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THE ST HELENA AMBASSADOR



Editorial

Hi, welcome to the St Helena Ambassador!

In this edition you can read all about an MBE which was awarded to Mr Jerry Roberts; team St Helena's participation in the 2023 NatWest Island Games; and a Police Inspector from Tristan da Cunha who visited St Helena.

If you'd like to contribute a story to the St Helena Ambassador or have any suggestions on what you'd like to see included, please feel free to contact me on tel: 22470 or via email: jodie.s-constantine@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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HE the Governor presenting the MBE to Jerry

HE the Governor Nigel Phillips CBE hosted a reception at Plantation House on Thursday, 20 July 2023, to award a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) to Mr Jeremy (Jerry) Roberts.

During the reception Governor Phillips spoke about the award's prestige and that he was honoured that Jerry chose to accept the presentation of the award on St Helena.

Jerry was awarded an MBE for his dedication and commitment to revolutionising Information Communication Technology (ICT) within St Helena Government (SHG) and for his contributions to the sporting community.

Jerry has worked for nearly 38 years in ICT, during which time he managed the implementation of various ICT systems across SHG to meet the ever-changing needs of the organisation. Jerry also mentors his team of ICT specialists to deliver to the highest standard and goes over and above the remit of his role.

Jerry has also been at the forefront in delivering the key milestones on the Fibre Optic Cable Project that will open doors and present a wide range of opportunities key to the Island's future development.

In addition to his work in ICT, Jerry is being recognised for his longstanding contribution of over twenty-six years to the sporting community of St Helena. As a member of the St Helena Island Games Association and the National Amateur Sports Association, he has been instrumental in supporting athletes in both local and international sporting arenas, coaching and mentoring them to perform to the highest standard and become ambassadors for the Island.

Jerry commented:

"The aforementioned recognition would not have been possible without the support of my working colleagues and members of my immediate family, who understands the challenges that I have had to endure in terms of providing such an important and vital service to the community of St Helena. Additionally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those individuals who nominated me for such a prestigious award."

Congratulations are extended to Jerry!



Jerry and his wife, Jane



Jerry and the SHG Corporate IT team

Team St Helena participates in 2023 NatWest Island Games

A team representing St Helena competed in the 2023 NatWest Island Games which took place in Guernsey, Channel Islands, between 8 and 14 July.

24 islands, including St Helena, competed in the 2023 Games.

This year St Helena was represented in Football, Swimming, Athletics, and Golf.

The team departed St Helena on Saturday, 1 July, and comprised of Officials - Chef de Mission, Simon Henry; Athletics Coach, Michielle Yon; Swimming Coach, Christine Caswell; Medic Support, Guy Collins; Football Manager; Johnny Isaac, and Football Coach; Gary Davis.

The 17 player Football team comprised of Blake Benjamin-Peters, Brett Isaac, Christo Crowie, Clayton Benjamin, Dane Wade, Jordan Yon, Keith Yon, Louis Barnikel, Matthias Young, Mike-e Williams, Owen Richards, Rico Benjamin, Ronan Legg, Sam Collins, Schmichael Benjamin, Shane



Stroud and Tyler Benjamin. The team played four matches against Menorca, Gozo, Jersey, and a final match against Froya where team St Helena scored two goals.

The Swimming team comprised of Vivienne Ponsford who participated in 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, and 800m freestyle. William Caswell participated in 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, and 1500m freestyle. Stefan Thomas participated in 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m freestyle, 100m individual medley, 50m butterfly, and 100m backstroke.

First time Island Games participant, Blaze Baldwin, competed in Athletics, running the 100m and 200m.

Joining the team from the UK and participating in Golf were Malcolm Williams and Darren Henry.

Although no medals were won, our athletes are congratulated for their participation in the Games.

The vast majority of the Island Games team returned to St Helena on Tuesday, 25 July 2023, (following a three day flight delay due to bad weather) while other members of the team travelled on to Trinidad and Tobago to compete in the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games.

All photos courtesy of the National Sports Association of St Helena (NSASH)

Police Inspector from Tristan da Cunha visits St Helena



L-R: Police Inspector, Conrad Glass; HE Governor Nigel Phillips; and Sharon Glass photographed at the Governors Office, the Castle, Jamestown.

Police Inspector from Tristan da Cunha, Conrad Glass, (accompanied by his wife Sharon) visited St Helena between May and July 2023 to gain an insight into policing and other Public Services on St Helena.

Tristan da Cunha is a remote British Overseas Territories Island in the South Atlantic Ocean, about seven miles in diameter, and has a resident population of approximately 250 people, known as Tristanians. Travelling to Tristan is via Cape Town and transport to the Island is provided by a research vessel and fishing vessels which transport essential goods as well as a limited numbers of passengers to the Island.

For Tristanians opportunities to undertake development activities are very limited. The visit for Inspector Glass was arranged by the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha, the Governor's Office and the Royal Saint Helena Police in order for Inspector Glass to

undertake continuous professional development and allow the development of relevant professional contacts between St Helena and Tristan da Cunha.

Chief of Police of the Royal Saint Helena Police Service, David Price, explained:

"While policing on Tristan da Cunha is the responsibility of the Administrator of Tristan, and not a part of the Royal Saint Helena Police, there is a Memorandum of Understanding between the Royal St Helena Police and Tristan da Cunha that allows us to provide advice and relevant support to the Island as and when required."

During his time on-Island, Inspector Glass shadowed a number of Public Service areas including Port Control, Social Care, Sea Rescue, and the Fire & Rescue Service. Inspector Glass also observed Supreme Court Trials, undertook a Fire Safety Course, observed Customs and Immigration processes, undertook training at the St Helena Community College, and meet with the Governor and Legislative Council.

Inspector Glass has been a Police Officer on Tristan da Cunha for over 35 years as well as fulfilling a wide variety of other roles, including Chief Islander, and manager of numerous other services on the Island. Mr Glass is also the author of the book 'Rockhopper Copper'.

Inspector Glass' wife, Sharon, provides administrative support on Tristan and has also been undertaking visits relevant to her roles during her time on St Helena.

Conrad and Sharon departed the Island on Tuesday, 1 August 2023.