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## Hon. Andre Ebanks tours DCFS

The Minister for Investment, Innovation and Social Development (II&SD), Hon. Andre Ebanks and Parliamentary Secretary (Social Development) Ms Heather Bodden undertook an initial ministerial tour of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) on Wednesday, 12 May 2021.

Based on 2nd Floor Apollo House East on Mary Street, DCFS George Town offices house senior management, social workers and finance and administrative staff.

The Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary were accompanied by Chief Officer Eric Bush; Deputy Chief Officer Andrea Fa'amoe; Senior Policy

Advisor Stacie Sybersma; and Policy Advisor Ashlyn Goubault-Ebanks. Messrs. Ebanks and Bush addressed assembled staff advising them of the support and collaborative relationship they want to build with DCFS.

"We want to provide you with the focused ministerial support DCFS needs so, in turn, DCFS is more equipped to assist, enhance and socially develop the lives of the clients we serve. We therefore rebranded the subject area as Social Development to be more reflective of this core purpose," the Minister said.



► Minister for Investment, Innovation and Social Development (II&SD), Hon. Andre Ebanks, talks to Rochella Moya during a familiarisation tour of the Department of Children and Family Services on Wednesday, 12 May 2021 (Photo by Elphina Jones, GIS)

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## EDITORIAL

## Creativity needed to get Cayman vaccinated

Cayman is just a few days away from the deadline of 9th June – the last day on which people here can get their first dose, to be in time to get their second dose before the ultimate expiry of the vaccine on 30th June. The Government has stated it will look to open up the borders when at least 70% of those eligible take up the vaccine, but it is looking increasingly likely that that figure will not be reached, with just 64% the current figure (at the time of writing). This puts Cayman in an impossible position – unable to open its borders for fear the Covid virus will overwhelm the populace who has chosen not to protect itself, while at the same time risking serious and long-lasting damage not only to Cayman's economy but also its reputation, as buyers and investors look to alternative, more proactive countries in which to place their money.

It's time for Cayman to take up some innovative and immediate action, if we are to reach absolutely everyone on island willing to be vaccinated. This means taking a leaf out of our neighbour, Bermuda's books, which has had some success with mobile vaccination sites. Our wonderful Public Health professionals need to go to each district of Cayman, literally knocking on doors to see if people would be willing to be vaccinated in their homes. At the same time, we need to offer taxi services for people who might be thinking of getting vaccinated but who,



for whatever reason, cannot make it to the vaccination centre.

We have to make it as easy as rolling out of bed for those who might be currently sitting on the fence as to whether it would be a good idea to protect themselves and their loved ones, particularly their elderly loved ones, from a potentially deadly disease, but who might be persuaded if the vaccination process literally came to their door.

This is one of the most serious crises to ever hit the Cayman Islands (as it has been for the rest of the world) and we have no time to waste in getting our people vaccinated to the fullest extent before we ever have a hope of getting back to normal again.

We have to act quickly, creatively and decisively.

## CAYMANIAN TIMES 'CONVERSATIONS' SERIES

As we continue to evolve, Caymanian Times is introducing a new feature to our line-up of content tailored to the interests of our varied audience.

Our 'Conversation' series will address current topical issues, profile outstanding and interesting personalities in our community and provide an insight into planned and ongoing community projects.

In a big way, community will be the focus of these video-taped 'Conversations' which will be posted on our website and Facebook social media page and will be reported in our main print editions weekly.

As Cayman gradually emerges from the stranglehold of the pandemic we'll be talking about what the 'new normal' will be like, and how we'll operate in this new reality that will affect each one of us in one way or another.

We'll also look back at the history of Cayman and profile the pioneers who helped build the modern mini-metropolis that we have become.

We'll also be talking with those who have carried the mantle forward and hear from young men and women from throughout the community who are charting the future of Cayman.



► HE Governor Martyn Roper

There are some fantastic stories to be told and a world of experiences to explore.

Here at Caymanian Times we are excited about this latest venture as we continue to grow and add our coverage.

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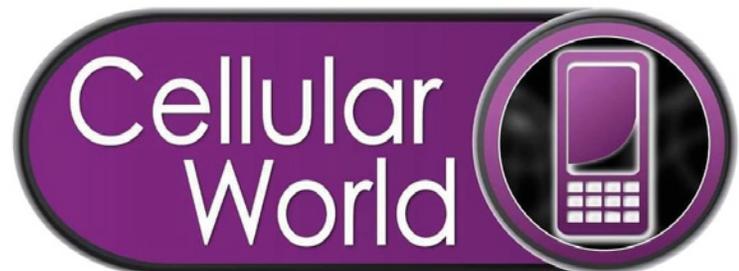
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# CONVERSATION WITH THE GOVERNOR

By Staff Writer

His Excellency, Governor Martyn Roper, sat down with Caymanian Times publisher Ralph Lewis and shared his views on a wide range of issues.

Topping the agenda were the ongoing vaccine campaign and its importance to reopening the borders and the economy, relations with the UK, working with the new Cayman Islands government, and preparations for the Queen's birthday celebrations next month.

In an engaging conversation, they also spoke about the role of the media including the Governor's concerns about the misuse of social media (he is an avid user of various platforms), plus the new Cayman regiment and their role in preparations for the hurricane season.

The video of the full interview can be viewed on the Caymanian Times Facebook page and website.

## WORKING WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT

"I know the current Premier very well. I've met him a lot in my first two and a half years. I'd actually worked closely with him on the Alex Panton Foundation, which I think he's doing incredible work to support, raising awareness of mental health issues on our island.

So we already have a very warm constructive relationship."

"We have a weekly meeting which I did with his predecessors. Likewise, with the other ministers, I have a good strong re-

lationship with them. All of us recognise having a strong Cayman-UK relationship and partnership is really important."

"I think the public want the Governor and the Premier and ministers to work closely and collaboratively together and that's absolutely how I intend to proceed. Because I think that's the best way of getting what we want for the people of these islands."

"The new government has hit the ground running. They've come in with a lot of commitment, a lot of determination and a lot of enthusiasm to deliver the sorts of things that were talked about in the election campaign."

"I think obviously that we need to allow them a little bit of time to get behind the table and work out their specific policies.

Election campaign is a very busy, stressful time for everybody, but I'm very pleased with my relationships with the new government so far."

"I also do recognise that the elected politicians have autonomy for the vast majority of domestic issues so I respect that and I think it's right that they're accountable and responsible for delivery of their programme. But I'm very happy to support, and any assistance that the UK can provide, we're here to provide."

## CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIMENT

Governor Roper has been instrumental in getting the new regiment up and running.

"It's going very well. We now have part-time reservists trained in basic training and we brought teams out from the UK to do that training. We have five or six junior officers who went to Sandhurst (the UK's world-renowned military academy) to do their training and actually two of them were the best foreign students on their course. Terrific performance for Cayman!"



"So as we embark on another hurricane season, to have a trained body of men and women on-island who can assist us in whatever happens, is fantastic because they have skills that we didn't have on the island before."

"This year (for the Queen's Birthday), we're going to do it on the Monday, the 14th of June, which is a public holiday. I think it has been on a Saturday in previous years but attendance has not been that brilliant so we're going to move it to Monday to see if that gets a bigger crowd.

There'll be a parade outside Government House at 4:30pm on Monday, the 14th of June. All our uniformed services will parade, the regiment as well; the first time they've done that at the Queen's birthday party."

"We'll also be awarding Charles Clifford his MBE. Then we'll move inside to the lawns of Government House, probably up to 500 people and we'll have a lovely reception. It's an open house."

The programme and other arrangements for the event are being finalised.

Governor Roper said one of his main objectives has been to make Government House "more open and accessible"

"It's the people's houses and I've been very keen to be open and accessible since arriving."

## BACKGROUND

Mr Roper whose tenure in Cayman started in 2018 is a senior British diplomat with a wide and distinguished background in the British diplomatic service.

He is a former Deputy Head of Mission in China and Ambassador to Algeria.

Mr Roper who holds degrees in politics and economics, has also served in Brazil, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait and Mozambique, as well as holding senior positions in the then-Foreign and Commonwealth Office (now the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office).

