantic rely on the airbridge.” The MoD said it was in contact with the FCO “to try to resolve this dispute urgently and seek assurance that the services it receives in return from AIG represent best value for money for the defence vote. “This dispute is between AIG and MoD and there are no foreseen threats or impacts to the South Atlantic airbridge.” **Penguin News**

Spring-Break at Rupert's - A Huge Success

The Spring Break in Ruperts was held in beautiful weather on Saturday. The event on the beach, which is a part of the Community Spirit Project launched by Mr Martin George, was a great success. In the evening it was said that over 600 people had gone through the gates and the entertainment continued late into the evening. Martin George came to Saint FM yesterday to give us an update on the Community Spirit project. 589 people including 164 children made it through the gate at Rupert's on Saturday and contributed to what turned out to be a huge success. Martin said that he was disappointed that there was only one raft, the 'Standard Pirates' for the competition but nevertheless they were still kept entertained. To date Martin is continuing to receive positive feedback from the public. The next big event is being organised for Saturday the 28th November which will be the day that the cruise ship arrives and all activities will take place on the Seafront.



From the Police

Last night, a car accident occurred at the seaside, when a vehicle went through the banister and landed on the beach. The vehicle was severely damaged but the driver, who was free from alcohol, escaped with only minor blemishes. Also last night a vehicle hit the retaining wall at Frenchman's turning on Ladder Hill Road. Damage was caused to the wall and Ladder Hill Road had to be closed. Access from the west side of the Island to Jamestown is upheld through the use of Shy Road.

On Friday afternoon, Chief of Police, Royce Hipgrave, came to Saint FM to inform the public that on Friday morning a person had been arrested on suspicion of attempted assault to cause grievous bodily harm. The person was also suspected for burglary. On Friday night, ASP Jeffrey Ellick confirmed the arrest of Mr Jeremy Mark Thomas of Bottom Woods and that he had been charged with affray, being in possession of an offensive weapon for an unlawful purpose and dangerous driving. On Friday, he was remanded in custody until a bail hearing on Saturday. In the bail hearing on Saturday afternoon, Mr Jeremy Mark Thomas was further charged with attempted assault to cause grievous bodily harm and Mr Thomas was remanded in custody until yesterday when he was further detained.

On the direction of the Chief Justice on Wednesday, Mr Nigel Stuart Peters was released from prison on bail to appear before the Supreme Court in November when his appeal against sentence will be heard.

The Police Service received and dealt with a total of 16 reports for the period Monday, 19th to Sunday, 25th October. There were three criminal reports, two road traffic reports and three arrests were made. On Monday, 19th October, Mr Terence Francis was arrested for reasonable suspicion of harassment and detained in custody until Tuesday, 20th where a special convened. Mr Francis was then remanded in custody until Thursday, 22nd October, appeared before

the Magistrates Court, where he pleaded not guilty, and was released on conditional bail. Yesterday, Mr Francis re-appeared in Court and was found not guilty to the charges. On Thursday, 22nd October, a person was arrested in Jamestown for being found drunk in a public place and detained in custody where he was later given a formal caution for the offence and released. Police are currently carrying out investigations into two crimes, namely a case of burglary and a case of theft. On Sunday, 25th October, a person was arrested in Alarm Forest for reasonable suspicion of driving a motor vehicle on a road whilst being over the prescribed limit after being involved in a road traffic accident and having failed the road side breath test. The person was later charged with failing to provide a specimen of breath for analysis, bailed to appear before the Court in due course and released from custody. On Friday, 23rd October, a road traffic accident was reported in the Jamestown area involving one vehicle. Damage was caused to property and the vehicle. The driver was found to be free from alcohol and was given a verbal warning for driving a motor vehicle on a road without due care and attention.



Accident at the seaside last night

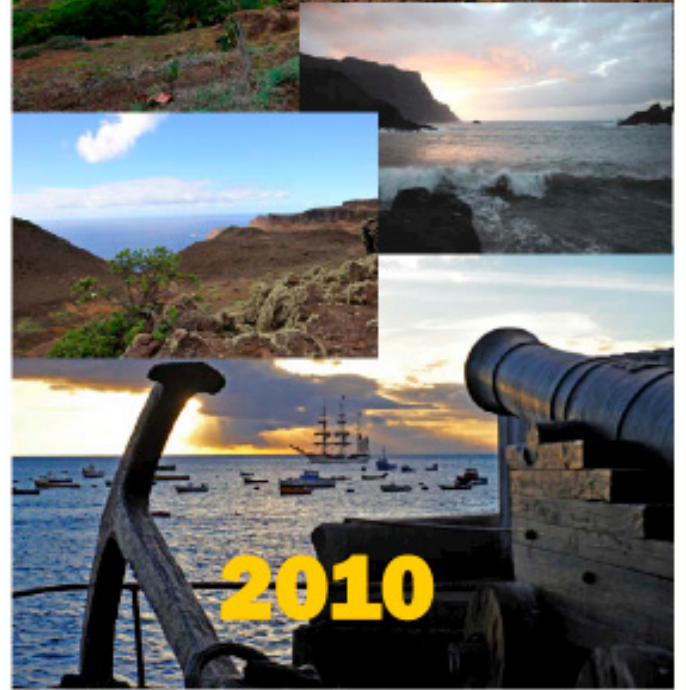
Heritage Building Project



Ben Jeffs checking the scaffolding

Scaffolding has been erected outside Essex House and restoration works of the exterior has begun. To date, all specialists have been involved. The St Helena Development Agency in partnership with St Helena National Trust, St Helena Government and Adult Vocational and Education Service they have prepared a launch of the Heritage Construction Project which takes place on Tuesday, 3rd November at 2 o'clock in the Castle Courtyard. This is a unique and exciting opportunity for the construction industry and they welcome three international experts who will be delivering hands on training based at Essex House and the Castle Courtyard.

St. Helena Calendar



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GENERAL ELECTION 2009 EAST ELECTORAL AREA

To the constituents of the East Electoral Area

Polling Day, Wednesday 4th November 2009 is now just five days away. You will have the opportunity on that day to vote for the people you believe will best serve your interests on the St Helena Legislative Council during the next four years. With your help I will be one of those people.

I didn't need much encouragement to stand for election and will always be very grateful to my sponsors and supporters. I would like to give you an idea of how passionate I am about politics and how much I want to help make a difference. As you know I have been a councillor in the past but was not successful in the 2005 General Election. This defeat did not discourage me. I did not slump into a corner and lick my wounds. Instead I picked myself up and continued to take an active interest in how our island is managed. I attended constituency and public consultation meetings on a regular basis and made my views known, wrote letters to the newspapers on various subjects and offered constructive criticism where necessary, and generally made myself available. I have been a member of the Citizenship Commission from the very early days and following the restoration of British Citizenship in 2002, still continue to follow its mandate. From the outset I played an active part in bringing together the new constitution and want now to fully exploit it. And last but not least Mervyn Yon and I started the In Focus programme as an outlet for people to ask questions and have their questions answered. The radio is a very important

medium for making direct contact with the electorate and I will want to continue to use this facility. I think all of this shows consistency what is what is needed in a councillor.

Now that we have a new constitution with additional powers for councillors and also a chapter of rights enshrined in the constitution let us use this to its fullest extent.

During this canvassing period I have tried to visit as many people as possible or at least those who are not out working and have found that many of your concerns are the same as mine about the way the Island has been managed in recent years. Also I was delighted to hear how you think certain things could be handled better in St Helena for example the transport system, standing charges for electricity and water, where money can be saved especially on transport and improvements in the hospital services. If I am elected councillor I will want to continue with your line of thinking. If we are to move ahead a different mindset is needed.

Let us start with your vote to lay the foundation for a better tomorrow. St Helena must have an efficient effective Legislative Council to carefully manage the challenges facing us. I want to be part of a team of dedicated committed councillors who are willing to stand up and be counted who are not afraid to speak out and place the needs of the electorate before his own.

Please exercise your vote on Polling Day. I hope I can count on your vote. Vote GUNNELL.

Journalistic Visit

In a live interview last Friday Michael Binyon who is a journalist from the Times newspaper answered some interesting questions put to him by Mike Olsson and Tammy Williams.

Firstly Michael told us what he was doing here on the Island, he said "I'm having a look, I've come over because it's a chance to do something I've wanted to do for many, many years. I've been writing about St Helena for, I suppose, about fifteen to twenty years. I first started taking up the issue of the citizenship way back in the early nineties and the really, pretty shabby treatment by Britain of St Helena's rights and historic citizenship.. Then, of course, the decision on the airport at the beginning of the year caused quite a bit of a stir in Britain and that got people interested and I realised, well, here's things that still need investigating. The Governor very kindly invited me over and said do come, have a look, see what you think, so here I am and I've really had a fantastic chance to talk to practically everybody".

Michael then followed with an interesting statement, "St Helena has for centuries been absolutely vital to Britain's world interests. Without St Helena you could argue Britain's rule in India would never have been consolidated in the way it was. British interests all around the world, its naval interests were absolutely focused on St Helena. This is a country that did well out of its location once upon a time but it's now doing badly out of its location. It is far away and it is forgotten and it is a responsibility that Britain has to its own citizens. They are, after all, all British citizens and it's a responsibility to make sure that this island is not only given some money, which, of course, it needs, but given the chance to be self sustaining, that's the key thing, it's not just to make sure that the funds are paid over from various Whitehall departments in Britain, but to make sure that the small viable businesses that could go on here really have the help and encouragement they want, and, of course, air access has become pretty crucial to many of them.

It isn't the only answer, it's a bigger part of the answer to many things and having raised hopes that this would finally come after many years of talking, to pull it away suddenly and to pull it away by saying a pause, rather than saying yes or no, leaves everybody in limbo, so nobody really knows where they are".

The question was then put to Michael "Is Britain taking their responsibility today? He replied by saying "Absolutely not! I'm

afraid it's because it's out of sight, out of mind. I mean, if you ask people in Britain now where St Helena is, except for those few who remember their history and think of Napoleon, most people now don't really know"

Michael added that although the island and its people were beautiful he could still sense a feeling of hopelessness, certain fatalism and a sort of downward spiral.

With some people even saying, well, the whole thing is a plot to get rid of the population and that it's really that Britain simply wants to close down the island and get the people off to which Michael responded by saying "well, that's not true, I'm sure that's not true, it's more irresponsibility and ignorance rather than trying to do that"

On a plus side Michael said that he was very impressed with St Helena's natural heritage and its physical heritage, the National Trust's effort to preserve these buildings.

Interestingly he added "Now, it does seem to me there's an amazing amount of bureaucracy for a very small island, it's just incredible, you seem to have inherited the worst bits of what goes on in Whitehall and doubled it for a tiny island which means that things seem to take an awful long time and, of course, an outsider can't say it, but what I'd like to say is just get on with it, don't hang about, don't keep thinking we need a new stamp for this or



stamp for that or consultation for this, I'm afraid the bureaucracy comes from London as well, because you seem to have endless people coming on commissions to investigate this or that, everybody knows roughly what's going on, so just do it!

Michael ended his interview by saying that "If we have a fresh start with new Ministers keen to do something, the thing to say, which would appeal to the Conservatives, is, look how much money it costs just to keep St Helena going over the past ten years. Now, if you could tell the new Government, a Tory Government that if they spend the money once that is needed for the Airport which would then hopefully cut back on an annual subsidy, it could be a very appealing offer for them to take up!



Thanks



We at New Horizons would like to thank **Natasha Stroud** for her kind donation of 2 computers (these computers were given to Natasha by Olivia McCann) that arrived on the ship from the UK. Natasha has been fundraising on behalf of New Horizons for over a year now which we really appreciate.

Natasha also sent some clothes which we are to sell in a jumble sale, the money will then be returned to Natasha who will purchase equipment for the members of New Horizons.

Natasha will be holding a **dance in Swindon on Saturday 31st October at the GW Pub** (Opposite the Train Station) music will be provided by Sawdust.

Money raised from this dance will go into the New Horizons account that Natasha has set up in the UK on our behalf and also go towards funds that we are trying to raise to send St Helena's first international football team to the Island games in the Isle of Wight 2011.

Natasha does have some problems when trying to raise money for our youth as there is always another lady who is kindly fundraising for the elderly here on the island and sometimes their events clash and money is lost. Maybe both ladies could plan their events over the year and make sure they don't clash and then both the youth and the elderly would benefit from their great efforts. Natasha your efforts are appreciated by all at New Horizons. Good Luck for future fund raising, **Nick Stevens, Youth Leader, New Horizons Youth Group**

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

I watched with interest a program featuring on BBC this weekend on the food shortages the world over.

Scientists and officials all agree that within the next 40 years things are going to change so dramatically therefore they are valiantly trying to tackle this with all the resources that they have.

Interestingly "the Labour government is recognised as a world leader on tackling global poverty. Labour believes that it is wrong that somebody's chances in life depend on where they are born".

