

The Stork has Arrived!



Congratulations to Dr Bianca,
Martijyn and Amber on the safe arrival
of baby Aiden..



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Editor's Note

Hiya Readers,

As Johnny Hobson used to say; "the 2nd bar of the Ascension Island heater has been turned on!" Anyone else noticed? We have just returned from a visit to the family in New Zealand (not a patch on Ascension:)) where we endured ice, rain and freezing -end of winter- cold...so this has been a shock! Bring on July...

What news this week? I am delighted to report that Dr Bianca gave birth to a bouncing baby boy named Aiden on the 23rd - warm congrats you two! as you can see, Bianca has taken the whole thing in her stride! The family will be back in mid-March....

As you will know, Kobi Bryant sadly passed away on Saturday in a tragic accident; I have included a poignant article written by him in 2001 for the benefit of our US readers...

Also - reminders to all about the Family service next Sunday, the Fishing competition on the 1st, and the Dew Pond Run on the 23rd!

Have a cool week!

Bill And Felicity



ASCENSION ISLAND COUNCIL FORMAL MEETING

on Thursday 6th February

at 10:00 hrs

in the Court House, Georgetown



St. Mary's Anglican Church

Churchwardens:- Cheryl 66147 / Mervyn 66230

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Matthew 4:12-23 - "I will make you fish for people" or "I will make you fishers of men"

In Matthews account of the call of the first disciples, Simon, Peter, Andrew, James and John we don't really learn anything about these four men except that they are fishermen by trade. The social background of these four men is not important. All we see is four men being taken away from their personal and professional lives in response to the call of Jesus upon them.

And what are they called to? Jesus uses a really odd symbol here! "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men". We are so used to this phrase, we don't even think of it as a bit off, but actually, I think it is...

What happens to a fish when it is caught? It dies! Does our fishing for people result in their spiritual death? Is the church full of spiritually dead people? Also, a fish doesn't want to be caught and is pulled on board the boat unwillingly. So are we to force people into church and force them into a relationship with God through which they will only encounter spiritual death?

These first disciples would probably have heard of Jesus; he was after all, walking round Galilee proclaiming the kingdom of God and as Galilean fishermen, they would probably have been aware of him.

So what would have been going through their heads when they decided to leave all behind and follow this new, major teacher who had come back to Galilee from out of the wilderness?

Simon, Peter, Andrew, James and John were called by Jesus to fish for people and the uncertainty of that phrase led them to basically misunderstand their call and that resulted in the spiritual struggles that they had to work through over the coming years.

We might think that becoming Christian or coming to church will result in one way of living, but when we truly give our lives over to Jesus, things often take a different turn altogether.

Jesus said "Follow me, and I will help you fish for people". The church throughout history has taken this as a call to mission and evangelism - and so it is. But originally it is the personal challenge that all of us face when we become Christians that Jesus will take us in a direction that we least expect.

This part of Matthews Gospel should leave us feeling a little uncomfortable about what it means to be a Christian. We are not called to an easy life, we have illnesses that some recover from or are still ongoing, we are not called to power and authority - but to a tough life that will constantly surprise us and challenge us. We all have challenges in our lives. I've had 2 massive challenges... breast cancer and heart failure. And so we are called to constantly weigh up why we are followers of Christ and what it is that we want to get out of this lifestyle we have chosen.

And so my friends think about this:- are we seeking honour and glory and power and authority and respect? Or are we prepared to walk the way of the cross and all that this will mean for us in our everyday lives?

Stay safe and have an enjoyable but safe week.

Cheryl

St. Mary's Anglican Church



Family / Toy Service

On Sunday 2nd February 2020

At 10:00 a.m.

The Children are encouraged to bring along their unwanted but good condition toys/books etc. to this service to be sent to children in St. Helena who are less fortunate than themselves.

All are welcome

A Toast to Robbie Burns!



A fine time was had by all at the OSM on Saturday evening. This formal function had a Scottish flavour in celebration of the life and works of poet Robert Burns. It included haggis, bagpipes, whisky, Scottish – American English translation and some short speeches to toast all the key elements of the evening: the poet himself, the lassies, the laddies and the haggis!