He also has previous experience working with the British Overseas Territories from his time as Head of the Gibraltar Section at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London when he had specific responsibility for policy concerning law and order, justice and good governance.

Mr Roper was also assigned to the United Nations in the early part of the 1990s where his role included the Special Committee on Decolonization (C-24).

He was made an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 2013.

The video of the full interview can be viewed on the Caymanian Times Facebook page and website.



"A lot of people have said to me, they remember the Bermuda regiment came during Ivan, and what a great job they did. But we now have our own body of men and women so they can support us, but they could also support other territories and other independent countries if there's a crisis somewhere else."

"We've recruited 100 part-time reservists. We want to get up to probably 150-180, so there's another recruitment exercise to happen. We're just having a bit of a pause now to bed down what we've got and then, probably next year we will look to recruit the next cohort."

"Initially some people (questioned): 'Why is this military? I don't really understand the concept of it.'

It is purely and simply disaster preparedness, and it's giving them the skills to help us if we have a natural disaster."

"I think politically now the new Premier is very supportive, the new government is very supportive. We got the law passed through the (former) Legislative Assembly by consensus. So I think there's strong support for it from the political side, strong support from the UK, and strong support from most people."

## CELEBRATING THE QUEEN

"Her Majesty is a wonderful, wonderful lady. She's been around for so long. In fact, next year will be a Platinum Jubilee - she will have been on the throne for 70 years can you imagine? That it's quite incredible. So I'm hoping for next year to arrange something very special, something a bit different."



# Ministry of Tourism Provides Clarity on BA Flight Cancellations

## *New fortnightly schedule proposed*

Since the start of the pandemic the Cayman Islands borders have been closed to commercial air traffic and the only passenger flights approved to operate during this period are to facilitate repatriation travel.

To enable the return of Caymanians, residents and other approved visitors, repatriation flights serviced by British Airways (BA) have continued to operate to maintain the vitally important link between the UK and Cayman Islands.

Cayman Islands Government (CIG) officials continue to work closely with British Airways to secure a consistent flight schedule to and from the UK. When flights are confirmed details are published on the Government website and on the Travel Cayman portal.

Aside from this process, it has been noted that some airline carriers, including British Airways, advertise and take bookings for non-approved flights (ghost flights) to and from the Cayman Islands. Given that the Cayman Islands Government has no control over the marketing activities of commercial airlines, and in an effort to avoid

confusion with the public, the CIG launched a travel information website [www.explore.gov/travel](http://www.explore.gov/travel) which is regularly updated with the latest travel information, including confirmed British Airways flight dates.

Additionally, the CIG has also advised travellers who make reservations for unconfirmed flights that they are doing so at their own risk and we continue to encourage all potential travellers to check the CIG website or Travel Cayman prior to making their bookings.

The next confirmed BA repatriation flight from the UK is scheduled for 2 June (returning 3 June to UK) and these dates are published on the CIG website. Notwithstanding, the Ministry of Tourism wishes to reassure travellers that while every effort is being made to assist residents in returning home, they should also remain aware that until normal commercial service is resumed, airline seat capacity is limited, and consequently delays in securing a flight home can occur.

Minister Bryan reaffirmed the Ministry of Tourism's sympathy with the ongoing



► Boeing-777, British Airways

situation and commented "We understand the frustrations that travellers must face when it comes to ghost flights, particularly parents of students returning from the UK. Let me reassure you that we are in continual discussions with British Airways on repatriation flights and aim to give as much notice as possible prior to flight departures. I urge the public to check official Government channels before making reservations, as the Ministry has no control over British Airways advertised flights."

In a further effort to provide timely information to the public, the Ministry has been in dialogue with BA to confirm a fortnightly schedule covering the period of June to September. However, travellers are asked to note that this schedule is still in the process of being finalised and in the event that any changes occur, the new information will be passed on to the public as soon as it is received from BA.

The dates of the **proposed** BA flights are as follows.

### **Inbound from the UK (London Heathrow to Grand Cayman)**

- June: 16 and 30
- July: 14 and 28
- August: 11 and 25
- September: 8 and 22

### **Outbound from Grand Cayman (Grand Cayman to London Heathrow)**

- June: 17
- July: 1, 15 and 29
- August: 12 and 26
- September: 9 and 23

The proposed schedule is expected to be confirmed shortly and the Ministry will issue a further release when that has been achieved. In the meantime the public is advised to follow Government Information channels for approved flight dates prior to confirming their bookings.

Details of the British Airways repatriation schedule can be found at [www.explore.gov.ky/faqs/covid-19-inbound-travel](http://www.explore.gov.ky/faqs/covid-19-inbound-travel)



## GOVERNOR STRESSES LINK BETWEEN VACCINE UPTAKE AND ECONOMY

By Staff Writer

Another big push in the Cayman Islands COVID-19 'vaccination challenge' happens this weekend.

Led by the PACT coalition government, it's part of ongoing efforts aimed at getting around 70 per cent of the adult population to take their shots.

In an interview with Caymanian Times HE Governor Martyn Roper again reminded residents of the need to get the COVID-19 jab.

He listed their own health, ensuring that the economy can be reopened safely, and avoiding having to dump any of the vaccines donated by the British government.

"I think our vaccine rollout programme is actually going extremely well," he told Caymanian Times publisher Ralph Lewis.

"We've seen quite a significant step up since Saturday (May 8th) when ministers who hadn't had a vaccine got theirs. I think

since then we have seen a significant increase in people coming forward. So I'm pleased that we are much closer to the point where we will be using all the vaccines."

But Mr Roper reminded "we're not quite there yet."

He said, "We still have a number of vaccines left and for me as Governor, it would be a crime against humanity if we had to waste any of these vaccines, particularly when so many countries around the world are desperate for the supplies."

"So if you haven't yet come forward, I would really urge you to do so. I think the time for waiting is over," he urged.

With the remaining batch of vaccines expiring by June 21st, statistics from the Health Services Authority show that by midweek, 78,173 Covid-19 vaccinations had been administered.

It reports that of these, 42,357 (or 65 per cent of 65,000 pop.) have had at least

one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, while 55 per cent have completed the two-dose course.

With the uptake being a decisive factor in how and when the borders and the wider economy is opened up, Governor Roper again reminded of the urgency of the current situation.

"If we are going to safely reopen our economy, which we have to do as the status quo is not an option, we need more people to come forward and get the vaccine."

He went on to state that, "I hope everybody comes forward and then I can get some more from the UK because for our opening-up policy we need to vaccinate as many people as possible."

Mr Roper reinforced the point that "we need to be confident that we're not taking risks with the well-being and the welfare of our people. The more people that have the vaccine, the more confident we can be, so it's really crucial."



► HE Governor Martyn Roper

The Governor said Cayman has done "incredibly well" managing pandemic and that the territory "deserves huge plaudits for where we've got to."

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► (L-R) Civil Aviation Authority Director-General Richard Smith guides Minister of Financial Services and Commerce Andre Ebanks and Parliamentary Secretary for Financial Services Katherine Ebanks-Wilks through the authority's offices. Among those accompanying the walkthrough were the Ministry's Financial Services Attache Joel Burke and the Authority's Director of Air Safety Regulations Mark Dixon (Photos courtesy by Ministry of Financial Services and Commerce)



► (L-R) Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA) Managing Director Cindy Scotland, Parliamentary Secretary for Financial Services Katherine Ebanks-Wilks and Minister of Financial Services and Commerce Andre Ebanks during the walkthrough of CIMA's offices

# Statutory Authorities Brief Financial Services Minister, Parliamentary Secretary

Minister for Financial Services and Commerce, the Hon. André Ebanks, and Parliamentary Secretary for Financial Services, the Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, were briefed by senior managers in the Ministry's statutory authorities on current operations and initiatives.

Statutory authorities under the Ministry's remit are the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA); the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange (CSX); the Stock Exchange Authority; the Auditors Oversight Authority; the Special Economic Zone Authority; the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA); the Air Transport and Licensing Authority; and the Maritime Authority of the Cayman Islands (MACI).