It has been raised on numerous occasions that St Helena is not utilising the arable land that we have available.

It only seeks to our discredit that orange trees that were once taken from the Island to Cape Town shores are now been imported back in the form of oranges! It's all rather sad.

The ANRD which in years gone by have contributed greatly to the farming fac-

tor now house massive complexes and employ staff to do what?

I ask this question because it would appear that the farms and gardens appear to be overshadowed by bug busting and other various things.

Correct me if I'm wrong.

Sadly I also understand that the farmers no longer get a subsidy but the fishermen do –are'n't each as equally important as the other?

In a grave time of serious food shortages maybe we ought to start "putting the money where our mouths are" and that might begin with putting emphasis on the farmers and fishermen!

It's a wonderful case once again of priorities, priorities!

After all when your stomach 's grumbling with hunger fat lot of good will an Air strip do!

Saint Reader

Dear Editor,

The family here and overseas of the late Rodney Clarke who passed away on the 13th October 2009 at the general hospital would like to thank the ambulance team, the doctors and nurses during his short stay in hospital.

To Ian Rummery and the community nurses who visit and made him comfortable at home.

Father Dale for conducting the funeral service and Mrs Hazel Stevens the organist. Mr Roy Williams and his team. Mrs Sandra Leo for making the wreaths, those who gave flowers and Printech for the service sheets.

To the family and friends who assisted in any way, also thanks to all who sent cards and messages of condolences and attended the funeral.

Gone from our lives but will remain in our hearts. May he rest in peace.

Dear Editor

I would like to thank the following for the recent donations made to SHAPE:

(a) Corona Society £233 (b) Collection by Derek Richards £60 (c) £50 from Libby Weir- Breen - proprietor of Island Holidays who came with a group of tourists last week

Such help is very much appreciated in support of setting up the first social enterprise on St Helena to help the disabled and other disadvantaged groups on the island.

**Yours sincerely, Basil George
Chair, SHAPE Committee**

Health Watch

CARCINOMA OESOPHAGUS - CANCER OF THE GULLET

Cancer of the gullet is an increasingly seen cancer, and is one of the cancers seen in St. Helena. The highest incidence is in China but it is also seen in most countries, though with varying incidence.

It is a type of cancer which requires very early detection for successful treatment.

CAUSES

Both alcohol and smoking have been implicated as causative agents, along with the ingestion of very hot liquids and smoked meats.

SYMPTOMS

DYSPHAGIA - Increasing difficulty in swallowing, for both solids and liquids can often be the only symptom and needs to be investigated at the earliest.

A FEELING THAT FOOD GETS STUCK IN THE GULLET - can be a symptom of cancer of the oesophagus.

HEARTBURN - In a small proportion of cases the only symptom may be symptoms of heartburn.

TYPES - There are two types - squamous cell carcinoma, in the upper two thirds and adeno carcinoma in the lower one third.

DIAGNOSIS - The best way of diagnosing these cancers is by using an endoscope to visualise these cancers and to biopsy suspicious areas. Other diagnostic aids are special x-rays called barium swallow and ct scan, but the most effective diagnostic aid remains visualisation by an endoscope.

All patients with difficulty in swallowing and symptoms of heartburn of a long duration need to be evaluated by an endoscopy.

TREATMENT

SURGERY The most effective treat-

ment is surgical, where the affected portion of oesophagus is removed and replaced by another segment of bowel.

RADIATION -Some cancers especially those of the upper two thirds, which are squamous cell cancers are sensitive to radiation and can be treated accordingly, if the patient is not fit for surgery.

CHEMOTHERAPY- Chemotherapy is given after surgery in some cases to increase the chances of survival.

If the patient is too ill for major surgery, a stent can be passed through the tumour, or a passage can be cored through the tumour to enable the patient to swallow.

THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OF CANCER OF THE GULLET IS EARLY DIAGNOSIS -ALL CASES OF DIFFICULTY IN SWALLOWING AND HEARTBURN OF LONG DURATION SHOULD UNDERGO AN ENDOSCOPIC EXAMINATION.

Prof Ramdas Rai

CONSULTATION ON WHETHER AN AIRPORT IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE OPTION FOR ACCESS TO ST HELENA IN THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The consultation, which ran from 9 April 2009 to 31 July 2009, concerned whether an airport is the most appropriate option for access to St Helena in the current economic climate. It was carried out in accordance with the criteria of the Government's Code of Practice on Consultation.

2. The Government retendered the contract to design, build and operate an airport for the island in May 2007. Since then the financial climate has changed. The cost of the airport is considerably higher than anticipated, economic conditions in the UK demand review of short term spending priorities; and the value of the international development budget (from which financial support to the Overseas Territories is funded) has dropped in many countries, while urgent new pressures for aid have arisen. In light of these considerations the Government announced (in December 2008) a pause in the airport contract negotiations. The purpose of this consultation was to seek the views of interested parties before taking a final decision on whether an airport is currently the most appropriate option for access to St Helena.

3. Views were sought on three options, and what impact they would have:

- a) Go ahead with the airport now ('Option A')
- b) Decide now not to build the airport and commission a new ship ('Option B')
- c) Defer a decision for a period of up to five years. ('Option C')

4. The consultation also invited any further information or proposals that the Government should take into account before reaching a decision.

5. The Government's view is that in the current economic climate Option C, to defer a decision for a period of up to five years, would appear to be the most appropriate choice.

6. More than 3500 people responded to the consultation. Of this total, some 2420 responses were in the form of campaign letters or petitions; 108 were in writing; and over 1000 people participated in meetings in St Helena, Ascension and the UK. Most responses came from private individuals. These numbers are high in relation to the size of the target group and by comparison with participation in the 2002 referen-

dum, and demonstrate the strength of interest in the question of access to St Helena.

7. Neither December's pause in negotiation nor the consultation was well received by most Saint Helenians. In almost every meeting, participants on St Helena said they felt disillusioned, and a sense of disbelief, distrust or betrayal when the Pause was announced. Morale on St Helena is very low, a point made both in discussions on St Helena (with business, government and private individuals) and in written responses.

8. Most respondents felt it inappropriate to compare funding needs in the Overseas Territories with demands in developing countries, where the issues are different. Many emphasised that they are British and should not have to compete for funding with developing countries. Some drew attention to legal and policy commitments to the Overseas Territories.

9. A strong majority thought that Option A (going ahead with the airport now), was the best option for the island and its future. 69% (1672 individuals) of the petition signatories, 80% (87 responses) of the written consultation, and a significant majority of those who responded orally (at least 70% in all groups and in some cases much more) took this view.

10. The fundamental point made was that St Helena's economy is so weak and its population declining so much that it needs a major impetus now to halt this decline. Most of those leaving the island are working age people, leaving elderly people and young children behind, with adverse consequences for the island's social fabric as well as its economy. Access to adequate health provision is constrained. Supporters of both air access and sea access shared this assessment, and agreed that better access is the potential catalyst for halting the island's decline and rebuilding its economy. But while some support faster ships and other sea based options, a large majority of respondents do not believe that continuing access by sea can provide the means to a vibrant economy, and note that it has failed to do so in the last twenty years. Most, whether supporters of air access or a replacement ship, fear that deferring a decision for up to five years will take the island beyond the point where decline can be reversed.

11. A minority (mainly private individuals) supported a replacement ship. A majority of that group did so because of their concerns about the changes that tourism and investment could bring to the island, and the risk that it could spoil the island's culture, environment and way of life, while sea access would allow tourism to be developed more sensitively and maintain the tranquillity of the island.

12. Virtually no-one (less than 1% of total respondents) sympathised with the Government's preferred option, (to defer a decision for a period of up to five years and to reconsider the economic case when conditions are right), or supported the 'affordability' premise of the Government's argument. In most meetings and in the written responses strong views against that option were expressed, and powerful language was used ('suicide for the island'). There is a strong sense that further delay will take the island to a point where – largely because of continuing population decline - recovery will no longer be possible.

13. A range of views were expressed (by business and private individuals) on the specific question of affordability and the current economic climate. One strand of opinion did not acknowledge that costs were so high as to call the project into question, noting that £300 million over the next five years is not a significant portion (they estimated around 1% per year on average) of the aid budget. This group (and others) also observed that costs would be likely to be higher after a period of delay, and the St Helena population lower. A different view did acknowledge the UK's financial challenges, and competing demands, but thought that St Helena access was a question of a different order: it affected the whole future survival of St Helena, and should be considered in that light.

14. Responses were received to the question on additional information or proposals, both technical proposals which could make the current airport proposal less costly; and financing proposals which could reduce the financial burden on the Government. These will be examined for feasibility by relevant experts.

Rosemary Stevenson



Executive Council

27th October, Governor Andrew Gurr

With the General Election now only just over a week away, this was the last Executive Council of the present Council.

There were quite a number of matters arising from our previous meeting. I reported on the situation with regard to Ascension Island which has been in the international news lately. The Councillors there are facing the problem of having far less revenue than anticipated due to a long running dispute with the Ministry of Defence. I stressed that a great deal is being done by the politicians and officers both on Ascension and in London to resolve the situation. I realise that most people here might have mixed feelings about a number of Saints returning from Ascension – it would be wonderful to have families re-united, but set against that it could well stretch our fragile economy. Please rest assured that this matter is being carefully watched and I know that your Council, whoever is elected, will argue very strongly that what happens on Ascension is “exogenous” being external and outside of our control. In the past the UK has agreed to help us in such circumstances and I see no reason why that should change.

I also reported that I had arranged with the Chamber of Commerce to meet with them to discuss the vexed issue of Terminal Handling Charges. Councillors were also keen that I should meet with the smaller merchants who may not be members of the Chamber. I agreed to do just that and will send out invitations shortly.

We also discussed some of the misunderstandings that seemed to have arisen from my reporting on our Management Accounts at the last meeting. There had been at least two comments in the press clearly thinking that a surplus of cash is the same as a profit. That is not the case, the fact that we may have £638,000 more at present than we had planned means that we simply have not spent as much as we thought we would. As usual there is work behind schedule and therefore not yet paid for. That £638,000 is in no sense extra money. If we were to use it outside of the existing budget then we would almost certainly be in deficit at the end of the financial year next March, and we simply cannot do that as it is the route to disaster.

In the course of our discussion on finance I stressed to the Elected Members that the distinction that is sometimes made between “Government” and “Councillors” can be very misleading when it comes to money. It is Legislative Council that approves our annual budget and that budget dictates what can be spent and where it can be spent over the coming year. Offic-

ers only have the power to spend what Councillors approve and exceptions to that original approval still require their own approval through the Special Warrant system, that are now carefully monitored by EXCO and LEGCO.

Concern had been expressed at the last meeting over the reliability of the X-Ray machine at the hospital and I had undertaken to look in to the issue. I read Councillors a detailed response from the Director of Health that indicated quite clearly that the less than perfect output from the X-Ray process was due to a number of factors. Some of those factors we will be able to deal with, others must await a more modern machine. Councillors suggested that we investigate the possibility of using a digital machine so that a very clear image can be transmitted over the internet. The Acting Chief Secretary agreed to look into this idea. The main item for discussion was a presentation made by the Attorney General with regard to the impact of the new Constitution on the structure of government committees after the election. This was a subject discussed at the last EXCO and officers have done a great deal of work to simplify and clarify what is a complex subject. It has also been discussed at a meeting of Heads of Departments.

I was asked right at the start why we need to change our existing structure. The answer is that we don't have to change anything at all - what we now have in our new Constitution is flexible enough to provide a wide range of options. One of those is to leave things as they are – so this is not an enforced change. However this is one of those parts of the Constitution that gives far more power to Councillors as it enables us to have political oversight over the whole range of government activities. Until now the five committees have covered only Health, Social Services, Public Works, Education and ANRD. But now our politicians' portfolios will be able to include the Economy, Internal Security, Employment, Sea and Air Access, Tourism, Leisure and International matters among many others. This transfer of power, and therefore responsibility, should be apparent from the earliest days of our next Council. That is because what this new Constitution does is to devolve a significant amount of oversight from the Governor and the Officers to the Elected Members. That is a fundamental shift towards even more democracy. We are still some way from Ministerial Government, but this is certainly a move towards it.

I am sure you are all aware of the obvious benefits of the non-elected Members of

both EXCO and LEGCO no longer having a vote, and of the fact that the Governor will actually have to follow the advice of EXCO in all but a few areas of government. However this expansion of Councillors' involvement to include virtually all areas of the public service is a major step and makes next weeks' election all the more important.

Under Any Other Business we heard that although we may feel very happy about the RMS now being the responsibility of this government and not of DfID, that pleasure will actually have cost us £177,000 over the last three years. That means that our small reserves have reduced by that amount. So, as the reserves belong to the island, the ship has actually cost every Saint working on this Island over £70 over the last 3 years, whether you have used the ship or not. That is because just as we are able to keep any gains made on running the RMS, so we must suffer any losses.

