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Roger Foster, Chief Executive of SA Airlink has announced the Cape Town connection at Windhoek for St Helena will be reinstated by September this year. In an interview with *aeroTELEGRAPH*, a South African aviation news website, Foster said the problem of not having Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights for SA Airlink to use Windhoek as a passenger interchange will be solved "in the fourth quarter of the year"

In response to rumours that SA Airlink is arranging an alliance with Air Namibia to improve the flight schedule for air passengers from Cape Town, Roger Foster told *aeroTELEGRAPH* when pressed, "I can confirm that a Fifth Freedom Rights solution in Windhoek could involve a code share agreement with Air Namibia on Route Windhoek - St Helena." Foster added "Such an alliance would benefit tourism in both Namibia and St. Helena," The CEO then went on to say the alliance is expected to be in place during the fourth quarter of this year.

A close observer of air services from St Helena has pointed out the best connection from Europe to St Helena with a change at Windhoek would be a ten hour overnight flight from Frankfurt to Windhoek followed by a five-and-a-half hour layover at Windhoek awaiting the Johannesburg to St Helena Airlink service to arrive at Windhoek. After leaving Frankfurt at 8:10pm on a Friday a passenger can arrive St Helena at 1:15pm on Saturday. Overnight stopovers at Johannesburg are avoided. A similar schedule is available for the return flight. Passengers can connect with the overnight flight from Windhoek to Frankfurt which departs at 9:45pm.



A direct flight from a main UK or European airport remains the ideal schedule for St Helena however a passenger interchange facility at Windhoek would open up improved schedules.

Foster also said in the *aeroTELEGRAPH* interview that the average passenger loading on St Helena flights "is already over 65 percent" and this load factor is acceptable for such a route. He explained the peak season is from the end of November to April and from May the demand for seats reduces and starts to rise again "from August / September." He summed up the current passenger loading as, "In the off-season we have a decent capacity and in the main season we have to add capacity." Roger Foster referred to the nineteen additional flights no scheduled from December to April. It is also reported Airlink is being allowed to discuss with the South African Competition Court a proposed merger with Safair, the South African airline operating on domestic routes. Previous attempts at a merger between Airlink and Safair were prohibited by the Competition Commission. Foster said, "We remain optimistic and have not given up the merger,"

Businesses owed money will decide the future of Basil Read

The Chamber of Commerce notified its members on Wednesday to make a claim as a matter of urgency for any money owed to them by Basil Read. Basil Read was placed under business rescue on 15th June. Two people were appointed as Joint Business Rescue Partners the same day. The job of the Business Rescue Partners is assess whether Basil Read can continue in business in some form or other and to assess the claims for money the company owes to creditors. Companies placed under business rescue are sometimes liquidated with claimants owed money often only be paid a certain number of pennies for every pound owed.

The first meeting of creditors was held on 29th June in Johannesburg. Notices were published "to all Affected Persons" a week earlier, on 22nd June. The Business Rescue Plan is due to be finalised and published on 20th July – in one week's time. People owed money by Basil Read will need to decide at a further creditors meeting on 3rd August whether or not to adopt the Business Rescue Plan. It appears any claims for money owed to local businesses by Basil Read which have not yet been submitted to the Business Rescue Partners should be made by as early as Monday next week. Full details are available on the Business Rescue Partners website - <http://matusonassociates.co.za/basilread/>

The Business Rescue Partners will be asking creditors at the meeting on 3rd August whether Basil Read should be restructured with its unprofitable business activities closed down and the assets sold and the debt and other liabilities renegotiated so what remains of the company can restart on a firm footing.

If this does not appear possible the other option is the immediate liquidation of the company with creditors sharing the money raised from the sale of Basil Read's assets. Creditors will be asked to vote for one of the two options available. It is not clear whether creditors who cannot attend the 3rd August meeting in South Africa are entitled to a postal vote.

The Business Rescue Plan is developing rapidly. On Wednesday the Business Rescue Partners published a letter on their website inviting creditors with queries about specific contracts to complete an on-line form with the relevant details. Meetings with lenders are on-going, as are meetings to decide how outstanding contracts can be managed. Basil Read staff in St Helena are not involved in any way with the Business Rescue Plan and are in no position to offer help or advice. It is advised that all affected businesses in St Helena read the information available on the website and submit claims as soon as possible if no claim has yet been submitted. On-Island advice is being offered by Janet Lawrence at the Air Access Office however Janet too is not involved in the process and Business Rescue is not part of the training for an Airport Project Director however she is keeping up to date with developments and can call on informed advice from elsewhere should this be necessary.



Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

I write to express my disappointment in the increase in the fruit juices imported from South Africa, previously a pkt of dewlands fruit juice was priced at £1.14 per litre, since introducing of the new customs tax the price is now £2.48 per litre, as a family we try and lead a healthy lifestyle and have only purchased this juice which we dilute with water for

our kids, the ingredients in a pkt of Dewlands red grape juice is 100% fruit juice made from concentrate and vitamin C, as opposed to another juice such as Ribena contains water, blackcurrant juice from concentrate (32%) sugar, thickener (polydextrose) acidity regulator, preservatives, sodium bisulphite sweeteners, sucrose (acesulfameK).

The Dewlands juice is obviously the healthier option especially when we often lack the availability of fresh fruit, but our people who are unable to afford this 100% + increase in price, along with other rising costs on the island are more inclined to go for an unhealthier option such as Ribena, which is extremely concentrated and when diluted is likely to last a family

a lot longer than a packet of Dewlands.

We are all for healthy lifestyle but this new tax implemented as a means of deterrent is forcing our hands in feeding our kids something that is a lot more unhealthier.

There are many others out there who share our concerns and surely those that represent us on Council and our intelligent TCO's can show some empathy and try and understand what it would be like on local salary feeding a family of four or more and on this same budget give them the healthiest lifestyle that you possibly can.

**Yours sincerely,
Concerned parents, Longwood**

The House the Saint Built

Basil George

1. It is called a home, a family home. It is central to Island culture going back to the time when the Island was first settled. In 1659 when settlers first arrived, they were given a tract of land and some cattle to start a farm. They had to provide their own homes. This has continued to the present day. The population census last year showed that over 73% of Islanders were in their own homes.

2. As we know, the majority of the money for these homes has come from Islanders working offshore, on Ascension, the Falklands as well as on the RMS St Helena. With about 1,300 family homes at today's rate, collectively it amounts to something like £150m, the largest private capital investment since the English East India Company (EIC) left in the 1830's

3. The uninhabited Island of St Helena was taken possession of by the English in 1659 and run by the EIC as a company Island. It was a key staging post for the company in its trade with the Far East, including India, creating great wealth laying the foundations for Britain becoming a great trading nation, where St Helena played an important part. But it never paid its way, costing the EIC something like £100,000 a year.

4. When the Crown took over in the 1830's it only put in a fraction of the support given by the EIC and the Island became very poor. People started to leave. This pattern of poverty and emigration continued until about the 1970's when more

Islanders worked offshore sending remittances, much of it going into building family homes.

5. It is the strength of family and community that pulled the Island out of decades of poverty. Last year's census showed that 60% of the adult population worked offshore at some period in their lives. Building family homes is a key component of Island culture, of Islanders having to be resourceful. Before cement and concrete blocks, Islanders built homes of mud and stone. There is the story of a man who trimmed a single stone after work carrying it home each day. And a family who had to carry stone a long way by donkey calling their home "Carry Stone Cottage". Another key aspect of culture is the number of charitable organisations, in the region of 70. These aspects forming a core, need to be recognised and supported. They are the critical ingredients in the tourism product as well as in social and economic development.

6. Today the Island in undergoing a period of rapid change is at a crisis. Tourism is to be the main product to develop the economy. To attract tourists, St Helena is being marketed as a special destination, somewhere that is different. We need to manage the changes taking place so that we do not undermine what makes the Island special, the culture of the people as well as the attractions of the place. The main policies for development are contained in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the UK and St Helena governments in December 2010.

Things have changed since then.

7. As the UK parliamentary enquiry into the airport showed, the business case put forward for the projected 30,000 tourists a year and related income were unrealistic. The present number of tourists and income are only going to be a fraction of this. Yet many systems and taxations are still in place based on the initial projections. It is essential to have a comprehensive assessment of these policies together with the social impact on the lives of Islanders and draw up a new partnership agreement between the UK and St Helena governments. The new partnership agreement should have realistic targets, taking account of the special circumstances of St Helena, that are achievable building on strengths within the Island community. It is in the interests of both governments to do so.

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Editorial

It's Friday 13th, go carefully, don't trip on anything, watch the bumps and holes in the road, all that kind of thing. I can't go any further without having another moan about Trump. For two days before the start of his visit to the UK he talks about the country being "in turmoil" after two ministers have resigned from Theresa May's government because they are bad losers on the patched up Brexit plan. Trump has someone resign from his White House staff or somewhere else in the US government administration just about once a week. Has he admitted to causing constant chaos everywhere he goes? No 'course he hasn't. He makes outrageous comments to try and destabilise his rival, opponent or negotiating combatant. He's done it too often now and it's boringly silly.

Before travelling to the UK he roars off to a NATO meeting saying some of the United States' worst enemies are their so-called friends. The usual bluff and bluster before sitting down at the negotiating table. The negotiation is that some European countries should contribute more towards the defence of Europe. The agreement is 2% of gross national income from every country but Trump now wants to increase that to 4%. Trump is full of wind and water. The US doesn't use 4% of their national income on defence. In the 1960s they spent 8.5% but it is now reduced to 3%. This still hasn't prevented the US getting deeper and deeper into debt; current estimates are about \$21,216,400,000,000 of debt and that is just the Federal Government. The debt for each State adds much, much more. Instead of whining to Europeans to spend more Trump had better start learning to spend less – much less. At the moment every man, woman and child in the US needs to fork out more than \$65,000 to pay off the Federal debt.

On the other side of the North Atlantic the UK Government finally get a plan together to negotiate some kind of Brexit deal with the European Union. The Brexit plan was debated yesterday in the House of Commons. The new Brexit minister got up to speak about the new Brexit plan and got shouted down by his audience because they had not received a copy of the plan before the debate started. Soon afterwards someone rushed into the House of Commons carrying armfuls of the already heavily criticised Brexit plan hot off the press – straight from the printer. Proceedings in the Commons had to be suspended for five minutes while copies of the plan were thrown across the chamber as a way of distributing it to MPs. The Speaker of the Commons pronounced the chaos before him to be regrettable and the new Brexit minister said he would investigate why the plan arrived so late.