Initial briefings commenced last week with CIMA, CSX, CAA, and MACI, and culminated with the Minister attending a luncheon yesterday with CIMA's board of directors.

'As the new Minister for these authorities, it is important that the Parliamentary Secretary and I understand the work being done and initiatives being planned as quickly as possible,' Minister Ebanks said. 'The meetings have been very useful and we were grateful for the opportunity to hear from these authorities directly.'

Minister Ebanks and Parliamentary Secretary Ebanks-Wilks listened to CIMA's Managing Director Cindy Scotland summarise planned technological advances and strategic plans CIMA will undertake to enhance its crucial regulatory functions.

CSX CEO Marco Archer discussed current listings and the popularity of Cayman listings overseas and opportunities domestically.

During the CAA tour, Director-General Richard Smith was pleased to take the Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary on a tour of CAA's modernised premises on Owen Roberts Drive. Mr Smith also spoke to the vital role CAA performs in respect of local aviation regulation and also highlighted the attractiveness of the



► (L-R) Ministry of Financial Services and Commerce Chief Officer Dr Dax Basdeo, Minister of Financial Services and Commerce Andre Ebanks, Maritime Authority of the Cayman Islands (MACI) CEO Joel Walton, Parliamentary Secretary for Financial Services Katherine Ebanks-Wilks and MACI Chairperson Sherice Arman during the Ministry's walkthrough of MACI's offices

CAA's commercial aircraft registration globally.

MACI CEO Joel Walton addressed the jurisdiction's adherence to international maritime protocols and the authority's registration of various vessel types; with private pleasure crafts, commercial ships and others enjoying certain benefits derived from Cayman's Category 1 status within the Red Ensign Group.

Accompanying Minister Ebanks and Parliamentary Secretary Ebanks-Wilks to the meetings, and on the tours of each authority, were the Ministry's Chief Officer Dr Dax Basdeo and Ministry staff.

The Minister and Parliamentary Secretary's schedule also includes meetings with the Department for International Tax Cooperation; General Registry; and the Department of Commerce and Investment.



► (L-R) Cayman Islands Stock Exchange (CSX) CEO Marco Archer speaks to Minister of Financial Services and Commerce Andre Ebanks on some of the features of the stock exchange at the CSX offices





► Porshia Jackson talks to Minister for Investment, Innovation and Social Development (II&SD), Hon. Andre Ebanks, during his tour of the Department of Children and Family Services on Wednesday, 12 May 2021 (Photos by Elphina Jones, GIS)



► Ministry of Investment, Innovation & Social Development Chief Officer, Eric Bush; Minister for Investment, Innovation and Social Development (II&SD), Hon. Andre Ebanks, and the Department of Children and Family Services, Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams, talk during the familiarisation tour on Wednesday, 12 May 2021

# Minister for Investment, Innovation & Social Development Tours DCFS

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“This is introducing a completely new ethos and chapter to bring social work and social assistance into the 2020s. We welcome the opportunity to work with each and every one of you to make the lives of those we serve better,” he added.

Escorted by DCFS Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams and Deputy Director Rayle Roberts, the group greeted staff and were shown the facilities including meeting rooms and office space.

Following the meet and greet with finance and admin staff, community

development workers and social work teams, the group met with Senior Management Staff. An overview of shared objectives between ministry staff in terms of policy, communications and government priorities and DCFS operational considerations ensued. The Department of Children and Family Services work to improve the lives of its clients in all stages of life through education and empowerment. Operations include residential programmes, mediation, child safeguarding, disaster preparedness assistance, senior social activities, adoption, and foster care.



► IIS&D Senior Policy Advisor, Stacie Sybersma; the Ministry's Deputy Chief Officer Andrea Fa'amoe; Chief Officer Eric Bush and Parliamentary Secretary Heather Bodden look on as the Minister for Investment, Innovation and Social Development (II&SD), Hon. Andre Ebanks, talks during his tour of the Department of Children and Family Services on Wednesday, 12 May 2021



► DCFS staff applaud the Minister for Investment, Innovation & Social Development, Hon. Andre Ebanks during this familiarisation tour on Wednesday, 12 May 2021



► DCFS Youth Services Social Work Manager, Tiffany Myles, talks with the Parliamentary Secretary (II&SD), Heather Bodden, during a familiarisation tour of the department on Wednesday, 12 May 2021

## CELEBRATING CAYMAN WRITERS, WRITINGS &amp; THE ARTS

# Frank McField's Time Longer Dan Rope

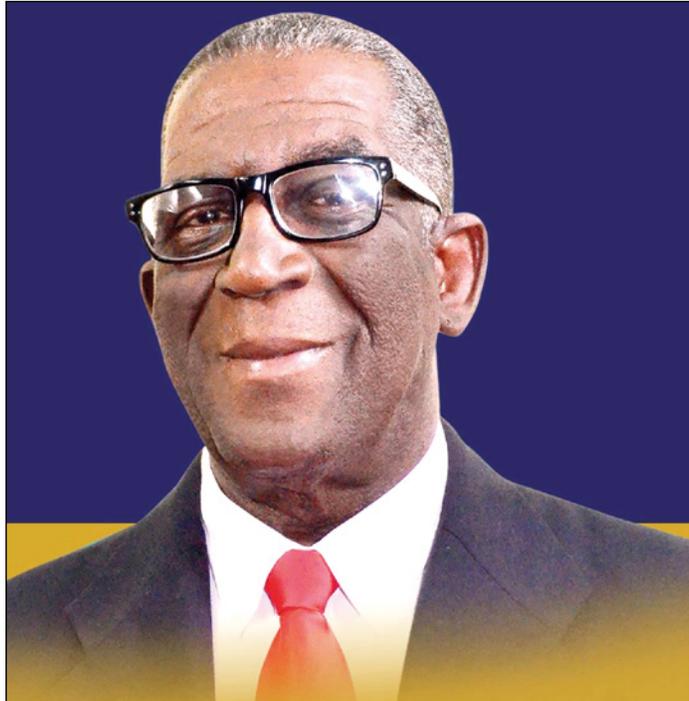
When I first made enquiries about Caymanian writings many years ago, *Time Longer Dan Rope* was one of the first works of which I was told. Written by Sociologist, Dr Frank McField, this is one of two plays, published together, which gives a glimpse at the man behind the works, the other being *Downside Up*. McField is one of a special group of local writers, as, whereas Cayman boasts many poets and novelists,

there is not many playwrights. In addition to these two, McField has a number of unpublished plays, among them *One White One Black and No Place to Be Nice*. McField shared with me that *Time Longer Dan Rope* started as a manuscript when he was a student at University of York in the 1970s. He was attempting to write poetry and he aimed to capture its emotions more so than its style. McField admits that "I wanted to capture the catharsis of poetry ... the loss of innocence. I wrote from the echoes of my own mind". He admits that this had a lot to do with the period in which he was writing and his own loss of innocence through education. It is from this initial manuscript, from this grappling with self, grappling with the drama genre and with the challenges of the times, that both *Time Longer Dan Rope* and *Downside Up* emerged.

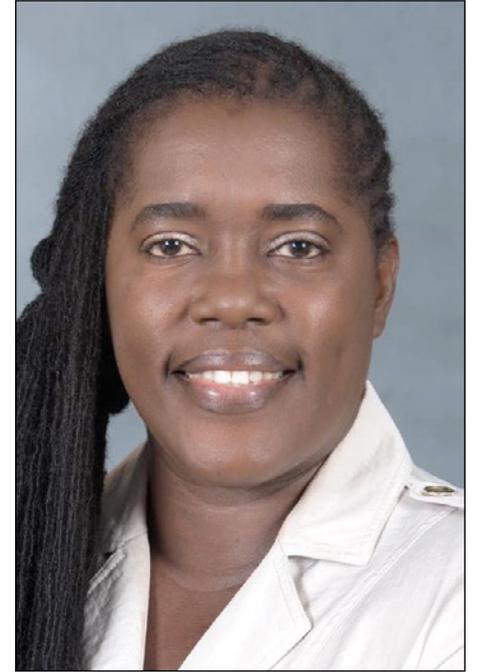
McField was one of the founders of the Inn Theatre

Company in the late 1970s. In a 2017 article, co-founder Geoff Creswell said that the newly-formed Company was "aspiring to be a cultural catalyst for Cayman, changing the expatriate focus that had heretofore dominated local stage production". Later, McField was also a founding member of the Cayman National Cultural Foundation. His passion for the arts and for theatre is clearly seen, and he even played the role of Beatman in the 1980 production of *Time Longer Dan Rope*. Written in 1979, this play tells the story of Ella, seafarer Beatman's wife, who is ambitious for her children and who awaits her husband's return. He returns, changed, and meets with friends who have ideas about Cayman's future. Similarly, we meet Wilder, an American entrepreneur who wants to invest in Cayman, but seemingly for the wrong reasons. Ella works for Wilder and his wife, Katherine, to better her children's lives. Their son, six-year-old Willie, dies, and though tragic, it forces Beatman to take a harsh look at himself. The story ends with characters and Cayman seemingly on the cusp of change. The reader cannot help but wonder, what will that change be, and will it be for good?

