



Basil Read Aerodrome Manager & Off Island General Manager Visits

Visiting the Island from 29 May 2015 will be Aerodrome Manager, Nigel Spackman. Nigel is responsible for the management of St Helena Airport and for meeting all operational access, flight safety and service delivery levels. He will visit the Island for eight days and will be accompanied by Basil Read's Off Island General Manager, Graham Temlett, who will support with familiarisation.

This visit will be a familiarisation one before Nigel takes up permanent residency in August 2015. While here, Nigel will meet with key stakeholders in the St Helena Government (SHG), the Project Management Unit (PMU) and Basil Read. He will also continue with Airport Manual reviews and inputs.

Nigel and Graham will depart the Island on 6 June returning to Johannesburg where Nigel will familiarise himself with partners at Lanseria, train Basil Read permanent Airport staff, engage in discussions with Air Service Provider, Comair, and develop Airport Manuals with the Basil Read off-Island team.

When he returns in August, Nigel will begin preparation for calibration flights scheduled for September, train security staff and carry out trials in preparation for Airport certification in early November.

Nigel has over 35 years' aviation experience and is familiar with Airline Ground Handling, Airline Operations, United States Aviation Security Regulatory Compliance, Airline Security, Airline Catering Facility and Airport Security Management. Nigel is also familiar with the design and construction of Airport Perimeter Intrusion Detection Systems, having recently completed the perimeter security enhancements for the New Doha International Airport.



Nigel Spackman

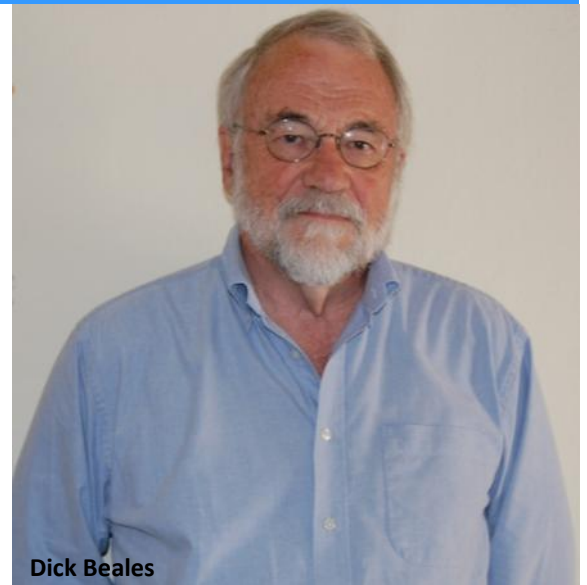


Graham Temlett

DFID Environmental Support Consultant Visits

DFID Environmental Support Consultant for the St Helena Airport, Dick Beales, is currently visiting the Island from 16-31 May 2015. Dick is contracted by the St Helena Airport Project on a call-down basis to provide support on environmental matters to Project stakeholders on St Helena and in the UK. This is Dick's 10th visit to the Island (since 1988), the main objectives of which are to enable him to update his knowledge of Airport construction progress, and in particular to review the challenges facing the Landscape, Ecology and Mitigation Programme (LEMP) during the remaining period of Airport construction and its transition into the operational phase.

Dick has been involved with the Airport Project since 2003, first as a staff member of DFID's Overseas Territories Department and then on intermittent call-down consultancy contracts since 2008.



Dick Beales

Whilst on island Dick has been working closely with Ross Towers and the LEMP Team (see more on LEMP overleaf).

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Meet the On-Island Avionic Electronic Technician

Thales Avionics Electronic Technician, John McLinden, arrived to the Island in January 2015. John is currently installing electronic equipment, including that needed for flight calibration. This includes installing the fibre optic network to join all of the remote sites (the DVOR and VHF at Bradleys, the non-directional beacon across the Runway, the GBAS system and the localiser) to communicate back to the main server room in the Combined Building.

This forms the main tasks for the Thales Team over the next few months as it is important to get the equipment up and running for calibration and to ensure the remote systems are working. The remote systems mean that you won't need to have a person at each individual site. If one remote site goes down the whole system is affected, whilst there is standby equipment it is very important that the system is maintained. This will be John's future role.

In Jul/Aug 2015 John will transfer from working for Thales to being contracted by Basil Read. John will be resident here for the next ten years and will be responsible for looking after and maintaining the Navigational Aids, Air Traffic Control Tower Complex and all the electronics for the St Helena Airport. Part of John's contract will be to train someone locally to be able to take over from him upon completion of his contract.

John's job is very specialised (not many people worldwide are certified in this area) and very important to the running of the Airport as if any of the equipment malfunctions the Airport will not be able to operate.

John has 20 years' experience working in the South African Air Force as an Avionics Electronic Technician and is joined on-Island by his partner Charmaine Blake.



John McLinden

Non Directional Beacon Antenna © Halcrow



Remote Obstacle Light © Halcrow



New Members Join the SHG LEMP Team

Joining the SHG Landscape Ecology Mitigation Programme (LEMP) team from 30 March 2015 was Field Supervisor, Christopher Wade and Conservation Worker, Kayleigh Harris. Both Chris and Kayleigh are based at the LEMP Nursery in Half Tree Hollow.

Chris' role is to supervise Conservation Workers while working on site away from the Nursery. Chris and his team are involved in habitat rehabilitation to support the restoration of the land lost to the Airport construction. A typical day for Chris would be spent helping Conservation Workers at the Nursery, removing invasive species, erecting fencing, and habitat rehabilitation. Chris has previous conservation work experience which is an asset to the current SHG LEMP team.

As a Conservation Worker, Kayleigh is responsible for preparing various dry land species for planting at Prosperous Bay Plain. Kayleigh starts her day watering plants before moving on to potting out various plants if needed, moving plants to different sections of the Nursery and creating space for other plants that need to be grown. Kayleigh feels her job is important in helping to rehabilitate St Helena's landscape affected by Airport construction and thus showcase the Island's unique flora. Kayleigh joined the SHG LEMP team to be a part of the St Helena Airport development.



Chris Wade and Kayleigh Harris