Well Mr new Brexit minister I think I know why it was late. Page three in the report needed to be reprinted to include the photograph and name of the new Brexit minister after taking out the photo and name of the old Brexit minister who re-

signed on Monday. If these people do anything useful, it's to make us laugh once in a while.

Meanwhile Trump is telling anyone who wants to listen that Prime Minister Theresa May ignored the advice he gave her about how to negotiate the Brexit deal. Theresa May ignoring his advice is the reason chaos appears to rule everything to do with Brexit. He really does fancy himself. Theresa May is quite capable of causing chaos without going to the trouble of listening to Trump's advice so she can do the opposite of what he says.

Foreword by the Secretary of State



Leaving the European Union involves challenge and opportunity. We need to rise to the challenge and grasp the opportunities.

Technological revolutions and scientific transformations are driving major changes in the global economy. In line with our modern Industrial Strategy, this Government is determined to make sure the UK is ready to lead the industries of the future and seize the opportunities of global trade.

At the same time, we need to cater for the deeply integrated supply chains that criss-cross the UK and the EU, and which have developed over our 40 years of membership.

The plan outlined in this White Paper delivers this balance.

It would take the UK out of the Single Market and the Customs Union.

It would give the UK the flexibility we need to strike new trade deals around the world, in particular breaking new ground for agreements in services.

It would maintain frictionless trade in goods between the UK and the EU through a new free trade area, responding to the needs of business.

It would deliver on both sides' commitments to Northern Ireland and Ireland, avoiding a hard border without compromising the EU's autonomy or UK sovereignty.

This is the right approach – for both the UK and for the EU. The White Paper sets out in detail how it would work.

Alongside this unprecedented economic partnership, we also want to build an unrivalled security partnership, and an unparalleled partnership on cross-cutting issues such as data, and science and innovation.

And to bolster this cooperation, we will need a new model of working together that allows the relationship to function smoothly on a day-to-day basis, and respond and adapt to new threats and global shifts while taking back control of our laws.

The White Paper details our proposals in all of these areas, setting out a comprehensive vision for the future relationship.

It is a vision that respects the result of the referendum, and delivers a principled and practical Brexit.

RT HON DOMINIC RAAB MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXITING THE EUROPEAN UNION

The page that needed reprinting

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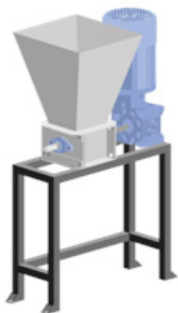
New funding to fight marine plastic pollution

On Wednesday the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) announced that funding had been given to St Helena for a recycling and plastic monitoring scheme "to prevent and reduce marine plastic pollution in the heart of the South Atlantic."

The £72,000 allocated to SHG's Environment and Natural Resources Directorate (EMD) will fund a project scheduled to run until the end of March next year. Work on the project will involve the EMD Marine Team, EMD Waste Management Services, the National Trust Marine Team and SHAPE.

Mike Durnford of EMD Waste Management told the *Independent* there are four work areas within the project. A coastline monitoring programme is to be established focussing on the plastic waste washed up on beaches and inlets, quantifying the range and volume of single use plastic such as drinking straws and veterinary staple stitching guns generated as plastic waste on-Island, an education and awareness programme and promotion of new ways to use plastic waste for new purposes. A new bay at the Horse Point dump will be made available for people to leave their plastic waste and new community use wheelie bins will also be provided for people to dispose of their plastic waste. The new wheelie bins will be emptied regularly as part of the rubbish collection schedule.

Finding new ways to re-use plastic waste will be based on the use of four simple, small and cheap machines. The first is a shredder which reduces plastic waste to flakes. The size of the flakes can be changed to suit different purposes. Once the plastic has been flaked it can be used in an extrusion machine to convert plastic waste into a single line of plastic for various uses such as use in a mould to make a new product. Thirdly there is an injection machine which will heat plastic flakes and inject the heated plastic into a mould for making small objects. Lastly there is a compression machine where plastic is heated in an oven and then the plastic is compressed into larger or stronger reusable objects.



The shredder machine



The compression machine

These four small machines are demonstrated on a website – preciousplastic.com – where information on all instructions, designs, materials and tools needed to build the machines are provided. The machines are small and simple enough to be built DIY at little cost. The precious plastic website is run by a Dutchman, Dave Hakkens, who is totally committed to getting as many people as possible reducing the amount of plastic they throw away and saving the lives of as much marine life as he possibly can. Beth Taylor, the Marine Project Manager at the National Trust met Dave Hakkens, who is a designer, in the Maldives and has firsthand knowledge of his machines.

Beth intends the National Trust to be more regularly involved in beach clean-ups and monitoring of plastic waste washed

up on our shores and in educating and involving schoolchildren about the menace caused by plastics in the oceans. Rhys Hobbs of the EMD Marine Section sees his team being involved in a similar way and also sees possibilities for more to be achieved by co-operation between EMD, the National Trust and SHAPE.



Dave Hakkens – new ways to use plastic waste

Staff at SHAPE will be trained in the use of the machines and will involve their clients in making new uses from waste plastic. Giselle Richards of G-Unique has already picked up on the business possibilities which may arise from using plastic waste to make a variety of products. She's testing ideas and is at the early stages of development – but watch this space. Mike Durnford is convinced that plastic road cones can be made on-Island from plastic waste and save some money for the Roads Section. Waste Management Services, EMD Marine Section, the National Trust and SHAPE have their first meeting together this morning to plan how to make the most of the £72,000 funding they received this week.

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EXCO REPORT - TUESDAY 10 JULY 2018

Executive Council met today with just one substantive item on the Open Agenda. This was an amendment to the Telecommunications Regulations, 2018. Members decided to defer this item pending further work.

Under any other business, Members agreed that the open agendas of Executive Council and Council Committee meetings should in future be recorded and made available to the public. This would be subject to an appropriate protocol being put in place to guide the process, and is in keeping with Members' ongoing commitment to being open and transparent.

There were no substantive items on the closed agenda but under any other business the issue of the recent outbreak of Listeria related to certain frozen products in the UK was raised. Members were reassured to learn that there is no imminent threat to public health, and that further information regarding this would be included in a press release which will issue later today.

The meeting closed at 11.10am.

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10 July 2018

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The likely source of an ongoing outbreak of Listeriosis affecting five European countries including the United Kingdom is frozen sweetcorn **and other** mixed vegetables. Listeriosis is a rare foodborne illness caused by the bacterium *Listeria monocytogenes*. Listeriosis is usually avoided by cooking products as per the cooking instructions and ensuring food is piping hot, and by using good hand hygiene. If affected, healthy individuals may experience a flu-like illness, sickness or diarrhoea. It can be more serious for individuals with a weakened immune system and also the elderly, pregnant women and infants.

Late last week, Greenyard Frozen UK Ltd voluntarily recalled certain frozen vegetable products as a precaution as they may be affected by Listeria. The affected brands recalled that are commonly sold on St Helena are:

- Ross sweetcorn pack (1kg), best before July 2020
- Growers Pride mixed vegetables (450g), best before July 2021
- Iceland frozen mixed vegetables (900g), best before dates between January 2020 and June 2020 inclusive

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc and W.A Thorpe's & Sons Ltd have already removed the relevant items from their shelves. They have also displayed notices explaining why the product is being recalled and what to do if customers have already bought the product from their shops.

If you have purchased any of these products, do not consume them. Return them to your retailer for a refund.

If customers would like further clarification on which products are affected, then please contact Environmental Health on tel: 22500 or speak to your retailer.

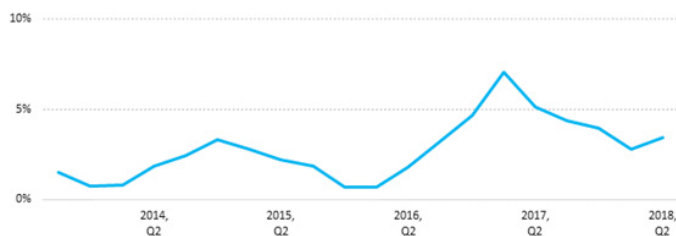
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10 July 2018



ANNUAL PRICE INFLATION RATE RISES TO 3.4%

The latest rate of annual price inflation on St Helena is estimated to be 3.4%, between the second quarter of 2018 and the second quarter of 2017. This is an increase compared to the annual price inflation rate for the previous quarter (Quarter 1 in 2018), which was measured at 2.8%.



Annual price inflation rate (%)

The category with the lowest annual inflation rate is 'Household energy', where prices at the end of quarter 2 2018 were unchanged compared to a year earlier. This is mostly due to unchanged prices for domestic electricity, which makes up over 85% of items in this group. Since the amount of electricity in the RPI is high (6.4%) based on average household expenditure patterns, this also has an impact on the overall inflation rate, offsetting some of the increases in other categories. 'Communications' also had a low annual inflation rate, at 0.9%.

Inflation rates for the other categories were all higher than 3%. Of these, 'Alcohol and Tobacco' had the highest rate, at 6.0%. The annual increase in the average prices in the 'Food' category also increased quite sharply from 2.9% to 4.1%, and since food has a large weight in the RPI (34.4%, or around a third), this is a major factor in the observed rise in annual price inflation.

The inflation rate on St Helena is affected by many factors, including the cost of imported goods. Price changes of imported goods are affected by the exchange rate of the Pound against the South African Rand, freight costs, customs duties, and price inflation in the country of purchase. Price changes in goods and services produced or provided locally also have an impact. It should be noted that the proposed changes to the water tariff from 1 July 2018 recently announced by Connect Saint Helena Ltd are not measured in the Quarter 2 inflation rate calculations; if they are implemented, their impact will be measured as part of the Quarter 3 inflation rate.

This is the first inflation rate calculation that uses the new basket of goods and services, developed from the 2017 Household Expenditure Survey.

For more details, including a discussion of price changes in some selected goods and services and their impact on the RPI, please see the Statistical Bulletin 7 for 2018, at: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics-reports-and-publications>. Download the full inflation dataset here: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics-data>.

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10 July 2018



BRITISH PENSION PROBLEMS

PENSIONERS DOCUMENTS SUCESSFULLY DELIVERED

St Helena Government (SHG) in partnership with DHL St Helena last week provided a free delivery service to pensioners on-Island to support them in returning their pension documents to the UK's Department of Work & Pensions.