I have heard folk say that the RMS is not a business, but a service, and I believe that it is actually both, because as long as we have to suffer any loss it may make, we must treat it as a business in order to make sure it does not become an impossible burden on our budget.

I have also heard folk say that the RMS does not need all the complexity of administration that surrounds it. I have some sympathy for that view and I can only agree that the management structure does look very intricate. I am sure that this is an issue that new Councillors will want to address and it must be a subject for us in the DAPM negotiations with DFID in February. I am therefore asking Matt Young, the Finance Director of SHL and Kedell Worboys, who is also a Director, to visit us in the New Year in order to provide us with detail on this issue. I will also be asking them to speak and answer questions at a public meeting so that all will be able to have their say and hopefully get an answer. The visit should prove to be a healthy review of the management of our ship as well as a clear demonstration of our determination to be as open as we can in government.

Having now chaired 38 EXCOs I was able to thank the Members sincerely for their hard work and hard debate over the last two years. The meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

Andrew Gurr
Governor
27th October 2009

Breathing life into the new Constitution of St Helena

The Human Rights Capacity Building project brought Ms Rosanna Mesquita, the project coordinator and two trainers, Desia Colgan and Lloyd Lotz to St Helena last week. They gave workshops on human rights to a wide variety of groups (those from the public sector as well as community based groups). The rights spoken about included those rights found in the Fundamental Rights Chapter of the Constitution.

The diverse groups attending the workshops included, Lay Advocates, the Public Solicitor and Magistrates, Heads of Government Departments, and members of staff from the Employment and Social Security, Public Health & Social Services, the Police Department, Agricultural Research and Development, Education, Legal and Lands Department and from the Office of the Chief Secretary. A number of the candidates standing for election attended a lively training session with the groups from civil society such as the Anglican Clergy, Citizenship Commission, Shape, League of Friends, Disabled Persons Society and the Baha'i. This session emphasised the role of the two groups and how by working together they can enhance the human rights culture on St Helena. Teachers attended a session with the Prison Visiting Committee and others. Although a diverse group, they introduced a mix of complementary and informative

views. The same could be said of the group made up of members of Employment and Social Security, Social Services and Heads of Department. Members of the Building Allied Trade Association had also attended. There was a session for the media and a lively session was hosted by New Horizons for the Youth and there was quite a good turnout by members of the public at an evening session.

The workshops' objective was to build a foundation of knowledge about human rights, such as what they are, where they come from, and how they work, (the duties and limitations of those rights), thereby, making the law and processes protecting rights more accessible and meaningful. In addition, the workshop devoted time to enhancing the skills of those participants who are dealing with rights in their work.

The main teaching methodologies used in the workshops were aimed at encouraging active participation and debate. These reciprocal learning methods are the key teaching tools of the street law programme that both Lloyd and Desia are involved with in South Africa. Through participatory discussion, participants are led to the answers and to various options opened to them. As a result each workshop was shaped by the participants themselves.

It is hoped that participants will apply the knowledge and tools that they gained about rights in their work and in their day

to day lives. This will enhance the human rights culture within St Helena and bring the New Constitution to life.

The Human Rights Capacity Building Committee will be liaising with the members of the different groups to find out what they would like to have included in the next stage of the training. This information together with the feedback given by those participating at each workshop will then help the Commonwealth Foundation, Commonwealth Human Rights

Initiative and the Commonwealth Legal Education Association plan for next year's training session.

The Human Rights Capacity Building Committee would like to thank the Commonwealth Foundation for initiating the project and the trainers and Rosanna Mesquita for providing such interesting workshops throughout the week and all the participants for taking the time to come to sessions. Thanks also to the staff at AVEC who went out of their way to support the project. Certificates of attendance were presented on Friday afternoon by the Sherriff, Mrs Musk at a round-up session which was attended by HE the Governor. (Certificates will be sent on to you if you couldn't get to the round-up on Friday. Please be patient if yours takes a few days to reach you!)

Mrs Cathy Hopkins (Chairman HRCBC St Helena)

Press Release from the French Consul on St. Helena Island.

Thanks to the financial support from the Ministry of culture and communication, a perfect copy of the original chandelier used during the time of the Emperor Napoleon (which now partly hangs in Plantation House) could last week be hung in the Emperor's Lounge at Longwood House. Many thanks to the directors of the National Museum of the chateaus of Malmaison and Bois-Préau, Bernard Chevallier (who now enjoys a happy retirement) and Amaury Lefébure.

Readers will recall an article on this subject in May of this year. Since then, the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs has kindly supported and organized the shipping of this very fragile chandelier. A big "thank you" to Gérard de Wallens and Mireille Letertre who, under the direction of the Head of the

Office of Heritage, Dominique Richard, have organised the transport of the chandelier to St Helena. I would also like to thank Ms. Martina Danielova-Blazec, who under the direction of Amaury Lefébure, led for Malmaison, the research on 18th Century English chandeliers.

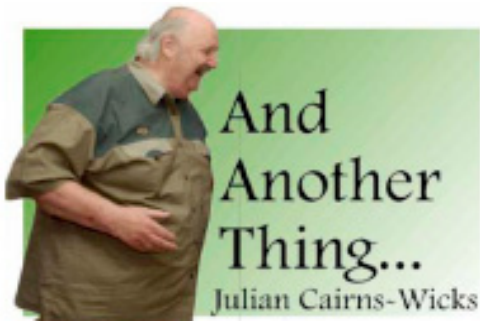
In Saint Helena, I thank the previous Governor, Michael Clancy, who has enabled us to carry out a detailed study of the original chandelier and allowed access to Plantation House, Brian Yon for the electrical connection and my team of workers, who with me, welcome the result: "the room where Napoleon died" has become "the salon....".

But of course, we could not finish this list without saying how much we owe to Régis Mathieu, Director of the Maison Mathieu Lustrerie. He has been the

main craftsman of the reconstruction of the chandelier. His craftsmanship has allowed light in a room which has been kept in the dark since 5 May 1821.

Michel Dancoisne Martineau
Curator – French Properties St Helena





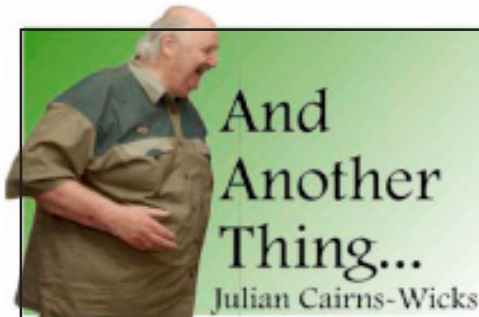
It would appear that all the would be Councillors plan to 'work their socks off' to achieve a number of improvements to the Health, Education, Police and all the other services on St. Helena; Rupert's facilities and the fuel farm, power station and the site of the African graves. Jamestown wharf area and Jamestown itself. Arrange Maritime protection for our fishing area and fight for a better deal for our police, teachers and health service workers. Make every effort to obtain a better deal for our farmers & growers, get more financial aid for pasture and road improvements!!!! YES, the list goes on and every department listed above would certainly welcome extra money, BUT FROM WHERE do we obtain it??? It is more than possible the previous Councillors' started out with much the same plan; 'They were going to make a difference!!' But I can assure you, however enthusiastic one eventually gets tired of holding out a begging bowl. YES!!! The awful truth is even the most dedicated Councillors get worn down and added to the number of times they will be congratulated for their input, only to find nothing happens (unless an overseas expert 'suggests' it) really burns deep. The truth is, all too soon one learns to live in 'Promise Land;' a land where nice sounding experts stand on parade at the dawn of every ship day, make some sweeping statements and at the appointed time, board the R.M.S. to trundle back from whence they came, leaving all in the hands of the Gods! WHO, to keep us quiet, then 'apportion' a little bit of paper here and a little bit of plaster there! You guys knew all that already, didn't you? So I expect you are wondering why am I writing this guff? I implore you to think most carefully about who you wish to represent you for the next four years. They say your vote is most important; but that is only true if you forget all the flim-flam and somewhat futile promises and put a tick next to the person whom you really believe would be best for the island. For goodness sake do not vote for someone who is there for the beer, or someone who will become tongue tied to the point of

incoherence when the chips are down. We need people who are able to present the most thoughtful and well reasoned approach to the problems of St. Helena in the clearest manner! Forget all the footling stuff and look for the person who is able to weigh up the pros and cons (changing his mind if necessary) to obtain the best solution that can be achieved with the money on offer; (most especially if by so doing it will interlock with another plan). They must ignore the delays, deceit and half truths and continue fighting for us for four years (or longer!). It would seem to me the most important thing would be to make certain you elect someone who will not be put off by the constant bickering and many changes of plan and remain aware and resourceful to the end of their tenure.

I am always heartened when I hear some-one talk about 'free speech', 'an Englishman's home is his castle' Etc., after all it sounds British and fills one with pride. Those early days sitting in school looking at a map of the World splattered in red those vast areas over which the Sun never set: 'the British Empire.' Sitting stimulated by thoughts of young 16y.o. Boy Cornwell who won the V.C. at the Battle of Jutland in the First World War, his heroic end was reinforced by tales of Biggles, Ginger and Algy fighting some Dervish or Lascar; all of whose ungentlemanly kicks or flashing knife play they skilfully evaded before knocking them out with a straight left to the jaw. I find it really quite strange that some seventy years later with a small population of very pampered and for the most part well brought up children, our little nation is being messed up with graffiti, bottles tins and rubbish strewn around by a load of cretins who would be annoyed if you put it next to their house or on their land. Furthermore why should we put up with the wanton destruction of benches and tables, smashed windows, broking toilets and casting down the fountain; followed by noisy and raucous teenagers screaming their way home in the small hours of the morning. All this is done on a small island amongst people who know them and yet, very few come forward to help the police. I am wondering how in spite of the forgiving benevolent society in which we have nurtured them, we still have more than our fair share of discontented troublesome youngsters. Indeed some of the worst teenagers show every sign of becoming ever more unthankful and un-

appreciative. Perhaps we should ask Mike to arrange some sort of questionnaire for what solutions people might have to this vexing and increasingly violent sub culture, after all these individuals could well be tomorrows' regular criminals. Some years ago I pointed out to a party of visitors that contrary to our fond belief 'there is very little crime on St. Helena;' taking into account our small population we endure about as much crime as almost anywhere else in the Western World! It is also worth remembering that a lot of the petty pilfering is kept within the family circle and not reported. My worry is that crime is becoming more wide spread as vehicles have provided mobility which extends the range of break-ins and burglaries and other dubious activities; this at a time where our police force has been shorn of a great number of staff and unable to provide a service for 24 hours a day. By the way I understand Governor Gurr eulogised about the very tall, very wide new Police Chief, I believe the Governor was most impressed by his sheer size and weight and I hope it will also deter our small but increasingly violent band of neer-do-wells.

A Jewish rabbi, Hindu Brahmin, and a lawyer were driving a long distance by back roads in unfamiliar country. Toward dusk, with daylight almost gone, they realized they were lost and almost out of gas. At that very moment they noticed a ramshackle farmhouse just off the road. They pulled into the weed-infested driveway, got out and knocked on the door. The farmer welcomed them warmly, inviting them to stay the night. "There's only one problem," said the farmer, "I only have beds for two. One of you will have to sleep in the barn." Being concerned for the comfort and well-being of his friends, the rabbi volunteered to go to the barn. Soon, they all retired for the night. Twenty minutes later there was a knock at the door. There stood the rabbi, terribly embarrassed: "There are pigs in the barn," he explained, shaking his head sadly. "Pigs are forbidden in my religion. I find it impossible to stay the night in the barn." Immediately the Hindu Brahmin volunteered to sleep in the barn, comforting the rabbi with understanding of the awkward situation. Again they all retired, only to be aroused fifteen minutes later by another knock at the door. There stood a red-faced Brahmin, who with tears said: "To my terrible chagrin, I discover there are



cows in the barn. Cows are sacred to my religion, and I cannot spend the night in their presence." For a few embarrassing moments there was silence. Finally the lawyer realized he was the only choice left. "All right," he said reluctantly, "I'll sleep in the barn." Once more they retired, but minutes later there was yet another knock at the door. There stood the pigs and cows. A young man wished to marry the farmer's beautiful daughter. He went to the farmer to ask his mission. The farmer looked him over and said, "Son, go stand out in that field. I'm going to release three bulls, one at a time. If you

can catch the tail of any one of the three bulls, you can marry my daughter." The young man stood in the pasture awaiting the first bull. The barn door opened and out ran the biggest, meanest-looking bull he had ever seen. He decided that one of the next bulls had to be a better choice than this one, so he ran over to the side and let the bull pass through the pasture out the back gate. The barn door opened again. Unbelievable. He had never seen anything so big and fierce in his life. It stood pawing the ground, grunting, slinging slobber as it eyed him. Whatever the next bull was like, it had to be a better choice than this one. He ran to the fence and let the bull pass through the pasture, out the back gate. The door opened a third time. A smile came across his face. This was the weakest, scrawniest little bull he had ever seen. This one was his bull. As the bull came running by, he positioned himself just right and jumped at just the ex-

act moment. He grabbed... but the bull had no tail! Life is full of opportunities. Some will be easy to take advantage of, some will be difficult. But once we let them pass (often in hopes of something better), those opportunities may never again be available. So always grab the first opportunity . . .

