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Demonstration and Meeting "SAY NO! Stop Increases to Our H₂O"





'Brighter' for St Helena Tourism



'Look After the Yachties' for Tourism Revenue



Cleaning Up Operations Continue

A 'SMART-METER' ON TOP OF HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD? Sharon Wade

Several empty chairs in the hall of the Half Tree Hollow Community Centre last night, indicated that the public meeting held with regard to increases in Utilities Tariffs was not as well-attended as the first one held two weeks ago.

However, a lively and informative discussion took place where members of the public aired their views & concerns and presented a variety of questions. Elected members of Legislative Council (with the exception of two) were in attendance, along with Mr Barry Hubbard and Ms Clare Harris from Connect St. Helena; and Carolyn Thomas, Mike Durnford and Nicole Shamir who are Directors of Connect STH's Board. Mr Rodney Buckley was selected by the seven group members leading the opposition against the increases, to be the independent speaker at last night's meeting. Mr Buckley opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and outlined the objective of the meeting and the need for it to be conducted in an appropriate manner.

Mr Barry Hubbard, the CEO of Connect St. Helena then took the microphone and made a slideshow presentation from which he explained a breakdown of information leading up to the proposed increases. It is not yet clear whether the new charges started last Sunday 1st July as planned, or whether they have been placed on hold until the Regulatory Authority issues further notification.

The Connect STH slideshow presentation consisted of a series of pie-charts showing the various factors driving the requirement for the Company to propose increased tariffs. Annual, monthly and daily statistics were provided and figures relating to subsidy, depreciation, and the operation, were quoted. These figures were used to illustrate to those present how the tariffs are affected, also taking into account that improvements are being made to the Island's water system with several targets being met already, and others which are in various stages of progression. The presentation also included several photographs of various catchment areas around the Island that are in need of improvement, and also repairs to pipe-work and other water treatment measures that are in various stages of planning.

Questions were then invited from the floor once the presentation came to an end, and several members of the community took the opportunity to voice their concerns. The microphone was handed around for a variety of questions to be heard clearly and most were based on the following subjects: fuel usuage by Connect; meter-reading contracts; Connect's staffing, salaries & vehicles; water-wastage; call-out contractors; drainage maintenance and once again there seemed to be some confusion amongst residents about the actual breakdown in increases for units consumed per average household.

In his answers to the many questions, Mr Barry Hubbard spoke about the implementation of a leakage-reduction program and he said the introduction of smart-meters has been on the top of his cupboard since his arrival on St. Helena. He explained briefly how smart-meters work via a SIM card and the internet, and would eliminate the necessity for meterreaders. He said the idea is not only to save money and costs, but to improve the water system and it's delivery also.

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Vigorous clapping from those present, expressed their agreement and support of the questions being asked by members of the community and there was a sprinkling of good humour. There was also a question raised about a review into Connect's operation and why it has not yet taken place. Councillor Lawson Henry replied that the Terms of Reference for the review are being prepared, and it is hoped for this to take top priority within this Financial Year.

Over two hours later, the meeting came to a close on a rather subdued, but still-hopeful note.



Demonstration Saturday 30th June "SAY NO! Stop Increases to Our H_oO"







Recent weeks, parts of the community have raged against Connect St Helena Ltd's proposed increases in water and sewage charges. About 2,500 names were collected in a petition against the increases. Last Saturday, a demonstration was arranged and between 100 and 150 people marched and chanted, with banners flying, from Pilling School to the Court House steps were handed over to Paul Hickling on behalf of the St Helena Utilities Regulatory Authority. The Petition was presented to Paul by one of the Petition Organisers, Nicola Essex, SHINE Representative.

St Helena Government said in a press statement that the presentation was witnessed by HE Governor Lisa Honan and that "The Utilities Regulatory Authority is an independent body of



both St Helena Government and Connect Saint Helena Ltd and the Governor's attendance today was no more than as a witness. Neither the Governor nor SHG can influence the Authority's decision."

The Chair of the Regulatory Authority, Chief Magistrate Nick Aldridge arrived back to St Helena on Saturday afternoon and could therefore not receive the petition himself. Mr Aldridge said to the St Helena Independent on Wednesday of this week that the Regulatory Authority had met early this week and their decision regarding the increases proposed by Connect St Helena Ltd will most likely be published early next week.





Tel: [+290] 22327 Email: independent@helanta.co.sh http: www.saint.fm Egotopototo

I was wondering what on earth to write about this week. We've got Lord Bates coming soon and Sarah Long from the Brighter Group demonstrating how to win friends in the media and influence whatever is printed, spoken and shown – SHG take note. There's more on water charges and what could be a traffic jam (almost) of yacht races in January. All of that pales into insignificance after seeing this . . .



It's a 6 metre high blow-up Trump doll to be flown over London for two hours when Trumpy calls on Theresa a week today.



Campaigners who are obviously as disenchanted with Trump as I am crowd funded the £18,000 needed to buy the effigy which they say accurately reflects Trump's character as an "angry baby with a fragile ego and tiny hands".

The BBC reports the lead campaigner saying, "He really seems to hate it when people make fun of him. So when he visits the UK on Friday, we want to make sure he knows that all of Britain is looking down on him and laughing at him. That's why a group of us have chipped in and raised enough money to have a six-metre high blimp made by a professional inflatables company, to be flown in the skies over Parliament Square during Trump's visit."

Protests over the US president's official visit have been organised by a coalition of organisations calling themselves Together Against Trump. They have put details on Facebook telling people where the protests are being held. It's clear Trump will be jeered and heckled every step of the way through his journey to London and Scotland.

The Together Against Trump protesters take it as a victory

that Trump is being hidden away in country houses and castles to meet business leaders and local dignitaries. There are no official engagements in London or any other large cities or towns.

Trump's visit to Britain will be over World Cup Final weekend. Making fun of Trump is an excellent spectator sport but he had better be flying back west by 3pm on Sunday 15th. *Vince*

Important announcement

It has recently being brought to the attention of the management of Saint FM that certain individuals have been calling voluntary presenters and staff at the station with abusive and insulting language also there have been incidents of certain individuals calling voluntary presenters at home with regards to radio programming.

This type of behaviour is completely unacceptable, voluntary presenters give up their time to provide entertainment for the community and we ask that they are given the respect and encouragement they deserve.

Board of directors: Vince Thompson Mike Olsson Tammy Williams

Thank You

The family of the late Anthony Percival Joshua of Beacon Hill, would like to express their grateful thanks to all the Doctors & Nursing Staff at the General Hospital who cared for Anthony during his recent hospitalization.

Thank-you also to Father Dale Bowers for ministering to Anthony & conducting his funeral service. Thank-you to Mrs Ivy Ellick for all you have done.

Special thanks to Mr Roy Williams and his team, for the arrangements and to Mrs Lawrence for creating the wreaths.

Thank-you to all the friends and family who visited, sent cards, telephoned, gave floral tributes and for being there to support us.

Anthony's passing has left a void in our lives. We draw strength from knowing he was so loved and respected by many. Thank-you.

Joan, David, Suzanne, David, Ella-Rose, John & family. - F

Immigration Section of the Police Directorate would like to advise that the fee for a Short Term Entry permit will be increased from £17.00 to £20.00 with effect from Tuesday 10th July 2018

Executive Council Reports - a pretence at openness in government

The contentious increase in water charges grabbed a lot of attention last week and continues to do so this week. When a groundswell of opinion rose up against the second increase in water charges inside 10 months Exco members decided to get themselves publicly involved at a late stage and the Governor observed proceedings from close range.

Questions were asked at the press conference organised by the St Helena Government last Thursday why Exco members and officers were so heavily represented; there were six or seven of them compared to two representatives from Connect. Despite having formed Connect St Helena in order that SHG could divest itself of operational responsibility for utilities the overwhelming presence of SHG personnel was almost alarming.