Around 18 pensioners took advantage of the offer and their documents were sent via DHL St Helena on last Saturday's flight, arriving in the UK on Monday. All mail was successfully delivered to the Department of Works & Pensions today, Tuesday 10 July.

Governor Lisa Honan said:

"When we became aware of the problems pensioners were having in returning their documents to the UK, we immediately put in place a system whereby pensioners could call the UK Department for Work & Pensions free from my office to make sure their pensions were continued. Several have taken advantage of this offer, which is still available, by calling Linda Glanville for an appointment. But I am also enormously grateful to DHL for offering to send papers through to the UK, again for free.

"I am still concerned that there are more pensioners on-Is-

land who may be affected and who have not realised they can get help quickly in this way. So please spread the word through family and friends."

SHG and DHL St Helena recognise that some pensioners on St Helena could not get their documents ready in time for last week's flight and for this reason DHL will be providing the service again this week.

Any pensioner still needing 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, 13 July 2018. Please ensure your paperwork is in a sealed envelope with the correct address on the front.

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.

SHG/DHL

10 July 2018

RESPONSES TO ISSUES RAISED DURING COUNCILLORS' CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS

EDUCATION

During the latest round of Councillors' Constituency Meetings in April 2018, a number of issues were raised by the public on different topics.

Over the last few weeks, each Council Committee has provided responses to the issues raised during the meetings. In the final part of the series, this week the focus is on Education with responses provided by the Education Committee.

How many students are currently studying overseas?

There are eight students studying abroad through the Post School Scholarship and the Commonwealth Scholarship. Areas of study are: BSC Mathematics, Civil Engineering, Environmental Science, Computer Engineering, Veterinary Nursing Science, Biomedical Science, Veterinary Medicine & Surgery. Two other individuals are completing their teacher training in the UK.

What is the current Apprenticeship Training provision?

Areas of apprenticeship currently underway are Automotive, Electrician, Construction, Hair Dressing, Journalism, Auxiliary School Helper, IT, Conservation, Health Services, Clerical, Assistant Librarian, Fire Fighting, Sea & Rescue Services, Fish Processing, Academic Training (B and 3A) through Prince Andrew School.

How many individuals have enrolled for courses at the St Helena Community College?

At the end of the school academic year 2016/17, 612 individuals had enrolled for courses - learners ranged in age from 16 - 70+. The St Helena Community College recently gained accreditation to offer more professional qualifications on demand through computer-based testing, allowing faster and easier results.

What services are available to students who require additional support in their learning?

The Inclusion team in Education supports a growing number of children who need additional support to access their learning; one-to-one provision is in place. The Education Directorate also works very closely with the Safeguarding and Health Directorates to ensure that appropriate intervention is available for children. Support is also provided by the Educational Psychologist and Therapeutic Practitioner.

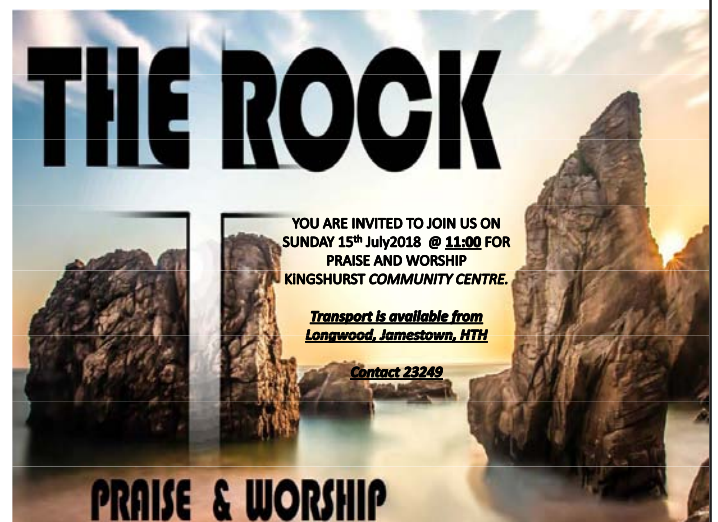
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Education Committee

10 July 2018





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 www.sure.co.sh or at our Customer Services Centre in Jamestown; customers may request a summary of the changes via email service@sure.co.sh

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

Utilities Regulatory Authority verdict - “the overall level of increase in a quarterly bill to the average consumer is low”

The Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA) announced on Tuesday the proposed increase in water charges will go ahead without any alterations.

In the conclusion to their detailed report the URA recognised that “utility tariff increases are naturally unpopular” but added “Historically tariffs were unaltered for many years which have created an additional burden in filling the gap created between the costs of providing utilities services, including upgrading and maintaining infrastructure, and the tariff charges collected to meet such costs.” They continued, “The tariffs remain subsidised by a substantial SHG subsidy.” Their decision to give the go-ahead to the increases is explained with, “The Authority considers that the increases, with the protections in place for vulnerable members of society and targeted subsidy for agricultural users, are reasonable, do not create unreasonable hardships for households or unreasonable hindrance to commercial and economic development and serve to ensure stability and predictability in the public utilities industry in the medium and long terms.”

From a 30 page report crammed with facts and figures some of the main points are:-

Since divestment Connect have through cost savings reduced the level of subsidy from SHG and have now brought electricity tariff income broadly in line with costs. It is proposed water tariffs are targeted to increase revenue since it would be unfair for electricity consumers to apply a blanket percent increase in tariff charges since this would mean electricity consumers would be subsidizing water consumers.

The tariff increases take into account agreements made in the Memorandum of Understanding between SHG and the UK Government, in advance of the decision to build the airport, to reduce and eventually remove untargeted subsidies. SHG will continue to fund infrastructure development. However Connect state they recognise the financial constraints SHG are contending with, the tariff increases include Connect making a £154k call on its reserves.

Currently most of the water infrastructure except the water treatment plants is worn out with disproportionate levels of break down repair resulting in unnecessary water being lost through bursts and leaks.

Connect state that an elaborate exercise was undertaken to evaluate in detail the budgetary requirements which took into account the following assumptions:-

8% growth in electricity consumption, 10% growth in water consumption, 4% general inflation, 8.3% fuel inflation.

Revenue from water charges makes up 10.5% of all revenue but 31.1% of the total costs.

Sewage revenue accounts for 1.5% of total revenue but 2.2% of total costs.

Electricity made a profit in 2017-18 of £220,526 while water made a loss of £1,326,587. Electricity has been in profit since 2014-15; water has always made losses since 2013 varying from just under £1million to almost £1.5million.

The intention of Connect is to create an average overall 2% increase on the consumer's overall utility bill with the increase being on water and sewage. Electricity charges cover the cost of generation and distribution and so no increase in electricity tariffs. SHG subsidy pays for improvements to power

lines and other infrastructure.

The 20% increase in the sewage standing charge means the average increase is 23p per week.

Water is also increased by 20%. If quarterly water consumption is kept within the 15 cubic metre limit the increase amounts to 27p per week.

The increase in water and sewage charges is expected to raise an additional £82,000 in revenue.

The SHG utilities subsidy was £1,109,514 in 2013 when Connect St Helena was formed. In 2016-17 the subsidy reduced to its lowest level, £605,000, but increased in 2017-18 to £668,000 and is expected rise further this year to £703,000. In St Helena 22 cubic metres of domestic water supply will cost £40.91. In Montserrat the charge is £125.18, Ascension Island £517.00, Alderney (Channel Islands) £67.00 and Aruba (Caribbean) £68.86.

While electricity charges cover the operating costs St Helena has the lowest charges compared to the other islands listed in the URA report. On Ascension Island the bill for using 500kWh of electricity is £236.05, Alderney £198.60 and Montserrat £160.00. For St Helena it is £150.00. Only Aruba is cheaper among the comparisons made, £74.94.

The average annual income for 2016-17 was £8,320 (Statistics Office). For Connect employees the average was £9,062 but this includes exceptional overtime worked during the water shortage. Connect's average annual income without overtime was £7,574. The Connect average includes all employees including overseas contract workers.

The proposed increase to combined electricity and water tariffs represent a rise of 2% on the average consumer's utility bill. The inflation rate (Retail Price Index) for St Helena from the first quarter of 2017 to the first quarter of 2018 was 2.8%. The average wage has risen from £7,640 in 2015/16 to £8,230 in 2016/17. This represents an increase of 7.7% which reduces, after price rises, to a real increase of 3.4%. The minimum wage for an adult has risen from £2.95 to £3.05. This represents an increase of 3.4%.

The shape of things to come

In their conclusion the URA reminds us that utility subsidies are untargeted subsidies and SHG have committed to the UK Government that these subsidies will be reduced to zero eventually. This was one of the commitments made in exchange for getting the airport (as the airport was originally planned). The URA state in their report, “The concern of the Authority is that a principle of the divestment project was to enable Connect to become an enterprise that could ‘stand-alone’ in its fiscal management. Not to be reliant on general subsidy to operate and to ensure its stability and predictability whilst maintaining its levels of service. The Authority accepts the principle that, ultimately, the true costs of water must be targeted without recourse to being ‘propped-up’ by income from electricity and general subsidies. The Authority accept the principle that, eventually, costs charged for services must reflect the costs incurred to the provider and that general subsidy must be reduced whilst making considered use of targeted subsidies for sections of the population who are most effected.” (affected)

Families First

Tammy Williams

Two weeks ago Michael Cotterall from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and Anthony Douglas CBE, from the Children & Family Court and Advisory & Support Service arrived on St Helena, their mysterious appearance rapidly followed by their disappearance and an SHG press release, an extract I have pulled from the release quotes Michael *"The UK Government is supporting the Overseas Territories in their commitment to ensuring the highest possible standards of protection for children. We recognise the significant efforts that St Helena has invested in child safeguarding in the last few years, and want to understand how we can support St Helena in consolidating the progress that has been made"*

I am rather sorry that I did not have the good fortune to meet Michael and Anthony, my hope is that they read this article because I am concerned that there are certain viewpoints that are subtly pervading the island, you can't always see it, feel it or touch it, for most part it's barely visible but it's there and like the 1980's classic the Gremlins if you continue to feed it after midnight the cuddly loveable thing becomes the monster.

In this I refer to the Wass enquiry and the barrage of Daily Mail articles that ripped through the island a few years ago, we stood still, amazed by the scandal and media frenzy, surely, this was not our Island they were referring to, a place built out of family and community life, of picnics and funfairs, of school concerts, music and sports, Scouts and Girl guides, of harmonious living, a place where children could roam free, shoeless and devoid of fear and suspicion.