A man has a heart attack and is brought to the hospital ER. The doctor tells him that he will not live unless he has a heart transplant right away. Another doctor runs into the room and says, "You're in luck, two hearts just became available, so you will get to choose which one you want. One belongs to a lawyer and the other to a social worker." The man quickly responds, "The Lawyer's." The doctor says, "Wait! Don't you want to know a little about them before you make your decision?" The man says, "I already know enough. We all know that social workers are bleeding hearts and the lawyer probably never used his. So I'll take the lawyer's!"

Expressions of Interest for Leasing Grazing Land under Wirebird Mitigation Project



The 3 year project to mitigate for impacts on the Wirebird population aspires to undertaking restoration work on the existing dry grassland pastures of Deadwood, Middle Point, Woody Ridge and Bottom Woods to improve their capacity to support suitable Wirebird habitat and livestock production.

We will shortly begin pasture restoration work at the mitigation site at Bottom Woods (located before the Weather Station) on some 60+ acres of land for sheep grazing. We are seeking interest from a grazier or group of graziers preferably located in the areas of Longwood who are interested in managing this area following restoration works.

ANRD will host a visit to the site with interested persons to discuss planned pasture restoration works for the site on Tuesday 3 November at 9am.

Expressions of Interest should reach the Chief Agricultural and Natural Resources Officer in writing by no later than 4pm on Friday 6 November 2009.

If you require further information please contact Miss Andrea Timm, Agricultural Development Officer at ANRD on telephone 4724 or email ado@anrd.gov.sh

Darren Duncan
Chief Agricultural and Natural Resources Officer

Ask a Lawyer



Neil Davidson, Public Solicitor will welcome any questions or comments on Solicitor@cwimail.sh. Telephone 3008, Fax 3007.

Question: *What exactly can the police do if they decide to arrest you and what should I do if it happened to me?*

Answer: We all need to know the answer to this one as it is something that no-one expects (except some career criminals who regard arrest as an occupational hazard). The police are not entitled to arrest anyone they like but only if they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that an offence has been committed and that you were involved in it. If you are arrested then the first thing to do is to cooperate. Arguing only makes things worse and may result in further offences such as resisting arrest. If it is an improper arrest then this can be looked at later arguing the toss at the time will simply make things worse.

The police here operate something known as PACE which is short for Police and Criminal Evidence and involves a code, which governs what happens next. It is designed to ensure that you are treated properly and you have rights such making a telephone call and particularly the right to ask for legal help. This can be from me as the Public Solicitor or from one of the Lay Advocates. I really would suggest that you take advantage of that even if you are quite certain that you have done nothing wrong. Indeed I would go further and say particularly if you have done nothing wrong.

Once you are at the Custody Office, which is at HMP then what happens is documented on a special record by a "Custody Officer" who is independent of the police officers involved in the enquiry. If you have any complaints then this is the person to tell.

The idea then is for you to have a chance to tell your side of the story and this is tape recorded which makes it a lot quicker than having to write everything down. You are entitled to have your legal adviser present and he or she will find out from the officer first what the evidence the police think they have against you is and talk to you about it in private. This is one of the reasons why I suggest it is important to have someone there to explain your rights and what is happening. The interview is important as when you are cautioned it is explained that there are disadvantages in not giving any explanation then and there as it makes it more difficult to believe if it comes out later so if you exercise your right to refuse to answer questions it can make things more difficult for you later.

You can be held for up to 24 hours but this is reviewed regularly and can be extended but this is fairly unusual. Once the investigations and questions are finished then a decision is made whether to charge you or release you without charge. The police can also bail you to come back to the Police Station at a later date.

No-one likes to be arrested whether they have done anything or not but knowing what will happen may help. My advice remains to seek legal help as soon as you get to the station.

Question: *You have now had a whole year here as Public Solicitor. What do you think of the job now and how do you see the future?*

Answer: If I thought when I first came out that I was going to have a rest here after a very busy and successful private practice in the UK, it was because I did not know you and your Island. I don't claim to now but I do know how complex life can be here and how the most obscure of legal problems turn up all the time! Suffice it to say I am delighted to be back but I am not now expecting to relax and sit back in the sunshine ("What Sunshine?" I hear the residents from Up Country exclaim).

As for the future I have real worries. My Terms of Reference said that I was to find a private firm to take over from me in two years! Dream on - this was never likely even if an airport was proceeding but now..... That apart my abiding admiration is for the Lay Advocates here and on Ascension who do an incredible job often called out at night and fearless in representing their clients but I ask myself "where will the next generation of Lay Advocates come from and how would we ever manage without the experience the current holders have gained over many years?" I am also worried about the lack of qualified assistance when the Public Solicitor is off Island or there is no one appointed. I was contacted about some really complex matters whilst on leave and things tend to happen here that can't just be put on hold.

I hope that there is a least some answer to that one. I applied for a FCO grant to employ (at a very good salary of about HOD level) a trainee Public Solicitor who would work with me and do two or three days legal training remotely to achieve a recognised legal qualification. I heard this week that this has been granted so I hope to hear from anyone who might be interested in the position, which I believe will be an important one for the future of legal services here.

Question: *Do Chicken's have rights?*

Answer: This is a very relevant question as we have just had the assistance of the Human Rights Training Team, although I am afraid they did not cover this particular issue. I am sure this was due to lack of time, as they must know this is one of the really important issues on the Island. I must admit that I made a bad mistake with my chickens. As you probably appreciate lawyers generate a lot of paper most of it confidential and we have a shredder or two in the office to get rid of it. I needed some bedding for the chickens nesting boxes and realised that the shredded paper was ideal for this purpose. That was fine and the hens were happily laying eggs on shredded wills and statements until I decided that I would shred all the draft copies of the Constitution

now that the new Constitution is in force. I have one exceptionally intelligent hen. Not Houdini, who is too busy escaping or the other remarkably pretty hen, who shall be nameless (for fear of repercussions). No this hen has been reading the shredded constitution and is now demanding her rights. I call her Che Guevara and if she just had a headband she would look exactly the part - she even keeps trying to make one raised fist salutes with her claw and falling over. Well anyway Che has worked out that she is losing out on liberty (Constitution section 9) as she is kept in a run, right to family life (S13) as I keep eating her eggs and lack of education (S16). She also says she is suffering degrading and inhumane chickane treatment (S7).

I have pointed out that chickens should have democracy too

and if she can get the majority of the flock to support her on a "one chicken one vote" basis I will look into it but if they can't be bothered to vote then what can anyone do? Unfortunately for Che the other chickens are not the brightest and indeed are a feather or two short of a head-dress. When they are asked all they say is "Cluck cluck, where is the food?" or "Cluckety Cluckety Cluck Cluck I've laid an egg". Thus the great Cuban style St Helena revolution is unlikely to change the world although Che does tell me she given notice to the Chief of Police that she intends to hold a peaceful rally for all the chickens on the Island under the provisions of section 10 of the Public Order Ordinance.

Neil

BBC- From Our Correspondent

Simon Pipe, 24th October 2009

On Saturday, BBC broadcast a programme in the series 'from our correspondent. Simon Pipe, a BBC reporter who recently visited the Island with his family gave his views on some issues in St Helena.

Announcer: The island of St Helena out in the South Atlantic remains almost as isolated today as it was when Napoleon was imprisoned there. A long expected airport project has been put on hold by the British Government. In the meantime, the island can be reached only by sea. The Royal Mail Ship "St Helena" provides the only scheduled service to this mountainous speck 1100 miles off the West coast of Africa. Simon Pipe's just made the journey and he discovered that the St Helenians have mixed feelings at the prospect of having an airport –

Simon Pipe: It's slightly odd after four slow days at sea to step off a boat in the middle of the ocean and wander up an English high street. Colonial Jamestown is strangely British yet strangely foreign. People buy imported food with coins that look British but aren't. The 2p piece has the Queen on one side, a donkey on the other. All around are echoes of Empire, there are cannon everywhere, the Saints, as islanders are known, are ruled by His Excellency the Governor, who has an Ostrich feather hat and giant tortoises on his lawn. Aeroplanes are rarely seen. A friend I was walking with became very excited when he heard one overhead, it was the first he'd heard in eight months. Once the actual sighting of a passing aircraft made the local radio news. There's now much discussion about an airport on St Helena, mostly pessimistic. It's feared it would destroy the island's unique culture, some don't want it, but as one businessman told me, the Saints as we know them are on their way out anyway. Outside influences it seems, such as the internet and television, are seeing off the old ways. And now the global recession has given the British Government second thoughts about paying £350m for an airport on a tiny island far away with only 4,000 people on it. It might give the island a meaningful tourist economy and end centuries of depending on aid, or it might not. St Helena offers its few visitors a wealth of colonial heritage in a spectacular landscape, but an air service would take away the main reason tourists go to St Helena, which is, that you can only get there by sea. Down at the Pink Flamingo snack bar Michael dispenses burgers with a side order of anger and resignation. I was one of the stupid ones who came home for the airport, he told me. He'd told his real estate business in Florida and shipped out construction ma-

chinery to build tourist apartments. He was due to sign contracts on the day the airport was put on hold. Now he serves his burgers and waits. An airport could bring benefits beyond tourism, at the moment, for example, if someone falls seriously ill, it means a long voyage to hospital. Wages on St Helena are low, a new teacher might earn around £4,000 a year, food is expensive, so people leave, usually for jobs on other British overseas territories, like far away Ascension Island or the Falklands. Many go on two-year contracts; they only get to visit home once a year. Increasingly they have to leave their children, sometimes even babies. I've seen it estimated that 28% of Saint children are economic orphans, their parents become strangers, the local newspaper frequently carries birthday greetings from Mummy and Daddy on the Falklands or Ascension. It's been this way for decades and it's meant deep social problems that are hidden from outsiders. I helped three island teenagers make a television piece as part of the BBC News School Report Project which teaches broadcast skills. Beta, Lexia and Jodie are now on YouTube, journalistic pioneers on an island without local TV news. I'd asked their classmates if they expected to have to go away when they left school; most did. But they didn't want to make their film about that, they wouldn't, said their teacher, it's too painful. Once an older Saint told me she couldn't remember how many children she had, she'd walked too many of them down to the wharf and they'd gone away, some to the UK where they earn more money, but cannot easily come home, it takes too long. I remember when we first saw the island from the ship, it was before dawn and there was a small crowd of Saints at the bridge, one was seeing his homeland for the first time in forty years, there were tears. After five weeks, we boarded the ship again, this time the Saints around us were leaving home and family and their sadness was clear to see. One opened up as we watched the waves below, he was returning to work on Ascension, he'd been there for twenty years. His own mother had gone away when he was two and left him behind. She went to the UK and never returned. As an adult he'd gone to see her, but there was no bond, we accept it, he said, but the scars are there. Another worried for the ageing parents he'd left behind, their time will come, he said, and with no airport he might not be able to get back in time."



Applications for Landscape Maintenance and Cleaning

The St Helena Development Agency is seeking applications for the provision of a landscape service as well as a cleaning service for the maintenance of the public service areas at the Half Tree Hollow Business Units, located near the Community Care Complex.

For more information about the services required please contact Natasha Bargo, PA/Secretary, SHDA on 2920 or email natasha@shda.co.sh.

Separate applications for the two services can be made. The application for Landscape maintenance should include detailed quotes, specifying the chargeable hourly rate. Both applications should be submitted to the PA/Secretary by Monday, 2nd November 2009.

St Helena Development Agency
www.shda.co.sh



Approved Investor Status Presentation

The St Helena Development Agency is proposing to give a short presentation on the benefits and procedure of applying for Approved Investor Status, and is therefore seeking interest from potential youth start-ups or other members of the public who are interested in either establishing a new business or expanding an existing business who would be interested in learning more about this scheme.

Actual dates, times and venue will be dependent on response; however the Agency would hope to hold this event on a Wednesday evening towards the end of October or early November.

Should you be interested in attending this event, please contact Kirsty Yon on 2920 or via email to kirsty.yon@shda.co.sh.

