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The Great Airline Ticket Refund Mystery

In August last year The Independent featured articles for two weeks running on the complications and difficulties in finding out in what circumstances airline tickets are refundable or a change of date is allowed. Actually getting a refund is another story and even more complicated. In August this year we had a look at the terms and conditions attached to buying Companion Fare tickets and soon got entangled with ticket codes and bookings which are 'confirmed but unticketed', both are important but complicated aspects of being able to buy a Companion Fare ticket.

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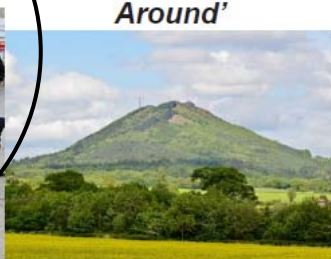
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**Reading the Fine Print:
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This week we checked with Solomon's about buying an economy fare ticket from St Helena to OR Tambo airport. There is an Economy and a Plus fare. The one way Economy fare is shown on the SAAirlink website as £397 and the Plus fare is £452. For the Economy fare there is no refund available, for the Plus fare the website tells us "Base fare partially refundable". That does not tell us very much. What is the Base fare? Exactly how much is refundable? Solomon's said you get 25% of the ticket price back. This means if you pay £55 extra for a Plus ticket you stand a chance of getting about £100 back as a refund if you meet all the conditions. It is strange but true that you can by a one way ticket costing £562 if you want but there is no refund given on that ticket. For all types of tickets there is a fee payable if you want to change the date.

But, if a plane is delayed there are no extra charges because you have no option but to travel on a different date. The same ticket is accepted for the delayed departure. Which means if you are certain you are going to fly out on the plane you have booked there is no need to pay a higher fare to get better refund conditions.

This then leaves the booking for the onward flight from Johan-

nesburg. Not many people end their journey in Johannesburg, they only go there because there is no choice. The Independent took the Virgin Airlines flight from OR Tambo to London Heathrow as an example. This flight leaves about 8pm and arrives Heathrow just after 6am the following morning. It's a direct, non-stop flight and you can usually get a fare at around £500 one way or £600+ return. If the date on the ticket has to be changed because of a delayed flight from St Helena the charge for doing this is reported to be £150. A change of date can also be made at short notice.

Now there is another tricky bit. The enquiry with Virgin Airlines about changing the date on the ticket and the cost for doing so was made on the Independent's behalf by someone in the UK direct with Virgin Airlines. At the moment the UK is still in the European Union and, as we reported in August last year, "Since 2004 European Union countries have been bound by Regulation EU261 which is widely regarded as the best protection available for airline passenger's rights." We also pointed out, "The regulations apply to scheduled and non-scheduled air services, including package tours which are operated by airlines whose operators' licence is granted by an EU member state. The protection given by the regulation applies when a passenger departs from an airport in a non-EU country where the destination is in an EU country and the air service is provided by an airline whose licence is granted by an EU member state. St Helena is not an EU member state and, for the moment, the UK is. If a UK licenced airline operates a service from St Helena to the UK or any destination within the European Union the protections offered by Regulation EU261 apply."

The St Helena air service does not fly to the UK and is not operated by an airline operator who has to comply with European Union regulations. In August last year we also reported that airline passenger compensation rights under South African law are weaker than under EU law. "In their Conditions of Carriage SAAirlink refer to the Warsaw Convention, the Montreal Convention and local laws when defining and scoping their liability. The Montreal Convention covers death or injury and damage to baggage with strict limits to the compensation payable for damage to a disabled persons' mobility equipment. Psychiatric injuries are specifically excluded. The Warsaw Convention came in to force before the Montreal Convention and gives some very basic compensation to passengers for some of the worst things that can happen; The Montreal Convention was intended to build upon the Warsaw Convention and does so in what is regarded today as only a limited way."

The European Union regulation EU261 does not cover the regular problem of low cloud and high winds during a St Helena winter. "Compensation to passengers is either reduced or does not apply in situations where "cases of political instability, meteorological conditions incompatible with the operation of the flight concerned, security risks, unexpected flight safety shortcomings and strikes that affect the operation of an operating air carrier." This means wind shear and low mist on the runway are not covered by the compensation regulations."

But, why cannot a simple change of date on the ticket be

The Great Airline Ticket Refund Mystery

arranged at short notice to avoid losing the entire cost of the ticket for the onward journey from Johannesburg. We usually know, at the latest, very early on a Saturday morning if the flight from Johannesburg is cancelled. The conditions shown for a Virgin Atlantic Economy Classic fare include, "Changes are not permitted to be made to flights from 0000 local time on the same day of departure" which indicates a date change on a ticket from Johannesburg could be possible up to 10pm on a Saturday evening.

Companion airfares to Johannesburg

We have all heard by now that Airlink are offering a reduced rate ticket for one person when two people travel together. If a group of four adults travel together and book as two pairs then two of the four in the group will get the reduced fare. There are details which need to be known before a booking is made.

- The offer applies only to adults; there are no concessions for child tickets.
- Also, you have to have an un-ticketed, confirmed, return reservation for flights between St Helena and Johannesburg.

This is the tricky bit. Having a confirmed reservation means Airlink have the seats you requested reserved for you. Unticketed means they have not yet processed the e-ticket for your flight. How this really works in practice is not explained. To get some idea it's necessary to find information from elsewhere. One website explains, "When a reservation is purchased, the confirmed reservation goes into the ticketing queue, with most airlines, the reservation gets ticketed a few minutes after you purchase and confirm it. Some airlines take longer to ticket a reservation." Which does not make it any clearer except to strengthen any misgivings you may have about whether you are going to get the discount on the second fare or not.

- Bookings can only be made either direct with Airlink's Head Office in Johannesburg or with Solomon's at the Malabar. You cannot get a discounted Companion Fare if you book on-line. The answer to the confirmed but unticketed reservation bit needs to be checked with Solomon's.

The Companion Fare is being offered until the 4th December. It is not clearly stated that the return journey has to be completed by 4th December but that is probably what is meant. The wording is open to the interpretation that a return ticket bought before the 4th December for return after that date might be included in the Companion Fare offer but that is unlikely.

If the adult whose name is on the full fare ticket cancels the trip for any reason the person with the Companion Fare attached to cancelled ticket will need to rebook and pay the full fare if the journey is to go ahead. A cancellation fee applies.

Companion fares are offered using the W ticket code. This is jargon airlines use when they refer to Premium Economy Fares. The cancellation charges or the rebooking flexibility available is not easy find, in fact it's difficult. Again, you have to search everywhere to find information. One website states, "To see the complete rules, including how much you have to pay for itinerary changes, you often have to go deep in the flight search process, almost to the payment page." The cancellation details need to be checked with Solomon's before committing to paying the fare.