There were special cases that warranted special investigation and what kind of society would we be if we did not have the proper support services in place to sustain families and especially children at fragile times. However the rest of the world may have completely gone to pot with their social issues that require safe houses, police protection, specialist units and social workers straining under the load of too many people needing help and not having the resources to do it. It's a completely different story on St Helena and we aim to keep it that way. Yes, there are special circumstances that require special assistance but aren't these extra-ordinary rather than ordinary?



More and more people are looking to St Helena as a perfect example of enhanced family life and rearing of children and by any standards should serve as a learning ground. We spent a year in the UK when our son was just 3 years old, by 6 months I'd had enough, our son is now 21 years old and I know that the UK despite its many other opportunities could never give us the quality of life we enjoyed as a family. St Helena is known as the land of the free and when families

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Your Opinion Counts

Esteemed Editor,

There is chaos in London and there's not much that Saints can do about it.

What is needed in St Helena is leadership. Leadership by Saints, not your unfortunate Governor, who wants to do well but has been silenced by DFID. I like her, but she has an impossible job.

I wrote the following in 2006. It's still true:

What is needed in St. Helena today is wisdom, the wisdom of a Mandela. Wisdom is the application of reason to ethics and experience. It arises from an understanding of human frailty, from an acceptance that there are no perfect solutions, from a willingness to compromise, from the sublimation of the ego,

from respecting those one claims to serve, from forgiveness and compassion. St Helena has been going through difficult economic times since the departure of the garrison following the death of Napoleon.

During this time, people lost hope and fled in large numbers. Many of the survivors are ambivalent about their future. What is needed now are character and vision, to help us understand what has happened and to chart a way forward.

In other lands, this is called "leadership."

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have college degree to serve.

You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

London Reader

Dear Editor,

I am shocked that the government would stoop so low as to have Connect take 100% blame for price increases on St

Helena.

Obviously the bigger impact was the increases in health and shipping and now Councillors want to sit on their high and mighty horses and point the finger at Connect when really the finger should be

pointing back at them.

Good luck to you SURE, no doubt the street will be lined with protestors on your account, not only that, to me the tall stories about Connect and the inflated rumours about the increases have been taken out of context to distract people from the real issue which is being let down by the Councillors and SHG.

Go take a leaf out of Making Ends Meet book, they know the people are struggling and actually try to do something about it by dedicating their time to this good cause and work to improve the lives of the people, so different to those who are out for blowing their big trumpets and wanting the glory

Disgusted

Families First

Tammy Williams

leave to go back to the UK or South Africa or anywhere that's their home they are heartbroken because the essence of protection and security is found right here.

My sister and her husband along with their 3 younger daughters relocated to the island from South Africa about a year ago and have not looked back, we need to be cautious of the problems that the UK and South Africa and the rest of the world contend with on an hourly basis are not in some way relegated to St Helena. We don't have them, don't want them and we should avoid any thing that makes it look like we do, St Helena is a safe haven and that's ultimately our message to the world.

The Falklands have introduced in the past days an investment in families at the value of £3 million including childcare, the Government will also provide a Childcare Subsidy for eligible children attending nurseries, which will be based on a maximum hourly rate of £4.50 per child, per hour and *includes provision for wrap around care so that working parents can continue to balance their employment with their family life.*

Somewhere within the same SHG press release about Anthony and Michael there is a mention of *"Future technical support that can be provided to help ensure that services are both fit for purpose and sustainable into the future"*

I suggest that no more money goes into propping up possible large salaries in Safeguarding but rather we follow suit as the Falklands and start actually investing in our families. We hear lots of talk about vulnerable people but all families and children on St Helena are particularly at risk when battling with the costs of living and relatively low wages, once again we see this week that inflation has risen from 2.8% to 3.4%, there is a further squeeze on the public purse, from a carton of milk to increased healthcare. An investment in families is badly needed, hardship is not always apparent, you can hide a lot behind a smiling face.

Basil George, father, grandfather, writer, Historian and retired head of education wrote this week

"It is the strength of family and community that pulled the

Island out of decades of poverty. Last year's census showed that 60% of the adult population worked offshore at some period in their lives. Building family homes is a key component of Island culture, of Islanders having to be resourceful. Before cement and concrete blocks, Islanders built homes of mud and stone. There is the story of a man who trimmed a single stone after work carrying it home

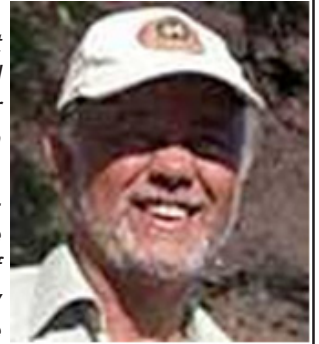
each day. And a family who had to carry stone a long way by donkey calling their home "Carry Stone Cottage". Another key aspect of culture is the number of charitable organisations, in the region of 70. These aspects forming a core need to be recognised and supported. They are the critical ingredients in the tourism product as well as in social and economic development"

We cannot be all things to all men, we are either a leader among the nations when it comes to how we view families and children or we are the opposite, the world judges a nation on two things, how children are cared for and how animals are treated, usually a nation sets for itself a moral compass and we have much to be proud about.

The top countries in the world to raise children have Austria, Australia, New Zealand and Switzerland in the top running, closely followed by Canada, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands, the UK ranks at 14 out of 20.

St Helena has an attractive tourist potential and an attractive future because we are all that weary travellers yearn for especially families with children but we are in danger of losing all of this if the wrong messages are conveyed.

We have already set a very high standard as a community in the way we care for each other, close knit communities usually have the distinct advantage of 'knowing', when it comes to possible *"future technical support"* I rather think the reverse is true, the world could learn a lot from us.



The Daily Mail and St Helena

The Daily Mail has once more included St Helena in its news coverage.

On Sunday the UK newspapers website featured a video telling their readers, "Discover the wonders of the remote island of St Helena" and continued

"Discover the beautiful remote island of St Helena in the South Atlantic that is part of the British Overseas Territory."

This is the second time in recent months the Daily Mail has featured St Helena in a friendly way, in March they had a story about Jonathan and Joe Hollins with "Oldest land animal on Earth has historical first ever wash"

This is a major change in the Daily Mail's attitude to St Helena. For months the newspaper wrote a series of reports about 'the world's most useless airport' and DFID wasting millions in 'foreign' aid.

Accompanying the St Helena Tourism video which was taken

from YouTube, they have a story headlined, "How you could live in paradise, earn £50k a year, and barely lift a finger: Tiny Atlantic island seeks immigration officer for airport where only one plane lands per week"

If they had dug a little deeper into the detail they would have realised the new Head of Immigration will have a job on his or her hands setting up modern-day systems for modern-day travel.



The St Helena Airport Story

What went wrong with St Helena Airport? Here is what DFID's forgotten and buried investigation report never would have told you. A special research report by the St Helena Independent.

The Airport story began in earnest in 1999 when the RMS suffered a major mechanical failure necessitating a passenger rescue operation and the chartering of a replacement ship whilst extensive RMS repairs were carried out. DFID were shocked to have to find the contingent funding for this as the ship was then only nine years old.

Two principal consequences followed from this episode: looking for someone to blame, DFID fell out with the RMS operators Curnow Shipping who were implicitly accused of an inadequate maintenance regime (although this was never conclusively proven) but DFID officials made sure that when the operating contract was retendered in 2001, the job went to someone else- Andrew Weir Shipping.

The second consequence of the RMS 1999 breakdown was that a tiny chink opened up in the British Government's previously implacable stance against any discussions about the possibility of access by air. This was also partly a consequence of DFID's liberation from the Foreign Office (FCO) in 1997 when International Development was constituted for the first time by the new Blair administration as a wholly separate Department of State. Previously, what became DFID had been an in-house division of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office known as the ODA (Overseas Development Administration). St Helena air access had been a taboo subject at the FCO since the 1960's on grounds of the feared cost being insupportable for such an insignificant non-strategic rock in the ocean. As long as the Union Castle Line were providing a private-sector access arrangement which worked OK, nobody at the FCO was interested in looking to the future or examining the issue from St Helena's point of view – if indeed it could be said that the Saints at that time even qualified to have a point of view.

In 1973 the UK Civil Aviation Authority – not apparently acting under any remit from the FCO – sent a small survey team to consider the practicalities of siting an airfield on St Helena. Prosperous Bay Plain at that time was not a feasible site for consideration as it was already home to the Diplomatic Wireless Service whose transmission masts effectively covered the area. The CAA survey principally focused on potential runway sites around Longwood, the most practical of which ended only yards from the front door of Longwood House, and another option destroyed the golf course. An alternative on Horse Pasture was also mentioned. Given the lurid anecdotal evidence of Longwood's poor weather and propensity to be covered by mist, the survey concluded that an airfield was only marginally practical, and not recommended, an outcome which suited the FCO perfectly and was able to sustain their negative position for the next 25 years.

Following the shock of funding the RMS's 1999 repairs, DFID – on advice from SHG's first-ever Government Economist John Siraut – agreed to consider again the possibility of air access,



and to fund a 'desk study' which was commissioned from UK Engineering Consultants Alexander Gibb and Partners. This work considered all the refinements in aviation which had occurred since 1973, and also noted the new availability of Prosperous Bay Plain since the demise of the DWS installation there. Not surprisingly the desk study (which was written in the UK without the benefit of an island visit) recommended a full island survey visit before the matter could be seriously debated.

In 2000, SHG received a delegation and a technical site study undertaken at private expense from SHELCO (St Helena Leisure Corporation Ltd) a UK-based group of investors keen to develop on St Helena and to provide access by air. Entirely central to Shelco's analysis and proposition was the imperative that air access should mean direct connections by flights back to the UK, being the clear and most obvious market for Saints and tourists alike. That has remained as Shelco's unaltered position to this day. In reaching this standpoint, Shelco rejected the concept of equipping St Helena purely as a satellite destination from Southern Africa, preferring to follow the examples of Mauritius and Reunion in the Indian Ocean which had both successfully built their tourism economies around direct air links back to the UK and France, with flights to Africa merely as a non-essential subsidiary facility.