It is an understatement that there are vast aspects to this play that are interesting – like thematic concerns of womanhood and female relations as seen among Ella, Katherine, Granny - Ella's mom - and even her eight-year-old daughter, Eveline. Also laudable is the writing style with its typical aspects of drama, like placing the characters in time-sensitive situations, evoking sympathy for the protagonists, and appealing to the audience's emotions. The starkness of the set is also interesting, as Ella's "small house with an attached 'cookrum'", the "small table with a wash basin" and its "three chairs and a 'caboose'" are easy enough to re-present on stage. Not only do they evoke a 1970s Cayman authenticity, they reflect the poverty and dire circumstances that Ella and her children live under. McField's presentation of their home, is reflective of the hut of St Lucian playwright, Derek Walcott's Mother in *Ti-Jean and His Brothers*. The stark poverty that pervades that family is reflected here, but most notable is the indomitable strength of the Caribbean mother who will fight to offer her children more than she had, another leading theme in Walcott's play. Also of interest is the language used in *Time Longer Dan Rope*, as McField attempts to capture the essence of the Caymanian accents of the late 1970s. According to McField, the Inn Theatre was welcomed in the '70s, as "it offered a platform and a good way to produce and present local writings, as there was a belief that people of the Caribbean had a linguistic disqualification, that we could not speak standard English that would bring us to the stage". His celebration of Cayman language in his works seems to be a defiance of this. Eveline asks, "Maama, who ya talking wit?", and the Caymanian accent echoes in words like "'bout", "ya daddy's Maama house" and "I ga get a good learning". McField's training as a Sociologist allows him to take a close look at Cayman's society and



► Sociologist, Dr Frank McField



► Dr Stephanie Fullerton-Cooper is an Associate Professor of English at the UCCI

to celebrate even as he decries so many aspects of it. It offers a glimpse at old Cayman – its family structures, superstitious beliefs with references to "duppy", the 1970s Cayman man's leisure activities whether in the bar or church, and the impact of seafaring activities on Cayman's families.

Of particular interest is its title. *Time Longer Dan Rope* is named for a Caribbean proverb. The notion is that if something is tying you up and holding you back, it is not as strong as time itself. Therefore, time remains the master. This play is certainly about time. There is the notion of Ella 'biding time', waiting for a husband who left five years ago. It is about the time Beatman spends away from Cayman and what it made of him. Upon return, he feels he is wasting time and seems to be 'passing time' till he can resume seafaring. Ella also ponders time in the form of her children's future. Playing on the idea of Cayman being "the island that time forgot", time is also reflected here as the country becomes attractive to the foreigners because of its timelessness - which they conversely find attractive and repelling. The future of the country is clearly seen, and the play ends with Koolidge speaking of what will happen in time – as he mentions to Leigh his plan to go away for some time, and that he hopes that the next 'time' they meet, they will be on the same side. Laughingly, McField recalls that his aunt would often tell him "don't worry – rope chafes, but time doesn't". Time is, indeed, the true Master, and the play effectively explores this concept.

Also of interest are the various themes and larger messages that pervade the play - McField's preoccupation and presentation of classism, racism and colorism, Cayman's seafaring history, investments, investors, and education. The themes of poverty and loss, marriage and domestic violence, cultural beliefs and death are particularly poignant and worth exploring. McField best presents these themes through characterisation, so we will explore his characters in part two of this paper in the next few weeks.

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# Tourism Minister Visits Ministry Entities in Cayman Brac

Hon. Kenneth Bryan, Minister for Tourism and Transport visited Cayman Brac on Friday 21 May, to tour the Departments and Statutory Authorities which fall under his Ministry's area of responsibility.

The first stop was a visit to the Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA) offices, which are situated at the Charles Kirkconnell International Airport. The tour was led by Miguel Martin, Manager of Airport Operations, and began with a steep climb up to the air traffic control tower where Minister Bryan was introduced to two air traffic controllers and observed with interest as they performed their duties.

At ground level the tour continued through the passenger facing areas as well as to the back offices, where the Minister met staff from other sections, including security and Customs and Border Control officers.

On the opposite side of the airport building the Minister toured the area occupied by Cayman Airways (CAL) and enjoyed a meet and greet with staff while listening to some of their concerns, as well as suggestions for improvement. The tour of Cayman Airways was led by Fabian Whorms, President and Chief Executive



► Minister Bryan Speaks with Cayman Airways staff at CAL Reservations Office

Officer, accompanied by Paul Tibbetts, Executive Vice President Finance & Commercial Affairs and Lucille Walton, Station Manager.

A short walk away from the main airport terminal, Minister Bryan visited the CAL reservations and cargo centre. As well as managing local and international

cargo carried by the airline, the office also handles purchasing and answer telephone calls re-routed from Cayman Airways reservations when agents in Grand Cayman are occupied assisting other callers. The office was opened in 2013 and is currently run by two full-time staff members.

After leaving the airport compound, Minister Bryan and CO Bodden stopped at the Department of Tourism's satellite office which is situated in the former Port Authority building adjacent to the West End Community Park. The office typically assists tourists and provides them with information, brochures and maps, but since borders are closed, the Department now assists the influx of visitors from Grand Cayman. The two staff members also inspect licensed tourism properties and conduct courses such as Know Your Cayman Islands and PRIDE training via online webinars for tourism and hospitality workers.

The final stop on the tour was to the Port Authority. Minister Bryan and CO Bodden were met by Dale Christian, Port Manager, who escorted them around the facility while providing an overview of the Port's operations.

At the end of the tour, Minister Bryan took the opportunity to hold a brief meet

and greet with the Port Authority staff members.

Reflecting on his full day tour, the Minister commented "It's important for me to get a good understanding of the important work that our employees in these agencies do on behalf of the people of the county, and that's why I've made a point of getting to Cayman Brac at the earliest possible opportunity since becoming the Minister for Tourism and Transport, he said.

"Since our borders closed, I'm pleased that staycations to Cayman Brac have been on the rise, which is helping to keep businesses open till tourism is able to return. This is a good thing and I'm happy that Cayman Brac seems to be thriving from this unexpected new line of business generated from Grand Cayman."

"As the Minister with responsibility for Tourism I intend to visit the Sister Islands regularly and will be taking a long, hard look at the resources and facilities that we have now, versus what we will need in order to sustainably plan for future growth in Cayman Brac; without comprising the natural beauty and tranquillity we all love so much," he said.

Minister Bryan plans to visit Little Cayman in the near future.



► Min Bryan with PACI Staff



► Min Bryan Addresses Vaccinated Persons at CB Vaccine Challenge



► Proud of Them Receptient Allison Flores Gets Vaccinated

# MoTT Cayman Brac Vaccine Challenge a Success

*Next vaccine challenge event will be at Owen Roberts Airport 29 May from 8am to 4pm*

A total of eighty four people were vaccinated during the Ministry of Tourism's Vaccine Challenge event, held in Cayman Brac on Saturday 22 May, 2021.

From 10am to 1pm a steady stream of residents visited the Aston Ruddy Centre Medical Wing and after being vaccinated, received their entry into the prize draw.