The number of Companion Fares accepted on each flight will vary according to underlying demand. This can probably be interpreted as meaning if there are a good number of full fare paying passengers on a particular flight there will be fewer Companion Fares offered, maybe none at all.

There is no commitment yet to offering a discount fare next winter or for any other promotional period.

It is recognised the fare rules, conditions of carriage and other regulations applied by airlines are incredibly complicated and it really needs a specialist to give a reliable answer. What does seem clear is that in many situations it is possible a much better alternative exists to losing the money paid for a ticket on a missed flight and paying all over again for another ticket to fly on another day. There are too many stories circulating about passengers on cancelled flights losing several £thousand as a consequence.

The Lewis family have shown there was a much more attractive alternative to paying the reported £8,000 asked of them in St Helena. They simply contacted their travel agent in the UK and the agent sorted it out at little or no cost. The whole issue of refunds and changes to existing tickets raises many questions.

1. If a UK airline operated the air service from St Helena would the improved passenger rights avoid the repeated horror stories we are hearing about after a flight is cancelled?
2. If Airlink code-share with Air Namibia will that make through booking to European airports possible and improve the refund and ticket-change situation for passengers?
3. Could Solomon's Travel Agency book tickets through to Europe via Air Namibia or do they need an IATA licence?
4. Will Solomon's Travel Agency investigate ways to avoid having stranded passengers pay £thousands in cash before they can leave St Helena?
5. Will Solomon's Travel Agency remain open late on a Saturday when flights are cancelled to process date changes for stranded passengers?
6. Is Solomon's Travel Agency able to change the dates on tickets booked with Virgin, British Airways, Lufthansa, South African Airways, Emirates, Qatar Airways, KLM and all the other airlines Saints and visitors to St Helena use to travel to and from this Island?

7. If Solomon's cannot make through bookings to other countries apart from South Africa what do they have to do to make that possible? Will they make that possible?

8. Has the unpopular decision forced on St Helena to use OR Tambo airport meant, either directly or indirectly, this decision is the root cause for stranded passengers unnecessarily being put into the position where they have to pay out £thousands extra in cash.

9. If it can be proved the current 'no refund' situation can be avoided and could have been avoided is there a legal case for compensation for the extra money paid by passengers.

10. Can EU261 be applied to St Helena in some way or other? Is anyone in supposed authority seriously investigating these issues and making purposeful progress towards improving what is rapidly developing into a potentially disgraceful and scandalous situation?

11. Can airline operators' licences for St Helena be granted by a UK aviation authority instead of a tender panel assembled here for the purpose? If the licence is granted from the UK would that improve airline passengers' rights for flights from and to St Helena?

12. Is St Helena law adequate to address all the questions and problems arising from the apparently inadequate protection afforded to airline passengers here?

13. Will the Economic Development Committee set up an Inquiry comprised of qualified and suitably experienced people who will address this unsustainable situation and issue a public report on where the shortcomings are and how improvements can be made?

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Editorial

Donald Trump did not win the State of Colorado in the 2016 US presidential election. The last time a Republican presidential candidate won the election without carrying Colorado was in 1908 when William Howard Taft was elected to reside in the White House for four years. Remember William Howard Taft? No, nor do I. Will anyone remember Donald John Trump in 110 years time?

Rick Stucker (see letter on page 8) certainly will, if he lives to a ripe old age. Last week I received an email for the 2nd time from Rick; he is a regular reader of the St Helena Independent so he must be a reasonable, gracious, kind and forgiving man. In fact, he currently spends his time providing transport for the elderly and those with special needs. Before days he worked for an energy company but that job finished when Rick did not want to move with the company to Houston, Texas.

Rick's email last week described my editorial last week as "a passionate and well-reasoned argument against poor government and its deleterious effect on St. Helena". That is nice and a little praise can go a long way with some people. Unfortunately it did not go very far for me because in his next breath Rick accuses me of a "childish and gratuitous insult towards the American president". Mr. Stucker then points out to me that in the US production is up, unemployment is down, taxes are down but the federal government is earning higher revenues because of brisk economic activity. Everything in Rick's Trump garden is rosy.

Rick also points out Trump's approval rating, according to one opinion poll stands at 48%. This is almost true, I checked out that particular poll just now and 16 hours ago a new poll was published showing a drop to 46% but that it is claimed this is still higher than for previous presidents as the mid-term elections hove into view.

BUT the Cable News Network (CNN) reports that polls from ABC News and the Washington Post puts Trumps approval rating at just 36% as does the IBD/TIPP poll and a Kaiser Family Foundation poll at 37%. All three polls, CNN tells us show falls on the previous poll which had Trump rated in the low 40s. The CNN headline tells its readers this could be a disaster for Trump and the Republicans.

Trump of course has accused CNN of publishing fake news (along with so much other media) but this is just part of the US president's usual bluff and bluster when attempting to deal with things he disagrees with. He also uses this attitude as an opening ploy to negotiations. Rick obviously is a genuine Trump supporter and is fully entitled to hold whatever opinion he wishes. Some of us think the US president's attitude and what he says can so often be childish and gratuitous insults to anyone he wishes to show displeasure.

Trump, I think, probably has a thick enough skin to take in equal measure what he gives. He will also not be too bothered about opinions expressed about him in the St Helena Independent.

On a different note Rick writes in his email, "I follow the trials and tribulations of your wonderful and iconic island from afar, and wish all of our friends on St. Helena nothing but the best." Thank you Rick Stucker for your best wishes; I hope you fly over here sometime BUT, please do not come during our winter! If you do, make sure you have a spare \$8,000 stuffed into your back pocket.

At 1pm on Saturday the weather website tells me there is a 10% chance of rain and the wind speed is 16mph gusting to 22mph. If the weather forecast is near to accurate we should see a plane arrive more or less on time.

Have a good weekend – peace and goodwill to all.

Vince

TWO NEW BOOKLETS by BARBARA B. GEORGE

Famous people on St. Helena

Sir Hudson Lowe on St. Helena 1816-21– the Governor the islanders thanked in a letter when he left St. Helena, for the "*consideration, justice, impartiality and moderation which have distinguished your government,*" This booklet records how Napoleon's captivity adversely affected the islanders, and their appreciation of this caring Governor.

He decreed, with their agreement, **that all children born of slaves would be free from Christmas Day 1818 and this year marks the 200th Anniversary of this historic event.**

Dr. James Miranda Barry on St. Helena 1836-38, the famous woman who disguised herself as a man in order to become a doctor. She became a skilled surgeon who performed the first Caesarean operation in the world in Capetown, where both mother and child survived. This booklet records the story of her short time spent on St. Helena as Principal Medical Officer early in her military career. She improved appalling conditions in the hospital for patients, upset the Administration but was appreciated by the islanders she served.