In 2001 DFID commissioned consultants Hi-Point Rendel to do the follow-up site study previously recommended by Gibb, and also tasked them with evaluating the Shelco independent proposition. In 2002 SHG held a popular referendum about the idea of St Helena moving to air access. Following the affirmative vote, in 2003 DFID announced a tendering process, inviting submissions alongside Shelco's own for companies to perform the identical Shelco format – to provide an airport, start an island-based airline, and construct a 5-star hotel. Up until this point there had been broad agreement between SHG, DFID and Shelco as to what form the air access should take (ie direct intercontinental air routes) and that the airport itself should be of a design suitable to accommodate appropriate aircraft to fly such routes including services to the UK. Having initially awarded the tendering process to Shelco who entered the only compliant bid, in 2004 DFID appointed former water and sewage engineer Nigel Kirby as their project officer, despite his having no experience or background knowl-

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edge of aviation and airport construction. Prior to submitting their own bid in the tender process, Shelco's engineering partners Arup had undertaken the most wide-ranging survey of the airfield site to extend upon the work done by Hi-Point Rendel in 2001. This work by Arup proved conclusively that an airfield was feasible and a workable design was included. In 2004 after much prevarication and delay, Nigel Kirby announced that DFID would 're-evaluate' their own decision to approach air access via a private sector appointment (Shelco) and instead would appoint consultants WS Atkins to undertake a 'feasibility study' despite the fact that two previous engineering studies by qualified senior firms in the previous three years had already demonstrated the clear feasibility of such a project.

This was a key moment in the story that eventually led to the debacle of the Airport's non-opening in 2016 and the whole question of DFID's incompetence in the procurement. It was at this point (2004) that Kirby and DFID decided that they would reject the process of contracting out the airport procurement to the private sector, and instead do it themselves – despite having no experience of commissioning comparable projects involving major infrastructure such as an airport large enough to cope with international flights. The only relevant example would have been the ODA's procurement of the RMS in 1989 – which was another near-disaster when the shipyard went bust with the ship uncompleted; the RMS eventually cost double its budgeted figure and the procurement process was the subject of a highly critical report by the UK National Audit Office.

WS Atkins were initially hired by DFID to 're-adjudicate' the Tender responses to the Shelco composite scheme of airport, airline and hotel. Atkins managed to persuade Kirby to cancel that competition altogether and instead to employ Atkins themselves to do another entirely unnecessary 'feasibility study'. Kirby and DFID were both severely under qualified to take on such a major construction project and had no knowledge of the workings of the civil aviation industry. Hence they developed a slavish reliance upon the steering of Atkins from 2005 onwards. Atkins eventually turned a six-week initial appointment for a few thousand pounds of fees into an ongoing consultancy which lasted nearly nine years and netted them an estimated £30 million in payments from DFID on behalf of the UK taxpayers. Atkins at that time were known

principally as civil engineers with strong experience in motorway and bridge building but with a virtually non-existent profile in aviation. Indeed their 'Aviation Division' when first approached by DFID in 2004 effectively consisted of one man: a former non-flying ex-RAF officer called John Jamieson. Jamieson too had no experience of the civil aviation industry, hardly making him an ideal mentor for Kirby and DFID. Once hired at an inordinate fee to produce their 'feasibility study' for a project already known to be feasible enough to be tendered for, Atkins set about hastily assembling a team of people from among their retired staff and miscellaneous freelancers to visit St Helena. When interviewed on the island only two individuals from a complement of about 15 people actually admitted to being members of WS Atkins' own staff.

The Atkins study was delivered to DFID in 2005 and deviated little from the broad conclusions of the three previous studies by Arup/Shelco, Hi-Point Rendel, and Alexander Gibb. However, in certain respects the conclusions reached and recommended by Atkins would have a profound effect on the subsequent technical shortcomings of the airport when constructed, and the failure of the air service to galvanise any form of a commercial tourism industry and related external investment by the private sector. The Atkins report rubbished the previous notion of developing an airport as an integrated package incorporating a high percentage of private finance to underwrite a composite development of airport, airline and hotel. Atkins failed to appreciate the numerous synergies to be implemented by having these three elements operating under a common management, for example tackling together the specialised logistics deriving from starting new businesses in such a remote and isolated location. Equipping the Hotel with a subsidiary specialised flight kitchen to provide the airline's catering requirement was an obvious synergy; also designing the hotel to incorporate a complement of staff accommodation to cater for overnighting flight crews and longer-term imported specialists who would be required to operate the airport, organise operations of the airline and service the aircraft, and manage the Hotel itself. Synergies and savings would also be invaluable during the construction phase by having one international contractor on island to import materials and build both airport, hotel and airline facilities- hangars etc. An integrated ownership and management between hotel and airline would provide massive synergetic benefits in the realm of marketing and bookings also. All of this carefully planned interdependence of facilities was simply ignored or never understood by Atkins, who wanted to keep the Airport as a separate stand-alone publicly-financed Government project where Atkins could foresee a greater level of their own continuing involvement as Lead Consultants to a naive and untrained client in DFID. Atkins' format to cover the requirement for an airline and hotel was to sound out existing regional air operators in South Africa (despite this being the wrong destination and the wrong market for St Helena) and for a hotel investment Atkins' answer was simply to hope for the best that someone might emerge. Which they never did. The deal which was eventually cobbled together by SHG with Mantis of South Africa does not include any bona fide inward investment or risk assumption by the hoteliers.

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Commonwealth Disaster Management Agency Ltd.
The Small States Insurance Programme

Building an airport on St. Helena

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Commonwealth Disaster
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Consultants Atkins also failed to appreciate the critical relationship between airport design, the designated aircraft to be employed, and the destinations to be served. In the original Shelco plan which Atkins were so keen to ditch (for claimed reasons of 'excessive risk' [sic]) the principal destinations to be served were London, Paris, Cape Town, and Ascension with the Falklands and perhaps even Dubai as potential future subsidiary points. Because a new bespoke island airline also formed an integral part of the composite package, the aircraft selected was to be the Boeing 737-700ER, a rare variant with long range and extra fuel capacity which could perform direct and non-stop flights between St Helena and the UK, whilst requiring only 2km of runway to operate from. This combination package of aircraft type and runway length was a solution driven by cost consciousness but was never designed to be hacked apart by Atkins who told DFID to keep the same sized runway but to employ only standard-specification B737 aircraft flying from South Africa. The intelligent alternative, once Atkins had resolved to break up the three-element investment plan, and thereby sink the bespoke airline, would have been to choose an airfield design and aircraft combination which would have utilised non-specialist aircraft already in wide operational service and still with the capability to reach Europe direct. To do this would have been feasible, requiring the airport runway to be some 2.6kms in length as a minimum, with the Boeing 767 as the aircraft of choice, being widely used on medium-long routes comparable to St Helena's requirements, for example as successfully flown for years by Air Mauritius. A wide choice of UK-based B767 operators would have been in the marketplace to negotiate for St Helena services on a contract basis. Atkins never considered this option in their so-called 'feasibility study' but instead recommended a runway of 1.9kms only which –when finally modified through Atkins' own Reference design and Basil Read's subsequent variations- was eventually built. This sub-2km runway proved not to be suitable after all for the Boeing 737-800 for which it was specifically designed, with the northern threshold too close to the edge of a cliff and lacking sufficient length at the southern end where the filling of Dry Gut was only accomplished across half the width of the valley. Had this fill design been extended across the full width of the defile, a longer B767-compliant runway could have resulted and the northern threshold should have been displaced further away from the sheer cliff edge where dangerous updrafts are most pronounced.

Thus the deficient airport that was built, and the current re-



Meg Munn MP (left) with Peter Allport of Shelco at a Parliament debate in 2009 when the airport project was 'paused'.



Part of Shelco's proposed Broad Bottom development

stricted air service which is all it can support –in a smaller aircraft than the B737 that requires an intermediate fuel stop to cover the 2000 nm from Johannesburg- is directly attributable to the extremely poor advice of Atkins and the staggering inexperience and intransigence of DFID. By arrogantly insisting on the bizarre selection of Johannesburg as the only service destination, against all advice received from islanders, Councillors, the Chamber of Commerce, interested inward investors, tour operators and independent tourism professionals, St Helena has ended up with the wrong-length airport, using the wrong type of aircraft which flies only to the wrong place.

Switching from the original pre-Atkins consensus in 2003 that air services should fly non-stop from the UK to a format involving access only from South Africa was a catastrophic blunder which ruined St Helena's chances of developing the 'high-value, low-volume' tourism economy which had been carefully conceived and mapped out by Shelco. Their directors and investors were all highly experienced international property and real estate experts who planned their Broad Bottom resort to include about 100 extremely high-specification villas as well as the 5-star hotel and golf course. The villas would have been marketed to a primarily British audience of high net-worth individuals to form a core community at the resort, each with ties to their property in St Helena which they could expect to visit up to four times a year themselves, and let out to friends and relatives at other times. Such a clientele would only have been attracted and sustained if the air connection was direct, comfortable, and no longer than 10 hours, timed as an overnight flight in both directions. Thus the villas-for-sale element of the plan was a key component of a fully-integrated strategy to minimise risk for the new island airline. A hundred high-class property owners and their families with good reason to keep flying back and forth to the island would have provided the airline with a guaranteed baseline of club-class income which would be sustainable despite any year-by-year fluctuations and rough patches which might occur in the wider travel and vacation industries. Also, having a complement of well-financed individuals owning property and frequenting the Resort would be the necessary catalyst for the Hotel to build its own visiting clientele and to establish a reputation among quality guests already familiar with comparable high-value establishments in Portugal, the Caribbean and the South Pacific. The notion that such a target audience as this would ever be interested in hauling themselves

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through the social jungle of South Africa, and via a 24 hour wait in Johannesburg in particular simply illustrates the mind-boggling ignorance of Atkins, Nigel Kirby and DFID and the principal reason why they should never have been left in charge of developing a tourism product and economy for St Helena.

It also explains why the results of the present air access arrangements are so disappointing and will remain so. In place of Shelco's bespoke luxury long-range aircraft with 50 flat-bed seats offering extreme overnight comfort combined –like the RMS – with 30 or so budget-priced Economy seats for less affluent travellers, the Airlink aircraft is more akin to a backpacker experience with only 6 business class seats available, a lower average airspeed and an intermediate stop for fuel which extends the journey time to over 6 hours. Catering is of the cold snack variety whereas the Shelco airline was to be established with hotel-standard meal service and a full suite of in-flight entertainment, also missing from St Helena's current air service. The two standards are not in any way comparable; St Helena has lost any chance it ever had to enter the bona fide 'high-value, low-volume' tourism sector. Even the Mantis Hotel which is pitched way below the envisaged standard of the Broad Bottom Resort, and is marketed as a possible 4-star establishment cannot attract significant numbers of tourists whose budget can afford to stay there, and whose interest in St Helena in the first place is sufficiently strong as to cope with the massively user-unfriendly travel arrangements and high costs necessary to visit from the UK or Europe.