Although all the speeches were informative and humorous, the toast to the haggis was surely the most enthralling thanks to the dramatic delivery by Iain Lamb while gesticulating wildly and slashing at the haggis. The event ended with some energetic ceilidh dancing after the meal, accompanied by Donald Lindsay on his bagpipes. Thank you to Joanna Sheath for pulling it all together, to the Mess staff for the food and service, to the speakers [Hannah Lindsay, Iain Lamb, Gillian Tyre and CAIB], to Donald for his pipe music, to Donna Whitlock as an excellent Mrs Vice and, of course, to the Chieftain himself, Graeme Tyre.

If you fancy some Scottish dancing, there will be more of the same – and maybe even some more delightful Scottish foods – at Two Boats Club next Saturday evening (*contact PA to Administrator asap if interested*).



KOBE BRYANT IN NEWSWEEK: 'WE NEVER KNOW WHEN OUR TIME HERE WILL BE OVER'

BY KOBE BRYANT ON 23/12/2001



Kobe Bryant #24 of the Los Angeles Lakers at Staples Center on April 13, 2016 in Los Angeles, California.

Kobe Bean Bryant (August 23, 1978 – January 26, 2020) was an American professional basketball player who played his entire 20-season career in the National Basketball Association (NBA) with the Los Angeles Lakers. He entered the NBA directly from high school and won five NBA championships. Bryant was an 18-time All-Star, 15-time member of the All-NBA Team, 12-time member of the All-Defensive Team, and the 2008 NBA Most Valuable Player (MVP). Widely regarded as one of the greatest basketball players of all time, he led the NBA in scoring during two seasons, ranks fourth on the league's all-time regular season scoring, and ranks fourth on the all-time postseason scoring list. Bryant was the first guard in NBA history to play at least 20 seasons. At 34 years and 104 days of age, Bryant became the youngest player in league history to reach 30,000 career points. He became the all-time leading scorer in Lakers franchise history on February 1, 2010, when he

surpassed Jerry West. During his third year in the league, Bryant was chosen to start the All-Star Game, and was selected to start that game for a record 18 consecutive appearances until his retirement. His four All-Star MVP Awards are tied with Bob Pettit for the most in NBA history. At the 2008 and 2012 Summer Olympics, he won two gold medals as a member of the U.S. national team. In 2018, he won the Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film for his film Dear Basketball.

In 2001 Kobi Bryant wrote the following essay on the significance of the “911” tragedy:

One of the things I always believed is that no matter how bad something is, you can take something positive out of it. The one time I wasn't sure of that was on September 11.

I usually wake up at 6:30 or 7 in the morning. That day, I happened to wake up earlier. I turned on the television and as I was flipping through channels, I saw that a plane had crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. My initial reaction was that it was a terrible accident. Then I saw another plane fly into the South Tower and I realized that I was witnessing an act of terrorism.

I woke up my wife, Vanessa. As we sat and viewed the tragic events, we grieved for the victims and their families; we prayed for the survivors; we watched with disbelief as our great country was attacked. We both knew things would never be the same--our country and our lives would be changed forever.

I had a commercial shoot that day. I called it off. Like the rest of America, my wife and I spent the day glued to the television, watching the horrific images over and over again. My heart ached as I watched family members searching the streets for their loved ones. The pain and fear in their eyes is something I will never forget. I sat on my couch overwhelmed with emotion. I was sad and angry and even a little bit confused. I could not understand how something this horrible could have happened. I wanted answers and explanations. Who was responsible for taking the lives of so many innocent people? What was their motivation? How could our leaders have let this happen?

As the day went on, my mind was flooded with so many thoughts. I kept thinking about the people on those planes and in those buildings, and about

how their families had no idea that such horrible things were happening to them. There was no one to help the victims. They had nowhere to turn. I wanted so badly to be able to do something; the feeling of powerlessness was terrible.

I thought about all of the firefighters going into the burning buildings to rescue people and never coming out. It reminded me of my grandfather, who was a Philadelphia firefighter and captain of a firehouse. Growing up, I heard my grandfather tell stories about numerous rescues where he and his comrades put their lives on the line to save people they had never even met. As a child, I did not understand his job or why doing something that risked his life could bring him so much joy. Now I realize his happiness was derived from his devotion to helping people.

A lot of people say that athletes are heroes, but I know that's not really true. The real heroes are firefighters and police officers, the men and women willing to risk their lives to save others. I really like the new NBA public-service spots which show footage of those policemen and firefighters, and NBA stars such as Ray Allen of the Milwaukee Bucks saying, "We know who the real heroes are."