ON SALE AT ARTS AND CRAFTS

The South Africa connection is coming ever closer to being a liability

The business press in South Africa is full of gloom. If you thought just about everything is gloomy enough here, South Africa is, as they say at the races, a neck ahead.

The headlines tell us the Rand has slipped to 5p as South Africa slips into recession. The weak Rand was hit further this week as data on the South African economy showed it had shrunk by a further 0.7% in June after dipping 2.2% in the first three months of this year. As the Rand loses its value investors shift more money into United States investments causing the Rand to weaken further. This shaky financial situation is expected by some to continue through to the South African general election expected before June next year.

The financial problems which are sinking Basil Read have also sunk other large South African construction companies who have also been placed in the business rescue process. Agriculture, mining and manufacturing are also in the doldrums and helping to put South Africa into economic recession. The energetic debate about land expropriations where farmland owned by whites is taken from them and handed over to blacks is also causing uncertainty and lack of confidence in the future for the economy.

Back in the construction industry a report in *Business Insider* says, "Part of the reason for the current situation in the industry is the lack of new infrastructure projects being rolled out by the government. Slow economic growth in South Africa has a ripple effect on the industry and not many big new infrastructure projects are on the horizon." This sounds very familiar and the UK Government will do well to take a good look at what is happening in South Africa before they send St Helena right down the same path to the cliff edge.

Loosen South African ties

There have always been strong economic links between St Helena and South Africa but from the time Shelco faded into the background and Basil Read won the contract to build the airport ties with South Africa have grown. There have even been times when South Africa has been touted as the main country to promote St Helena tourism even though the UK has historically been the main source for visitors to this Island. And, as we are all aware, Johannesburg was made the first calling point for any journey abroad despite the opportunity the air service presented for choice and / or stronger UK / Europe links. It is as if an unseen but powerful hand is pushing us into the increasingly unattractive arms of South Africa.

St Helena has also had links with Namibia from time to time and the name of that country is often mentioned in connection with much needed improvements to the air service. Namibia is a large country by area with a population of about 2 million. It is a stable country with satisfactory civil and political rights and seems to keep corruption under control. Namibia's economy is on an uptrend overall although it too has strong economic links with South Africa and its recent economic growth has faltered.

In a way, Namibia is more the right size for St Helena to have as a partner in international trade and co-operation. Its main industry is mining minerals including copper, gold, silver, lead, uranium, diamonds and salt. Tourism is also strong and fishing and agriculture follow in importance. We could strengthen ties with Namibia and put one or two fewer eggs in the South African basket.

The World is coming to St Helena

One of the most exclusive cruise ships on the planet - which is home to multi-millionaires who live on board permanently - is coming to St Helena. The cruise ship *MS The World* will be visiting St Helena in mid December. On board will be some of the world's richest men and women.

The cruise ship is like a floating city with no more than 200 people living on board permanently and travelling the globe in the most opulent luxury. Since 2002 the massive cruise ship, whose home port is Fort Lauderdale in Florida, has sailed to 900 destinations in 140 countries, each carefully chosen by the resident passengers themselves.



MV The World – looking for all the world like a floating block of flats

UK Defence Secretary claims Britain is a military heavyweight

The UK Defence Secretary popped over to Washington DC recently to give a jolly little speech to the Atlantic Council – a well established collection of experts of world renown. The UK minister was obviously keen to repeat the decades old myth about the so-called Special Relationship between the UK and US and give the impression Britain's military might will be right there at the right time with the British Bulldog snapping at Uncle Sam's heels.

To make his point as clear and convincing as he could, the Defence Secretary said, "Let me explain what I mean in more detail. First we are ready to respond to any situation at a moment's notice. We have forward deployed forces across the globe; we can draw on our overseas territories in Gibraltar, the Sovereign Base Areas in Cyprus, Ascension Island, the Falkland Islands and the British Indian Ocean Territory. These often provide key facilities not just for us, but also for the United States and we are extending our presence with our new naval base in Bahrain."

So there we have it; the British Overseas Territories are the basis of Britain's military might and global presence. I wonder what the formidable front men at the frontier of new thinking in geopolitics thought of all that. Ascension and the British Indian Ocean Territory are more US than UK and the Atlantic Council listeners to the UK Defence Secretary's speech will be well aware of that; another under-whelming display from a leader within the British Government.

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

Due to time constraints I was unable to get this response in time for last week's Independent.

Councillor Lawson in his discussion on Saint FM on 29 August accepts that the cost of living has sky rocketed and we're going through a rough patch but will **not** accept that St Helena is in a crisis.

He mentioned St Helena is not the worst place and when we wake up in the morning we should reflect on that. Maybe that's his reflection on his personal situation but how about those within the community who wake up to face the reality of yet another day of anxiety and struggle to cope with being able to feed themselves and their families, having a hot meal in the evening, packed lunches for the kids school, uniforms for the ones just starting out at Prince Andrew School this week, trying to keep warm during this extraordinarily cold month and on top of that the utility costs, rent, medications etc. I'm sure those who are in this dilemma would be able to highlight even more relevant examples of what they're faced with.

Noticeably the retailers are feeling the pinch. The shops are continuously running out of everyday items and we're always experiencing the inconvenience of having to wait for the MV Helena to arrive so that the shelves can be restocked. And then to top it all each time new stock hits the shelves the price on individual items are increasing anything from 20p upwards! A packet of 500g butter is now £6+ (is it made of edible gold?) and 500g of Flora spread £3+. Imagine the return the retailers are getting when totalling the increase by the carton! There is a rumour that retailers will be encouraged to import less biscuits, sweets and chocolates. The total population on St Helena do not suffer from diabetes and hypertension and we'd like to take responsibility for making our own decisions thank you!

When the Governor opened the airport she presented a positive speech on what this would mean for the Island – more money coming in to the island which in turn would put more money in our pock-

ets. No one told us we have to **hit rock bottom** before that view **becomes a reality**.

The everyday reminder that the airport is not wholly fit for purpose is the repercussions of a bad decision with the project through no fault of ours. DfID who was responsible for the project is also the same Department who are now penalising us – the decrease in funding for 2018/19 budget and the withdrawal of subsidy on sea freight which is crippling. Surely for a small economy like ours with virtually no exports to be able to prosper and achieve its vision it has to be realistically financially supported until our economy is showing stability and growth? We're a British Overseas Territory and the UK Government has a responsibility to its overseas territories. If DfID is inconsiderately thinking that by withdrawing a subsidy for sea freight and reducing our financial aid package will suddenly make us financially sustainable it's a sure-fire way of setting St Helena up to fail! After all it's your fault is it not, that we have a very expensive airport that's not fully fit for purpose? We haven't even begun to get our foot on the first rung of the ladder to make it work for goodness sake yet the life is being squeezed out of us.