Hon. Kenneth Bryan, Minister for Tourism was joined by Health and Wellness Minister, Hon. Sabrina Turner and Parliamentary Secretary Isaac Rankine, who were there to show their support and encourage persons to come out and get vaccinated.

"I decided to bring the vaccine challenge to Cayman Brac because it is vitally important that all of our citizens and residents in all three Cayman Islands are protected from the coronavirus, and the only way to ensure that is through vaccination," said Minister Bryan. "84 people were vaccinated during Saturday's challenge, 75 of whom received their first dose. Considering that a vaccine clinic was held on the Wednesday, just three days prior which netted 125 persons, attracting a further 84 people at the challenge event is a great result," he said.

The Minister expressed his thanks to Dr. Velusamy, Director of Sister Islands Health Services and Health Services CEO, Ms. Lizette Yearwood and the team of nurses for their tremendous support, and also thanked the staff from District Administration for organising the event.

On Sat 29 May, Minister Bryan will receive his second dose at the Owen Roberts Airport, along with Deputy Premier Saunders, Ministers Sabrina Turner and Andre Ebanks, and Parliamentary Secretaries Isaac Rankine and Katherine Ebanks-Wilks.

"We are getting closer to the June 9th deadline for people to get their first dose so we hope to see hundreds rolling up their sleeves to get vaccinated and enter the draw," said Minister Bryan. "The opportunity to be vaccinated free of cost is a valuable gift that millions of people around the world would love to have. It would be a crying shame if the Cayman Islands allowed this potentially life-saving gift to go to waste," he continued.

The Ministry of Tourism is providing music and refreshments from 8am to 4pm at the Owen Roberts Airport and mem-



► Ministers Bryan and Turner with Vaccine Challenge Team

bers of the PACT government will be there to meet and greet people as they receive their jobs.

Additionally, anyone who is vaccinated between May 8th and June 9th is eligible to enter the Vaccination Challenge prize draw and stands a chance to win prizes

ranging from airline tickets, staycations, jewellery, gift vouchers, dinner packages and more.

The drawing to select the winners will be carried live on CIGTV. Further details regarding date and time will be announced shortly.

## GOVERNOR STRESSES LINK BETWEEN VACCINE UPTAKE AND ECONOMY

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However, he cautioned, "We're in a new phase now, you have to reopen the economy."

Noting that ultimately that decision is for the elected government, Governor Roper, who also has a background in economics, said the longer it takes to attain the vaccination target, the greater the risk to the economy.

"Economic development is primarily a domestic issue so it is for the Premier and Deputy Premier and the government to really lead on the economy," he said.

"But as Governor of a UK overseas territory, I obviously have to keep an eye from the UK perspective on how our economy is doing," Mr Roper added.

He further explained that "ultimately, if the worst happened, and an Overseas Territory's economy ran into massive difficulties, the UK as the ultimate guarantor would have to step in and even bailout an Overseas Territory and the UK absolutely does not want to do that."

The Governor stressed that's why Cayman needs to take the additional neces-

sary steps to reach at least the 70 per cent vaccination target.

"I recognise there is 'we've done so well, protecting the people from COVID' and we do feel in this bubble that we feel very safe, because we've got no social distancing, no masks."

But he pointed to the lurking pressures on personal and family finances, and the wider economy.

"A lot of people are hurting because there's no tourism and it's just damaging to businesses but there's another large group of people who find this very comfortable."

Mr Roper suggested that this situation is not sustainable and pointed to other OTs that are already relaxing their protocols in tandem with stepping up their vaccination rates.

"I think the point is coming, where we need to take these decisions," he stated.

"Now those decisions are for the government and I'm part of the discussion but ultimately it's for the Premier and ministers to take the decisions around us."

But Mr Roper noted that: "Countries are moving out of this situation. I think BVI, and Anguilla, even Barbados I saw are now moving away from 10 or 14-day quarantine. If you've been vaccinated, you come in and you don't have to go into quarantine to be tested, and then that allows some tourism to come back."

According to the Governor, "I think those are the sorts of discussions we need to have. I think we're coming to that point now but obviously, it's a race with the vaccine."

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# Workout Smarter

All workouts were not created equally. Sadly, many people simply waste time in the gym.

Here are 5 tips to ensure that every minute of your workout is well spent burning fat and toning your muscles...

### Workout Smarter Tip 1: Use More Resistance

In order to get the most from each rep it's important to challenge your muscles, and not to simply go through the motions. If you are able to complete 15 repetitions easily, then the weight is too light. On the flip side, if you aren't able to perform an exercise through its full range of motion, and find yourself cheating on form, then the weight is too heavy.

The correct weights will feel challenging by your last few repetitions but won't force you to sacrifice form.

### Workout Smarter Tip 2: Keep it Fresh

You may have noticed that most people do the same exercises each time they visit the gym. Maybe you've been doing the

same exercise routine as long as you can remember — if it isn't broken then don't fix it, right?

The truth is that exercise routines have expiration dates, and that is the date that they begin to lose their effectiveness. As a rule of thumb never use the same routine for more than 4 weeks.

### Workout Smarter Tip 3: Never Skip the Warm Up

Most people consider warm up time to be wasted time—they'd rather jump right into the heart of the routine. What they don't realize is that a good warm up will allow you to perform at a higher intensity, which means greater results.

The point of a warm up is to increase your muscle temperature. This increases blood flow, muscle contraction and reduces muscle resistance. Your warm up should last 5-10 minutes.

### Workout Smarter Tip 4: Focus on Proper Form

Gyms are filled with people performing exercises with bad form. The two biggest

reasons are that you aren't concentrating on the exercise, or you're trying to lift weight that is too heavy. Lifting with improper form almost always results in injury.

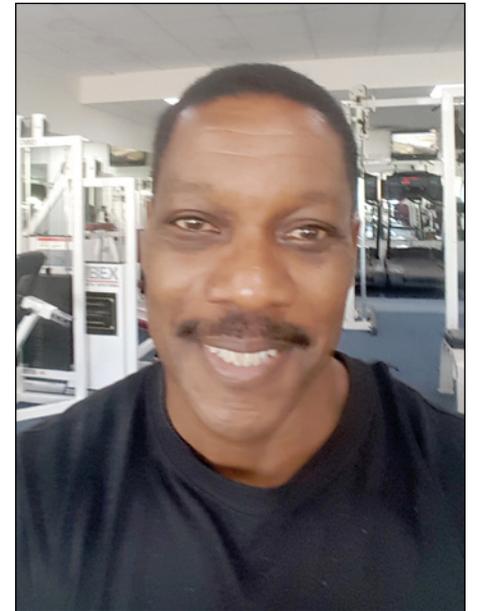
Take the time to achieve proper form, by doing so you'll avoid injury and will reap the full benefit from each exercise.

### Workout Smarter Tip 5: Together is better

People who exercise alone are less challenged, less accountable and typically see fewer results. It makes sense, doesn't it? Why rush to the gym if no one is there waiting for you? Why push yourself if no one is watching? Exercising alone is a recipe for disaster.

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule

# MAY 2021

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	11 ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	12 CAMANA BAY 5-9pm	13 ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	14 CAMANA BAY 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	15 ORIA 8am – 11am 12:30 – 4pm
17 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Clinic Closed	18 ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	19 BODDEN TOWN PUBLIC BEACH 5 – 9pm	20 ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	21 CAMANA BAY 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	22 ORIA 8am – 11am 12:30 – 4pm
24 ORIA 9am – 12pm 1:30 – 4pm	25 ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	26 EAST END PUBLIC BEACH 4 – 9pm	27 ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	28 CAMANA BAY 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	29 ORIA 8am – 11am 12:30 – 4pm
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**WEST BAY - SIR JOHN A. CUMBER PRIMARY HALL**  
5-9pm

### COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC LOCATIONS

- ORIA - OWEN ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
- CAMANA BAY (FORMER CAYMAN MAC LOCATION)
- DISTRICTS – AS NOTED ON THE SCHEDULE

DOSE 1 & 2 will be given at any of the published clinic times.

When receiving your 2nd dose, you MUST also bring along your vaccination card reflecting your 1st dose.