I hear older and wiser people talk about the attack on Pearl Harbour and the Kennedy assassination and how drastically those events affected them. For my generation, the tragedy of September 11 paralleled that of Pearl Harbour. We will be talking about the devastating effect this day had on our country, and our lives as individuals, for years to come.

It wasn't until a few weeks after September 11 that I began to see that perhaps some good did come from this tragedy. People seem different now, more understanding, more tolerant. We seem to have our priorities more in order and we're able to put things in perspective in a more constructive way. Little things that seemed to be such a bother before are no longer a big deal.

Personally, I am more patient than I was. I realize life is too short, and too precious, to let myself get upset over trivial things. Life is also too short to carry grudges and therefore I've become more forgiving and understanding. I've learned also that you can't take things for granted. You know how we always say, "See you later"? One thing I've realized from September 11 is that

you can't ever say that for sure. Things change in the blink of an eye. People go to work and don't come back. One minute they're living and the next minute they're not. And, it doesn't matter who you are, there is nothing you can do about it. Bill Cosby's son was killed. Michael Jordan's father was killed. We never know when our time here will be over, so we all need to make the most of every minute we have.

You try to learn from what happened. You can't be consumed by it. You can't live by it. All you can do is just live.

(reproduced from Newsweek; 27 Jan 2020, with permission)



Brexit Update

Please see an article below from two FCO Ministers - Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon (Minister for the Commonwealth, the UN and South Asia) and Christopher Pincher MP (Minister for Europe and the Americas).

“As the United Kingdom Government's Ministers of State responsible for our Overseas Territories (OTs), a priority for us, and for the entire Government, has been to work closely with Territory leaders to identify the opportunities and concerns in each OT associated with Brexit.

You will be aware of the recent General Election in the United Kingdom, the resulting new dynamics in the United Kingdom's Parliament and the decisive action of the Prime Minister to press ahead with Brexit. The United Kingdom is set to leave the EU on 31 January with a deal – the Prime Minister's newly negotiated Withdrawal Agreement. The Withdrawal Agreement provides for an implementation period lasting until 31 December 2020, a time-limited period of transition before Brexit-related changes take place. We want to take this opportunity to set out what this means for people and businesses in the OTs.

To summarise – during the implementation period, your rights and those of your family members will not change, and neither will the relationship OT companies and NGOs have with the EU.

Many of you may be thinking about how Brexit could affect your ability to travel or live abroad. Firstly, we would like to make clear that eligibility criteria for British passports of all types will not be affected by our departure from the EU. Secondly, the rules on travelling to the EU will remain the same throughout the implementation period. This means British Citizen passport holders will be able to continue to live, work and study in the EU as they do now. The rights of British Overseas Territory Citizen (BOTC) passport holders – including 90-day visa-free access to the Schengen area in any 180 days – will also not change, either during the implementation period or afterwards.

We fully understand the importance of EU funding for a number of organisations in the Territories. That is why the United Kingdom Government had agreed to cover EU-funded projects in the OTs under EDF, BEST, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+ if the EU were to cease payments. As part of the Prime Minister's deal, there is no longer any risk of this: projects in the OTs under these funding streams will continue to be covered by the EU for their duration.

Businesses in the OTs exporting goods to the EU27 will continue to be able to export tariff and quota-free for the duration of the implementation period. Tariff and quota-free access to the United Kingdom market for OT goods will continue indefinitely. While post-2020 access to the EU27 market is a matter for the upcoming negotiations on the Future Partnership, the United Kingdom Government is absolutely committed to seeking the best possible access for OT goods as part of our future relationship with the EU. During these negotiations the United Kingdom Government will also work to ensure that any post-2020 mobility arrangements agreed with the EU consider the specific needs and requirements of the OTs.

We want to both assure you and to leave you in no doubt that the United Kingdom is absolutely committed to the safety and prosperity of each of our British OTs. Brexit is no exception to this. As we head into the next phase of the negotiations and take up the opportunities afforded by our departure from the EU, including the ability to negotiate our own trade agreements around the world, the continuing priority for the United Kingdom Government is to ensure that the voices of our OTs are heard. And that your priorities inform our approach to the negotiations every step of the way."