Some decisions that might have a harmful impact are being taken without consultation which feels like we're leaning towards an autocratic government at times.

Our culture is slowly disappearing.... but is this not one of those things what attracted people to the Island in the first place? In actual fact we're being turned into the very society that we're trying to avoid by bringing in over the top systems and procedures from the UK which was never an issue here in the first place. We were always twenty years behind the UK in development, change and maturity. While this is not a reproach on the individuals concerned but of the system which is the result of government employing individuals who sometimes lack the knowledge and experience of working on islands and have no idea about our background, customs and traditions. And finally, to the guy on Saint FM who said it was a perception that it's worse now with the airport, I would argue it's certainly not a perception.... it's very real. The airport brought about change but that change has brought about a huge financial burden for islanders. When it is likely soaring costs will diminish?

Contributed



THE CONSTITUENT

In November 2005 the authoritarian wording of the Oath of confidentiality was brought to the attention of the then Governor of Ascension, Michael Clancy and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for appropriate review and correction. Over a decade on and nothing has changed. Almost immediately after a candidate is elected by the people of St Helena to serve on Council, he or she is required to recite the following words of the Oath whilst holding the Holy Bible: 'I.....do swear that I will be a true and faithful Councillor and that I will not, directly or indirectly, except with the authority of the Governor, reveal the business or proceedings of the Government of St Helena or the nature or contents of any document communicated to me, or any matter coming to my knowledge, in my capacity as a Councillor. So help me God.' The wording leaves no room for unauthorised, open and transparent communication between the constituents and their Councillors.

Within the mechanisms of government there are always going to be confidential and sensitive matters that cannot be disclosed by elected representatives, but the current wording of the Oath just makes a mockery of democracy. "Government of the people, by the people for the people" but cannot inform the people unless the Governor says so. I chose not to hold the Bible and omitted the words so help me God and decided instead to be guided by discretion and respect.

Questions are still being asked through the local media, with growing frustration, as to the visit to St Helena by the DFID Minister, Lord Bates. The failure to properly inform the people via the local media is only undermining further the credibility of DFID and more so the integrity of the Minister in the eyes of the people of St Helena. Was a planned visit for the Minister earlier in the year cancelled? Are there plans for the Minister to visit St Helena in the near fu-

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ture? Who will win the honour of being the first to announce such a visit by a Minister? Will irresponsible reporting create security risks for such a high profile individual and prove detrimental to the whole island? Where and when do the secrecy end and openness and transparency begin? One thing is for certain, a visit to St Helena by the Rt Hon Lord Bates will lift the spirits of the people of St Helena and inspire confidence in the future of St Helena at a time when it is so desperately needed.

St Helena needs to have more support at the highest levels within the UK Parliament. The lobbying of MPs can be undertaken by Saints in St Helena or Saints residing in the United Kingdom and beyond.

The Foreign Affairs Select Committee has started an inquiry into the future of the UK Overseas Territories. Elected Members have submitted evidence to the Committee on behalf of the people of St Helena. The Committee consists of the following Members of Parliament: Tom Tugendhat MP – Conservative, Ian Austin MP – Labour, Chris Bryant MP – Labour, Rt Hon Ann Clwyd MP – Labour, Mike Gapes MP – Labour, Stephen Gethins MP – SNP, Ian Murray MP – Labour, Rt Hon Priti Patel MP – Labour, Andrew Rosindell MP – Conservative, Mr Bob Seely MP – Conservative, Royston Smith MP – Conservative.

Concerns have been raised concerning the children's play area at the Mule Yard. Also an update has been requested by constituents on the proposed children's play area at the Duke of Edinburgh facility in Jamestown. A Councillor is in the process of gathering the information for The Constituent. Last month Mark Brooks made a thought-provoking presentation to Elected Members in the Council Chamber on a "Proposal for St Helena to produce and export Cannabis for Medicinal use."

On Friday, 31 August 2018, Rhys Hobbs (ENRD) gave Elected Members a very engaging presentation on the Tuna Tagging Programme. Nations and commu-

nities throughout the world are feeling the distressing effects of overfishing in their waters. Here in St Helena research is taking place to help the island avoid such activities that will have a disastrous impact on our fishery and our community. I am sure Rhys will provide details of the project on request.

It has been confirmed that St Helena does have a resident population of tuna in its waters. Rhys was asked to look into the possibility of research into the very early life of the tuna around St Helena; from the spawning stage if at all possible.

Constituents are invited to contact any of your Councillors or the Secretary to Elected Members

(sec.em@helanta.co.sh) if you have a question and would like the answer published in The Constituent for the benefit of the wider community.

C Leo (Cllr)

Dear Editor,

Born free 200th anniversary

2018 is a special year for St Helena. It was 200 years ago that children born of slaves on St Helena were born free. It happened when Sir Hudson Lowe was governor. He decreed that all children born of slave women after Christmas Day 1818 were to be free, even though slavery on the island was not abolished in the UK overseas territories until 1834.

An incident occurred that might have helped Lowe make that decision. Earlier that year the Commander of the British troops on the Island after coming from the Magistrate's Court saw a slave girl suffering from open wounds, having recently been whipped by her owner. The Commander went back in court, had the owner brought in and imposed the highest fine, the only level of punishment at the time.

Slavery came to St Helena when it was first settled in 1659. It was settled by the English who brought their own settlers and a garrison to defend the Island. They also picked up some slaves from the Cape Verde Islands. Because St Helena was run by the English East Company (EIC) trading with the Far East, many future slaves were brought by sailing ships on the homeward run from places in the Indian Ocean like In-

donesia, India, Madagascar, Africa. For many years the slave population was more than those of the Civil and Military sectors

Slaves were treated as property, subjected to different laws and more severe punishments. When slavery was abolished they had to pay for their freedom. We have an indication about their status as there are no known slave burial sites on the Island. For about two centuries under the EIC, thousands of slaves would have died, yet we are only aware of two slave graves: the "Butchers graves" near Plantation and that of "Diana" on Mount Eternity. Both are hidden away on outskirts of estates.

Sir Hudson Lowe was governor here not only in his military role to guard Napoleon but also to govern the island. We see him in a different light as governor of the people in an address from the inhabitants before he left - stating "*the consideration, justice, impartiality and moderation which have distinguished your government*" including appreciating how he dealt with the difficult matter of slavery "*in a colony where slavery had long been recognised*". An indication of how great an achievement it was to bring in a law in December 1818 for children born of slave women to be free, can be seen by the fact that 11 years later slavery still existed. A poster dated 18 May 1829 advertised the sale of slaves by public auction Under the Trees – the same trees in front of the Canister.