Despite government efforts to cling to the official stance they have taken that Connect is separate from government there are those who remain to be convinced. Connect are still subsidised by SHG and will continue to be for the foreseeable future. Even if Connect collected sufficient revenue from charges to cover all operational costs SHG is still obligated to fund infrastructure improvements for water collection and distribution and electricity generation and distribution. After many decades of neglect these improvements are likely to continue for some years to come. The connection between Connect and SHG is closer than the official line taken by SHG would have us believe.

A Tale of Two Islands

St Helena

On Wednesday this week Lord Jones of Cheltenham tabled another written question to Her Majesty's Government on the sorry state of affairs with future plans for St Helena's economic development.

His latest question, the 13th in recent weeks, was:-

"To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the suspension of the capital programme and funding for St Helena, particularly in respect of the Island's employment, disposable income, standard of living and progress towards the intended tourism-based expanding economy."

The reason for this question is of course the lack of any plans for supporting infrastructure improvements to complement the start of scheduled air services and the widely hoped for increase in tourism and the tourism based economy for this Island.

The Falkland Islands

On the same day news was published from the Falklands Islands about their "ambitious programme to deliver significant capital and infrastructure projects over the next five years". The *Independent* has reported previously on the comfortable financial situation the Falkland Islands Government have established for themselves. 'For themselves' is the key. The Falkland Government take in more revenue at the moment from economic activity in such things as tourism, fishing and agriculture than they spend on the services they provide. They, unlike us, do not rely on DFID for handouts. They make their own plans and do not have to get permission or funding from any other source.

Over the next five years the Falklands Government plan to build a new power station, a new port, improve the passenger

Then there is SURE telecommunications. About the same time as the press conference on increases in water charges SURE announced increases which are scheduled to take effect from 1st August. Not big increases but increases nevertheless. Once more SHG are silent on this but are involved with the tariff increase behind the scenes. Executive Council members discussed the SURE increase at their meeting on Tuesday 26th June. For some weird reason the discussion was in the closed session and no mention was made of the discussion in the Exco Report. The current position the *In-dependent* has been told by official sources is that Exco will 'sign off' the proposed increase in early July. The link between Sure and SHG is clear but discussions are not publicised even in the most generalised way.

The proposed 1st July increase in water charges would also have been discussed behind closed doors at an Exco meeting and Exco councillors will have known of the increase before it was officially announced but they too sided with secrecy. It was only the organisation of a demonstration that caused them to think about a press conference and it was not until 28th June that a government press release was issued. The message seems clear, if you want your elected members and government officers to talk openly about any particular issue of public interest, organise a demonstration about it.

terminal at the airport, expand the hospital and build a Vulnerable Persons Unit. In addition there are also plans for comprehensive road improvements, a house building programme and more. The UK Government will be paying nothing towards any of this; only the defence of the Falklands is paid from UK money.

The Difference

While the Falklands are building or improving many of the same things we want and need here, the Falklands are in the happy position of having the money available from their own resources, making their own decisions on what to spend the money on and then going ahead and doing it.

Despite St Helena needing very much the same as the Falklands we have no economy and no money. The decisions and the planning for this Island rest with the people who have got the money – DFID. Right now there is no proper planning and very little money being made available – why?

One theory is that DFID are still mightily embarrassed about the mess they made of the airport project and, as Lord Shutt said, "scared stiff" that the Daily Mail and other UK newspapers will launch another savage attack on DFID if they spend more millions on St Helena even though it is urgently required and entirely justified. DFID made the mistakes which left us with what President Trump might call "a half-ass airport" and they are also accused of not having the backbone to follow through and deliver the strategy for a tourism based economy for St Helena because they are afraid of criticism from the UK media. What a mess! Not of St Helena's making but we suffer the consequences. If we did have the successful tourism based economy so often referred to by DFID we also could make our own decisions just like the Falklands and leave DFID to embarrass themselves somewhere else.

More questions asked by Lord Jones on DFID's handling of St Helena's affairs

After firing off a series of questions to DFID about the airport, the air service and Rupert's wharf which were answered last week Lord Jones has re-loaded and aimed a further volley of questions in the same direction, this time on the future of our economy, standard of living and the prospects for spare cash in our pockets.

The questions are shown below; the answers should be available next week.

To ask Her Majesty's Government what benefits exist for the economy of St Helena from the withdrawal of the shipping subsidy and reductions in the utilities subsidy.

To ask Her Majesty's Government what financial benefit St Helena has so far gained from the weekly scheduled flights which began in October 2017.

To ask Her Majesty's Government what (1) increases in the number of tourists visiting St Helena, and (2) monetary benefit to the island's economy arising from tourism they have identified since weekly scheduled flights began in October 2017.

To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the impact of current and projected price increases in St Helena on (1) its employment levels, (2) the disposable income of its residents, and (3) living standards.

To ask Her Majesty's Government what evidence they have, if any, that indicates that the building of an airport in St Helena will improve the island's economy and improve residents' standard of living.

To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether British residents in receipt of pensions in St Helena are experiencing difficulties in obtaining and returning the required Pension Life Certificates and, as a result, having pension payments suspended.

Lord Bates - will he, won't he, visit St Helena

Speculation spreads that Lord Bates, the DFID Minister with Responsibility for the Overseas Territories will make an Andrew Mitchell style flying visit to St Helena next weekend when Airlink operate the charter service to Ascension.

No official announcement has been made and enquiries made by the *Independent* have been met by replies which are at best evasive and more often tight-lipped. If the speculation is correct The Right Honourable, The Lord Bates (official style of address) will make a notable piece of Island history. He will be the first representative of Her Majesty's Government to visit St Helena. The secrecy we have all become so used to with anything which involves government is especially puzzling as such a visit would be particularly special and we all need to prepare for it. A warm St Helena welcome at the airport would start the visit in the right spirit. The *Independent* and *Saint FM* would be guilty of dereliction of duty if such an event is not appropriately recorded for posterity.

A visit by the Minister with Responsibility for the Overseas Territories is likely to make as big an impression on the minister as it is on any of us here. When discussing the merits of delegations set up to raise the profile of St Helena among recalcitrant DFID staff Lord Shutt suggested to the *Independent* recently, "I think the best air plane ride would be one for Michael Bates. St Helena can cast its "spell" but only if you make a visit! Andrew Mitchell hadn't been until his 26hour trip but it was enough for him to catch the "spell!" The Island itself and its people can make a bigger impression on political leaders than any political argument anyone may care to mention.

Lord (Michael) Bates is an extraordinary man. He has made some prodigious efforts when raising money for various charities. In 2013 he raised £50,000 for the Save the Children Fund and their work in Syria with a 519 mile, 35 day sponsored walk from London to Derry, Northern Ireland. In 2014 another sponsored walk meant a two month, 1,054 mile walk from London to Berlin when he raised £41,000 for a German charity - Peace Village International, a charity providing emergency medical help to children who are victims of conflict. Again in 2015 another sponsored walk, 1,059 miles this time, from Beijing to Hangzhou. The walk took 71 days and raised £90,000 for the Red Cross in China. The list of sponsored walks for charity goes on - and on. In 2011 Lord Bates walked 3,000 miles from Greece to London and in 2016 a 2,000 mile walk from Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro raised money for the Olympic Truce Charity and UNICEF.



Lord Bates in Milan, raising money and awareness for his chosen charity with another sponsored walk

Another example of Lord Bates' extraordinariness was his reaction to arriving late in the House of Lords to answer questions from Members. He was said to be just one minute late but because he was not in his place to respond to a question from Baroness Lister, Lord Bates announced that he was thoroughly ashamed of himself and immediately resigned as a minister in Her Majesty's Government. Lord Bates would not listen to exhortations from Members that an apology was all that was needed. The Prime Minister, Theresa May, refused to accept his resignation and Lord Bates lived to fight another day.