**(Do NOT laminate your card)**

The date on your vaccination card for the 2nd dose is the earliest that is recommended.

All persons must present photo identification showing date of birth.

Facemask required – Please bring your own.

Most up to date schedule will be on [www.hsa.ky](http://www.hsa.ky)

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# Confronting Climate Change: Implications for Small Island States. Part One

The poet Gerard Hopkins, in his famous poem 'God's Grandeur' declares that "The world is charged with the grandeur of God," but then later in the verse he asks the question, "Why do men now reckon his rod?"

There is scientific consensus that the earth is warming, with an increase of between 1.9 and 3 degrees Celsius estimated by the end of the twenty-first century, relative to temperatures recorded between 1986 and 2005. The planet churns out fifty-one tons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere in every typical year. In 2013, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warned that, "The atmosphere and ocean have warmed, the amounts of snow and ice have diminished, sea levels have risen, and the concentration of greenhouse gases have increased." (IPCC, 2014). One year later, this same group again affirmed that the human influence on climate change is unmistakable. Mitzner, an expert on the subject, explains that:

"Human activities are changing the composition and behavior of the atmosphere at an unprecedented rate as pollutants from a wide range of human activities such as energy use, industrial production, agriculture, forestry, and land-use are changing the global atmosphere concentration of certain heat-trapping gases such as carbon-dioxide, nitrous oxide and synthetic compounds which absorb energy before remitting it all directions. This remitted radiation, carries most of the heat

upward, out of the atmosphere, but remits some downwards, warming air, land and water below." (Mizner, 1992, p 8).

Climate change is the scientific recognition that human industrial activities, especially the burning of fossil fuels, clearing and burning of and the making of cement are taking place at such a scale that they are changing the world's climate (Rich 2018). As a consequence, there are more extreme weather, droughts, flood, melting ice, rising oceans and storm strengthening. Farmers and residents of low-lying areas are also experiencing the effects of extreme weather in the developed world. The cumulative effect, experts warn, will be the accelerated human migrations and food and resource shortage.

The climate crisis threatens to reduce habitability of the planet especially when one notes that eighty percent of the world's population lives near a coastline and that some states are already vulnerable. There will be greater alterations to the timing, duration and distribution of rain and snowball. Specific to the Caribbean "The summary of the IPCC's projections for the Caribbean are:

- 2-3 degree centigrade rise in temperatures by 2080
- Decreased rainfall, June – August
- Sea level rise 0.2-0.5 metres by 2090
- Possibly increased frequency and probably increased intensity of hurricanes' (Witter, 2007).

Writing on the imminent dangers of climate change, Harari (2016) in his Homo Deus- A Brief History of Tomorrow, says that given our technological sophistication, modern humans have a good chance of overcoming the problem of resource scarcity and that the 'real nemesis of the modern economy is ecological collapse.' As he puts it, 'Both scientific progress and economic growth take place within a brittle biosphere, and as they gather steam, so the shock waves destabilize the ecology' p. 73. Countries such as China and India want to have their billions live-like 'middle-class Americans' and 'see no reason why they should put their dreams on hold when the Americans are unwilling to give up their SUV's and shopping malls.' Even with protocols to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the planet continues to warm, and no one knows if science will simultaneously 'save the economy from freezing and the ecology from boiling.' (Harari, 2016, p. 215).

The literature on climate change has many different and varying views. For some, it is 'the most far-reaching manifestation of white privilege and class privilege' (Moe-Lobeda, 2021), while for others it continues the historical trajectory of a demarcation between developed and developing countries. For others like Kleine (2015), we must abandon the free-market ideology, restructure the global economy, and remake our political systems. Some



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look to technological innovations, others to institutional changes. For others, it is a time for a call for individual, community, and global repentance within a theological framework, as a prelude for the success of other complementary approaches.

We continue the discussion in the next article on this subject.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Stingray Swim Club Fundraiser – New to Me

**28 May** - The Stingray Swim Club is hosting the New to Me clothing sale on Friday from 5:30 to 8:30pm. at the George Town Yacht Club. Items include handbags and gently loved ladies' clothes. Admission is \$30 and includes welcome drink and canapes. For tickets, email [newtomecayman@gmail.com](mailto:newtomecayman@gmail.com)

### Kids Night Out at the Pavilion

**28 May** - Kids Night Out at the Pavilion at the Agriculture Show Grounds in Lower Valley is Friday on 28 May from 6 to 10pm for ages 6 through 12. The cost is \$15 and includes a food ticket, a drink ticket and a popcorn ticket. There will be games, activities, treats and a movie on the lawn. For more information, call 917 – 2008 or email [345agriculture@gmail.com](mailto:345agriculture@gmail.com)

### St. George's Bargain Store Sale

**29 May** - St. George's Anglican Church will be having its Bargain Store Sale on Saturday, May 29 2021 at 7a.m.-11a.m. Great prices on clothes, household items and other items.

### Art & Wellness Teen Art Drop In at The National Gallery

**29 May** - Participate in the hour-long drop-in art sessions for those aged 14 to 18 at the National Gallery. Take part in collaborative art projects, socialise with peers, and enjoy meditative art time. Register: [education@nationalgallery.org.ky](mailto:education@nationalgallery.org.ky) or call 945 – 8111 for more information.

### "Step Right Up!" hosted by Rotary Central Cayman Islands

**29 May** - On the 29th of May 2021, at the Marriott Ballroom, Rotary

Central will be hosting their 2nd annual gala, in support of the Alex Pantan Foundation. Come one, come all, Step Right Up and join us as the Circus comes to town and enjoy a fun filled evening with cotton candy, kissing booths (socially distant of course!) and all the fixings of those fairs we love so much! Tickets for sale online. You can also contact [ally.speirs@outlook.com](mailto:ally.speirs@outlook.com) for tickets and more information. Tickets can be purchased at [eventpro.ky](http://eventpro.ky)

### Sneakers & Tiaras 5K Fun Run

**30 May** - The Sneakers & Tiaras 5K is happening on Sunday, May 30th, 2021. This year the walk will benefit 5 year old Jaliyah

Whittaker who is battling Wilms Tumor, a children's kidney cancer. 100% of the proceeds raised will be donated to her medical care. Register at [caymanactive.com/registrations/sneakers](http://caymanactive.com/registrations/sneakers) or this Friday at Reliable Industries from 5 to 7pm.

### Master Class at the Park – Orchids with Nick Johnson

**30 May** - The Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park is pleased to announce its new Master Class with the Park's Horticultural Manager, Nick Johnson. The exclusive workshop will feature insightful tips on basic orchid care and includes a guided walk within the national attraction's Orchid Walk while some of the featured orchids are still in bloom. The Master Class is set for Sunday 30th May from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and the cost is \$25. Due to limited spaces available, all interested persons are invited to pre-register as soon as possible by emailing [admin@botanic-park.ky](mailto:admin@botanic-park.ky)

### Batabano's Le Masque Dinner Show & Dance

**5 June** - We're excited to announce that Batabano's signature dinner show "Le Masque" will be held at the stunning Kimpton Seafire Resort & Spa on June 5, 2021! Enjoy an elegant dining



► Batabano's Le Masque Dinner Show & Dance

experience under the stars at the the beautiful Aurea Green and Terrace at the Kimpton. Event attendees will dine on a 3-course plated dinner while being entertained by a variety of local artists and dancers performing live throughout dinner. The show then transitions to a nightclub setting from 9pm to midnight for dancing the night away, with entertainment by local DJ's Sound Revolution. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Dialysis Unit at the George Town Hospital, which is in need of new equipment. Tickets for the dinner show are \$150 and the night club experience only costs \$25. Tickets are sold at Le Classique, The Strand or [eventpro.ky](http://eventpro.ky)

### St. Alban's Church of England, Shedden Rd. - June Services of Holy Communion and Morning Prayers

**6 June** - Services of Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of June. The next Service will be held on Sunday June 6th at 9:30am. Morning Prayers will continue at 9:30am on every other Sunday.