After the abolition of slavery on the island in the 1830's within a few generations, the diverse groups of races and nationalities that made up the inhabitants of this small Atlantic Island became integrated with a common identity. This transition took place in the 1800's, more than a century ago. With such diversity, Islanders are the quintessential world citizens.

To commemorate the anniversary Barbara has produced a booklet about Sir Hudson Lowe when he was governor of the Island. Reviving the music of the SLAVE SONG production by the late Keith Yon would be another way to show how Island people though song connected with slavery.

**Yours faithfully
Basil George
2 September 2018**

EXCO REPORT – TUESDAY 04 SEPTEMBER 2018

Executive Council met today with four items on the open agenda. For the first item, the Council sat as the Planning Authority and considered an application from Connect St Helena Ltd to install Phase 2 of the Solar Farm situated at the Ex-Rifle Range Site in Half Tree Hollow. This item was deferred from the previous meeting to allow members to undertake a site visit to view the area under consideration. Following the visit, members were happy to approve full planning permission for Phase 2 only, subject to appropriate conditions as recommended by the Acting Chief Planning Officer. Members requested an additional condition to be applied; that the applicant should be required to ensure that the site, including the access road, is fully rehabilitated once works have been finalised.

Council then went on to consider a request for the Charities (Amendment) Bill, 2018 to be published and presented as Government Business at the next formal meeting of the Legislative Council. Members were mindful that there had been consultation with charitable organisations to discuss the draft Bill and that there was good support for the draft provisions contained therein. Council were content to approve the request. Council also considered the Charities (Amendment) Regulations, 2018, which provide for the Register to be available for public inspection at the office of the Registrar and for changes to the Charities Fees which were introduced in 2005. Members agreed that the Regulations should be enacted.

For the next item on the agenda Council was asked to advise whether the Legislative Council Remuneration and Allowances Amendment Bill (2018) should be published and presented as Government Business at a formal meeting of the Legislative Council. An independent body to review Councillors' remuneration had been established in 2016 and the resulting report was completed in March 2017 and considered by the previous Executive Council in April 2017. The recommendations of the report were accepted by the previous Legislative Council at an informal meeting in May 2017. The report recommended a general uplift in Councillors remuneration where an Elected Member would now receive an annual salary of £14,000 and an Executive Council Member would receive an annual salary of £18,000. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker would receive annual salaries of £9,000 and £3,000 respec-

tively. The report recognised the increased workload of Councillors, including the increase in the number of meetings attended and the increase in the number of out of office hours which members regularly commit to. In considering this request, it was noted that the Legislative Council Remuneration and Allowances had not been amended since 2009. It was also noted that Members had deferred an earlier introduction of this amendment, in recognition of budget constraints. On this basis, Members were content to approve the Bill as requested.

The final item on the agenda related to the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) which guides SHG's planning and budgeting process. The MTEF process requires the determining of priorities for the forthcoming planning period and Council was asked to approve a list of strategic objectives as a part of this process. This item had been deferred from the previous agenda to allow Members to have additional information and this had now been provided. Members approved the strategic objectives enabling SHG to begin the next annual planning and budgeting process with a clear and focussed strategic direction.

The meeting closed at 11.15.

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04 September 2018

***All persons interested in buying
complete (dry) dog food contact
Olga Laban on tel: 24766
between 09.00- 16.00hrs to
make arrangements to see what
is available.***



Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

Regarding Vince's editorial in the 31 August issue of the Independent, I must say I find it somewhat ironic that after a passionate and well-reasoned argument against poor government and it's deleterious effect on St. Helena, he concludes with a childish and gratuitous insult to-

wards the American president who is actually getting results and improving our country. The GDP grew at 4.1% last quarter, black and Hispanic unemployment is at record low numbers, and workers are keeping more of their pay due to the tax **rate** decrease, meanwhile federal tax receipts are at record highs due to a robust economy.

Per Rasmussen polling President Trump currently has an approval rating of 48% of likely voters. This is 5 points higher than the approval of the previous president at the same point in each administration.

http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/current_events/politics/prez_track_aug31

I follow the trials and tribulations of your wonderful and iconic island from afar, and wish all of our friends on St. Helena nothing but the best. I don't see how weighing in on the highly polarized political landscape in the States really furthers the interests of and promotes viable solutions for the people of St. Helena. I suppose it's a cheap and easy way to score editorial points.

Respectfully,
Rick Stucker
Colorado, USA



Help them to be themselves... And we'll help you to be you!

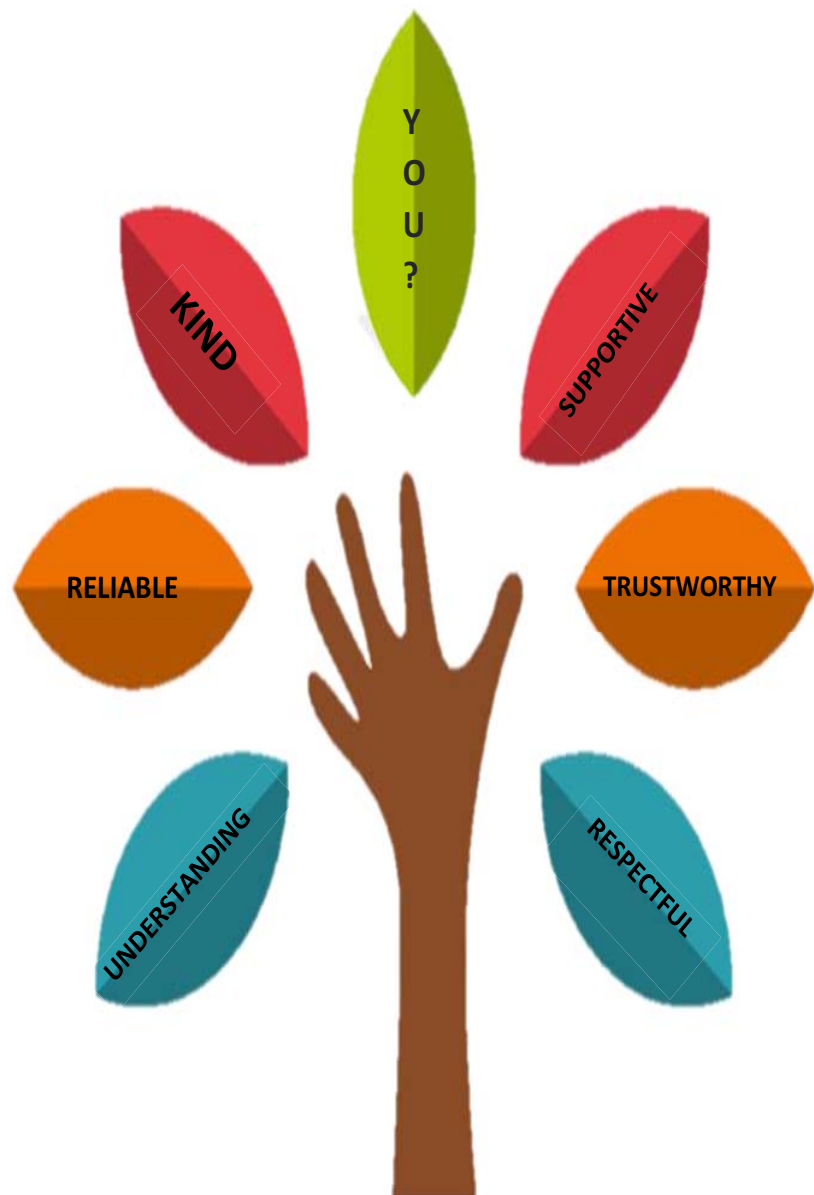
Safeguarding Directorate
are recruiting for several
INTERESTING and
REWARDING roles within
the Adult Residential and
Sheltered Services
across St Helena