Officer of the Administrator
27 January 2020



Hash Trash: 1814 The Burns Camp Out

Hares: Balls Squared, Missing MacGonnegal

Hounds: King Doughnut, Saggy old sack, Hen likes fish, Top off, Levers it in, Likes a hot flow, Toss my monkey, Poseur, Rock hard wood, Load of hot air, Becca, Big drippy sausage, No sausage for me thanks, Plays with herself, Kirsty, James, Matt, and the one I am missing - who are you?

25th January. A special day in the calendar. Chinese New Year, Welsh Valentines day and Burns Night. We chose to celebrate the latter. With hashers making their way up to Garden Cottage to honour the late Robbie Burns the tents started to pop up on the lawn and the smell of food filled the air.

With Camp set up fairly quick we decided we should do some resemblance of a hash. So up to the water catchment on breakneck which is undergoing a clear and recovery with the vegetation being removed, we went and down to the closed off tunnel which cuts its way through Green Mountain. Tunnel observed it was back to the camp grounds to begin celebrations.

As drinks appeared the conservation lot decided to do a forward rolling completion on the lawn, some more skilled than others. An impressive 10 person pyramid was made but someone forgot to press record on the gopro. Children worn out the feast began. Haggis, Neeps and tatties along with other random dishes were served.

The toast to the haggis was said and washed down with a shot of Whiskey. Food was eaten then a toast to the lassies was given by our very own Scot as well as a history lesson on Robbie Burns. Next was the toast to the laddies with various ladies chipping in.

Bellys full it was best have a rest or a competition. The now traditional game for a hash camp out was the cereal box game. You have to pick up a cereal box in your mouth and only have feet touching the floor. Each round it gets smaller until all is left is a scrap of flat card. I won't say who won but I think third place is the real winner.

As the night grew on campers slowly headed for tents, bellys full and happy

Quote: "Some hae meat and canna eat, and some wad eat that want it, but we hae meat, and we can eat, sae let the Lord be thankit" The Bard

Next Weeks' Hash: Hash No 1815

Hare: Missing MacGonnegal

Place: Museum car park - Fort Hayes Apres

Time: 4:30 PM Cost £3 or \$5

Bring a plate of eats



From The Archives

Our series of extracts from Mrs Gill's book *Six Months on Ascension* continues with a description of the reasons for a fight. The book is an account of her time with her husband's 1877 expedition to observe the Transit of Mars, from where Mars Bay gets its name.

On one occasion this fishing mania gave opportunity for a cruel practical joke at my expense. I had just spent a Sunday in Garrison; and when I returned on Monday, hot and hungry from the clinker, a dish of delicious filleted fish was set before me. This I concluded to be rock-cod, to which my exceeding hunger was giving all unusual relish. More than once I expressed my appreciation of this dainty dish, testifying to it still more strongly by making an excellent meal. David kept on saying how glad he was that I liked the fish, and then, as if a sudden thought had struck him, he turned to Hill and asked, "What sort of fish is it?"

"Conger eel, sir!" said Hill, in a tone of suppressed amusement.

"Eels!" I exclaimed in disgust; and threw down the fork which was conveying a choice morsel to my lips.

I had all the prejudice of a Scotchwoman against the nasty things, and nothing would induce me to have them at my table, so my ingenious husband had recourse to this cruel experiment, hoping thereby to cure me of my fancy. But who would give up a pet prejudice or a pet superstition without a struggle in this age of logic and hard facts? I was not going to yield to the first assault, so I at once declared that I felt sick and altogether much too ill to watch for Mars that night.

"Revenge is sweet, especially to women."

Besides this horrid conger – which, strange to say, is considered quite a delicacy in Ascension – our little bay swarmed with fish of every shape and size, from the monster shark, that cost us much in the way of lost lilies and hooks, to a lovely nimble wee fish, vulgarly called

“five fingers”, striped with changeful greens, and glistening like a rainbow with every restless motion. The white-fleshed cavalhoe and the savoury rock-cod were the staple food of our breakfast and dinner table; but, numerous as they were, it required no small skill to catch them, owing to the larger number and greater greed of the hideous black “old maids”, with their double row of dog-like teeth. If the rock-cod did not look sharp, these ravenous creatures got hooked in their stead, much to our disgust, for they were unfit for table use.

Beautiful opal-coloured mackerel darted about in the clear pools, and it became quite a sort with David to spear them, for bait, with his iron-pointed alpen-stock. Prickly sea-urchins lay curled up like balls of miniature bayonets among the coral, and the lovely sea anemones bloomed fair in our marine garden at Mars Bay. Numbers of little crabs crawled everywhere above and about the rocks, where myriads of “natives” lived and died; and from under many a weed-grown stone a slimy cuttle-fish would stretch out a hideous arm for a passing crab.