Should a visit from Lord Bates be scheduled for 14th and 15th July every effort should be made by everyone to give a warm and memorable welcome to this very sincere and well-liked man. In politics having respect for an adversary is a sign the political system is mature and working well. Does our own St Helena Government want to give the impression we have a mature political system that works well? If he does step off the plane next Saturday he will be the most significant arrival to these shores since the Princess Royal in 2002; another very good reason for making the occasion memorable for the whole community as well as Lord Bates.

More questions asked by Lord Jones on DFID's handling of St Helena's affairs



Lord Bates (right) and Lord Shutt (left) flanking the Governor and Andrew Rosindell MP at a Road Show event in the Houses of Parliament



Lord Bates listening intently to Helena Bennett's speech at a Road Show event in the Houses of Parliament

New PR Company to lead in spreading the word about St Helena



Sarah Long telling Tourism Association members how much Bang ESH are getting for their bucks.

The Brighter Group, now part of another PR company called FINN Partners, was recently selected by Enterprise St Helena to take over from Keene Communications as the organisation whose job it is to tell the world that St Helena is THE place to visit. While Keene represented several travel and tourism organisations they also represented financial, mining, pharmaceutical and energy interests as well as the West Midlands Fire Service. The Brighter Group are focussed entirely on travel, tourism and hospitality. While Keene may be described as a Jack of All Trades, the Brighter Group, on first appearance, appear to be Master of One.

Brighter Group has 16 offices around the world employing more than 600 people and earning over £60 million in revenue each year. Sarah Long, part of the leading team for the Brighter Group, demonstrated the wide range and spread of top quality connections they have built up in the world of travel and tourism. She outlined various ways they can make more tour operators and tourists aware of St Helena and what it is about St Helena they think will attract more people and organisations.

Sarah also outlined the links the Brighter Group have nurtured with various parts of the modern media and how they use them. A world away, it has to be said, from the press releases churned out by our own St Helena Government. Just to demonstrate to those present at last night's Tourism Association meeting that Brighter mean business Sarah Long said they had contacted Dan Snow about compiling some video footage and writing feature length articles on the St Helena's history. To gain the interest of someone like Dan Snow so early in their involvement with St Helena the Brighter Group have earned brownie points with gold stars and tinsel. Dan Snow has built himself a big reputation in the UK for presenting history in a new way which is in tune modern presentational styles. His website *History Hit* claims to reinvent history for the digital age and this year Snow started his own History TV channel. He has made several popular history programmes for mainstream TV.

He is a member of a famous media family which lines up with the Dimbleby's and the Attenborough's. His father is Peter Snow who was a successful journalist and then turned to television. He hosted a current affairs programme where he would make mince-meat of politicians who showed they did not know their stuff when he interviewed them. Dan Snow's uncle is Jon Snow who also became a leading TV news interviewer who was equally unmerciful with any bumbling politicians who crossed his path.



INVESTMENT POLICY APPROVED

St Helena's Investment Policy was approved at Executive Council on Tuesday, 26 June 2018.

The Investment Policy was a refresh of the 2011 policy. Minor changes were made to the context to align it to St Helena's Sustainable Economic Development Plan (SEDP) 2018-28. It was refreshed in order to provide the aims and principles which will steer a new Investment Strategy for St Helena.

Each year, around £40 million leaves St Helena, mostly to pay for imported goods. One of the ways to bring new money to the Island and retain money locally is to facilitate investment opportunities for residents and non-residents on St Helena.

The Investment Policy is part of a suite of documents to facilitate private investment to start-up and expand business on St Helena. A new Investment Strategy will provide the detail on how SHG proposes to incentivise investment.

Once the Investment Strategy and Land Development Control Plan are finalised, Enterprise St Helena will then update the Investor Prospectus. Like the current version, this will be aimed at an investor reader and will include information such as property development and investment opportunities.

Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, Councillor Lawson Henry, said:

"The content of the Investment Policy drafted in 2011 was still relevant, and we didn't want to reinvent the wheel, so we made a few changes to the context and put this forward for approval. This approval now allows us to develop a new Investment Strategy. A draft is being prepared and will come to the Economic Development Committee in August for discussion in open session."

Government Economist, Nicole Shamier, added:

"Not all investments are equal. Investments which help to achieve import substitution, export promotion and domestic production are better than ones which don't. Investors which have a small footprint on St Helena yet employ a number of people are better than ones which require large landholdings yet employ few. Investors which attract a significant amount of new money to the Island and keep their profits on St Helena are better than ones which don't. We are really excited that the Investment Policy has been agreed and we can now develop targeted incentives to encourage the best types of investment on St Helena."

The Investment Policy is available on the St Helena Government website at: http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/publications/



ST HELENA REPRESENTED AT RED ENSIGN GROUP CONFERENCE

St Helena was represented by the Registrar of Shipping, Karen Yon, and locum Crown Counsel (Civil), Andrew Radley, at the Red Ensign Group (REG) Conference in Guernsey this month. The Red Ensign Group represents a collective of British Shipping Registers and this year celebrated the 30th year of their conference - a forum to share best practice in terms of commercial successes and meeting international maritime obligations.

St Helena administers a Category 2 registry and can register vessels of up to 150 gross tonnes and pleasure vessels of up to 400 gross tonnes. Ship Registry is identified in St Helena's Sustainable Economic Development Plan 2018-28 as an export sector with the potential to expand in the future. Karen commented:

"It was an honour to be invited to the 2018 REG Conference in Guernsey – the first time in the REG's history that all 13 dignitaries were represented.

"The schedule was comprehensive and the meetings very useful. It was great for me as the Registrar to be able to share knowledge and views with colleagues from the OTs and Crown dependencies in our Registrar's Forum and to gain knowledge on best practices adopted in registering vessels. It was also useful to hear how other dignitaries build/ expand their registers as we are also looking at this option on St Helena."

A commitment to being ready for the International Maritime Organisation's (IMO) III Code audit in two years' time has been identified as a clear priority by attendees at the REG conference. Mock audits with support from the Maritime Coastguard Agency have been offered to the relevant UK government departments, Crown Dependencies & Overseas Territories. The group has also been tasked to identify gaps in their processes which will need to be addressed in time for the IMO audit which will happen in 2020. Andrew concluded:

"It was a privilege to represent St Helena at the REG Conference. It was informative and educational. Particularly, we learned about SHG's obligations with regard to the implementation of the International Maritime Organisation's III Code and we have a lot to implement over the next 18 months in this regard.

"This was an important first step in not only understanding our international obligations, but also in terms of developing our own best practice shipping registry capability."

> St Helena Governmen



Open Letter From St Helena Legislative Councillors

28th June 2018

To: Miss Nicola Essex, Mr Cyril George, Mr Robert Ellick, Mrs Julie Thomas, Mr Earl Henry, and Mr Jeffrey Ellick.

Thank you for your letter dated 24th June 2018 concerning the proposed increase in utilities tariffs by Connect Saint Helena limited, hereafter referred to as Connect, and for bringing your concerns to the attention of the Elected Members. We would like to take this opportunity to address the points you have raised in your letter.

• Connect is a commercially operated private sector company, which is responsible for water, electricity and waste water disposal services to all of St Helena. Connect therefore sets their own prices for such services, which includes water prices and this is not the remit of St Helena Government. Elected Members do not have political oversight of Connect, and therefore have no authority to place conditions upon the Company. The only decision which Elected Members can make, is in relation to the level of subsidy paid to Connect annually. and this is done through the budget process.