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Brick House, Jamestown

Telephone: + (290) 22713



"All of our residents and tenants are special individuals and deserve the best quality care and support. We are keen to prepare and develop the right people with the right attitude to join our existing teams of staff. Together we can make a difference."

- Quality Assurance & Policy Consultant, Gavin (Jack) Thomas

SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE 'CARE': 'CARE AND RESPECTING EVERYONE' CAMPAIGN

Interested persons are encouraged to go along and meet with the Safeguarding team at their Roadshow on Friday, 7 September 2018.

Members of the Safeguarding team will happily answer any questions regarding a career in Social Care.

Confirmed times and venues are as follows:

Time	Venue
10am – 11.30am	Rose & Crown Supermarket, Longwood
12.15pm – 1.30pm	Silver Hill Bar, Levelwood
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Family Store, Nr Bamboo Hedge, Sandy Bay



The roadshow will be followed by an open-door event to be held in the main hall at the Princess Royal Community Care Centre (CCC) on Thursday, 13 September 2018 between 12noon and 5pm.

Why not pop along and:

- Meet with members of the Safeguarding team who will answer any questions about working with residents
- Find out more about the day in the life of a Carer
- Meet some of the residents and experience a snapshot of life at the CCC

Light refreshments will also be available.

Quality Assurance & Policy Consultant, Gavin (Jack) Thomas, said:

"A career in social care is exceptional. If you are serious about supporting individuals to enjoy a quality of life they deserve, please pop along for a chat."

For more information, please contact:

Gavin (Jack) Thomas at Brick House on tel: 22713 or via email: gavin.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh

Sherrilee Phillips at Brick House on tel: 22713 or via email: sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh

Wendy Henry at Princess Royal Community Care Centre on tel: 23090 or via email: Wendy.Henry@sainthelena.gov.sh

#StHelena #Safeguarding #Campaign #CARE #Roadshow

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ST HELENA BEAT SURGERIES SEPTEMBER 2018

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

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

Please see below the dates, times and venues for September.

Beat Surgeries - Dates & Times

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 7 September	1pm - 3pm	Briars Village
Saturday, 8 September	1.30pm – 3.30pm	Yon's Shop, Blue Hill
Monday, 10 September	11am - 1pm	Longwood Supermarket
Tuesday, 11 September	11.30am – 1.30pm	Francis Plain, St Paul's
Friday, 14 September	10.30am – 12.30pm	Sandy Bay Community Centre/SHAPE area
Saturday, 15 September	10am - 12pm	Rupert's Bay
Wednesday, 19 September	12pm - 2pm	Half Tree Hollow Clinic
Thursday, 20 September	10am - 12pm	Market Square, Jamestown
Saturday, 22 September	10am – 11am	'Shanicar' Shop (Carol Yon),
	11am – 12pm	Longwood Ricky Andrews' Shop, Longwood
Thursday, 27 September	4.30pm – 6.30pm	Phillip John's Shop and Scotland area, St Paul's

#StHelena #StHelenaPolice #CommunityEngagement #NeighbourhoodPolicing

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MARATHON, HALF MARATHON AND FUN RUNS

Sunday 04 November

Starting at 07:00 and 09:00

Runners will journey through a total of 5 out of 7 districts for a marathon some have labelled as the most challenging in the world.

JACOB'S LADDER CHALLENGE

Tuesday 06 November

Starting at 16:30

Challenge the 699 steps from Jamestown to Ladder Hill.

TRIATHLON

Wednesday 07 November

Starting at 16:30

The Triathlon will challenge your swimming, cycling and running abilities along a route in and around Jamestown.

TRAIL RUN

Saturday 10 November

Starting at 09:00

A 15km race from the lowest point on the island, Jamestown, to the highest Peak, Diana's Peak.

Followed by the Closing Ceremony.



GET TRAINING ST HELENA!



For more information please contact Shelley Magellan-Wade on 22158 or email address shelley.magellan-wade@tourism.co.sh



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BLUE MARINE
FOUNDATION



The St. Helena National Trust Marine Team invites you to **#SuitUptoCleanUp** and take part in the 33rd annual International Coastal Clean up.

This will be the first time that St Helena is recognised as an official participant, so join in the fun and help clean up our beautiful coasts!

Where: Jamestown Bay (meet at the cenotaph)

When: 15th September @ 12 Noon

Tasty food will be provided and all are welcome...

For further enquires, visit



Saint Helena National Trust

Tel: 22569

www.suituptocleanup.org

COMMUNITY & DISTRICT ROAD GRANTS 2018/19

The Environment & Natural Resources Directorate would like to advise the public that applications can now be made for funding for district and community roads.

Every successful application will receive a grant of up to £2,500 for raw materials and hire of a roller. Residents will be responsible for spreading the materials and carrying out necessary works.

The criteria for district and community road funding include the number of existing dwellings served and the condition of the road in question. Community roads are defined as those that serve a minimum of three households. A district road is defined as a road serving six or more occupied properties, and which may have previously received funding as a community road.

Application forms can be collected from Essex House, Jamestown, and should be completed and returned by noon on Friday, 28 September 2018. All applications received at that time will then be assessed, scored, and prioritised accordingly.

All previous unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to re-apply for a community or district road grant.

#StHelena #ENRD #Community&DistrictRoadGrant

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OUR SERVICES

UMGUSI SA offers various services from, procurement, freight forwarding, import/export, warehousing and logistics. Our services are for businesses as well as the private individual. ■

WAREHOUSE FACILITY

You are welcome to do your own procurement and use our warehouse facility as your delivery address and we will take care of the rest!