Send your community events to [wendy@caymaniantimes.ky](mailto:wendy@caymaniantimes.ky)



# Another Successful “Clash of the Legends”

On Monday, May 17th, 2021 The Hope for Today Foundation organized a very successful “Clash of the Legends Football Game and Family Fun Day”. There was a tremendous show of support from all the members of the Cayman Community with approx. 250 plus people, which also included members from the Business and Government levels. The foundation would like to once again thank everyone who showed their support and look forward to building this relationship stronger through our joint efforts in assisting the Cayman society in any way possible.

Cayman is home to many people who suffer from addiction. The non-profit, non-governmental, non-denominational Hope For Today Foundation is a coalition of volunteers dedicated to helping and supporting recovering drug addicts and alcoholics through the transition from prison or treatment community life.

Statistics have shown that “relapse” often occurs when an individual returns to the familiar environment where addiction had its origins. By establishing and oper-

ating alcohol and drug-free transitional houses and campus within the community, the Hope Foundation program provides a secure, safe, and stable haven for individuals to gradually work their way back to a purposeful life.

Throughout our fundraising efforts, we would like to especially give thanks to; Hon. Bernie Bush, Hon. Andre Ebanks, Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, and the Fosters Food Fair organization, which have provided us with the use of their facilities regularly. We have also received great support from local businesses who have donated the raffle prizes distributed at the event.

The football match was organized between The Latino Old Men VS Mix Cayman Squad resulting in 4-1 favor of The Latino Old Men. Below are the winners of the raffle draw which was made concluding the program. Winners are requested to contact Mr. Tahir Chaudhry @ 924-8095 to claim their prizes.

Thank you to all those who supported the foundation and we look forward to your continued support.



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975	Jennifer King	\$50 Fosters
1065	Taylor Foster	\$50 AL Thompson
1005	Marcey	Double Parasailing
1072	Luke Forbes	Double Parasailing
867	Nicole Crance	Double Parasailing
1055	Becca	Double Parasailing
763	Hunter Kassam	\$25 XQ'S
305	Francisco Castillo	\$25 XQ'S
1573	Rolin Chisholm	\$25 Tukka
1116	Elana Escalente	\$25 Tukka
511	Kale	\$25 Tukka
350	Renna Rankine	\$25 Calypso Grill
1296	Nigel Muir	\$25 Calypso Grill
144	Lloyd Marnott	\$25 Calypso Grill
1001	Gabriel Peneda	\$25 Coconut Joes
581	Narinedat Hansraj	\$25 Lobster Pot
1186	Janice Behan	\$25 Lobster Pot
1149	Melanie Jackson	\$25 Lobster Pot
453	Darren Ebanks	\$25 Morgans
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► H.E the Governor, Martyn Roper, and CISC club commodore Alan Roffey with some of the new fleet of Hartley training boats



► Hon. Bernie Bush greets Michael Joseph, a past Olympic sailor, whose company, Property Cayman, sponsored two of the dinghies

# CISC celebrates new fleet of 20 training dinghies

By Christopher Tobutt

Cayman Islands Sailing Club has taken delivery of its new fleet of six Hartley 15 and twelve Hartley 12-2 sail training dinghies. These will form the backbone of the Club's long running sail training programme for schools, after school and adults for the foreseeable future, according to club Commodore, Alan Roffey. In order to celebrate, the club held a special fleet dedication event, with His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper, and Minister for Sports, Youth, Culture and Heritage, Hon. Bernie Bush in attendance.

Each of the lovely sailing dinghies are larger than the previous ones, and able to hold several people for training purposes. Each one of them has the name of the sponsor, who made the dream of a new fleet possible after the club decided it wanted to purchase the new boats at the end of 2020.

Mr. Bush said: "I am delighted that the Cayman Islands Sailing Club has attracted enough sponsorship to buy 18 training dinghies. We all know that the sea holds a special place in this nation's heart. Sailing is in our DNA which is probably why we, only half-jokingly, admit to having saltwater in our veins," he said. Sailing was Cayman's first Olympic sport, and you can un-

derstand why I am so glad to be with you. This club ticks off all the subjects in my ministry, sports, youth, culture and heritage. I wish you all joy with your new fleet of Hartelys, and a fair wind and a following sea for another 56 years of sporting acclaim."

Commodore Alan Roffey told the story of why the club decided to purchase the new fleet. "Firstly, There was great concern for the fleet of aging boats, that were rapidly reaching the end of its useful life," he said. Then in September last year, a video of the new Hartley boats was shown to the sailing club committee, who were all very impressed, and, following some success at another fundraising event, enough confidence was gathered to be able to go full steam ahead and find sponsors. Many local people and business owners stepped up and within a matter of weeks, the commitment was there to go ahead and purchase the boats, which arrived in containers at the beginning of May.

"These boats are a step forward for the club, in that they are big enough for larger-framed individuals and can teach more advanced sailing with spinnakers. We hope these boats will challenge our sailors to go much further with their sailing skill sets than they could with single-sail boats. We are planning corporate team building



► H.E the Governor Martyn Roper

afternoons for the many organizations where the colleagues need to get to know and trust each other, in order to work well together as a team," Mr. Roffey said.

Governor Martyn Roper said, "I really just want to say congratulations to the sailing club. I've got to know you very well in my two and a half years here. Usually when I come to the club I bring bad luck with me because there's never any wind,

so I'm glad to see today that there is a lot of wind. Being here for the arrival of these new Hartley boats is a real privilege. Huge thanks to all the sponsors and those who have made it possible.

The Governor and Mr. Bush then went around each of the boats, dedicating them with a blessing for all who sail in them, and pouring a little sip of Champaign onto the bow of each one.



► Dedication of one of the boats by the Governor



► Minister for Sport, Youth, Culture and Heritage Hon Bernie Bush

**WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST**

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
85° / 78°	84° / 78°	85° / 78°	86° / 78°	81° / 79°	81° / 79°	80° / 80°
Mostly sunny	Partly sunny, a stray t-storm	Sun and some clouds	Increasing cloudiness	A stray afternoon t-storm	Partly sunny	Partly sunny, a stray t-storm

## Botanic Park Seeks Participation in First-Ever 5K Fundraiser

The public is invited to join the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park for its first-ever 5K Run/Walk on Sunday 13th June.

The event is a fundraiser set to raise much needed funds which will go toward the continued development of the Park's Children Garden which is still under construction.

"We anticipate runners and walkers of all ages will come out in support of the new Children's Garden. As once it is complete, it will be an entertaining and interactive educational facility," said Botanic Park General Manager John Lawrus.

The Park envisions the new garden will be an integral tool in teaching about conservation, training children to identify Cayman's endemic plant and animal species, and simply passing on a love of the environment and all that lives in it.

"We also look to this as a welcome new addition to the island's tourism market," he added.

The \$25 entry fee includes a t-shirt, chip timing and post event refreshments. A prize ceremony will follow the run. Additional parking at the Water Authority Compound on Botanic Road until 10am race day.

The event is sponsored by Cayman National Bank, Coca Cola, High Impact Media, and Water Authority Cayman.

As an added bit of fun, participants can also celebrate the Queen's Birthday holiday by creating a fancy-dress Royal Fascinator. Photos of the design should be uploaded to social media tagging the Botanic Park's social media pages and using the hashtags #QEIIIPRunWalk and #QEIIIBPFascinatorFun.

"The design that garners the most social media 'likes' will win a prize and bragging rights of course! We look forward to corporations getting involved and we hope this little competition fosters some good old fashioned friendly office rivalry," said Mr. Lawrus.

For information on the race route and to register, log on to <https://racecaribbean.net/event/botanic-park-5k/>.

To donate a prize to this event or learn more, kindly email Mona at [marketing@tab.ky](mailto:marketing@tab.ky) or Lori at [admin@botanic-park.ky](mailto:admin@botanic-park.ky)



## MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

# HIS PLANS OR OURS 1 - Corinthians 1: 17-20

I read of guy who at age 18 started a carpet cleaning business. He rented a garage, hired helpers, and created advertising brochures. The business prospered, and his intention was to sell it. Proceeds would go to college tuition, so he was thrilled when a buyer came along. After much negotiating and time it seemed the deal was set. But at the last minute the deal collapsed.