• St Helena Government's responsibility is to make sure any price increases by Connect are justifiable. It does this by requiring, by law, that the Utilities Regulatory Authority reviews any proposed price increases.

• The price increase is 40p per week for 15 cubic metres (is,15000 litres or 3299.54 gallons) which is assessed as the minimum reasonable water requirement for an average household per quarter.

However, many users use more. Based upon average use by customers, the price increase for a domestic customer is 51p per week (\pounds 6.63 per quarter) for water and 23p per week (\pounds 3.00 per quarter) for sewage.

• The Utilities Regulatory Authority (which is headed by the Chief Magistrate) has not yet reviewed the proposed price increases.

• We the Elected Members of Legislative Council saw the proposals by Connect and recognising the current difficulties in the community particularly amongst the most vulnerable, decided, in principle, to set aside £108,000 in this financial year in the Government budget to cushion the effects of the increase for all members of society. This figure which is in addition to the current SHG subsidy to Connect of £595,000, would meet half of the planned increase. In addition, the Minimum Income Standard will be reviewed and then adjusted accordingly and this will mean an increase for those people receiving Income Related Benefit (IRB) and the Basic Island Pension

- (BIP). The Benefits Office is open to anybody wishing to find out whether they are eligible for IRB or BIP, Connect also has a social fund for those who have difficulty in meeting payments.

An independent review of Connect is already planned

in response to the Motion tabled by Councillor Henry and unanimously support by all Elected Members. This needs to be carried out in depth and carefully. The findings will be discussed by St Helena Government, Legislative Council and Connect. We expect the review to be completed during this financial year, and will share it with the public.

We welcome the input of the public to this issue. Individuals are encouraged to write to the Utilities Regulatory Authority with evidence of the impact of the proposed increase on their household or business. Please would you play your part by encouraging your followers to send comments marked for the attention of Yvonne Williams to The Utilities Regulatory Authority, The Castle, Jamestown, or by email to ryonoe.williams(@sainthelenu.gov.sh by 4pm on Saturday 30 June 2018.

Once the Regulator has reviewed the proposal, a final decision will be made regarding allocation of the earmarked £108,000 to cushion the impact of any increase. Allocating £108,000 in this way will inevitably mean there will be less for another part of government spending. However the public should be reassured that the economic difficulties of everyone, particularly the most vulnerable in our society, is a key priority for us.

Councillor Clint Beard Councillor Gavin Ellick Councillor Corinda Essex Councillor Anthony Green Councillor Lawson Henry Councillor Kylie Hercules Councillor Brian Isaac Councillor Cyril Leo Councillor Christine Scipio O'Dean Councillor Derek Thomas Councillor Russell Yon

Yours sincerely





Interested?

Contact Stephen on 23260 or 22167

Sharks Valley Beach Clean

The St Helena National Trust Marine Team were joined by the SHG Marine Section and four Prince Andrew School students on Work Experience with the Trust on 26th June, to carry out a beach clean of Sharks Valley. There was a huge amount of rubbish that had likely built up on the beach over a number of years, the vast majority of which is believed to have come from elsewhere.

A team walked into Sharks Valley where they collected, collated and bagged up 1002 plastic bottles, 1540 pieces of polystyrene, 50 fishing buoys/floats and 124 flip–flops and shoes. The bagged rubbish was then transferred by rope from the rocks to the Into The Blue boat, which then transported the collected rubbish via boat back to Jamestown. Some of the plastic was then used the following day by primary school children to make marine themed art work and the aim is that more of the plastic will be used by other schools to create education activities.

On May 25th Leigh from the Trust had done a reconnaissance of the beach and as well as the large amount of rubbish, there was a large metal object, believed to be a piece of marine related equipment. This was removed along with the rubbish during the beach clean on the 26th June, and on opening and examining it back at the Trust, it was discovered to be a *New Star Radio Buoy*, which is used by commercial fishermen to locate long-lines and drift nets. An interesting marine find, but is also an example of the type of fishing approach that is not supported in St Helena's Marine Protected Area.

The beach at Sharks Valley is now completely clean. 90% of the rubbish was removed, leaving only 10% piled neatly for the next time. A successful day, with much also learnt that will enable the Trust to develop an effective protocol, which they will use to clean other remote beaches on St Helena. Thanks to EMD, Prince Andrew's School students and Into The Blue for their support.



Beach Clean Team



Cleaning up years of marine debris



Bags being roped out to boat



Into the Blue



New Star Radio Booy

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LADDER HILL ROAD CLOSURE **NEW REGISTER OF ELECTORS** WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2018 **PUBLISHED** The Highways Authority has given approval The 2018 Register of Electors has today been pubfor Ladder Hill Road to be closed on Wedneslished in an Extraordinary Gazette. This Register is day, 11 July 2018, from 1pm to 3pm, to enable effective from 1 July 2018. the Roads Section to carry out reinstatement works. The 2018 Register of Electors is available on the SHG website at: http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/gov-As normal, only Emergency Service vehicles will ernment-gazettes/. be granted access. Alternatively, hard copies of the Register will be Persons wishing to travel in and out of Jamestown available from the Assistant Registration Officers during this time must travel across country and via or from the following locations: Side Path or Constitution Hill Road. The Office of the Registration Officer, the Castle, Jamestown The Roads Section would like to thank the public Customer Service Centre, Jamestown in advance for their continued understanding and Public Library, Jamestown cooperation. ANRD Offices, Scotland Rural sub-Post Offices #StHelena #RoadsSection #LadderHill St Helena overnment #RoadClosure https://www.facebook.com/StHelenaGovt/ #StHelena #RegisterOfElectors https://twitter.com/StHelenaGovt https://www.facebook.com/StHelenaGovt/ SHG https://twitter.com/StHelenaGovt 3 July 2018 SHG St Helena Government 29 June 2018

ST HELENA BEAT SURGERIES JULY 2018

As part of their Neighbourhood Policing Programme, St Helena Police Officers will continue their 'beat surgeries' in various places around the Island throughout July 2018.

These surgeries are designed to take place in busy areas where it is easier for more people to attend. Members of the public are encouraged to use these surgeries to raise any concerns or issues affecting them, or to report crimes or give information on any offences or offenders. Police will also be available for community engagement, consultation, help and advice.

Please see below the dates and times for July.

Beat Surgeries - Dates	Time	Venue
Friday, 6 July	5pm – 7pm	Lower Jamestown
Saturday, 7 July	2pm – 4pm	Francis Plain
Monday, 9 July	10am – 12pm	Sandy Bay Community Centre
Tuesday, 10 July	10am – 12pm	Blue Hill Shop
Thursday, 12 July	5pm – 7pm	Alarm Forest
Saturday, 14 July	11am – 1pm	Briars/Rupert's
Saturday, 14 July	10am – 12pm	Silver Hill Bar
Monday, 16 July	10am – 12pm	Phillip John's Shop, St Paul's
Thursday, 19 July	4pm – 6.30pm	Longwood Green
Saturday, 21 July	10am – 12pm	Sandy Bay shops
Thursday, 26 July	4.30pm – 6.30pm	McDaniel's shop, Cleughs Plain
Tuesday, 31 July	2pm – 4pm	Lower Jamestown
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BRITISH PENSION PROBLEMS DHL ST HELENA TO ASSIST PENSIONERS IN RETURNING THEIR DOCUMENTS

St Helena Government (SHG) in partnership with DHL St Helena is providing assistance to any UK pension recipient on-Island who needs to return their pension documents to the UK's Department of Work & Pensions. Any pensioner who still needs to return their Pension Life Certificate to the UK, to ensure they continue to receive their pension payments, should submit their documents to the Governor's Office at the Castle before Friday, 6 July 2018. Please ensure your paperwork is in a sealed envelope with the correct address on the front.