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Grant Funding for Civil Society Organisations

Charities, Clubs, Community Centres, Associations...

Max £4,000 per Application per Grant Round

Only **2** Grant Rounds this financial year as limited funding available!

Closing date for applications is 21st September 2018.

Round 2 - Closing date 25th January 2019

Eligibility

- Based on St Helena and have a constitution that complies with the Charities Ordinance 2005. *However, consideration will be given to applications from organisations that are neither a charity or constituted group. Such organisations will be expected to take steps towards becoming a charity or association.*
- Hold a bank account that requires at least two signatures
- Verifiable Statement of Accounts for the previous financial year
- Has vetted Committee Members (if applicable)
- Has a Safeguarding Policy (if applicable)
- Compliant with any current Grant Agreements held with the CDO

Projects:

- Equipment for day to day activities
- Special one-off events and activities
- Community and organisational development
- Capital works

For an application form or further information e-mail
community.sthelena@gmail.com or alternatively call Kirsty Joshua on
Tel: 23999 after 5:00pm.

Community Development Organisation



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Dive Travel Awards 2018

VOTE NOW!

Both St Helena and Sub-Tropic Adventures have been shortlisted for the Dive Travel Awards 2018, in association with Dive Magazine.

Visit the website on bit.ly/2LRZAMa enter a valid email address and vote for St Helena (Destination) and Sub-Tropic Adventures (Dive Centres or Resorts).

Voting closes 31 October.

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APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2018/81:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of Storage / Office Building**, Marble Hall, Half Tree Hollow on Parcel 0523 Half Tree Hollow, adjacent to Mr Clive Bagley. Applicant: Adrian John Greentree

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.

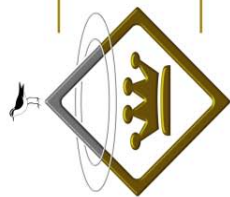
Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Application should make them in writing within 14 days, to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email shane.williams@enrd.gov.sh

Public Review Commencement Date : 7 September 2018
Public Review Closing Date : 21 September 2018

David Goodrick
Chief Planning Officer



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WITHDRAWAL OF ACCOUNT TRANSFERS WITH EFFECT FROM 01 JANUARY 2019

All customers are advised that with effect from Tuesday, 01 January 2019, Bank of St Helena will no longer process Account Transfers which are accepted as a payment method **outside of the Bank**.

Account Transfer Forms **used within Bank Branches and Kiosks** to transfer funds to other accounts, or to make bill payments, will remain in effect.

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Vacancy - Are you interested in working with and through island community groups, to build a stronger and more resilient community for the betterment of St Helena?

If so the Community Development Organisation (CDO) is looking for someone just like you. We are a small and dedicated voluntary group working to strengthen non-governmental community organisations.

Community Development Organisation Manager, Fixed Term 2 Years

Part-time at a rate of £7per hour

RESPONSIBILITIES

Manage the day to day operations of the Community Development Organisation and the Community Grant Scheme, with the overall objective of supporting and developing civil society on St Helena.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

Degree and /or appropriate professional qualification/experience, knowledge and understanding of key stakeholders and experience of working to a committee. Excellent oral and written communication and exemplary interpersonal skills, with advanced skills in Microsoft Office

This is a part time position and estimated hours of work are 21 hours per week. However, occasional evening and weekend work may be required. Having your own transportation would be desirable.

For further information please contact Kirsty Joshua, on telephone number 23999 after 5:00pm.

Please send your CV and cover letter addressed to Kirsty Joshua, Community Development Organisation Chair via e-mail to community.sthelenagmail.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 28th September 2018

Community Development Organisation

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Course	Date	Time	Location
Introduction to Bread	4th September 2018	16.30 – 19.30	Bertrand's Cottage
Safer Food Better Business Getting your business food safety compliant or reviewing your procedures.	12th September 2018	9.00—12.00	Bertrand's Cottage
Hot Desserts (Sponge Based)	18th September 2018	16.30—19.30	Bertrand's Cottage
Introduction to Wine Theory and drinks service skills practical.	26th September 2018	09.00—12.30	Bertrand's Cottage



For further information or to enrol on the course please contact
Mike Harper on Tel No 22920 or email michael.harper@esh.co.sh
Spaces are limited so please book early.

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Administrator / Cashier Ascension Island

Ref SS26343

Interserve Defence Ltd seeks **expressions of interest** for an Administrator/Cashier to work on the Ascension Island Base.

Job Details

- Maintain Public and Service Funds Accounts; provide advice and support to the account holders.
- Ensure bills are correctly authorised to the appropriate fund and paid promptly.
- Update computer records daily.
- Provide cover for the Cashier and the Personal Assistant to the Base Commander during periods of absence.
- Carry out other tasks as requested by line management.

The Person

- Will have experience of working in an administration office.
- Have qualifications in Accounting, English and Maths; computer skills, SAGE experience.
- Attend public and service funds accounts courses in UK.
- Has a 'can do' mature attitude, is flexible, reliable and self-motivated; will have an open approach, pass on knowledge, their experience and show willingness to assist others. Is well-organized, a motivated team player who is keen to learn.
- Will hold a valid driving licence.
- Must be aged 18 or over and pass Medical, Dental and Security checks.

Interserve pays a competitive salary, monthly site allowance and a bonus at 13th and 27th months of tour. Hours of work are 47.5 per week. The contract duration is 27 months single status with 74 days leave excluding weekends. Air transportation for 4 agreed holiday periods will be at the Company's expense. Accommodation, meals at the mess and work clothing are all provided.

Further details are available on request. Interested persons should contact Theresa.Corker-Coleman@interserve.mod.uk, tel 00247 63400 or 66339.

Closing date is 18 September 2018.

At Interserve we deliver construction, equipment, facilities management and citizen services. We are headquartered in the UK and FTSE listed. Our goal is to provide a cost effective and efficient solution to our clients' needs. We have gross revenues of £3.7 billion and a workforce of circa 75,000 people worldwide. We aim to be a great place to work for our employees where everything we do is shaped by our core values.

Marine Plastics Survey

We are conducting a questionnaire to help us understand how people are using the marine environment and single-use plastics.

You can find questionnaires at several places around the island such as The Star, HTH Supermarket, Silver Hill Shop, Longwood Supermarket and the hospital waiting room areas.

Completed questionnaires can be placed into any **marked return boxes** you see or returned to **Essex House reception desk by Wednesday 19th September 2018**. For any questions contact please get in touch by email (alexandria.thomas@enrd.gov.sh) or phone 22270

Please help us to extend our knowledge by completing our questionnaire!