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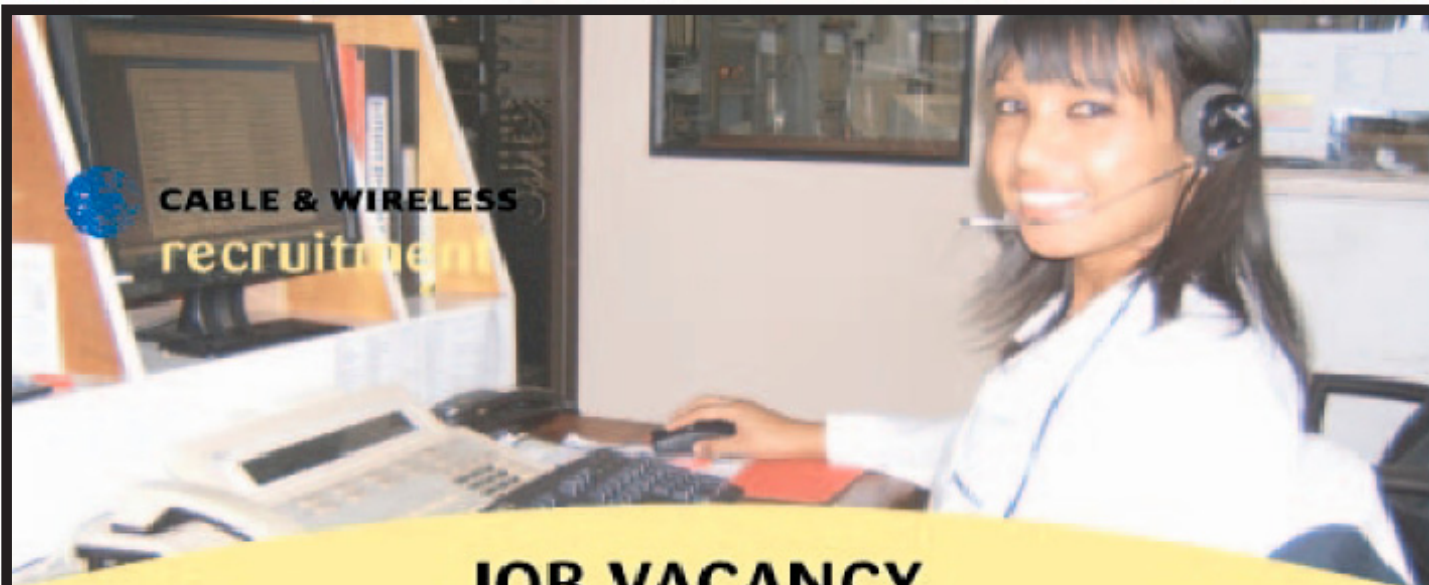
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For further information regarding the post contact:

Gilbert Legg, Contact Support Centre Supervisor

Tel: +290 2023

Email: Ops@cwsthelena.sh

For application forms and job descriptions contact:

Customer Care Centre, Bishop's Rooms, Jamestown

Tel: +290 2900

Email: service@cwsthelena.sh

Applications should be submitted to Hensil O'Bey, Chief Executive St Helena, Cable & Wireless South Atlantic Limited, Bishop's Rooms, Jamestown by **4 pm on Friday 6 November 2009**

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within the Office of the Public Solicitor

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The post will involve:-

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Contact with clients within the office.

Legal research,

As the law does not operate to normal business hours a level of commitment and flexibility will be required.

Salary of £14600 and a contribution at the end of each full year of working of an additional £1000 towards pension will be paid.

Please contact Neil Davidson or Maureen Coutts on 3008 or email to solicitor@cwimail.sh for an application form.

As an early appointment is anticipated please submit your application by Monday 16th November 2009.

VACANCY FOR CLEANER /HANDYMAN/DRIVER TRANSPORT DIVISION –

A vacancy has occurred within the Transport Division of the Public Works & Services department for the post of Cleaner/ Handyman-Driver.

The main duties of the post are as follows:

- Cleaning of the administration offices and surroundings at Donkey Plain
- Cleaning of Pool Vehicles
- Perform daily checks of fuel, oils & water in all pool vehicles and report any discrepancies
- Receive and despatch mail for and on behalf of the Transport Division
- Any other reasonable duties as required by the Executive Officer.

Wages is payable at the rate of £82.70 per week.

For more information about this post, persons are asked to contact Miss Wendy Essex at the Administration Office, Donkey Plain.

Applications should be completed and submitted through Heads of Departments where applicable to reach the Manager/Head of Department Public Works and Services Department, by no later than noon on Friday 06 November 2009.

The Public Health & Social Services Department has a vacancy for a Carer within the Older Persons Services

to assist with the provision of high quality health and social care for frail older people full time residential and day care. For further information about the duties of the post, interested persons can contact Mr Ian Rummery, Manager, Older Persons Services on telephone nos 3222 or 3090 or see Public Notice dated 21 October 2009.

Application forms, which are available from the Human Resources and Public Health & Social Services Departments, should be completed and submitted to the Chief Administrative Health & Social Services Officer by Wednesday, 4 November 2009.

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The post of Accredited Courses Support Officer at the Adult & Vocational Educational Service (AVES) is a new and challenging post at Grade Level 6. This post is subject to a training period and the standard probation period as outlined in the Code of Management. Working alongside the NVQ and Accredited Courses Co-ordinator, the Support Officer will provide support to the management, coordination and development of Accredited Qualifications under the AVES programme. This post contributes to the management and expansion of the St Helena NVQ Centre, in particular vocational learning opportunities available to young people.

Duties of the post include support and management of components of internationally recognised Accredited Courses on behalf of AVES. The role also requires ongoing support to the NVQ and Accredited Courses Co-ordinator. This includes supporting quality assurance requirements of awarding bodies and the development and implementation of AVES policies and procedures.

In terms of formal qualifications, applicants who have the minimum of the A1 qualification and experience of working with accredited awards; and who are willing to complete the V1 Qualification within 18 months are encouraged to apply. For further information concerning the post and for a more detailed job description please contact the AVES Manager at the Adult & Vocational Education Centre on telephone number 2613.

Application forms, available from the Human Resources and Education Departments, should be completed and submitted through Heads of Department, where applicable, to the Secretary, Public Service Commission, No.3 Main Street, Jamestown by no later than Wednesday, 11 November 2009.

VACANCY - TEACHER

If you are looking for a job which is not only challenging but personally satisfying and rewarding, then why not apply for the post of Teacher within the Education Department.

You should preferably be in possession of two GCSE's at Grade C or above and must have completed the initial two year teacher training period.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the effective and efficient teaching of Primary aged pupils and be responsible to the respective Head Teacher for providing teaching and learning activities in the school/ classroom environment.

The successful applicant will be posted according to the needs of schools and the Education Service and to give candidates the opportunity enhance their personal development. Salary for the post is in Bands C - D, commencing £6,912 to £8,892 per annum and will depend on qualifications and/or teaching experience.

For further information, interested persons are invited to contact Miss Elaine Benjamin, Acting Education Officer (Primary), on telephone number 2085.

Application forms, available from the Human Resources and Education Departments, should be completed and submitted, through Heads of Department, where applicable, to the Secretary, Public Service Commission, No.3 Main Street, by Wednesday, 11 November 2009.

VACANCY – SENIOR CUSTOMS OFFICER (OPERATIONAL)

Looking for a challenging career, with a varied workload and stretching goals? HM Customs are seeking to recruit a suitable experienced individual to fill the post of Senior Customs Officer (Operational).

You should ideally have a sound educational background with at minimum of GCSE's in English and Mathematics at Grade C or above (or equivalent) and be computer literate. In addition, the applicant will require knowledge of the business of Customs and government accounting procedures. The successful applicant will be responsible to the Collector of Customs, through the Customs Manager, for effectively and efficiently managing the customs team and for progressing the sections work towards achieving targets.

Applicants who do not meet all the requirements but have the relevant experience will be considered.

Salary for the post is at Grade Level 6, commencing at £7,992 per annum.

Interested persons are invited to contact Mr Peter Henderson, Surveyor of Customs on telephone 2287 or on e-mail at snr.customsofficer@cwimail.sh for further details and a copy of the full Job Profile.

Application forms, available from the Human Resources and Finance Departments, should be completed and submitted through Heads of Department, where applicable, to the Secretary, Public Service Commission, by no later than Wednesday, 11 November 2009.

The Legal, Lands and Planning Department requires a temporary Driver/Handyman

from 14th November to 2nd December 2009 to carry out the duties of Chauffeur for the Chief Justice.

Interested persons should have a clean and valid driving licence for Class A.

For further information please contact Mr John Reid, Registrar of the Supreme Court or Mrs Karen Yon, Senior Executive Officer, on telephone number 2270.

Applications should be addressed to the Registrar of the Supreme Court and sent to the Legal, Lands and Planning Department at Essex House, Jamestown, by 4pm on Wednesday 11th November 2009.

The Legal, Lands and Planning Department requires a temporary Housekeeper/Cook

to work at Judges Lodge, Seaview, from 16th November to 2nd December 2009, while the Chief Justice is in residence.

For further information, please contact Mr. John Reid, Registrar of the Supreme Court or Mrs Karen Yon, Senior Executive Officer, on telephone number 2270.

Applications should be addressed to the Registrar of the Supreme Court and sent to the Legal, Lands and Planning Department at Essex House, Jamestown, by 4pm on Wednesday 11th November 2009.



SHAPE would like to thank Bayside Manager, Mr Martin George for inviting SHAPE to Spring Break 2009. The SHAPE team said they all had a really good time and it was nice to do something different. Thank you to all those who donated generously to SHAPE at the event, your contributions will directly help SHAPes objective, of improving the lives of the disabled and vulnerable.

This is my last update as SHAPE Manager and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped and supported this worthwhile project. SHAPE would not exist if it was not for the dedication and selfless commitment of all those involved, past, present and future.

I would especially like to say thank you to the SHAPE Board of Directors and members of the previous Board; Also to the different Government Departments involved and a special thanks to Miss Kath Willock for doing a superb job with the clients.

During my term at SHAPE I have witnessed a transformation in, Supervisor, Rosedale Andrews who has excelled and developed SHAPE beyond expectation and has made an outstanding difference to the SHAPE project. Please keep up the momentum. It has been a privilege meeting and working with the SHAPE team over the last two years. Thank you.

To members of the public, **please** continue to support SHAPE as it is a very important and valuable asset to St Helena which in turn will benefit everyone in time to come.

Merrill Joshua
SHAPE Manager

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The Art & Craft Association will be holding an important meeting at the Aves Centre on Monday 9th November 2009 starting at 4pm for all members, contributors and anyone who might be interested in producing art / craftwork for sale.

The Association is pleased to report that it has received a small Innovations Development Grant from SHDA which will enable them to establish a revolving fund to purchase materials such as Linens, Lace & Embroidery Threads as well as Paper, Water Colour Paint, Brushes etc which will then be sold on to the public. They would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in buying any of these materials or if there are any other supplies that they can help with.

There is a great demand from visitors for locally crafted souvenirs - Aloe, Lace, Linen, Paintings and Woodwork and seedwork - the Association wants to help as many people as possible in their production. Come and tell them what you need and they will try to help you!

The Association also wishes to expand the range of items on sale and would be interested to hear from you if you are producing high quality art or crafts which they can sell through the Centre. Young or old, if you have the skills and talent then why not support this important aspect of St Helena's culture? What ideas do you have about this? Come along on to AVEC on Monday 9th November at 4.00pm and share your ideas with the Association and representatives from Tourism and SHDA.

Please contact Mrs Olive Brown (Secretary) on 2814 or Mrs Cathy Hopkins (Chairman) on 3729 for further information.



APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications have been received in respect of the following proposals:

1. High Voltage Line from the Ruperts Power Station to the Wind Turbines on Deadwood Plain.
2. 3 Bedroom Dwelling adjacent to the property of Mr Christopher Thompson, the Briars.

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 a.m. to 4 p.m., during the period of fourteen days from the date of this notice.

Any person who wishes to make representations about any of the above applications should make them in writing within that period to the Secretary, Land Planning and Development Control Board, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown.

Alfred V Isaac
Planning Officer
Email: planning.officer@legalandlands.gov.sh
DATED THIS 30 DAY OF OCTOBER 2009.

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PLANT HIRE RATES

With effect from 1 November 2009, Public Works & Services Department charges for hiring out of plant and equipment to the general public will increase as follows:

Machine/Equipment	Daily Rate	Hourly Rate	Minimum Charge
JCB 3CX	£130.00	£19.00	£74.00
JCB 4CX	£142.50	£20.50	£81.50
CASE LOADER	£232.50	£33.50	£133.00
WHEELED LOADER	£146.00	£21.00	£83.50
CAT D6	£202.00	£29.00	£115.50
DUMPER	£94.50	£13.50	£54.00
FORKLIFT	£114.00	£16.50	£65.50
KATO CRANE	£140.50	£20.50	£80.50
TAR MACHINE	£72.00	£10.50	£41.50
ROLLER	£ 86.50	£12.50	£49.50

Notes:

1. All equipment will be supplied with an operator.
2. The basic rates apply to work on normal workdays (including Saturdays). There is a surcharge of £25.00 for work on Public Holidays etc.
3. Travel time to and from site or delivery will be charged extra to the working day and will be charged at the hourly rate.
4. The minimum hire charge will be 4 hours (including travel time if appropriate).