DHL St Helena have offered to provide a free service to send all documents via the DHL network to the UK on Saturday, 7 July. These documents will be delivered to the Department of Work & Pensions on Wednesday, 11 July 2018.

If you are unable to deliver your documents to the Governor's Office at the Castle, DHL St Helena will gladly collect these from your home. To make arrangements for collection, please contact DHL St Helena on tel: 67227 or 22643.

As previously reported, SHG is aware that a number of individuals with British pensions have had problems receiving their pension payments in recent weeks. This issue has arisen due to the short timelines set out for returning the requested signed documents to the Department of Work and Pensions. Many pensioners on-Island have not received or been able to return their Pension Life Certificate to the UK's Department of Work & Pensions in time to reconfirm their contact details and that they are still alive.

#StHelena #BritishPension #DHL

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POLICE APPEAL FOR INFORMATION THEFT AT NEW HORIZONS GYM, HTH

St Helena Police are currently carrying out investigations into the theft of gym equipment, namely a set of 15kg dumbbells (black in color with silver bar) that was stolen from the New Horizons gym at the Half Tree Hollow Community Centre between Wednesday, 20, and Monday, 25 June 2018.

Previously, other items have also been stolen - 5kg dumbbells (silver in color) and a 10kg medicine ball (black in color).

Police are appealing to the public for any information relating to the missing gym equipment. Anyone with information in relation to this matter should contact the St Helena Police on tel: 22626.

Director of New Horizons, Nick Stevens, said:

"Over the past year, four pieces of equipment have gone missing from the New Horizons gym in Half Tree Hollow.

"This is extremely disappointing for both the gym managers and members as the equipment in the gym is for the benefit of all members and is expensive to replace.

"If any gym member has inadvertently borrowed any equipment from the gym we kindly ask them to return it as soon as possible.

"Any member caught taking equipment from the gym without the necessary permission of the New Horizons staff will serve a ban."

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PRESS RELEASE: CHANGE IN TARIFFS

Change in Tariffs for Sure Services effective 1 August 2018

Sure SA Ltd advises all their customers of changes to the below mentioned tariffs that will take effect 1 August 2018:

Service	Current Charge (£)	Charge at 1 August 2018 (£)
Local Call Rates		
Landline to Landline per minute	0.03	0.04
Directory Enquiries per minute	0.03	0.04
International IDD rates per minute		
Ascension Island	0.34	0.35
United Kingdom	0.86	0.89
South Africa	0.77	0.80
Falkland Islands	0.90	0.94
Rest of World	0.99	1.03
Immarsat	6.39	6.65
Iridium	3.87	4.02

Please note that all tariffs do not include SHG 10% Service Tax.

Customers are also advised that changes to Sure's General and Administration Fees will also take effect 1 August 2018; a summary of these changes may be viewed on our website at <u>www.sure.co.sh</u> or at our Customer Services Centre in Jamestown; customers may request a summary of the changes via email <u>service@sure.co.sh</u>

Should you have any questions regarding the above changes; please contact our Customer Services team on telephone +290 22900 or email us at service@sure.co.sh







BLUE PLANET II

Take a deep breath

"Action, wonder, and wave after wave of exquisite photography" (Daily Telegraph)

BBC Blue Planet II comes to St Helena

Take a deep breath... the award-winning BBC series about the wonders of the world's marine environment is to be shown in full on St Helena for the first time.

The National Trust has permission to show the whole series over several weeks, in Rosie's bar. Each hour-long episode will be introduced by a person on island who is working closely with our ocean.

First Episode 'One Ocean' screening Thursday 12th July at Rosie's (7pm)

The series is free to watch at Rosie's and all ages are welcome to attend and be amazed at the wonders of the Oceans!

> 12th July – One Ocean 26th July – The Deep 9th August – Coral Reefs 23rd August – Big Blue 6th September – Green Seas 20th September – Coasts 4th October – Our Blue Planet

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Technika 50" HD Ready Smart TV with USB playback	£475
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Samsung J5 16GB - Gold with hardcase / Screen protector & 32BG SD	£250
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Customers are advised that with immediate effect International Remittance payments to Banks outside of St Helena can take up to 3 days for local processing. Customers may submit International Remittance Payment Instructions during normal bank opening times, 08:45 to 15:00, Monday to Friday. Processing time will be effective from the date of submission to Bank of St Helena. We thank you for your continued support.	
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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application has been received in respect of the following proposals:

- Application 2018/68: FULL Planning Application for Demolition & Re-Construction of a Generator Room, the Briars Communications Complex on Parcel 0358 Francis Plain, adjacent to Miss Anita Magellan. Applicant: Sure SA Ltd
- 2. Application 2018/69: FULL Planning Application for Installation of 2.4m VSAT Antenna, CTBTO Station, Bottom Woods on Parcel 0384 Longwood North, adjacent to the Met Station. Applicant: CTBTO Station

Copies of the Application and Plans may be inspected by Prior Appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Secretary on Telephone No 22270 or email <u>Karen-Isaac@enrd.gov.sh</u> stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Application should make them <u>in writing within 14</u> <u>days</u>, to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email <u>shane.williams@enrd.gov.sh</u>

Public Review Commencement Date: 5 July 2018Public Review Closing Date: 20 July 2018







Tourism business owners are invited to attend a presentation by Sarah Long (Brighter Group representative)

Enterprise St Helena has recently appointed The Brighter Group as the new PR Agency for St Helena. Representative Sarah Long will be visiting the island and will be holding a presentation for all Tourism Businesses on **Tuesday 10 July from 16:30 at The Canister.**

This presentation will highlight topics such as traveller trends, tour operator expectations and commissions, destination marketing, having an online presence and more.



For further information please contact Justine Green, Marketing and Communications Manager, on email justine.green@esh.co.sh or telephone 22920.

THE BRIGHTER GROUP





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Farmer's Market & Social Supply Local, Buy Local!

When: 14 July 2018

Where: Harford Community Centre

Time: 2pm till 5pm

The farmer's market will be an opportunity to sell fresh and secondary produce, plants, crafts, etc. at Harford Community Centre.

If you are interested please contact Delia Du Preez to book a stall.

Harford Community Centre will be hosting a social from 5pm onwards.

Date for the diary

The conclusion of the 2018 Agriculture Programme will be a Country Fair on 27 October 2018 at Francis Plain. More information will follow later regarding the competitions that farmers can enter into.

> For more information please contact Delia Du Preez, Business Development Co-ordinator on telephone 22920 or email delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh



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Enterprise St Helena is seeking to engage a suitably qualified and experienced individual to be responsible to the Director of Commercial Development and Enterprise for working with on-island businesses in helping them identify opportunities, perform analysis, formulating strategies and providing advisory support to a high standard of information. Nearly all businesses on St Helena are SMES's, therefore expertise in supporting these areas are essential.

Suitable candidates would preferably have the following qualifications, skills and experience:

- Must have a Professional qualification in a relevant discipline (preferably a qualified chartered accountant)
- Experience of working in business related advisory services with SME's
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal and able to communicate at all levels

A copy of the Terms of Reference and an application form can be obtained via email or collected from the Enterprise St Helena Office at Ladder Hill Business Park. Completed application forms should be submitted to the HR and Administration Manager, Enterprise St Helena,

Ladder Hill Business Park by no later than close of business Wednesday 25 July 2018.