These salt pools, left by the receding waves among the rocks, were beautiful natural aquariums, in whose inhabitants we had great interest; and our daily sunset walk invariably took the shape of a scramble along the beach in search of “fairlies”.

Sometimes, instead of pools we found little islands of white salt lying among the black rocks, testifying to the rapid evaporation, due in great measure to the constant trade-wind. We did enjoy these scrambles, when, after the heat of the day, our parched lungs were refreshed with a draught of fresh cool air; and, if too great curiosity regarding some sea-creature cost us a wetting, that but added to the pleasing excitement of the excursion.

The museum is open every Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00. We have an extensive stock of books, t-shirts and many other mementoes of the island.

ASI LAY ADVOCATES – HERE FOR YOU

Help and support with criminal and civil matters

What is a Lay Advocate?

A Lay Advocate can provide you with **impartial, independent** and **confidential support** and **guidance**. The Lay Advocates on Ascension receive regular development training including update training on real cases which occur both here and on St Helena. They are also in regular and direct contact with the Public Solicitor's Office on St Helena and the Consultant Public Solicitor.

The Lay Advocates can be contacted at any time and, as practicable, are available 24 hours a day. At any time, you can request to have a Lay Advocate present and at any time you can elect to have a different Advocate without question.

Criminal Matters

If you have attended, or are intending to attend a police station voluntarily or if you have been charged, detained, arrested by the Police or are due to appear in Court, the Lay Advocate can support you through these processes and importantly ensure that Police procedures are followed explicitly according to Police and Criminal Evidence Ordinance (PACE).

Should an arrest result in a court appearance, the Advocate will guide you through the stages of the court process prior to your hearing and attend with you on the day to present your defence on your behalf if you wish.

If you attend the police station voluntarily or are arrested or detained by the Police, the Police **must** ask you if you would like a Lay Advocate to be present. The choice of Advocate is entirely yours but if your first choice is unavailable you will be asked if you would like a second choice. You do not have to have a Lay Advocate present but it is strongly recommended.

Civil Matters

A Lay Advocate can also help with civil matters such as:

- preparing a Will
- divorce petition including financial information
- name changes
- help with preparing guardianship and parental responsibility documentation
- immigration
- employment issues

Please get in touch if you have any other enquiries – we may be able to help.

Who are the Lay Advocates?

There are 3 Lay Advocates available on Ascension:

Kevin Hudson Home: 64612	Hillary Price Home: 64641 Mobile: 46664	Siobhan Stewart Home: 64682 Mobile: 45302
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Do you need to talk to a Lay Advocate or Public Solicitor?

If you would like to discuss any issues or would like to speak direct, and in confidence, with a Public Solicitor on the phone, please contact one of the Lay Advocates above to arrange an appointment.

All appointments made are completely confidential. Appointments made to speak with a Public Solicitor are held at the Lay Advocates Office in Georgetown.

Are you interested in becoming a Lay Advocate?

Over the next few months, the Public Solicitor will be recruiting a new Lay Advocate. Please get in touch with one of the Lay Advocates above for more information.

Vacancy for Senior Communications Engineer - Transmitting Station

Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for a full-time **Senior Communications Engineer** at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder is expected to fulfil a leadership role within the Engineering Team, who are primarily responsible for transmitting programmes for the BBC and other customers.

Duties will also include maintenance and fault-finding on transmitters and associated equipment.

This post will be offered either on a Single or Accompanied status fixed-term contract, depending on personal circumstances and with bungalow accommodation.

Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Engineer qualified to BTEC National Certificate Level or equivalent in a relevant subject.
- Consistent application of Engineering skills and developed experience in the role of Communications Engineer.
- Comprehensive knowledge of safe working practices and safety procedures.
- In depth knowledge of HF propagation and transmission, Electronic, Electrical, Data, RF and Power Engineering.
- Ability to analyse difficult technical problems.
- Able to demonstrate an in depth knowledge of electronics and fault finding.
- Consistent and developed practical experience of transmitter station's operation and maintenance work.
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing with both internal and external customers.
- Ability to maintain accurate technical and administrative records.
- Workshop skills, specifically hand and power tools.
- IT Competent, particularly in the use of Microsoft Office.
- Strong self-motivation and the ability to work with a degree of autonomy.
- Full driving licence.
- **The Ability and willingness to work flexible hours and to be available for call-outs and faults, outside of normal working hours.**

Desirable Qualifications / Experience

- Experience of antenna systems.
- High Voltage Authorisation.
- People management experience.