D A Richards
Manager/Head of Department



Football Results



The weekend saw the semi finals of the Knock out Cup take place; the first match was between the Harts and Scouts; the following report was compiled by referee Derek Richards. Whilst most soccer fans were at home watching one of the bigger games in this seasons premier league, on Francis Plain, League Runners up Harts, who had progressed to the semi final with a win over League Champions Raiders, were battling it out against a very strong and determined Scouts team who had finished third in the league, to secure a place in this years Knockout Final.

Harts, always strong contenders for silverware in any season, turned up on the day with 13 players, but minus a goalkeeper... they started with 10 men, with striker Oscar Thorpe standing in goal until No 1 Choice Shavon Hayes arrived after 12 minutes and it took Scouts just 12 minutes to register their intent, very good passing between Hudson and Stevens, saw Stevens break away down the left and thundered a goal past the shocked Thorpe who really should have done better.

With the substantive keeper in goal, Harts immediately looked more confident, and had two quick chances, before a scramble in the Scouts penalty area saw a shot deflected of Philip Francis for an own goal equaliser.

Henry (Harts) and Yon (Scouts) quickly picked up yellow cards from referee Richards for book able offences and with George controlling the midfield, and Jackson marshalling the defence, the Harts looked strongest and the most likely to score, but football is a funny game and some good linkup play between Hudson and Yon, saw a finely threaded pass into the Harts penalty area, Bedwell in the Harts defence sliced wildly at it and it flew into the air, over the onrushing keeper and into the net for the second "own goal" of the day, this time in favour of the Scouts, somewhat against the run of play.

2 -1 up at the break, Scouts settled into a very good rhythm in the second half and commanded by Yon in defence they were equal to Harts pressure, and Steven who had netted early on in the first half, had five or six glorious opportunities to put the game beyond any doubt, failure to kill off a game (and Arsenal fans will know this) leads to the opposition building in confidence and then nicking it at the death. To be fair, Harts did have numerous opportunities to score, but poor finishing and fine saves by Yon the Scouts keeper kept the game in Scouts favour until the 80th minute... Henry and George combined well, threaded a glorious ball to Thorpe, who made no mistake in planting the ball across the goalkeeper and into the far corner.

Whilst the Harts dominated the play for the remaining 10 minutes of normal time, it was the Scouts who should have wrapped the game up as Stevens wasted 2 absolute sitters and despite the introduction of George from the bench it remained 2-2 on ninety minutes, sending the game into extra time.

Harts started brightly and 10 minutes after the restart, a scrambled ball in the Scouts six yard box, saw Williams for the Harts making a brave diving header to carry the ball past the desperately lounging keeper Yon to make it 3 -2 to the Harts. Harts continued to pile on the pressure, but Scouts were always dangerous on the break and had several op-

portunities to equalise, but the chances were spurned, although you could say they were also terribly unlucky as they had a shot cleared of the line, one rebounding of the upright, another rebounding of the upright and across the goal line without crossing and Matthew Benjamin with probably the most creative move of the game, took the ball around 3 defenders, lobbed the goalkeeper only to see the ball hit the crossbar and fall back into the keepers arms. At the other end, keeper Yon kept the Harts at bay, with two stunning diving saves to ensure that the Harts progress to the Knockout Final 3 - 2 AET.

The save of the match was that from Dion Yon, who dived at full stretch to deny a powerful shot from Eugene Williams, although almost equal to that, was a very good save from Shavon Hayes in the Harts goal to save from Damien Stevens.

Moment of individual brilliance - Matthew Benjamin. When the chips are down, someone needs to step up to the plate, his move in the final five minutes which saw dribble past defenders and lobbing the keeper which eventually came back of the bar was absolutely brilliant.

Defender of the game - Martin (Jackson) Buckley - Despite getting on a few years, he was in total control of the Harts defence, he marshalled them continuously and made many tackles and challenges to avert the Scouts attempts on goal.

Blunder of the game - Robert Bedwell - What on earth was he doing?... Harts had brought themselves nicely back into the game and despite a call from the keeper he sliced the ball into his own net to give Scouts the lead just before the break.

Man Of the Match - Whilst there were several qualifications for this, Ryan George was outstanding, he was all over the pitch, he controlled the midfield and was outstanding on the day.

Final Result:

Harts 3

Own Goal P. Francis - 16

O. Thorpe - 80

M. Williams - 90+10

Scouts 2

D. Stevens - 12

Own Goal - R. Bedwell 31

Booked - Alonso Henry (Harts) Leon Yon (Scouts)

Derek Richards

The second semi final was less exciting as the Bellboys romped to an easy win against the Crystal Rangers; the Rangers troubled by injuries was limited to 9 fit players after just 5 minutes; and was 5 nil down in 25 minutes with Leroy Caswell scoring a hat-trick. The Bellboys didn't score any further goals in the first half but scored 3 more in the second giving them an easy passage into this seasons knockout cup final.

Harts v Bellboys should make a good final.

Final Result:

Bellboys 8 v Crystal Rangers 0

Goal Scorers for Bellboys: Leroy Caswell 4, Chris Furniss 1, Anthony Thomas 1, 1 own goal & Ryan Benjamin 1

Man of the Match Leroy Caswell of the Bellboys

Football Fixtures

Sunday 1st November

Junior Football: Sponsored by Solomons & Cable & Wireless

- 9.30am** Bad Boys V Scorpions; Ref: Nick Stevens
10am Black Knights v Young Rustabouts; Ref: Jay Scanes
10.30am Destroyers v Red Devils Ref: Nick Stevens
11am Rebels v Little Wimpers Ref: Jay Scanes
11.30am Flip Mode Squad v Young Hearts Ref: Nick Stevens

SHFA District Competition

- 1.30pm** HTH v St Paul's Ref: Dion Yon
3.30pm Jamestown v Longwood Ref: Peter Young

Wednesday 4th November

- 4.20pm** St Paul's v Longwood; Ref: Nick Stevens

Thursday 5th November

- 4.20pm** Jamestown v HTH; Ref: Derek Richards

* Captains are asked to provide their own Assistant Referee for their game; failure to provide an Assistant Referee would mean that your team won't have an assistant in their defensive half of the pitch or at the referee's discretion the match can be abandon. **Nick Stevens**

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE SKITTLES SEASON - 2009 NINE-A-SIDE LEAGUE RESULTS

19-Oct

- Parttimers - 494** beat **Alcometers - 468**
 L. H. Sc: Kedall Lawrence - 50 Melanie Osborne - 44
 G. H. Sc: Gavin Ellick - 64 Zelwyn Benjamin - 68
 G. H. Sp: Nigel Thomas - 16 Zelwyn Benjamin - 18
 Gavin Ellock - 16

- Roller Belles - 514** beat **Alley Bratz - 471**
 L. H. Sc: Olive Williams - 73 Patricia Peters - 52
 G. H. Sc: Nicky Bargo - 73
 L. H. Sp: Molly Thomas - 15
 Olive Williams - 15
 G. H. Sp: Nicky Bargo - 15

20-Oct

- Woodpeckers - 497** beat **Hazards - 474**
 L. H. Sc: Rosie Lawrence - 54
 G. H. Sc: Tris Moyce - 70 Charlie Young - 70
 L. H. Sp: Rosie Lawrence - 12
 G. H. Sp: Tris Moyce - 14 Charlie Young - 16
- Good, Bad & Ugly - 550** beat **Stoners - 473**
 L. H. Sc: Shandy Osborne - 65
 G. H. Sc: Colin Thomas (Doggy) - 72 Ross O'Dean - 64
 L. H. Sp: Shandy Osborne - 18
 G. H. Sp: Chris Furniss - 18 Ross O' Dean - 15

Next Week's Fixtures:

Mon. 02 Nov. Good, Bad & Ugly v Crusaders v Parttimers v Hazards

Wed. 04 Nov.: Never Readys v Alley Bratz & Woodpeckers v Alcometers ****

**** : These fixtures maybe rearranged for Tuesday 03 November as the Centre will be used for Polling day on Wednesday.

For the League Table, see page 23



Saturday 31st October

Bank of St Helena Youth Games Cricket Sponsored by St Helena Cricket Association

- 9.30am** Longwood/Levelwood & Alarm Forest v HTH; Umpires: Jay Scanes & Jerry Roberts
11.30am Jamestown/Blue Hill/Sandy Bay v St Paul's; Umpires: Jay Scanes & Nick Stevens

The Opening Ceremony of the Bank of St Helena Youth Games will now take place at 11.30am on Saturday 31st October instead of Saturday 7th November 2009.

N Stevens

From the Golf Club



The 2009 Open Championship got underway last weekend at the St Helena Golf Club. Thirty one players teed-off for the island's most important golf tournament of the year. Course Manager Shotty Green, assisted by a group of volunteers, have been working hard to get the course in tip-top condition for the event.

The Open is played over two consecutive weekends, with only ten players to make the cut at the end of Day 2. With every player off scratch, this really is a true test of a player's golfing skill.

After 36 holes, the first ten players who made the cut were:

- 1 Scott Crowie - 140
- 2 Leon Crowie - 147
- 3 Sidonio Benjamin -150
- 4 Shotty Green - 154
- 5 Larry Legg - 161
- 6 Nicky Stevens - 164
- 7 Arthur Francis - 165
- 8 Foxy Stevens - 167
- 9 Peter Johnson - 167
- 10 Martin Joshua - 170

Next weekend, the competition is likely to get even fiercer, as the last ten battle it out to become 2009's Open Champion. So come along to enjoy watching some great golf up at Longwood, and a celebration tea after the prizegiving on Sunday afternoon.

Paul Blessington - Golf Club Secretary

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE
SKITTLES SEASON - 2009
NINE-A-SIDE LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 20th OCTOBER**

TEAM	P	W	T	L	Pts	P/F
Woodpeckers	15	12	0	3	24	7390
Never Readys	15	11	0	5	22	7429
Good, Bad & Ugly	15	11	0	4	22	7358
Roller Belles	15	10	0	5	20	7247
Parttimers	15	9	0	6	18	7391
Crusaders	15	8	1	7	17	7096
Hazards	16	5	1	10	11	7323
Stoners	15	4	0	11	8	6777
Alcometers	16	3	0	13	6	7215
Alley Bratz	15	2	0	13	4	6850

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Upcoming Football Fixtures

Date	Teams Playing	Time
Sat 31/10	Arsenal v Tottenham	12:45 <i>L-12:00</i>
	Bolton v Chelsea	15:00
	Burnley v Hull	15:00 <i>D-19:30</i>
	Everton v Aston Villa	15:00
	Fulham v Liverpool	15:00 <i>L-14:45</i>
	Portsmouth v Wigan	15:00 <i>D-21:30</i>
	Stoke v Wolverhampton	15:00 <i>D-23:30</i>
	Sunderland v West Ham	15:00
	Man Utd v Blackburn	17:30 <i>L-19:00</i>
	Sun 01/11	Birmingham v Man City
Tues 03/11	Man United v CSKA Moskava	<i>L-19:15</i>
	Milan v Real Madrid	<i>D-22:00</i>
Wed 04/11	Rubin Kazan v Barcelona	<i>L-17:15</i>
	Arsenal v Alkmaar	<i>L-19:15</i>
Thur 05/11	Roma v Fulham	<i>L-17:30</i>
	Everton v Benfica	<i>L-20:00</i>

Premier League Table

Updated: Tuesday, 27 October 2009 10:19 UK

Position	Team	P	GD	PTS
1	Chelsea	10	16	24
2	Man Utd	10	10	22
3	Arsenal	9	16	19
4	Tottenham	10	7	19
5	Liverpool	10	11	18
6	Man City	9	7	18
7	Aston Villa	9	5	17
8	Sunderland	10	3	16
9	Stoke	10	-2	15
10	Wigan	10	-5	13
11	Burnley	10	-12	12
12	Bolton	9	-1	11
13	Fulham	9	-2	11
14	Everton	9	-3	11
15	Birmingham	10	-4	10
16	Blackburn	9	-11	10
17	Wolverhampton	10	-7	9
18	Hull	10	-14	8
19	West Ham	9	-4	6
20	Portsmouth	10	-10	4

Two Boats School Sports Day 2009

Sunday 25th October dawned and there were a few welcome clouds in the sky. Welcome in particular for the school community if not the beach lovers because our Sports Day is better suited to cooler days. Preparations had been going on at the field all week with the ground being prepared and marked out by the AIG team. Many thanks go to the team for doing such a great job – all your hard work was very much appreciated. Mr Duncan and the senior boys had erected the tents, chairs, tables mats, flags etc had been transported over to the tents and all was set to go.

As spectators and competitors arrived back at TB School HE room prepara-



tions for some delicious curry and chilli were going on thanks to Tony Green, Carolyn Yon and their other helpers. Many thanks to the various people who supplied us with the food and drinks at short notice – NAAFI, Ceddies, Birdies and various family kitchens.

