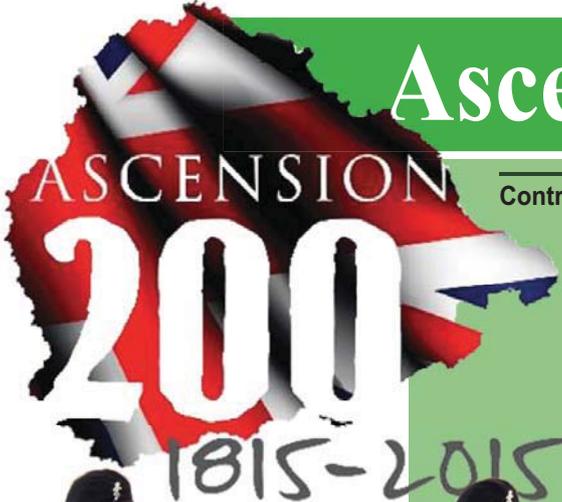


LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

Ascension Bicentenary



ASCENSION

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1815-2015

Contribution, Rachel Holland

As Napoleon was settling into an uncomfortable existence on St Helena, the British were worried. What if Napoleon was to escape again? Could Europe withstand the warring emperor a third time? As if St Helena was not remote enough, the British Navy headed to Ascension Island to make sure

that it could not be used as a staging post to help Napoleon escape. The Zenobia and Peruvian ships landed on 22 October and the Royal Navy designated the island as a stone frigate called HMS Ascension.

Now, 200 years later, Ascension Island is celebrating its bicentenary. St Helena may have been made famous by Napoleon, but the community of Ascension was entirely created by Napoleon's exile.

To mark this historic occasion, Rachel Holland spoke to Saints living on Ascension about what the island means to them.

PATSY MOYCE

"Home is where the heart is" - without a doubt a true saying but realistically for me even though I was born and bred on Ascension Island (1962 - 50 years plus - has it really been that long!) I've always accepted the fact that there is no right of abode on Ascension so when I refer to 'back home', I do mean St Helena; the place I will eventually go back to and not Ascension. I do find it strange referring to St Helena as 'home' when I was actually born on Ascension but I know it can never be somewhere to put down my roots, if I had chosen it as the ultimate retirement place for me and my family. With all the memories of my childhood and the many changes I've seen whilst growing up on this wonderful and unique island, maybe one day I will be writing my autobiography."

CYRIL LEO

(with wife Delphia and children Ben, Shaun and David)

"I have been living on Ascension since July 1968. During that time I have seen many changes, and many of those changes have brought about improvements beneficial to Saints on Ascension. In numerous ways, Saints working on Ascension have always been a crucial source of support for St Helena. As within most communities, there is always room for further improvements, and Ascension has so much potential on offer. The people on Ascension are resourceful and want to succeed. Special endorsement: Ascension is a fantastic place for raising children."

MARY THOMPSON

Mary has lived on Ascension Island for 12 years.

"Despite its remoteness, Ascension is a really unique and interesting little island. More importantly, the warmth and friendliness of the Island's residents makes living here a real pleasure."

NICOLA DILLON

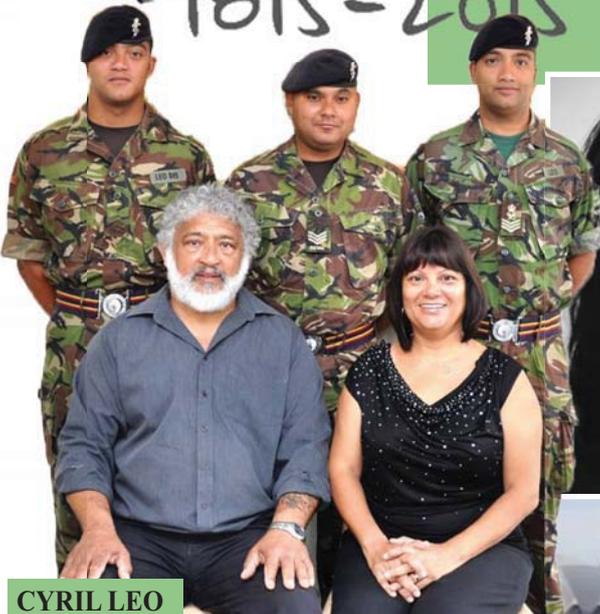
STEDSON STROUD

Stedson Stroud arrived on Ascension late 1967, then off and on from 1982. He has been with the Conservation Department from 2003 to present.