It is hard to foresee any positive outcome from the present mess that has resulted from unqualified people making a series of bungled decisions. Given that the opportunity to develop a Shelco-inspired recession-proof niche industry incorporating millionaires buying Villas has forever slipped away now, the only way to install direct non-stop flights to the UK

would involve more physical works at the airport. Extending the runway by a minimum of 700 metres is thought to cost something in the region of £70million. This would open the facility to a wider range of twin-aisle intercontinental aircraft and contracting a suitable operator should not be difficult. With a larger-capacity aircraft, higher potential passenger volumes

should mean cheaper and more attractive fares –provided always that the attractions of St Helena when measured against competition from the whole of the rest of the world can be made robust enough to act as a sufficient draw. Whether there is to be any viable future for the Mantis Hotel remains a dangerously open question. Wholly dependent on SHG for financing, it looks likely to run out of money sooner rather than later, and is suffering for clients by being stuck in a misconceived marketplace. Effectively the 'backpacker' standard of air access is unlikely to produce sufficient Mantis hotel clients and ESH will never have the resources to market St Helena widely enough to claim a realistic share of the available global travel trade. It seems wholly unlikely that DFID and SHG will be able to rescue the Mantis project by instigating UK flights in time –which might just about save it- but this would entail Governments not only finding more money but also admitting to have made serious mistakes, which they absolutely never will do, even when repeatedly confronted by incontrovertible evidence.



Nigel Kirby

Lord Bates to visit St Helena – will he, won't he

Last week the *Independent* 'heard persistent noises' from various sources that Lord Bates planned to make an Andrew Mitchell style flying visit to St Helena this weekend to have a succession of meetings and site visits while the plane shuttles off to Ascension and back. While the noises remained persistent and consistent there was no official confirmation of the visit.

Determined to get to the bottom of this story the *Independent* contacted Lord Bates directly, by email, and asked the man himself to confirm or deny plans to visit us this week end. On Tuesday last week the *Independent* contacted Lord Bates – the DFID Minister with Responsibility for the Overseas Territories.

On Friday morning last week a reply was received from a Senior Press Officer at DFID informing the *Independent* that Lord Bates "is keen to update residents himself through the St Helena *Independent*"

The Senior Press Officer suggested this could be either "through a letter to your publication, or the *Independent* could submit some questions he could answer to be printed."

It was also stated that DFID will "keep you posted on any future plans and we can certainly talk about a potential radio

interview as and when he does visit."

Despite the persistent reports of Lord Bates' visit this weekend, the Senior Press Officer told the *Independent*, "The Minister is not actually visiting this month."

On Monday this week an email was sent to the Senior Press Officer which included with it a list of twelve questions for Lord Bates' response. Late on Wednesday night, the press officer (obviously as over-worked as staff at the *Independent*) emailed to say "it may take some time to get the answers to you. But I am working on getting back to you. It just might not be in the next week".

So, patience is a virtue. No visit "this month" and the answers to the questions "might not be in the next week". The wheels of democracy do turn slowly – ask any councillor.



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When: 14 July 2018

Time: 2pm—5pm

Where: Harford Community Centre

A programme of agriculture industry engagement sessions for 2018 was introduced at the launch in April by the Agriculture 2018 Programme Working Group, i.e ANRD, Beekeepers Association, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Committee, Education & Employment Directorate, Environment & Natural Resources Committee, ESH and St Helena Growers Co-operative.

This event will be an opportunity to purchase local fresh and secondary produce, plants, crafts, etc.

Hot food, tea, Sweetnest and a bar facility will be available.

A social will be hosted from 5pm onwards by the Community Centre with RD & The Country Boys to entertain you.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Date for the diary

27 October—Country Fair at Francis Plain

Programme:

2.15pm Welcome Speech

3.30pm Video - Making of local sausage

4.30pm Lucky Draws

Farmers Draw - £50 Gift Voucher

Family Draw - £10 Gift Voucher

4.45pm Closing Speech

Stalls/Displays from:

Abiwans (Wanda Isaac)

Agriculture and Natural Resources Division (ANRD)

Beekeepers Association

Enterprise St Helena (ESH)

Kaiser Growers (Nicky Stevens)

Lucky Lynn's Nurseries (Jocelyn Isaac)

Mark Coleman

Roddy's Chicken Farm (RCF)

Stevens' Family Butchery

St Helena Donkey Home

St Helena Growers Co-operative

Thomas Brothers (Solay)

Trevor Furniss

and more...

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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*Learn about the Island's globally unique flowering plants and ferns;
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*Enjoy a full programme of tours, activities and
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Light refreshments will be available.



Enterprise St. Helena (ESH) will have a unit available for rent to local entrepreneurs for non-industrial / clean business at the ESH Business Park, Ladder Hill. The unit will be available for occupancy from 1st August 2018.

Applications should be submitted to Michielle Yon, Director of Resources in the form of an extended business brief with a 3 year cash flow, detailing your planned business and intended opening hours via email michielle.yon@esh.co.sh or in hard copy to the Enterprise St Helena Office, ESH Business Park by COP on Friday 20th July 2018.



**For further information please contact Michielle Yon, Director of Resources on 22920
or e-mail michielle.yon@esh.co.sh**

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**Vacancy—
Short Term
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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**

Finance Manager

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

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

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 18 July 2018



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

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

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

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Essex, Human Resources Manager,
Solomons Office, Jamestown,
By 17 July 2018

APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2018/70:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of a Double Garage for Storing of Personal Vehicles**, Clay Gut on Parcel 0335 New Ground, adjacent to Anita O'Dean. Applicant: Stephen Piek

Copy 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 Karen-Isaac@enrd.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

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

Public Review Commencement Date : 12 July 2018

Public Review Closing Date : 27 July 2018

David Goodrick
Ag Chief Planning Officer



St Helena
Government



Job Vacancy

CONTACT SUPPORT CENTRE OPERATOR

Would you like to be a part of an ever changing telecommunications industry? Why not join Sure as a **Contact Support Centre Operator** delivering high quality customer service.

The primary objective of the post is to provide a single-point of contact for our customers who require help or assistance with the full range of services including telephone, television, internet, mobile and Ship to Shore facilities.

The post holder should possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, competent in Microsoft Office, customer focused, self motivated and have a passion for customer services.

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a Satisfactory Police Disclosure.

Join us and you will enjoy some of the many benefits that Sure provides, including but not limited to: Incentive Bonus Scheme, Staff Discount, entitlement to join the Retirement Benefits Plan and opportunities for continued professional development.

Starting Salary £7,440.00 per annum.

Excludes payment for overtime and Sunday duty

Further information regarding the responsibilities of the post may be discussed with Anne Dillon, Retail, Marketing & Customer Services Manager on Tel no: +290 22004 or Email: Manager-Customer.Services@sure.co.sh An application form and copy of the Job Description may be obtained from Shara Robinson, Human Resources and Administration Manager at Bishops Rooms on Tel no: +290 22800 or Email: HR-Admin.Manager@sure.co.sh

Applications should be submitted to Human Resources and Administration Manager, Sure South Atlantic Limited, Bishops Rooms, Jamestown by **Midday Tuesday 24 July 2018**



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REMOTE BANKING JULY 2018

Save yourself the trip into Jamestown

Bank of St Helena would like to advise the public that Remote Banking will commence at:

Scotland — Monday, 23 July, 09:30 — 12:30

HTH Supermarket— Tuesday, 24 July, 09:30—13:00

Longwood Business Park— Friday, 27 July, 09:30—14:30

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VACANCY FOR SHELTER ACCOMMODATION AND HOME CARE MANAGER

We are looking for an enthusiastic, passionate and driven leader to join our team to help us deliver upon our vision of:

Working together to promote the wellbeing and safety of vulnerable children and adults in the community of St Helena."

The role of **Sheltered Accommodation and Home Care Manager** is a key role within the directorate. You will be part of the directorate's leadership team and work with the Director on all aspects of Safeguarding with a lead focus upon delivering effective and safe Sheltered Accommodation services and take the lead on reviewing and implementing a sustainable and cost effective Home Care Service.

A background and experience in either residential settings and or Adult Community Health or Social Care Services setting is desirable alongside the ability to work in a flexible and supportive manner. Strong communication skills are an essential part of this role, as you will work closely with other directorates, the community and our political leaders to ensure that we are delivering the best possible care for vulnerable people in our community.

We need somebody who is committed to supporting inclusion for people at every level in society, someone who will work with their staff to ensure that people achieve their potential and have purposeful and fulfilling lives within the community of St Helena.

The successful candidate will possess the following experience and qualifications:

- Qualification in a Health, Nursing or Social Care field, at Diploma level as a minimum
- Valid Driving Licence Class A essential
- At least three years middle management experience in health and social care field of work, preferably with older people.
- Good financial management skills

Salary for this post commences at Grade E, £14, 138.00 per annum.

If this person sounds like you then we would love to hear from you. If you would like an informal discussion about the role please call Stephanie Jones (Director) on 22713. For an application form please contact Sasha Osborne on sasha.osborne@sainthelena.gov.sh or call her at Brick House on 22713.

If this person sounds like you then we would love to hear from you. If you would like an informal discussion about the role please call Stephanie Jones (Director) on 22713 or email stephanie.jones@sainthelena.gov.sh For an application form and job profile please contact Sasha Osborne sasha.osborne@sainthelena.gov.sh or call her on 22713.

The closing date for completed applications is on Thursday, 26th July 2018. Applications should be submitted to Sherrilee Phillips, HR & Admin Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House or emailed to sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.

Stephanie Jones

Director

Safeguarding Directorate

10th July 2018



VACANCY FOR TEMPORARY FINANCE ASSISTANT

The Safeguarding Directorate has a vacancy for a temporary Finance Assistant within the Support Services section. As the Finance Assistant you will have a good head for figures and thrive in a busy and challenging environment. This is offered for a temporary period of two months in the first instance. The successful candidate must be available to start immediately.