For further information please contact: Marilyn Caswell, HR and Administration Manager on telephone number 22920 or email Marilyn.Caswell@esh.co.sh

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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for a

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Within the Finance Department

Job Outline

To effectively manage the day to day operations of the Finance and Stock Control Department and the Company's Finance function, to ensure the accurate timeous flow of financial accounting information, allowing regular reporting to Management.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have Grade C or above in GCSE English, Maths & Accounting is essential
- Have CAT status or commencement of study towards CAT status desirable
- Have at least two years' experience in a Finance supervisory position
 - Be computer literate in the use of Microsoft Office applications

Salary will start at £16,269.48 per annum, £1,355.79 per month, depending on Qualifications and Experience

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned

For further information.

including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Julie Lawrence,

Financial Services Manager on telephone number: 22380

or via email address:

FSM@solomons.co.sh

to Nicola Essex, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 18 July 2018



For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Kerry Yon, Shipping & Travel Manager on telephone number: 22523 or via email address: shipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Nicola Essex, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 17 July 2018 Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for a

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Travel Agent

Within the Shipping & Travel Department

On a temporary contract of 3 months, in the first instance

Job Outline To be responsible for passengers travel arrangements.

- Interested Persons Should:
- Have excellent customer service skills
 Be computer literate
- Have Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English

Salary for this post will be £642.65 per month

Vacancies Falkland Islands

Vacancy for a couple or 2 ladies or 2 men. Furnished 2 bedroom Accomodation provided .One person to operate grass maintenance machinery, general labouring, preferably with some knowledge of fencing and basic building, plenty of overtime in season, driving licence essential 2nd person to assist with nursery plant propagation and production, public gardens and Commonwealth War Graves maintenance. Some overtime required on alternate weekends assisting fresh produce packing, driving licence preferable.

Intial contracts for one season with return airfares-September to end April, with possibility to extend to 3yrs.

Please apply for further details, with your previous work experience, to Tim Miller, Stanley Nurseries & Garden Centre- j.t.miller@horizon.co.fk by Saturday 14th July.



RESPONSES TO ISSUES RAISED DURING COUNCILLORS' **CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS** SOCIAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

During the latest round of Councillors' Constituency Toilet facilities in the Castle Courtyard will be made Meetings in April 2018, a number of issues were raised by the public on different topics.

Over the next few weeks, each Council Committee will be providing responses to the issues raised during the meetings. This week the focus is on Social & Community Development with responses provided by the Social & Community Development Committee.

Legislation

Occasional liquor licences - Is it too complicated, why 26 occasions, why not 52 times or a year, how many clients will this support?

The Liquor (Amendment) Bill, 2018, was approved at the formal Legislative Council meeting held on Friday, 29 June 2018, and the Ordinance will come into force on Friday, 6 July 2018.

The new legislation allows for one application where the location and other arrangements for the sale and consumption of alcohol are identical – simplifying the procedure. A licence will now be valid for no more than 26 specified occasions covering no more than two days in any seven day period and no more than two consecutive days. 26 occasions was based on an analysis of previous applications. At least one business will be supported but the legislation may allow for such businesses to become more attractive.

Annual liquor licence - why does this need to go to Court at all?

This is a requirement of the law, section 4 of the Liquor Ordinance is relevant.

Marriage (Amendment) Regulations 2018 - Will the Castle have disabled access in future to help facilitate civil marriages?

There are currently no plans to provide a disabled access at the Castle. As no specific room in the Castle is solely allocated for the Registrar General to perform their duties a ceremony could be conducted on the ground floor if specifically requested which would allow the disabled to have easy access.

Marriage Regulations - Why do locations need disabled access as currently the Castle does not have this facility? There are also no toilet facilities available when marriages take place in the Castle.

available when marriages take place at the Castle.

Welfare of Children (Children's Residential Home) Regulations – Is this in line with the UK?

These Regulations are broadly based on what happens in the UK but have been modified to the specific circumstances and needs of St Helena.

Benefits Review - What is happening with the benefits review as this is taking far too long?

This is not a straight forward exercise and a working group has been tasked with how best this should be taken forward.

Safeguarding

Is SHG seeking Carers from offshore?

If funding becomes available, the Directorate has plans to recruit some suitably qualified staff from overseas to ensure the delivery of safe services to the elderly.

Is the Safeguarding Director leaving the Island before the end of his contract and can SHG recoup some of these costs?

The relationship/contractual agreement between the employee (Safeguarding Director) and the employer (SHG) is confidential and it would be inappropriate to divulge any information relating to this agreement.

General

How many Technical Cooperation (TC) Officers are employed by Safeguarding?

There are eight TC officers within the Safeguarding Directorate.

What has happened to ID cards? These policies were put in place to help youngsters but if no one is policing it, it becomes a waste of time and money.



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The Age Verification Card scheme is still running and come Standard is reviewed every six months. cards are available and issued on application by the St If you have 30 qualifying years or more you are entitled Helena Police Directorate.

Any enquiries for future applications can be directed to DC Clark.

This is a free service and the aim of the scheme is to prevent the sale of alcohol to young persons and to protect the licensee.

The licensees are the individuals who will police and challenge the young persons and ask for the age verification card if they look under 21 years of age in a bar.

What is BIP and how does it work?

BIP (Basic Island Pension) is a form of social benefit that provides those over the age of 65 who have worked on the Island for more than 20 years, with an income.

This is a separate benefit to the Income Related Benefits (IRB).

It is an individual benefit i.e. not based on a household or group of people and is paid directly to individuals. All persons aged 65 or older, who are physically present on St Helena and have completed at least 20 gualifying years on St Helena, which is supported by evidence, are entitled to BIP.

A qualifying year means any year during which you were:

(a) over the age of 15 years

(b) physically present on St Helena for a period exceeding six months in a year; and

(c) for the whole year -

(i) was engaged in employment (including self-employment) on St Helena and (in the case of self-employment) filed a tax return in respect of that year

(ii) worked on a family farm or in a family business, regardless of whether or not the person was paid for such work

(iii) had a child under the age of 5 years or was caring for his or her disabled child; or

(iv) was in receipt of a disability pension or carer's allowance paid by the Government of St Helena, or, had the current rules for payment of such disability pension or carer's allowance applied at the time, would have been entitled to such a pension or allowance.

You will also be treated as physically present on St Helena, and engaged in employment on St Helena above, at any time when you were ordinarily resident on St Helena and was employed as a member of the crew of the RMS St Helena.

The full BIP per week is currently £67.30 and is based on the Minimum Income Standard. The Minimum In-

to 100% of the BIP (currently £67.30)

If you have 25 qualifying years but less than 30 qualifying years you are entitled to 75% of the BIP (currently £50.48)

If you have 20 qualifying years but less than 25 qualifying years you are entitled to 50% of the BIP (currently £33.65)

However, the amounts described above, are reduced if you also receive a pension from elsewhere including pensions from overseas. The reduction applied is the amount of the other pension that exceeds £20 per week. Constituents felt the BIP application form is too intrusive

The BIP application form asks for personal identification details i.e. name, address, date of birth and contact details. It also asks for details of work for years spent working on the Island from age 15. looking after your own child under five years of age, details of years spent off the Island, details of carer's allowance that you may have received or disability pension and details of any other pension received. This is all essential information to determine whether you are entitled to BIP and at what rate.

Recent power outage - when the emergency number was called, no one was available.

This was put to Connect Saint Helena Ltd who could not offer an explanation other than the constituent was calling the wrong number.

Can we get SAMS to rebroadcast formal Legislative Council meetings in the evenings?

This comment has been passed to SAMS.

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Social & Community Development Committee 4 July 2018



SHFA League Results Week 4

First match of the weekend saw Wolves pick up their first 3 points of the season with a good win against the Bellboys. Match Result:

Wolves 5 v Bellboys 3

G/S Wolves: Greg Phillips 2; Liam Yon 1 & Jacob Duncan 2 G/S Bellboys: Rick Joshua; Corey Scipio & Jordan Yon MOM Ryan Benjamin

Harts were 1 nil down with just 10 minutes to go but fought back to score 3 late goals to take all 3 points against the Wirebirds.