It is normal to be disappointed when God's timing and design for our lives do not go our way. When David wanted to build the temple, he had the right motives, leadership ability, and resources. Yet because he killed so many people God told him he would not do it. He was not disappointed because he val-



ued his relationship with God more than anything else. And that must also be our mission.

## DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ian Douglas Thomson (58) passed away Saturday, May 15, 2021, with his brother at his side at Health City Hospital, Grand Cayman.



A Celebration of Life will be held at Rackam's on Saturday, May 29th at 3pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the

Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation.

Condolences can be registered at [boddenfuneralservice.com](http://boddenfuneralservice.com) & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



The family of the late **Eddlee Ray Martin** regret to announce his passing on 14th May, 2021.



A graveside service will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, 29 May 2021, at Watering Place Cemetery, Cayman Brac.

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### Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Mia Victoria Hurlstone, who passed away on Thursday, May 13, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Red Bay Church of God Holiness, Lord's Way, Grand Cayman on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Viewing: 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Interment at: Prospect Cemetery



Condolences can be registered at [churchillsfuneralhome.com](http://churchillsfuneralhome.com)

### Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Marina Terry, who passed away on Sunday, May 23, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Sinai Apostolic & Prophetic Church, #2 Industrial Park, Dorcy Drive, Cayman Center, Grand Cayman on Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Viewing: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Interment: Prospect Cemetery



Condolences can be registered at [churchillsfuneralhome.com](http://churchillsfuneralhome.com)

The family of the late **Treaty Glidden** regret to announce her passing, on 11 May 2021.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, 30 May 2021 at Wesleyan Holiness Church, viewing will be from 2:00 p.m. prior to the service.

Interment will follow in North West Point Cemetery.

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UK TERRITORIES CONNECTION

By Michael Jarvis, London UK

# VACCINE-SCEPTICAL MONTSERRAT SENDS COVID DOSES TO ANGUILLA

Faced with the likelihood of part of its stock of COVID-19 vaccines expiring, the Government of Montserrat has donated 500 doses to Anguilla.

This comes over concerns that the doses of the Oxford-AstraZeneca drug provided to Montserrat by the British government were at risk of being dumped with the May 31st deadline for administering that consignment fast approaching.

Vaccine uptake in Montserrat has been the lowest among the UK's Caribbean Overseas Territories averaging 39 per cent to date.

Anguilla on the other hand has so far vaccinated over 67 per cent of its adult population with the same Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine also supplied by the British government.

There has been scepticism in Montserrat over the Oxford-AstraZeneca drug based on instances elsewhere of blood clots associated with the vaccine.

The doubts have persisted despite efforts by local, UK and other authorities to reassure that this has only been in a small minority of cases globally.

A statement from the office of Montserrat's Governor Andrew Pearce said:

"Due to the impending 31 May expiry date of the first tranche of vaccines supplied to Montserrat and the huge demand for vaccines across the UK family and globally, last week a decision was taken jointly by the Ministry of Health and Social Services, the Governor's Office, Foreign, the Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and Business Enterprise Innovation and Science (who are responsible for the UK supply of vaccines) to ensure these vaccines did not go to waste."

It also stated: "Despite many appeals from community-based leaders, Government Ministers, Ministry of Health leaders and a rigorous communication campaign



► Montserrat's Governor Andrew Pearce vaccinated

to encourage vaccine uptake, the Covid-19 vaccination programme on Montserrat has had a low uptake so far in comparison to other OTs and other countries with access to a significant supply of the vaccine."

Montserrat had received 5,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine from the UK, sufficient to vaccinate 70% of the adult population of the island. Montserrat's population is around 4,500.

"The UK Government, the Governor's Office and the Ministry of Health and Social Service could not in good conscience allow such a precious resource to go to waste," the statement by Montserrat's Governor, Andrew Pearce said.

"500 of these first tranche vaccines were therefore transferred to Anguilla to be used in their vaccination programme before expiry."

Montserrat still has 2000 doses of the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine doses left from the consignment delivered to us in April. Those will expire on July 31st.

"We encourage everyone not to let this opportunity slip past us again," the Governor's statement added and further warned: "We will not be able to request a further supply of vaccines from the UK, when we have been unable to use what has already been supplied."

# PANDEMIC PROMPTS MORE PENSIONS ACCESS IN BERMUDA

Workers in Bermuda will now be able to further dip into their pension pot to offset personal financial woes caused by the pandemic.

Legislation has been adopted allowing for an additional \$6,000 withdrawal following the initial \$12,000 approved last year.

They will also now be able to do so for an additional year from this July to June of 2022.

To date, about \$120 million has been withdrawn from the pension fund by persons struggling to make ends meet in the economic downturn caused by the pandemic.

Bermuda's Minister of Finance, Curtis L. Dickinson said the government recognises that "there are still people finding it extremely difficult to make ends meet".

But he urged persons considering a pensions withdrawal to carefully balance



► Bermuda's Minister of Finance, Curtis L. Dickinson

their remaining years to retirement alongside their current financial situation before making a decision.

# PENSION PLAN FOR BVI PARLIAMENTARIANS

Parliamentarians in the British Virgin Islands are in line for a pension packet which Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie says will "make sure that they retire with dignity".

The provision called the Retiring Allowances (Legislative Services) (Amendment) Act, 2021 will calculate a pension for retiring elected representatives based on their parliamentary tenure.

The issue has been on the cards for some time but has met with resistance.

Premier Fahie said there are already regulations in place to prevent and penalise parliamentarians who exploit their position for personal gain.

A UK-government Commission of Inquiry is currently underway in the BVI with a remit to examine "whether corruption, abuse of office or other serious dishonesty may have taken place amongst public, elected and statutory officials in recent years" following serious allegations.

Defending the pension law he argued that many parliamentarians ended up being less well off financially after leaving the territory's House of Assembly.



► BVI Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie

"After they have given a lifetime of service, you send them off with nothing to take care of themselves until they die," he lamented, referring to instances where he had been lobbied by former parliamentarians to push through the pension plan.

"When you have persons serving for so many years, and then they leave the position and you put them out there with nothing basically, they become less well off than before they went in."

Former BVI parliamentarians currently receive a retirement package which according to Premier Fahie, amounts to between US\$900 and US\$1500 monthly.

# ANGUILLA CLOSER TO RE-OPENING ITS BORDERS

Following an intensive clampdown due to a recent cluster of COVID-19 cases, Anguilla has announced that it is getting back on track with its re-opening schedule.

With a recent government update saying there were only two cases, down from a peak of over 60 in the past month, Anguilla's Premier Dr Ellis Webster said the current status "is testament to the commitment of our dedicated health teams and the support of everyone across the island in following the required public health measures to stop active cases escalating beyond a cluster."

As of Friday 21st May, the borders have been re-opened to returning residents.

Also, the remainder of the civil service have returned to work, child-minding facilities are allowed to re-open, and required school-based assessment for 4th, 5th and 6th form students are permitted.

While strict protocols remain in place for some business operations there has been a relaxation of restrictions on gatherings.

"Bubble activities will have the same operating hours of 5am - 7pm except certified bubble restaurants, which will be authorised to open until 10pm. Certified bubble taxi drivers will be authorised to operate until 11pm for the sole purpose of returning bubble residents from bubble restaurants to their accommodations."



The government said: "All of these steps are predicated on the epidemiological situation remaining stable and will remain under review."

Anguilla is also continuing with its intensified vaccination campaign with its VAXAXA (Vaccinate Anguilla) appeal.

Premier Webster stated: "This is a tremendous effort and we are grateful for the support of all the sponsors who have donated to the VAXAXA Challenge, as we seek to ensure Anguilla is protected appropriately against the risk of the Covid-19 virus."

"To those of you who are yet to be vaccinated, there is still time to get your first dose. We ask that you seriously consider doing so for the protection of yourself, your loved ones and all residents of Anguilla."

The Anguilla Premier also said, "Getting vaccinated will also enable you to participate in greater activities as part of our wider exit strategy, and will ensure your ability to meet likely international travel requirements."

Anguilla is also issuing photo vaccination cards which Premier Webster said could be used to "verify your vaccination status both here and abroad."



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