Please contact the Senior Engineer, on +247 66800 (Extn 108) or email Linda.Yon@encompass.co.ac for a **Job Application Form**, **Job Description** and for further information regarding the post.

Applications to be sent to:

Senior Engineer

BBC Atlantic Relay Station

English Bay

Ascension Island (or email Linda.Yon@encompass.co.ac)

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, and must be received by **Friday 14th February 2020**.

Vacancy for Electro-Mechanical & Transmitter Technician

Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for an **Electro-Mechanical & Transmitter Technician** at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder will form part of the Electro-Mechanical Team, responsible for the efficient, effective maintenance and repair of air-conditioning plant of all Encompass and customer sites, across the Island. Other responsibilities include maintenance and repair of electrical, mechanical, pneumatic and hydraulic equipment.

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status, fixed-term contract, with bungalow accommodation. Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination and obtaining relevant security clearances.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Certification/experience of air conditioning maintenance & repair.
- Competent/experienced in the use of hand tools, power tools and workshop machinery.
- Good understanding of safety procedures and safe working practices, particularly in the *Electro-Mechanical* area.
- Manual Handling Training and other Statutory Safety Training specific to the role.
- Good interpretation of electrical and mechanical diagrams.
- Be industrious, proactive and work to a high standard.
- Strong self-motivation and ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Basic computer skills.
- Full driving licence.
- Ability and willingness to work flexible hours.

Desirable Qualifications/Experience

- Electrician qualified with City & Guilds 2330 Level 3.
- City & Guilds 2391 Inspection and Testing.
- Recognised mechanical craft qualification or equivalent.
- Qualified welder.
- Installation of household solar panels/water systems.
- SC level security clearance.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the Job Description.

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Applications should be submitted on our job application form, and must be received by **Friday 14th February 2020**.

Vacancy for Rigger or Trainee Rigger

Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for a **Rigger or Trainee Rigger** at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder will form part of the Rigging Team, primarily responsible for antenna maintenance of the Transmitting Station and other rigging & aerial maintenance related duties.

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status, fixed-term contract, with single ensuite room and shared catering facilities or bungalow accommodation, depending on personal circumstances.

Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.
Candidates short-listed for interview will be expected to pass a mast climbing test.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Good knowledge of Safe Working practices and Safety Procedures, especially relating to Working at Heights.
- Physically fit, able to pass a climbing medical and climbing test.
- An understanding of paint systems and preparation of surfaces.
- Good mechanical/electrical aptitude, with an understanding of basic mechanical/electrical systems.
- Competent use and operation of hand, power tools and workshop machinery.
- Be industrious, proactive and work to a high standard.
- Able to prioritise tasks and work without supervision.
- Basic computer skills.
- Full driving licence.
- Ability and willingness to work flexible hours.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the **Job Description**.
(If necessary, the successful candidates will receive complete training to fulfil the above requirements.)

Please contact the Senior Engineer on + 247 66800 (Extn 108) or email Linda.Yon@encompass.co.ac for a **Job Application Form**, **Job Description** and for further information regarding the post.

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DEW POND CHALLENGE

23 FEBRUARY 2020

This year, the emphasis for Dew Pond event will be a challenge as opposed to a run. The idea is that you challenge yourself to do your best on the day whether you intend to run, run/walk, walk/run, walk or a combination of all of these. Hopefully, this will be the year that those who have always said 'I'll do that next year' will grasp the nettle and have a go! There are many people on the Island who we all see walking, jogging and generally keeping fit and the Dew Pond Challenge is an excellent incentive to make this year the year that you actually push yourself to do it.

The route will be the same as every year and, for those who have been putting off a programme of exercise so far, you should be trying to move yourself as comfortably as you can, over a distance of a mile before the next edition of The Islander. A mile might seem a long way and you'd be right – it is! However, with some encouragement from friends and family and your own focus and resolve you **can** do it. Best advice is to just get over the threshold of your door – usually the hardest part! Then, build up by stages to complete your mile by next week. If you have not done any exercise for some time, it might be a good idea to take some medical advice before embarking on any form of exercise.