Match Result: Harts 3 v Wirebirds 1

G/S Harts: Sen Lee 1 & Chris Owen 2 G/S Wirebirds: Conrad Clingham MOM Sanjay Clingham & YPOM: Conrad Clingham

Axis good form continues as they picked up all 3 points against the Chop Shop Boys. Match Result:

Axis 3 v CSB 0

G/S Axis: Matthais Young 2 & Dennis Stroud 1 MOM: Daniel Yon & YPOM: Matthais Young

Saints had the chance to take the lead against the Rovers when they were awarded an early penalty; however the resulting spot kick rebounded of the bar and Rovers broke down field and scored their first goal. A further goal in the first half and 4 goals in the second half saw the Rovers picked up a comfortable win.

Match Result:

Rovers 6 v Saints 0

G/S Rovers: Ronan Legg 1; Brian sim 1; Rico B 2 & Tyler B 2 MOM: Tyler Benjamin

Fixtures:

Sat 7th July 1.30pm Axis v Saints Organisers: Rovers 3.30pm Harts v Chop Shop Boys Organisers: Rovers



Sun 8th July1.30pmBellboys v WirebirdsOrganisers: Chop Shop Boys3.30pmWolves v Crusaders

Organisers: Saints

Due the FIFA World Cup Final being played at 3pm on Sunday 15th July it has been proposed to start the local Football early on that day. First game will start at 11am and second game at 1pm.

Junior football to start at 9am

There will be a meeting for all SHFA Committee members and Captains on Thursday 12th July from 7pm. Main item up for discussion is the 2019 Small island Football Tournament in Ynys Mon (Anglesey). Captains are asked to bring all completed registrations forms with them to this meeting.

Junior Futsal Result week 2

sponsored by Nigel George; Solomons, Sure & Ian Williams

Young Harts 21 v Yellow Devils 2

G/S Young Harts: Micadean Crowley 15; Travis Yon 1, Jet Lee Yon 2 Kerian Williams 3 G/S Yellow Devils: Aden Stevens 1 & Harry Williams 1 POM: Micadean Crowley & Harry Williams

Dream Team 8 v PPS Dolphins 0

G/S Dream team: Blake Peters 3; Taylon Phillips 2; Jay Tee 2 & 10G POM: Blake Peters & Lars Williams

Chop Shop Boys 8 V Rangers 7

G/S CSB: Ethan Harris 7 & McCoy Williams 1 G/S Rangers: Stean O'Dean 4; Jolan Henry 2 & Annika Lawrence 1 POM: Ethan Harris & Stefan O'Dean

Fixtures: Saturday 7th July Pitch 1 9.30: Young

9.30:Young Harts v Jungle Rangers10.15am:PPS Dolphins v Yellow Devils

Pitch 2 9.30am: 10.30

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Rangers v Allstars Chop Shop v West Rocks



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Wirebirds 1970's

Our sea-faring family think we could benefit from looking after the yachties

The latest official numbers show that 14% of all arrivals to St Helena come by yacht. Between October last year and April,1,415 yachties arrived here. Yachties make up an even bigger share of the tourist arrivals. The figures cover the period when both the RMS and Airlink were bringing in passengers.

James and Hannah Herne pressed home this point in a presentation to the Tourism Association held last night at the museum. Apart from the simple numbers there are other key facts which show how important is the part yachties play in tourism and bringing money to the Island.

First, yachties pay for moorings, ferries, water, fuel and for the Entry Permit. The Hernes said the fees for moorings and entry are reasonable compared to some other locations and when these fees are reasonable yachties stay longer and spend more money on land. If a yacht repair or cleaning is needed more money comes St Helena's way.

Apart from refilling the fuel tanks yachties also reprovision the galley, get their laundry up to date and, before almost everything else, look for a place to get a good meal. After the meal the next thing yachties look for is a wifi link. Overall, yachties bring more money per head to private sector tourism in St Helena than cruise ship passengers.

But it does not end there. Yachties do not always go back to their bunk on the yacht at night. Many prefer a bed on land and some choose a hotel rather than lower priced accommodation. The message is yachties do spend money and St Helena's tourism services should step up a gear to make their stay easier, more pleasant and ensure things run smoothly. Word spreads quickly in the yachting community and St Helena as a 'must call at' destination will brings benefits. Another plus for St Helena is that it is a safe place to visit. This is a major consideration for yachties.

Good information, as always, is the foundation for success. The website used by 99% of all yachties is http:// www.noonsite.com . They use it to check out the latest information for the next place they plan to visit. The information they want has to be up-to-date and has to be information provided by another yachtie, anything that's a few months old is ignored. For St Helena the latest contribution on Noonsite from a yachtie gives a good report of St Helena but the report is now a year old. 'Blackie' tells any fellow yachtie planning to call at St Helena, "Visited there in June 2017 - Harbour dues 35GPB, mooring ball 2GBP per day, Ferry service 2GBP return trip payable at the end of your stay and Immigration was 17GBP per person. Fuel is delivered to the boats at 1,27GBP per litre. We stayed a month, hired a car and really enjoyed the hospitality of everyone especially Hazel, the owner of the Consulate Hotel." A good report but the website needs to be busier on the St Helena page to encourage more yachties to call here. However, the St Helena page does have more reports from Yacties than either the Ascension or Falkland pages. On the Tristan page yachties are told by their fellow sailors that it's difficult to find anywhere to eat and the



James and Hannah Herne making their presentation to the Tourism Association last night

pub opens after the last ferry leaves to take them back to their yachts. In addition to *Noonsite* the Hernes have built their own new website, http://www.sthelenayachtservices.net/ which gives all the practical information yachties look for, from where to find the moorings to where to eat.

James Herne told Tourism Association members one of the best opportunities to build up tourism business from yachties is to develop the yacht maintenance and repair services. The high cost of maintenance and repair in South Africa can be undercut in St Helena and this will offer a good reason for more yachties to call here. Word gets around the global yachting community very fast about what is good and what is not so reputations can be built up and, on the other hand, knocked down.

Sixteen entries for the Governor's Cup

Events such as the Governors Cup, the Oyster Rally and the World Arc Rally help to build up the number of arrivals by yacht. The Governor's Cup Yacht Race starts at Cape Town on 26th December with yachts arriving here around 10th January. So far 16 entries have been received by the Royal Cape Yacht Club who are organising the race. The Governor's Cup 2018 is a qualifying race for the 2020 Cape2Rio race also organised by the Royal Cape Yacht Club. Lower handicapped boats entered for the Cape2Rio race will make a compulsory call at St Helena; the race starts off Cape Town on 2nd January 2020. The Oyster Rally, now skirting around the northern coast of Australia will probably arrive here around the same time or soon after the Governor's Cup racers arrive here. Also in January 2019 entrants in the World Arc Rally are due to start arriving here from Cape Town, from about the 19th to 23rd January.

With following winds and reasonable weather January will be a busy time for the St Helena Yacht Club and the Tourist Office. First there will be the finish of the Governor's Cup race to be followed by the entrants in the Oyster Rally and the World Arc Rally arriving here. Some of these boats may want maintenance or repair and all will want a good meal, wifi, excellent coffee and a new stock of food for the galley. As James Herne would probably say, let's all be ready for them.