As Finance Assistant your main duties will be:

- Preparation of the Directorate's payroll data, dealing with relevant queries.
- Preparing invoices for payment, customer and supplier invoice returns
- Prepare requisitions for consumables (e.g. IT, fuel, stores) for relevant sectors of the Directorate and check monthly recharges prior to payment
- Provide financial information to assist with the preparation of the Directorate's annual budget

Prospective candidates should have the following qualifications and skills:

- GCSE in English, Maths or Accounts at Grade C or above or equivalent qualification
- Driver's License Class A
- Proficient in IT skills

The salary for this post is grade B1, commencing at £6,722.00 per annum.

For further information about the post please contact Mike Rodden, Acting Finance Officer. A copy of the job profile and an application form is available from Sasha Osborne who is contactable on 22713 or by email: sasha.osborne@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Stephanie Jones

Director Date: 10th July 2018

INVITATION TO TENDER – Concession

Opportunity at St Helena Airport – Landside Café

Reference AIR-0147-SHG

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for Concession Opportunity at the St Helena Airport - Landside Café.

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

The deadline for submissions is 12.00 GMT on Tuesday, 21 August 2018.

SHG

10 July 2018



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switching in
rooms with two
exits to ensure
lights can be
easily turned off
when leaving the
room.

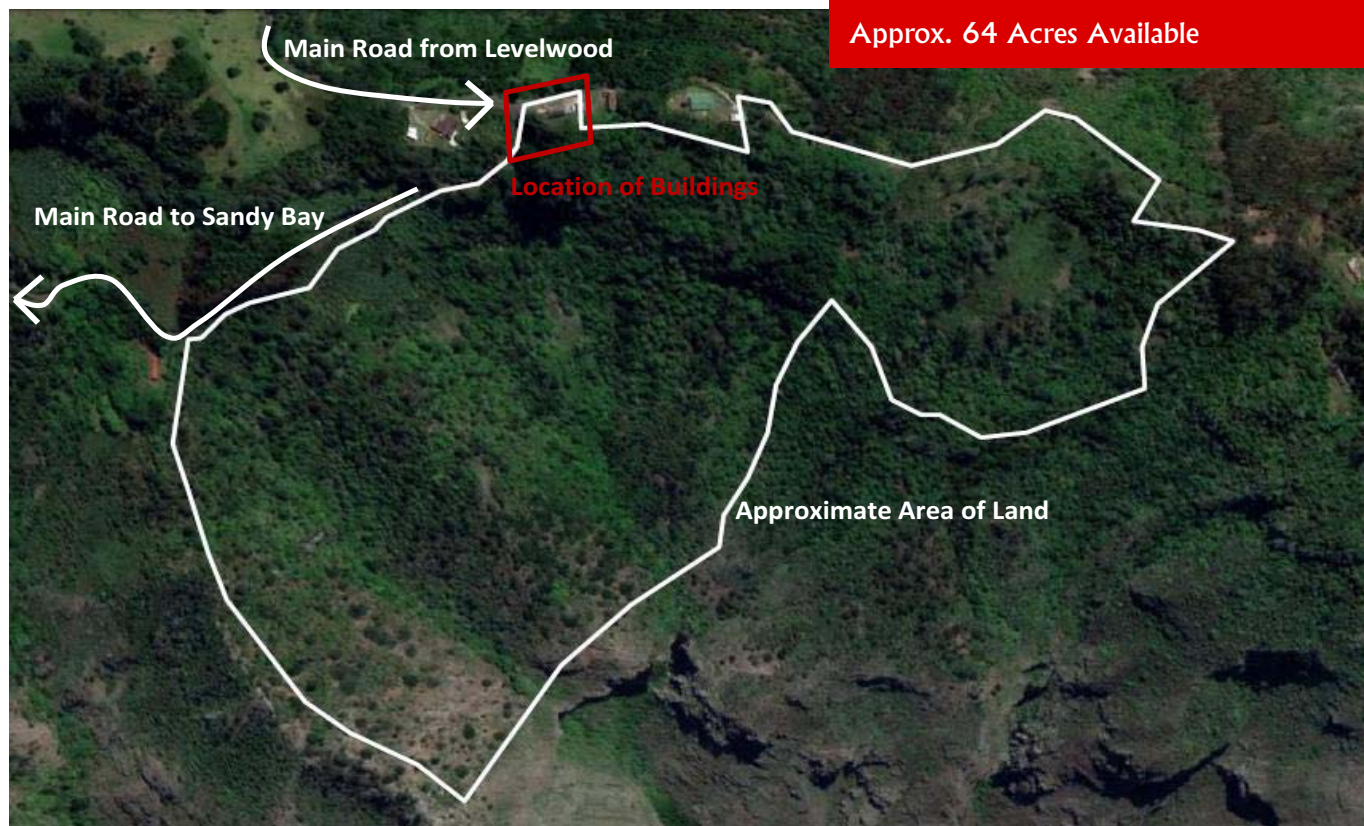




Expressions of Interest
For Commercial Lease

Glenmore

Approx. 64 Acres Available



Glenmore

Rock Rose, Sandy Bay



Property Description

- Total of Four Buildings on the Property
- All Structures are of Single-Storey Stature
- Total Commercial Floor Space is 171m²
- Situated on 64 Acres of Land
- Self-contained Access

For further details please contact:

Ian Gough

Main Office Building, Jamestown

+290 22380

gm-properties.projects@solomons.co.sh

Interested parties will be required to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) Form which can be provided by email, or collected from the Main Office Building, Jamestown. Interested parties should submit their EOI in a sealed envelope, addressed to **Solomon & Company (Glenmore)**, Main Office Building, Jamestown and deposited in the **Tender Box** at the Reception Desk, Main Office Building, Jamestown. The deadline for receiving 'Expressions of Interest' is **31 July 2018**.

Tax Registration No. 20968



TONYS BITS 'N' BOBS

Top Floor, The Market, Jamestown.

(**Phone:** Mobile 63715 **email:** tony.peters@helenta.co.sh)

NEW ITEMS IN!

HOUSEHOLD / OTHER MISC ITEMS:-

Kingston 16 GB USB sticks, Samsung 32 GB & 64GB Micro SD Cards, 10m guitar leads, 16 pc precision screwdriver set, cans of air duster spray, Ernie Balls regular slinky electric guitar strings, tins black stove/grate polish, boxes assorted E-Clips

HANDY TOOLS

Inspection mirror, magnetic telescopic pickup tool, telescopic claw-type pickup tool, disc brake piston spreader tool.

CAR ACCESSORIES / PARTS

Front brake discs + front & rear shocks + lower suspension arms for Escort MK6, filters + front brake pads + rear shoes for Toyota Hilux 2.4 Pickup, fan belts + timing belt + filters + brake pads for Toyota Prado/Surf 3.0L, Fan belts for Pajero 2.5/ 2.8 L, antiroll/axle bushes for Pajero 2.5 SWB, Timing belt for Mitsubishi L200 pickup, Timing belt kit for Landrover 200 TDI/ 300TDI, Brake pads for Mitsubishi Challenger/Sport, thermostat housing for Focus MK1, petrol/diesel in - line fuel filters, induction filter/flex pipe, medium size breathable car covers, cans cherry silicon dash cleaner.

MOTORCYCLE ACCESSORIES

Premium heavy duty inner tubes (size 19" & 21"), clutch & throttle cable repair kit, HF145 oil filter

SPORTS

Nice colour premier league footballs, goalkeeper gloves, men's Nike turf trainers (sizes 7,8,9,10), shin guards (sleeve type), Wilson yellow golf balls

WORK

Men's safety boots (**not steel** – composite toe) size 8 & 9, small quantity of men's holster work trousers waist sizes 30-38, small quantity of men's work shorts

SUITABLE FOR WORKSHOP/GARAGE

Blue plastic storage bins 240 mm x 150mm x 132mm.

NOTE: Will be opening at Market some Saturday nights starting from this week!

SHFA League Results Week 5

The first match of the weekend saw the Axis continue their good form this season as they defeated the Saints by 3 goals to 1.

Axis took a 2 nil lead into halftime with goals from Matthias and Rico. Robert Bedwell reduces the score when he scored with a header mid-way through the second half.

Axis made the game safe 10 minutes from the end when Matthais scored his second goal.

Match Result: Axis 3 v Saints 1

G/S Axis: Matthias Young 2, Rico Williams

G/S Saints: Robert Bedwell

MOM: Daniel Yon (Axis)

YPOM: Matthias Young (Axis)

The Harts look good to challenge the Rovers for the title this year as they scored 9 against the Chop Shop Boys.

Harts 9 v Chop Shop Boys 0

G/S Harts: Sean-Lee Thomas 6, Mark Williams, Simon Scipio, Clayton Benjamin

MOM: Sean-Lee Thomas (Harts)

YPOM: Sean-Lee Thomas (Harts)

Bellboys picked up a win against the Wirebirds with goals from Sidonia and Tyler Brady.

Bellboys 2 v Wirebirds 0

G/S Bellboys: Sidonio Benjamin, Tyler Brady

MOM: Tyler Brady (Bellboys)

YPOM: Conrad Clingham (Wirebirds)

Wolves picked up another win scoring 6 against the Crusaders. Wolves look like they could be the team that could challenge the Rovers and the Harts this season.

Wolves 6 v Crusaders 0

G/S Wolves: Liam Yon 2, Cody Thomas 2, Jacob Duncan, Brandon Harris

MOM: Jacob Duncan (Wolves)

YPOM: Brandon Harris (Wolves)

Fixtures:

Sat 14th July

1.30pm Wirebirds v Crusaders

Organisers: Wolves

3.30pm Chop Shop Boys v Bellboys

Organisers: Wolves

Sun 15th July

11am Saints v Harts

Organisers: Wirebirds

1pm: Rovers v Axis

Organisers: Bellboys



Junior Football Results

Week 3

Young Harts 8 v Jungle Rangers 2

G/S Young Harts: Jet lee Yon 1; Micadean Crowley 6 & Kerian Williams 1

G/S Jungle Rangers: Blaze Baldwin 1 & Riley Yon 1

POM: Micadean Crowley & James Duncan

PPS Dolphins 7 v Yellow Devils 6

G/S PPS Dolphins: 1 own goal; Lars Williams 5 & Tyresse Francis 1

G/S Yellow Devils: 1 own goals, Harry Winfield 1, Zac Francis 2 & Aden Stevens 2

POM: Lars Williams & Zac Francis

Allstars 32 v Rangers 0

G/S Allstars: Evan Constantine 4, Aiden Yon-Stevens 7, Joey Thomas 15, Courtney Green 1, Christo Crowie 1, Sean Lee Thomas 3 & 1 own goal.