"Ascension Island gives amazing and genuine friendliness and kindness to people from all walks of life from around the world, once they have stepped foot on her soil."

Nicola has lived on Ascension for one year in 1974-75 and again from 2002 to 2008 and from 2010 to the present.

"Currently Ascension is ideally located for me to keep in touch with family in St Helena, the UK and further afield (I have a daughter in Australia). It feels like home away from home as it has always played a major part in my life and also for the majority of St Helenians as most of us have either lived and worked on Ascension, or have had family members who have lived here."



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CHERYL ANTHONY

"I arrived on Ascension Island from St Helena in October 1969 at the age of seven. My dad worked for Cable & Wireless which meant my mum, 10 month old brother Carl and I could accompany him during his contract.

Being on Ascension for 46 years does mean a lot to me, especially getting married to Robert and my three children (Mario, Kirsty and Corey) being born here; it's a carefree place; medical services are great, especially if further medical attention is needed that cannot be dealt with on Ascension as we have the privilege of being medivac-ed to the UK. To sum up Ascension - It's a feeling of home away from home."

JACQUI ELLICK

Jacqui has called Ascension Island home from 1967 – 1976, and then from 1994 to the present.

"To me Ascension is a very special and unique place. I love the extreme contrasts of the island, from the white sandy beaches where green turtles visit every year to lay their eggs, to the starkness of the volcanic landscape. And then you have the mountain which is so green and lush, and on a clear day you have beautiful views of the whole island and surrounding coastline below."



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF SHAPE

(St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise)

Under Section 77 of the Companies Ordinance 2004 ("the Ordinance") and

Articles 77 and 78 of the Articles of Incorporation

NOTICE is hereby given of an Annual General Meeting of Members of SHAPE (St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise) to be held on 7 November 2015 at SHAPE Head Centre Sandy Bay at 10:30 am

Agenda:

1. Welcome.
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
4. Matters Arising
5. Chair of Directors Report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Appointment of Directors
8. Any Other Current Business

Note: Any member or representative of a corporate member, except an employee member, who wishes to be considered for appointment as a community or corporate member at the annual general meeting must lodge with the company secretary a written notice of his/her willingness to be appointed, signed by him/her, at least seven days before the date of the annual general meeting.

Andrea Timm
Company Secretary
SHAPE, Head Centre
Sandy Bay



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VACANCY
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN (PAS)

The Education and Employment Directorate is looking to recruit an Assistant Librarian to work primarily at Prince Andrew School. The post holder will be responsible to the Librarian for the provision of a library service.

Applicants should have a GCSE grade C or above in Maths and English, together with excellent customer service skills and a recognized certificate in IT. The ability to produce clear and accurate written communications is essential. Some of the personal attributes required for the role are self-motivation, reliability, ability to work independently as well as part of a team.

Salary for the post is at Grade B1, commencing at £6,542 per annum, however the successful applicant may be required to start in the training grade.

Normal hours of work are from 8:30am – 4pm, but the post holder may be required to give some support to the Public Library in Jamestown.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Jill Young, Librarian on telephone number 22580 (e-mail Librarian@helanta.co.sh)

Application forms which are available from the Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted with satisfactory references, through Directors where applicable, to the Human Resources & Administration Manager at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail hram@education.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday 23 October 2015.

Mrs Shirley Wahler, Director

9 October 2015