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

I have telephoned SURE over the last six months with regard to the television service I am paying for. I'm not a huge TV addict, but do enjoy a bit of cricket and the odd series, but I especially like the Action Movies! For about six months. the Action Movie channel on 'channel' 4 has been showing the Mnet channel 1 hour later than the actual Mnet channel on 'Channel 1'. I might be missing the point, but I fail to understand the point of showing the same programming 1 hour apart on the same evening! I also mentioned that the information bar rarely gives you any information, and when it does it is often incorrect. I have used the other method of information and that also shows nonsense. When I telephoned and brought this to their attention, I was informed that if I read my contract it stated that there can be 'a disruption in service.' I went into SURE about a month ago and logged a complaint and I have never received a response. I would interpret 'disruption' to meaning a break in signal, short intermitent intervals, as a result of bad weather, not in excess of six months of totally the the wrong channel. Has anyone else experienced this inconvenience? I don't expect anything to change, let's face it, we can shout and scream, demonstrate, march down the main street....but at the end of the day we have to suck it up and grin and bare it.....

Barrack Square Resident!

Dear Editor,

Formal Legislative Council Meeting – 29 June 2018 – Adjournment Debate "Mr Deputy Speaker,

Standing on the stern of the ship, whether it be on the Good Hope Castle, the Southampton Castle or the RMS St Helena, and looking back as we sailed away from St Helena, I could not help but feel as though a part of me remained behind. It was never easy watching this beautiful island, protected by the vast South Atlantic Ocean, the only place in the world that I called home, slowly fade out of sight. As the years went by I always looked to the day when I would return to St Helena permanently and hopefully do my bit at council level for the island.

Relatively unknown to the Electorate of St Helena, I was humbled and honoured to be elected on the 26 July 2017 to serve the people of St Helena. I remain determined to serve to the very best of my ability, but try as I may, now one year on, I feel that I have achieved very little on behalf of the community.

It has been extremely difficult to make any substantial economic and social improvements or any progress of significance on behalf of the people of St Helena. With such severe limited financial resources it is virtually impossible to enhance the lives of those less fortunate and the vulnerable people within our community.

The taxpayers of the United Kingdom have now provided St Helena with the Airport that was crucial to the future development and prosperity of St Helena. Therefore St Helenians should now be inspired and striding with enthusiasm, confidence and innovation into the future. But in reality St Helenians are disappointed, frustrated and demoralised.

Most of the first year of this Council has seen elected members having to address matters and issues brought about by avoidable mistakes that St Helena just could not afford to make. The poor decision-making by DFID on the major projects that were supposed to collectively bring prosperity and economic sustainability to the people of St Helena is directly responsible for the setbacks and failures to deliver. At huge expense to the British taxpayers, DFID insisted on having dominant control over shaping the future of our community and failed to properly consult locally. This approach by DFID is consistently hindering the progressive social and economic development of St Helena and undermining the true potential of the Saint Helenians.

The preamble of the St Helena Constitution describes the people of St Helena as resourceful. We have to ask ourselves then, why it is that in the 21st Century St Helena is struggling to make real progress on so many levels in so many areas; agriculture, fishing, housing, tourism, infrastructure and government finance are but a few examples. The lack of adequate funding from the United Kingdom is an overriding factor, but crucial to meaningful progress, for our children and for future generations, will be St Helenians

applying ourselves to the full, taking ownership of St Helena's destiny and thereby reaching the very maximum of our true potential.

Going forward, I hope the Department for International Development, St Helena Government officials and elected representatives, will make a special effort to work together in the best interests of all the people of St Helena – especially our vulnerable. The obligation to do so is of paramount importance.

There is now a desperate need for St Helena and the United Kingdom to work together in the true spirit of the partnership values according to the St Helena Constitution.

St Helenians must have more autonomy if we are to have reliable and sustainable development.

The UK Government's 2012 White Paper on The Overseas Territories states, and I quote: 'Each Territory has a unique community, and it is for the Territory to shape the future of its own community.'

I therefore use the opportunity of this Adjournment Debate to call on the DFID Minister, the Rt Honourable Lord Bates, to ensure that a more professional and constructive level of communication and working relationship, for successful outcomes, is established between DFID and local elected representatives based on the UK Government's 2012 White Paper and also in accordance with the United Nations Charter, Chapter X1, Article 73.

On behalf of the people of St Helena, I intend to ask Jo Cheeseborough, the local DFID representative, to convey this statement on to the DFID Minister. *Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker." ClIr Cyril Leo*

Amazing news of a new wine cultivar, especially for seniors:

Outoppie vintners in the Western Cape, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic.

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The new wine will be marketed as PINO MORE.



ST HELENA GOLF CLUB

The St Helena Golf Club Committee of Management would like to advise its Members, that the Open Championship that was scheduled for the month of July 2018 has been postponed in order to attract a higher turnout of players and move it to a season that has a higher probability of good golfing weather.

Any inconveniences caused are highly regretted. The new date will be communicated before the end of this month to allow members sufficient time to prepare.

The Committee of Management would like to thank Members for their understanding and cooperation.

This Sunday, 7th July 2018 will be 18 hole Stableford – a signup sheet is on the Club notice board or members can leave their names on the Club telephone message service 24421.



Thank You

Making Ends Meet would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make the International Night Fundraiser a great success. Our heartfelt gratitude also goes out to everyone who attended and bought food and hope you had a great day and enjoyed tasting the food from the different countries.

We would like to extend our thanks to the following organisations and individuals:

Johnny Dillon for allowing us to use the Mule Yard. Dr Sergio & NoElia, Dr Walid & Family, PV Catering Ltd, Michelle Stone & Family, Julia Drozdowskij & family Loretta & Andy, Vimbai & Hannah, Wiseman & Nombuso, Nokwezi, Mylyn Walton, Linda & Derek Richards, the various individuals who donated food for the St Helena table, Joan Yon, Bramwell, Lojanda and our Thai Friends for the wonderful and scrumptious food. Kurt Bowers, Lyn Thomas, Cecil Thomas & Dennis Leo for your assistance. Arts & Crafts, Solomons and DHL for the gazebos. St FM, The Independent and Sentinel for the publicity. Basil Read and The St Helena Airport for the St Helena flags. Half Tree Hollow Community Centre and Jamestown Community Centre and Coral Yon (Salvation Army). Anyone we may have left out, please accept our sincere apologies and heartfelt gratitude. Without your contributions, donations or participation this event would not have been the success it was.

We are still tallying the monies raised from the gate entry, food sales and raffle tickets and will publish the total amount raised in the near future.

Thank you all so much for supporting our efforts to assist individuals and families within our society that are struggling to make ends meet and we look forward to your continued support.

Making Ends Meet

INVITATION TO TENDER

Provision of Cleaning Services for St Helena Government Premises Reference: CS-0145-SHG

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for Provision of Cleaning Services for SHG Premises.

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: https://intendhost.co.uk/sainthelena following registration on the system.

User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective suppliers registering on the e-Procurement system.

Any questions in the interim should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Christy Joshua.

E-mail: christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

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3 July 2018

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Annual General Meeting All St Pauls Residents and Associate Members are invited to attend 7:30pm Wednesday 18th July 2018

Saints Motocross Club AGM Update

The Saints MX Club hosted their AGM on Tuesday 3^{ed} July 2018 at Wicked Wahoo in Ruperts.

The Saints MX Club are pleased to announce new Executive Committee Members are as follows:

Chairperson	Mr Julian Thomas
Vice Chairperson	Mr Anthony George
Treasurer	Ms Skye Baldwin
Secretary	Ms Terri Clingham
Executive Members	Mr Adrian John
	Mr Leroy March
	Mr Clayton Yon

This Weekend

Friday 6th July Mix Music with DJ Justin & Specials on Beer on tap

Saturday 7th July Pool Competetion from 4pm & Mix music with DJ Hayez

Sunday 9th July DJ Kittaman Bringing you sunday Vibes



The St Helena Trefoil Guild would like to thank all those people who participated in the 'Sponsored Stroll' on the afternoon of Saturday, 28th May and others who gave up their time to help in some way or another. We are pleased to say that the amount of £675.90 was the total amount raised.

Thank you for supporting us. Pat Musk, Secretary, TFG

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