POM: Joey Thomas & Jamie Peters

Correction to a result from last week

Dream team 12 v PPS Dolphins 0

G/S Dream team: Blake Peters 8; Taylon Phillips 2; Jay Tee 2 & 1OG

POM: Blake Peters & Lars Williams

Fixtures:

Sunday 15th July

Primary School League

Pitch 1 -9.30: Young Harts v PPS Dolphins

Pitch 2 -9.30: Jungle Rangers v Dream team



Please note that both matches will start at the same time. There will not be any Junior Football for the senior boys this weekend.

Are you thinking about setting up a website or online booking system for your tourism business?

Stewart George can help. He has been working with the internet for over 20 years and can make the process simple and easy to understand.

St Helena Tourism will give you £250 towards the cost!
(Conditions Apply)

If you want to get online, get on the phone! Give Stewart a call on 63977 or email: stewartgeorge@hotmail.co.uk for a free quote without obligation.

Football Flash Back

Nick Stevens



Crystal Rangers 1992



Junior Footballers 2012



GOLF REPORT

There were 16 players participating in the 18 Hole Stableford Competition which took place on Sunday 08 July 2018. Weather conditions were extremely warm and sunny which I am sure did give a good feel to the day particularly as it's during our winter period.

Paddo Johnson returned back to the club with a score of 37 points putting him in the runner-up position. However Tony Green returned with a score of 37 points therefore emerging as the winner.

The 2 Ball Pool was won by Jeffrey (Foxy) Stevens on the 16th green and Bramwell Lumukwana who had an eagle in the 18th. Well done and congrats to the winners.

This coming Sunday (15th July 2018) will be an 18 Hole Cross the Country Strokeplay. Members who would like to take part in this competition can sign their names on the club's notice board or as usual can leave a message on the club's answering machine.

Keep swinging right down the middle!!!

Getting the right result

"You're late on the tee, John."

"Yes, well being a Sunday, I had to toss a coin to see if I should go to church or go and play golf."

"Okay, but why are you so late?"

"I had to toss it 15 times!"

Contributed by Helena Stevens

Artificial sweeteners: sugar-free, but at what cost?

Dr. David Ludwig, an obesity and weight-loss specialist at Harvard-affiliated Boston Children's Hospital. He has a keen interest in products designed to help people lose weight at keep it off. And what he has learned about artificial sweeteners worries him.

All artificial sweeteners are not created equal

The FDA has approved five artificial sweeteners: saccharin, acesulfame, aspartame, neotame, and sucralose. It has also approved one natural low-calorie sweetener, stevia. How the human body and brain respond to these sweeteners is very complex.

One concern is that people who use artificial sweeteners may replace the lost calories through other sources, possibly offsetting weight loss or health benefits, says Dr. Ludwig. This can happen because we like to fool ourselves: "I'm drinking diet soda, so it's okay to have cake." The AHA and ADA also added this caveat to their recommendation.

It's also possible that these products change the way we taste food. "Non-nutritive sweeteners are far more potent than table sugar and high-fructose corn syrup. A miniscule amount produces a sweet taste comparable to that of sugar, without comparable calories. Overstimulation of sugar receptors from frequent use of these hyper-intense sweeteners may limit tolerance for more complex tastes," explains Dr. Ludwig. That means people who routinely use artificial sweeteners may start to find less intensely sweet foods, such as fruit, less appealing and unsweet foods, such as vegetables, downright unpalatable.

In other words, use of artificial sweeteners can make you shun healthy, filling, and highly nutritious foods while consuming more artificially flavored foods with less nutritional value. Artificial sweeteners may play another trick, too. Research suggests that they may prevent us from associating sweetness with caloric intake. As a result, we may crave more sweets, tend to choose sweet food over nutritious food, and gain weight. Participants in the San Antonio Heart Study who drank more than 21 diet drinks per week were twice as likely to become overweight or obese as people who didn't drink diet soda.



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But you say you can give up diet drinks whenever you want? Don't be so sure. Animal studies suggest that artificial sweeteners may be addictive. In studies of rats who were exposed to cocaine, then given a choice between intravenous cocaine or oral saccharine, most chose saccharin.

What's your definition of safe?

Whether non-nutritive sweeteners are safe depends on your definition of safe. Studies leading to FDA approval have ruled out cancer risk, for the most part. However, those studies were done using far smaller amounts of diet soda than the 24 ounces a day consumed by many people who drink diet soda. We really don't know what effect large amounts of these chemicals will have over many years.

And there are other health concerns beside cancer. In the Multiethnic Study of Atherosclerosis, daily consumption of diet drinks was associated with a 36% greater risk for metabolic syndrome and a 67% increased risk for type 2 diabetes. Aren't these diseases that artificial sweeteners may help prevent in the first place?

Back to sugar?

Maybe sugar isn't too bad after all. It's all in how it's packaged.

"Sugar-containing foods in their natural form, whole fruit, for example, tend to be highly nutritious—nutrient-dense, high in fiber, and low in glycemic load. On the other hand, refined, concentrated sugar consumed in large amounts rapidly increases blood glucose and insulin levels, increases triglycerides, inflammatory mediators and oxygen radicals, and with them, the risk for diabetes, cardiovascular disease and other chronic illnesses," Dr. Ludwig explains.

I think I'll have a glass of water and an apple.



Unsung Heroes at Bertrand's Cottage



On Sunday 8 July, an event took place at Bertrand's Cottage, Longwood to celebrate three named unsung heroes who have since passed. This was an extraordinary event, a spin off from the Unsung Hero radio campaign championed by Gavin-Jack Thomas, voluntary presenter-St FM.

The afternoon was also an opportunity for members of the public to come together to remember and celebrate the lives of their loved ones who have since passed. All present found the afternoon peaceful and engaging. The sharing of stories and memorabilia contributed towards a very comforting atmosphere.

Gavin-Jack facilitator commented 'Everyone present reflected on some very personal and happy memories. There were tears, laughter, and mutual understanding of emotions and coping with bereavement'.

Special thanks are extended to Jackie Leo, House Manager for her support, Elvis Hercules for looking after everyone with delicious refreshments, and all staff behind the scenes for making this event extra special.

Thanks are also extended to everyone who attended and to Linda Young for concluding the event with a very uplifting prayer.

Prince Andrew School Prom



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Fully furnish three bedroom Bungalow including garage situated in upper Cow Path area on 0.17 acres of land.

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**Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this
Weekend.**

Friday open from 5.00pm till late mix tunes from the bar.

Saturday open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm Country tunes
from the bar 8.00pm till late mix sounds by DJ Rat.

Sunday open from 5.00 to 8.00pm.

Family Night Out at Sandy Bay Community Centre on Friday 13th July 2018, starting at 8:00 pm

**Music by - Alex Vanguard
Bar & Refreshments Available
Entrance fee – Adults £1.00**



The Consulate Boutique Hotel has a vacancy for a
Destinations Manager / Hospitality Desk

Job Outline

To provide groups and individuals with services that meet their travel,
meeting, and entertainment interest needs at a specific time and place.

Interested persons should:

- Have a certificate or equivalent qualification in Tourism Management.
- Have a certificate or equivalent qualification in Meeting Planning or Events Management.
- Have grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English
- Be Computer Literate
- Have excellent customer service skills.
- Be a team player.
- Have a clean drivers licence
- Have a valid passport
- Be prepared to work unsocial hospitality hours and public holidays

Please send your curriculum vitae, a copy of your relevant
qualifications and a cover letter stating why you would be a good
choice for this vacancy to

Hazel Wilmot By 24th July 2018

Email: consulatesthelen@gmail.com

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**Contact
Garry Constantine
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JULY 20TH - 21ST JULY

BBQ

MINUTE STEAKS, PORK CHOPS,
BBQ CHICKEN, BBQ SAUSAGE

WITH A CHOICE OF:
GARLIC BREAD | CHILLI BEANS | COLD PASTA SALAD
COUNTRY POTATO SALAD | TOSSED SALAD | COLESLAW

INCLUDES A SOFT
SERVE DESSERT

£17.00
PER
HEAD

PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT OR RESERVE
YOUR TABLE ON **25555** OR EMAIL
bluelantern@helanta.co.sh


FIFA WORLD CUP
RUSSIA 2018
FINALE



LIVE GAME | SWEEPSTAKE WINNER REVEALED |
1/2 PINT BEER ON TAP | COMPETITIONS &
PRIZES | TRADITIONAL SUNDAY ROAST | FAMILY
MEAL DEAL | FREE POOL | DJ KITTAMAN FROM
4PM

CALL 00-290-25544 FOR MORE
INFORMATION



THIS SATURDAY FROM 5PM
EAT IN OR TAKEAWAY

Steak Night

Only
£12

PREMIUM DRINK SERVED
WITH CHIPS/MASH,
ONION RINGS SALAD AND
YOUR CHOICE OF SAUCE
OR GARLIC BUTTER

CALL 25544 TO BOOK NOW!



COUNTRY MUSIC NIGHTS



FRIDAY 13TH JULY 18

9:30PM
DJ J YOUDE

JOIN US @ANNE'S PLACE FOR A
Mouth-watering Spit Roast Pig & Sheep...ON 28 TH JULY 2018



BAR OPEN @ 6:30pm
MEAL SERVICE BEGINS @ 7:00PM



The meal will consist of
Spit roast Pig and sheep
Accompanied with vegetables, Roast potatoes
Salad's and gravy
Desserts
Trifle, Cheesecake,
Tramisu, and ice cream



MEAL COSTS £18.00 PER PERSON
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL SO TO AVOID DISSAPPOINTMENT
CALL 22797 TO BOOK A TABLE



SATURDAY 14TH JULY 18

CHILL BAR



WITH
MUSIC VIDEOS

SATURDAY COCKTAILS
SPECIAL £2.50



SUNDAY
ESSENTIAL

Beer, Bar Menu & Big Screen

15TH July 2018

Sunday Bar Menu

Phantom Special
Meet my Six Spicy Sherry's
A Night with some Italian Balls
Ginger Ninja
Saint Helena meets South Africa Fish cakes
Crackling
Squid wood
Pizza's & Burgers