The main thrust of the day is not only to complete the route but to enjoy the process and feel great about yourself along the way. There will be support along the way of cheering friends, water stops and all the usual things that make a good event great and there are no words that can describe the feeling of having that medal around your neck as a reward for all that hard work you've done.

So, let's just do this shall we? Let us know you are interested by emailing jdiz42@hotmail.com or jane-disley@hotmail.co.uk. You won't regret it!

The Met Office Weather Report

Statistics for the week ending Monday 27 January 2020

	Max (Celsius)	Min (Celsius)	Rainfall (mm)
AIRHEAD	31.2	23.9	3.1
TRAVELLERS	N/A	22.7	11.1
RESIDENCY	N/A	19.7	14.5
GEORGETOWN	N/A	25.5	0.0
ST. HELENA	24.5	18.6	4.7
FALKLANDS	18.4	4.0	15.4
UK (Brize Norton)	9.2	-3.7	5.2

Tide Times & Georgetown Pierhead/English Bay Swell Outlook

For more detailed information, including swimming and swell warnings, please contact the Met Office on Ext: 3317

Day	Swell	High Tide	Low Tide	Sun Rise Set
Wednesday 29 Jan	0.5 – 1.0 M	08:45 21:05	02:52 14:41	06:56 19:24
Thursday 30 Jan	0.5 – 1.0 M	09:22 21:41	03:28 15:16	06:57 19:24
Friday 31 Jan	Around 1.0 M	10:03 22:22	04:07 15:57	06:57 19:24
Saturday 01 Feb	Around 1.0 M	10:55 23:13	04:53 16:47	06:57 19:24
Sunday 02 Feb	Around 1.0 M	12:03	05:52 17:57	06:58 19:24
Monday 03 Feb	Around 1.0 M	00:21 13:25	07:02 19:24	06:58 19:24
Tuesday 04 Feb	Around 1.0 M	01:39 14:38	08:13 20:45	06:58 19:24

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Closure of Pier head during Ship to Shore Fuel Transfer – MV Raleigh Fisher

The MV Raleigh Fisher is expected to anchor in Clarence Bay at 0730 hrs on Wednesday 05th February and depart at 1400 hrs on Thursday 06th February, pending favourable sea conditions.

The vessel will transfer aviation fuel into the Ascension Island Base Petroleum Storage Depot (AIB PSD) at Catherine Point.

During this time the pier head will be closed to members of the public and all vehicles except authorised vehicles. All private vehicles are to be parked in the car park outside of the pier head.

Your assistance and co-operation is greatly appreciated.

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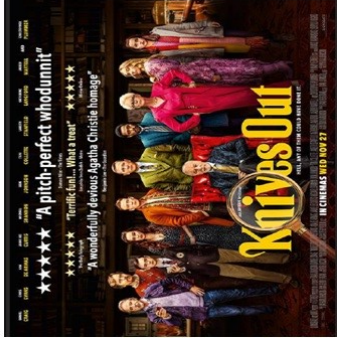
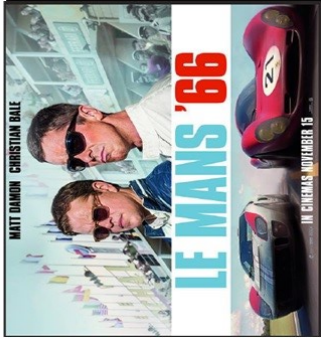
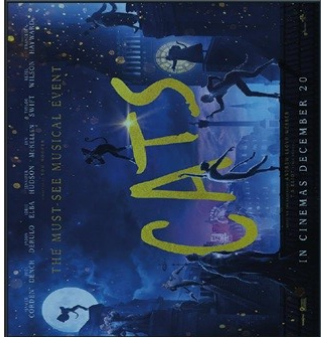
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1400 hrs		Spies in Disguise (Premier) PG	
1900 hrs	Knives Out 12a		Jumanji: The Next Level 12a
13-Feb-20	14-Feb-20	15-Feb-20	16-Feb-20
1400 hrs		Spies in Disguise PG	
1900 hrs	Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker 12a	Jolo Rabbit (Premier) 12a	Frozen U
20-Feb-20	21-Feb-20	22-Feb-20	23-Feb-20
1400 hrs		Frozen (Final Showing) U	
1900 hrs	Jumanji: The Next Level 12a	Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker 12a	Cats (Premier) U
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