Soon events were under way with Johnny getting the music pumped up loud. Sorry everyone in Two Boats who had a late night last night and were looking forward to a lie in on a Sunday! Technology has finally caught up with Johnny thanks to the gizmo borrowed from one of his boys. It looked suspiciously like a play station device or PSP2 thingy – it did a grand job of moving us away from tapes of our favourite tracks and made finding the right songs a lot easier for Johnny.

The first event of the day was the cheerleading. With our depleted numbers this year there were interesting tactics at hand. Huxley house got some of the break dancing boys involved in a sneaky manoeuvre that brought cheers and rounds of applause from the crowds. This year our eager judges – Jackie Macgill, Sharon and Chris Ramsden and Sam Leo had a really tough

job. Each house had different age groups involved and after much debate it was agreed that Beale were in first place with Huxley in second and Connelly in third. Well done to everyone who took part in the cheerleading and on behalf of the students many thanks to all the staff who helped with the supervision and advice in the lead up to the day.

Swiftly we headed into the first of over 50 events. From there on swift progress was made with events to suit all ages. The 1500m sparked a bit of a debate as to whether it was 3.5 or 4.5 times round the track. This was soon sorted but some competitors had to be told to keep running and others that it was time to stop! With only 4 tenths of a second splitting first and second in the KS4 race and 7 tenths splitting first and second in the KS3 race we were in for some close run races. The quoit race for reception class and then the shopping race for Nursery were great fun and saw fruit and veg scattered along the track to pick up along the way. The finishing ropes confused a few younger competitors and lots of sudden stops were seen as the line was reached!

The high jump was watched with much interest and smiles as Jamie tried to



improve his style and technique by following Johnny's advice to hitch up his shorts – which then ended up looking like a nappy! Jamie quickly reverted to his previous style and went for jumping higher! As the bar was raised to 140cm Michael was knocked out, then to 145cm where Jamie was knocked out leaving just SchMichael in the competition and there was a personal and school record in sight. Could he beat Uncle Clayton's previous school best? In the end the bar was just a touch too high on the day and he reached a gold winning height of 155cm. Uncle C's record is safe ... for now – there is great

competition coming up next year!

Meanwhile on the track the results came tumbling in with first one house leading, then another. As race after race was run the crowd got more and more excited and the cheering was heard all the way down the other end of Two Boats Village. Great team spirit was shown by all competitors, family and friends.

The water race in middle school was huge fun to watch and left some interesting red, blue and green stains on hands and clothes (it will wash out – honest!). The winners here were



Huxley. Regular updates from the record keepers to Johnny kept the audience up to speed with who was in the lead. Meanwhile everyone kept their strength up by visiting Clare and Barbara's food and drink tent. Many thanks to the ladies for all their hard work, long distance cheering and dancing – yes you were spotted and we have photographic evidence! Tony's chilli and curry hit the right spot for all! An added bonus was some delicious cake very kindly donated by a Morrisons' prize winner from the IDL Pink Party – everyone tucked in and loved the cake – thank you very much for your thoughtfulness



With photo finishes and joint places being awarded it was time for the mums

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Two Boats School Sports Day 2009 Continued

and dads races. Last year these were a very popular addition to the events. This year we nearly had to call the medics as so many mums had poorly ankles, legs, shoulders, heads! No mum's race this year despite our very best encouragement. The dad's race was a different matter. With Johnny leading the way (and cheating into the bargain by setting off a full 10minutes before everyone else!) we had about 10 dads lined up including our very own newly qualified dad – yes our own Mr Duncan. As Johnny made his way back to the start the mean race starter shouted Go before he had quite reached the start line again. He made good use of his head start but his little legs were no competition for the longer legs of Mr Chipp and the even longer legs of Mr Berard Dupres. Berard was seen to visibly slow at the end and still Mr Chipp couldn't catch him up. Berard didn't even seem to be in his yet either

and if you look at the spectators they hadn't realised Chipp and Berard had already run past them!

Even the dust devils that kept blowing up – and boy did they blow – couldn't spoil a fantastic, fun family day.

The final events were the tugs of war. Oh what a lovely war springs to mind and what fantastic determination, support, encouragement and team work we saw. All three houses put their hearts and souls into the tugging and spectators encouraged all the teams which helped them perform to their extreme best. Well done to one and all.

Final house points scores – Connelly were the winners with 141 points, Beale in second place with 124 points and Huxley in third place with 118 points.

Winners - Connelly House

All the staff and students of Two Boats School would like to say a huge thank you to the following people –

AIG for preparing the sports field and transporting all the equipment.

All who helped with the food – especially Tony Green, Carolyn, Barbara and Clare Raymond for all his running around before during and after the day

All parents, guardians, visitors who helped cheer on the athletes.

Race Starter (Secondary) Colin Duncan

Race Starter (Primary) Debbie Augustus

Start Marshals - Isabel Andrews (Secondary), Angela Yon (Primary)

Time Keepers/Place Judges(Secondary) -Tracey Yon, Kate Trodd, Octavia Thomas

Time Keepers/Place Judges (Primary) Kerry Lawrence, Tammy Roberts, Claire Leo

House Marshals Beale: Alison Birkett and Annalise Roberts

Connelly: Carolyn Yon and Tanya Benjamin

Huxley: Ursula Harris and Anthony Chipp

High Jump Referees Colin Duncan, Trevor Fowler

Long Jump Referees Raymond Anthony, Angela Yon

Discus Referees Isabel Andrews, Caroline Yon

Throwing and Jumping Linda Yon

(Nursery- Yr2) Margaret Mc Mullen

Shot Putt Recorders Tracey Yon, Nicky John

Score Recorders David Clarke & Fern Clarke

Cheerleading/Supported team referees- Jacki McGill, Sharon & Chris Ramsden and Sam Leo

Announcer Johnny Hobson

Runners Dane Wade (Secondary) Natasha Williams (Primary)

First Aid Neil Lawrence (Hospital)

Refreshment sales Clare Grey & Barbara Greentree

Presentation coordinator Steve Tobin

Medals Presenters - Helen Tobin, Chris Ramsden, Sharon Ramsden

Champions Trophy Howard Peters (school governor)

And last but by no means least –

**ALL OF OUR FANTASTIC CHILDREN WHO TOOK PART
WITH SUCH GREAT TEAM SPIRIT AND ENTHUSIASM – WELL
DONE TO YOU ALL – YOU ARE ALL WINNERS!**

Scouts discover secrets of the Briars



It wasn't just Napoleon who lived at the Briars. This week, First Jamestown Scouts hiked up the Barnes Road to the Briars, where we were met by Michel Martineau, the French Consul, who took us on a special guided tour to the places which the public normally never sees. He told us how the Royal Navy moved their HQ from Cape Town to the Briars when Napoleon came here, and the extension behind Briars Pavilion was built for the Admiral to live in. We also discovered old stone slave quarters hidden away in the bush land, and Michel showed us a stable block with a semi-circular stone floor for turning carriages, which has only just been re-discovered while excavating a new road. Scouts would like to thank Michel very much for providing such an interesting tour.

Next Tuesday, will be a mystery activity, but bring swimming gear and fishing rods 'just in case'. Meet at the Canister at 4.30 - bus leaves New Ground at 4pm.

On Sunday 8 November, Scouts will attend the Remembrance Day Parade. Bus will leave New Ground at 9.15am to meet at the Scout Hall by 9.45 - uniforms required.

Paul Blessington - Scout Leader

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Election 2009 - West

Michael Benjamin

Election Day will soon be upon us, so I thought I would take this final opportunity to summarize some of my views from my previous campaign letters, and what I would strive to accomplish should I be elected as one of your new councillors. First of all, I would like to thank you for your wonderful comments on my last letter in the Independent Newspaper, although some of you thought it was a bit long. You would need a small book to address the problems of our beautiful island. Anyway, most of you know that I am running on a platform that is business oriented. Yes, good governance, and balancing our budget is extremely important to me, but we need to do more than just managing our yearly handout. We need to work on a strategy that will provide us with growth and development, so that we can generate our own income to supplement the funds given to us by DFID. To overlook this is extremely dangerous for the economic health of St. Helena, because working within the confines of an annual DFID budget will leave us in the very same position that we have been in for years – our population dissatisfied, and our valuable people continuing to leave. We need to reverse this trend, and you have my promise, that if I were to become one of your new councillors, these matters will become some of my primary objectives. Money isn't everything, but there is very little you can accomplish without it. Every year, our budget from DFID prevents us from fulfilling some of the things we need to do. We cannot continue to live like this. I know of people that have been waiting years for a simple street light, but I guess budget restraints come into play. It is a shame that we cannot even afford to light our communities. In my quest to bring growth and development to St. Helena, I will not destroy what we hold so dear – our lifestyle, our culture, and the beauty that surrounds us. Our environment is extremely important to me. Even in the midst of a busy election campaign, I am having to find time to install newly imported machinery that will recycle each and every bottle brought onto this island. I realise, that if I am to seek growth and development for St. Helena, then I must ensure that checks and balances are in place to prevent our achievements from

becoming a part of our destruction. I will do my utmost to bring in policies that will encourage foreign investment, because I believe we simply cannot afford to overlook this valuable form of income generation. No country on earth shuts itself off from foreign companies bringing money into invest. I have been into three different countries as a foreign investor, and these governments benefited from the employment I created, and the taxes they collected on my company's earnings. This is what our government should be doing. Their role is to regulate, and not to operate. St. Helena needs to have a vibrant private sector. We might think that our annual handout comes from the British government, but to put it simply – it actually comes from taxes collected from British citizens working in the private sector. Yes, we pay taxes, but they are collected within the confines of the budget given to us by DFID. St. Helena needs a new direction. It needs leaders with drive and enthusiasm, and a vision for a bright and prosperous future. We've got the talent, and we've got the know-how. We simply need to find the will. We have some excellent heads of departments with visions of their own, but they cannot fulfill their ambitions because funds do not allow them to. Growth and development will allow us to rebuild our population and maintain a strong tax base that will sustain us. If you think services are poor now, then let me tell you that they will become even lower if we continue to let our people catch the next ship out. Within this past year, I have done four international interviews. Two for TV, one for Radio, and one for Newspaper. I want the world to know, that we are down, but we are



not out. We can come back, and we will come back. If I am elected as a councillor, I will strive to address our financial and social problems. I want a bright and prosperous future for all islanders, operating under a system that offers justice and fairness for all. Will you help me achieve my goals. I won't always tell you what you want to hear. I am looking for solutions to our island's problems, and sometimes I will be forced to sleep with the devil to achieve positive results. Finally, it is your civic duty to vote, and I do hope you take the time to do so. I would like to become your new councillor, but if you have other choices, then it is my sincere wish that they live up to your expectations.

Thank You, Michael A. Benjamin

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Elections 2009

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Election 2009 - East

John Cranfield

Message to the electorate,

It is a great pleasure for me to address you today on the occasion of the island's general elections for candidates to serve on the Legislative Council for the next four years. My name is John Cranfield and I am one of those candidates standing for the East Constituency. My theme in this campaign is simply to serve the island and its people with vision and deliver with passion.

Our representatives at Legislative Council should be someone with rich professional knowledge and experience, with vision as well as a global outlook. He must monitor government, yet have the ability to promote further development of St. Helena's economy and society, to help us create a better home.

We need independent, just, fair, and accountable representatives for the position of Legislative Council; someone with principles, yet diplomatic; someone who can reach out and communicate with different sectors in society; someone who can win the people's confidence and respect to further the interests of St. Helena.

We have an opportunity to set the correct course of direction for our island and I hope you will have sufficient confidence in my candidacy to vote for me, John Cranfield. With everybody's support and contribution, we can make St.

Helena a better place. I have set out my priorities in my manifesto which I hope all constituents in the East have had the chance to peruse. I have the utmost confidence that these goals are achievable if we have a united driving force in council.

I was born in St. Helena and built my career and family here. For the past 36 years I have passed through every phase of my career in senior management roles in both finance and administration and have held varied committee posts related to community and sports organisations. As such, I have a deep understanding of the many challenges facing St. Helena in the future and I will promote a work-life balance to improve the quality of life for our people. I understand the hardship and struggles of the less fortunate sections of our society and I have empathy for them. I will work with everyone in creating a just and caring society in St. Helena. I will actively seek new avenues of development and growth for St. Helena's economy to create better and more opportunities for



everybody. I chose to declare my candidacy in Legislative Council to serve society as a whole.

I love St. Helena. St. Helena is my home. I have experienced all the highs and lows in St. Helena over the past decades, and suffered through her worst moments. I have stuck with St. Helena through it all, and I am confident in St. Helena's future. I will do my utmost to sustain St. Helena's development.

Thank you in advance for your support and I will serve the island with humility and pragmatism. Let us look ahead and work together to create a brighter future for St. Helena and our people.

SERVE WITH VISION - DELIVER WITH PASSION

Eric George

My Final Message to the Electorate

Election Day is near for you to decide the councillor you believe will deliver the best chance of meeting your needs, remembering "the overarching role of a Councillor is to improve the quality of life of the people of St Helena".

From the outset I have chosen Health to be at the top of my list of the flyer I have circulated together with other issues of importance. Having now spoken to people, it is important to know one in three has concerns about the Island's medical service. I want to give an assurance to all that I will address their concerns as a top priority as listed if elected on polling day to serve the community.

Another matter that is high on my list of priorities is affordable housing. Peo-

ple have expressed their concerns to me about this. I will undertake to address this important matter in your interest as well.

I will sign off now until we meet at the polling station where you will make your choice? I ask most sincerely to choose wisely for the person or persons you believe will serve the every day needs of the Island and one who will do everything possible to protect the future well-being of the people of St Helena to the benefit of the whole community.

Thank you for sharing your views and problems with me. .

"If elected I will be there for you, for your family, for the whole community"

Eric W George
Sapper Way

For Sale

5 x 6ft Iroko framed Windows +
1 x 4ft Iroko Framed Windows @ £25 each

1 x 8ft Aluminium framed glass sliding door @ £60

5 x 30" x 78" beech effect internal doors brand new and wrapped @ £20 each

1 x 32" x 80" dark wooden internal door with handles and hinges fitted @ £30

1 x 25 gallon copper cylinder with incoloy covered element, cylinder key and jacket, all brand new and wrapped @ £200

Any offers considered as I need a quick sale, please contact Mike Durnford on 4476 ASAP (After 6pm)

Election 2009 - East

Who should you vote for?

The Councillors you elect on 4th November will have to

Represent you and your issues

Vote for whoever you trust to speak up for you when you need your issues resolved.

Make laws

Laws define how you live and Councillors make the laws. Vote for someone who understands how complex the future might be.

Monitor Government performance

How well is Government doing its job? Vote for Councillors who are prepared and able to question the Government continuously and doggedly.

Make policies

Councillors should be giving a political direction for St.Helena. No Councillor will agree with you on all issues – choose one that fits best.

Run the country

Some of the Councillors you elect will **be** the Government. They will make every day decisions that affect your lives.

Provide you with information

You should expect Councillors to keep you informed. Councillors who tell you nothing are the wrong ones to choose.

Represent St.Helena

Your chosen Councillor may have to speak for St.Helena on the International stage. Make sure he or she is up to it.

Why vote for Moors?

Because I believe that:

- Saints only need a chance. You don't want everything done for you – you want support in doing things for yourself. Farmers and fishermen particularly want to be rid of red tape, and want to be able to earn a reasonable reliable wage.
- St.Helena needs to strive to be more self-sufficient. Depending on UK aid is not a long term strategy that works. "Buy local", yes, but we need to "Make local" too.
- Laws should enable opportunity as well as define punishments. We should be welcoming immigrants that contribute rather than shunning them. St.Helena needs to manage its resources, not just protect them. We need long term visions, not merely short-term fixes.
- Taxes should be fair – taking from those who cannot pay is immoral. But not taxing those who can pay is criminal.
- Taxes can be reduced if Government focuses only on essentials, and does so more efficiently. Outsourcing and privatisation is urgent where it makes sense. Private sector development is crucial to St.Helena's future, not just in tourism.
- Full-cost recovery may be a sensible long-term aim, but it cannot simply be imposed when the economy is so weak. Introduce it gradually alongside other measures that strengthen the economy and that make people more able to pay for what they use.
- We should stop adopting UK and EU policies which do not apply here. Too many regulations are imposed without enough thought to the consequences here.
- You need to know what is going on. Real openness and transparency – not just lip service. Councillors and Government should be accountable to YOU.

..and I believe I can bring about these changes.



Make your ✓ for a **CHANGE**
Vote **MOORS** for

JASPER'S Retail Business For Sale

For sale as "a going concern" from 1st February 2010, is the retail business "Jasper's Cards & Gifts" shop.

"Jasper's" was established in August 2005 as a specialist greeting card outlet that also provides high quality gift items. Since opening "Jasper's" has developed in other areas, including stocking a range of Island souvenirs and providing a comprehensive photo printing service. The business currently operates from "The Moon" building in Napoleon Street and includes the shop, adjoining office, toilet/wash room/small store and a large cellar store. Included is the stock of cards and gifts, complete custom designed modular shelving units each with built in storage, card display racks, floor display stands and card spinners, and A2 display picture frames. Office furniture includes desks, chairs, cupboards, desk storage pedestals, TV cabinet, and a two-seater leather couch. All furniture/shelving items from shop and office in excellent condition. Equipment includes two ink-jet printers (including one A3), two dye-sublimation printers, two computer systems, 1 x CRT TV, 1 x LCD TV, VHS to DVD recorder and UPS units. The business has established strong trade links with suppliers in UK, all of which would be included in the sale. The preference is to sell the entire business as "a going concern", however, if this is not possible the furniture, fittings, stock and equipment would be sold separately. This business will be available for sale or will close on 1st February 2010.

Expressions of interest welcome to Darrin & Sharon Henry.
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For Sale

Land rover Free Lander, 1.8,
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one year and in very good
condition.

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and removable sun roof.

Interested persons can con-
tact 4685

From Stedson George - East

The St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha Constitu-
tion Order 2009

When the new Constitution was being discussed, we were told that it was technically and legally impossible to include the right to a nationality. It was only during a teleconference with the Minister for International Development, Mr Chris Bryant, that I was able to convince him that the people of St Helena wanted that right included in the new Constitution. Section 20 (2) now reads "As everyone has the right to a nationality, no person shall be arbitrarily deprived of his or her British Citizenship, whether by legislation or otherwise".

I regard this as a personal achievement.

Stedson George

Simon Henry Shooting in Ireland

Dear readers, after competing in the Small Island games in Aland this year I moved to Cork in the Republic of Ireland. After arriving in Ireland I visited and joined the Fermoy Rifle Club. This is a 50 minute drive from Cork. At the club they shoot various disciplines, from pistol to bench rest including 50m and 100m prone .22 rifle. I needed to borrow the club rifle as I left mine back on St Helena. It is a basic wooden stock rifle with only an adjustment for the sling, but it shoots well. On Sunday 25th October 2009 Fermoy Rifle Club held their 50m prone 60 shot competition. I entered and was placed in Group A. The day started with spells of good weather, but gradually got colder during the shoot. I shot in the second detail and by that time the coldness had bypassed our jackets. Despite the cold weather and continues light changing conditions, I won Gold in Group A with a score of 574 out of a possible 600. I also won Silver for the overall score. The highest score overall was 579, shot by a shooter from Dublin in Group B. The day finished with the medal presentation plus tea and biscuits.

Simon Henry



From the Post Mistress

The Postmistress wishes to advise the following despatch dates for mail to arrive at their destination before Christmas:-

For Capetown 16 November. NB: No Mail despatch to Walvis Bay on 14 December

Airmail via Ascension for UK 2nd December

Airmail via Ascension for Falklands 8th December

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Dates and closing times will be announced nearer the time.

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PUBLIC NOTICE - Notice board at Essex House

Restoration work has commenced at Essex House and it has been necessary to remove the notice board. The notice board is normally used to display the names of persons who are to be married and displaying of these names has been the practice for many years. With the absence of the board, notices of marriage will now be displayed on the notice board outside of the Court House in Jamestown.

This will continue until the board is once again erected outside of Essex House.

Karen Yon,

Registrar of Marriages at the Legal, Lands and Planning Department

Happy Birthday to Joyce Yon
For Saturday 31st
Have a great day Mum
Love Colin & Sarah (Falklands)
Samantha, Mark, Tia, & Olivia
Stacey & Justin (UK)



*To Our Special Angel
'AISHA-SKYE
JOHN-BAGLEY'
who will celebrate
your 1st birthday on
Thursday, 5th
November. Hope you
have a great day,
Sweetheart. All our
cuddles & kisses. We
love you loads. From
Mummy & Daddy
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX!*



*Mark and Ressy Yon
of New Milton, Hampshire
Would like to take this opportunity
to thank their Family and Friends
for all the Congratulation Telegrams, Emails,
Messages and Gifts
That they recieved.
An extra special thankyou, goes out to my cousins
Kim Simon and Robert Gunnell
who accompanied us to India
to share our Special Day
Thankyou, and God Bless*

Temporary Job Advert

Applications are invited for the post of temporary Assistant Supervisor for SHAPE at Sandy Bay for a period of 2 months in the first instance. The main task is to assist the Supervisor with the day to day duties of running the centre and managing the clients working there.

The wage will be £80 per week.

Interested person should contact Mr Ronald Coleman on telephone number 2230 or call in at Essex House for a chat. Written application should be sent to Ronald at Essex House by Friday 6 November 2009.

Ronald Coleman, Treasurer - SHAPE, 29 October 2009

The Public Health & Social Services Department would like to inform the public that the outpatients clinic will recommence operation from the Half Tree Hollow Clinic with effect from Friday, 6 November 2009.

For Sale

Is a Volkswagon Beetle, registration number 2648. Interested persons can contact Kim Yon on 3887 or 2222

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Graco Mirage plus Travel System complete with rain cover. Colour- Navy Blue & Pink
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A Red Rover 200 Car, Registration number 1926. Insured until March 2010
Interested persons can contact Sinead Green on 4208 or 2660

With Christmas just around the corner you will be thinking of friends and family..Why not buy them the perfect gift,'Jewels of the Tropical South Atlantic'the latest release by David aj Rabbits...Available on DVD from Ascension Is.Conservation Office and the RMS...Also from David himself in England..[E-mail..davidrabbits@btinternet.com](mailto:mail.davidrabbits@btinternet.com) Tel. 01833650384...1hr50mins of pure pleasure...'Go on, give them a treat!....

VACANCY FOR SPECIAL POLICE CONSTABLE / PRISON OFFICER HM PRISON

A vacancy has occurred within the Police Department for a Special Police Constable/ Prison Officer to work within HM Prison.

The successful applicant should be 18 years of age or over and will be responsible to the Principal Officer through the Senior Prison Officer for supervising the activities of prisoners in their charge within and outside the prison, bearing in mind at all times security implications, gaol rules, local instructions and the statement of purpose.

The main duties of the post are as follows:

- To escort and safeguard prisoners of all categories
- To assist in the safe detention and treatment of Arrested Persons
- To report any irregularities in the behaviour of staff, prisoners or of any visitor to the prison without delay to the Supervisor
- To carry out daily security checks
- To be responsible for the implementation of prison contingency plans
- Any other reasonable duties as required by the Superintendent of Gaols or Deputy Superintendent of Gaols.

Applicants should be able to work as a team member, should have a keen interest in self development and be available to participate in in-service and regional training programmes and to successfully pass the Police Entrance Examination; must be mature, disciplined and honest, and have the ability to remain calm under pressure and to maintain confidentiality.

Applicants who do not meet all the requirements but have the relevant experience will be considered.

Salary for the post is at Grade Level 3, commencing at £5,148 per annum.

Interested persons are invited to contact Ms Jan Thompson, Deputy Superintendent of Gaols, on telephone 2541 or on e-mail at hmp.dsg@police.gov.sh for further details and a copy of the full Job Profile.

Application forms are available from the Human Resources Department, Ogborn House or Police Headquarters and should be completed and submitted through Heads of Department where applicable, to the Executive Officer, Ogborn House by Friday 13 November 2009.

Royce Hipgrave, Chief of Police, 28 October 2009

Saturday 31st October – Open Air Halloween Contest, starting from 7pm.

Meals will be on sale and consists of:

BBQ Chops, Chicken, Sausage, coleslaw, salads and chips.

Steak Meals with Mushrooms and Onions

Fried Wahoo with coleslaw, salads and chips



Friday Night – Terrie Clingham will be playing reggae music on the patio for all you reggae dudes, the pool table will still be in operation.

Saturday – The bar will open from 5pm and in the evening there will be a Family Night Out to celebrate Halloween, children's Halloween Fancy Dress, so to be included in the prize giving, give KJ a call on 4083 to say if you are taking part in the fancy dress. Colin Peters will be providing music on the Patio for the evening and food will be on sale, so for a trick or treat see you all at Pub Paradise

Sunday – Normal opening from 5pm with Pool and other Pub Games.

OASIS

Friday – Open @ 4pm. Start ur weekend early, come along to the Oasis. Enjoy our friendly atmosphere, relax and have a dri then it's our 'HALLOWEEN PARTY' w/ Boot-C. DANCE FEVER!!! flavoured jello shots will be there so don't miss out!!!

Food will be on sale.

Saturday – Open @ 2pm. Drop by and have a chilled beer to celebrate Halloween with great music to entertain.

Sunday – Open @ 12 noon. Relax with a friendly atmosphere. Pool Competition starting @ 6:30pm. Doubles Knockout!!! Prize to be won!



There will be a dance at the Sandy Bay Community Centre on Friday 30th October. Music is being provided by King George. Entrance fee is £1.00 Bar & refreshments will be available.

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