This work is part of a collaborative project between EMD's Marine Conservation Section, Waste Management Services, St Helena National Trust and SHAPE aiming to understand marine debris and to sustainably manage plastic waste.



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AIRPORT MAJOR INCIDENT EXERCISE - WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2018

Members of the public are advised that a Multi-Agency Major Incident Exercise is planned to take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2018, to test our response to an Emergency Incident at St Helena Airport.

Volunteers are required to play the following roles during the Exercise:

- Members of the public waiting to meet relatives arriving on the flight
- Members of the public visiting the Airport
- Passengers suffering from minor or serious injuries

The Exercise will start in the morning and last for most of the day. Transport will be provided to and from the Airport leaving from the Grand Parade at 9am and returning to the Grand Parade for no later than 3pm.

Refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Emergency Planning Department with your details and the role you would be willing to play by Friday, 28 September 2018.

Email:

simonwade@helanta.co.sh

marco.yon@helanta.co.sh

ian.johnson@helanta.co.sh

Or telephone: 25052.

**Emergency Planning Department
5 September 2018**

VACANCY STATISTICS ASSISTANT

The Statistics Office of St Helena Government's Corporate Policy and Planning Unit is seeking to recruit a new team member. The successful candidate will join the team in delivering timely, relevant and reliable statistics to under-pin sustainable development on St Helena. Statistics have a key role in supporting policy development, reporting performance, and describing the state of the island. On a day-to-day basis you will assist senior team members with the collection, collation and analysis of statistical data, taking on a range of duties and responsibilities.

This post requires excellent analytical skills, an eye for detail, and a commitment to confidentiality. Proficiency with IT and software packages such as Microsoft Office, in particular Excel, is expected and training and support will be given. The successful candidate will be required to have GCSE Maths at Grade A and English Language and IT at Grade C or above. Personal and professional development is both an important part of working with the Statistics team. In return for a commitment to core duties the right candidate will be supported, through mentoring and training, in gaining the necessary experience and accredited qualifications to pursue their chosen career goals.

Salary for the post is at Grade B commencing at £6,722 per annum.

For further details regarding the duties of the post and for a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Kelly Clingham (kelly.clingham@sainthelena.gov.sh) or Justine Joshua (justine.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh) on 22138.

Application forms which are available from Corporate Human Resources, should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Gemma Lawrence, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday 14 September 2018.

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. 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.

Corporate Services 31 August 2018



Committee Members would like to thank all those who donated to the Charity during the period December 2017 through to the end of August 2018. Some of those who donated wanted to remain anonymous so initials have been used instead. Also Included are some Mofti Day collections organised during the Cancer Awareness Month in 2017. Your help and support to this worthy cause is very much appreciated. Anyone else who would like to make a donation can do so. This can be paid in to the Cancer Support & Awareness Charity account No 22165002 with the Bank of St Helena.

K & A	£100.00	Salvation Army	£400.00	St Pauls Primary School MD	£63.02
RS	£50.00	Halford Pri School MD	£56.10	Ed Learning Centre MD	£19.00
CY	£80.00	Dubb's Family	£500.00	Corporate Services (SHG)	£316.00
HW	£50.00	Leo Brothers – Dance	£274.30	Brook's CD Sales	£1,277.00
SNCG C2C	£27.02	Penspen	£50.00	Rosie's Male Auction	£1,176.00
N&E	£50.00	H&SC	£100.00	Mr W (Bill) Duncan-UK	£400.00
		Sylvia Henry	£135.00		



SPRIT OF THE SEA

For another successful carnival we ask for your continued support. If you think you can help with carnival preparations then please get in touch

Wanted:

Marshalls for the parade, entrance fee collectors, donation collectors, vehicle decorators, music equipment such as speakers and general help to set up on the day.

To all organisations:

We encourage you to host events, activities, craft groups or social gatherings etc to add to the build-up of carnival – **spread the spirit of the sea!**

Food and drink vendors and stallholders:

If you would like to have a stall on Carnival day then please get in touch with us by **20th Sep 2018**, to ensure we can include you in the day's plans.

The working group can be contacted as follows: Nicola Essex on tel 25111, Mia Henry on tel 22699, Nicole Richards on tel 23702, Marcia Benjamin on tel 23888 or Anel Hayward on tel 22762

Alternatively drop us a message via our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StHelenaCancerSupport/>



HUMAN RIGHTS AND YOU

What are HUMAN RIGHTS?

“Rights” are things we are allowed to be, to do or to have simply by being human. They are basic rights and freedoms that belong to everyone from birth until death. They apply regardless of **where you are from**, your **gender**, **age**, **sexual orientation**, **race**, **colour**, **language**, **religion**, **disability**, **what you believe** or **how you choose to live your life**, so long as you do not stop other’s enjoying their rights.

These basic rights are based on shared beliefs like:

- Dignity** (self-confidence, pride, worthiness)
- Fairness** (open-minded, justice, fair-mindedness, honesty)
- Equality** (fairness, being equal, non-discrimination)
- Respect** (admiration, approval, appreciation, honour)
- Independence** (freedom, personality, choice, self-rule)

How do Human Rights protect us?

Our Rights are protected in law under our Constitution. They **protect** us as we go about our daily lives whether that is at **work** or **outside of work** and include the **right**:

- To respect for private and family life**
- To express our opinions**
- Not to be mistreated**
- Not to be wrongly punished**

Can our Human Rights be taken away?

No, they can never be taken away. They can sometimes be **restricted** for example if we **break the law**, **our right to freedom can be taken away for a while**

For more information and our guide to human rights please feel free to contact us.

Armchair Supporter's view by Nick Stevens

Liverpool has had their best start to a league season since 1990. They were in cruise control in the first half with goals from Mane and Firmino. Leicester came back into the game in the second half and Liverpool only had themselves to blame for this. The main culprit was Alisson, the £67m summer signing from Roma, who was embarrassed as he gifted Leicester a goal after 63 minutes when he was robbed by Kelechi Iheanacho while inexplicably performing an elaborate turn with the ball at his feet in the area, Rachid Ghezzal scoring following the ensuing chaos.

Leicester pushed for the equaliser but Liverpool closed out victory to make it four wins out of four at the start of a league season for the first time in 28 years - and leave Alisson the most relieved man inside the King Power Stadium.

Brighton manager Chris Hughton praised the character of his team as they fought back from a two-goal deficit to draw with Fulham.

Glenn Murray struck twice in the second half as the Seagulls secured a point that seemed unlikely with 25 minutes remaining.

The Seagulls' were trailing to goals from Andre Schurrle and Aleksandar Mitrovic.

Chelsea is one of three team with 100% record in the EPL; as they beat Bournemouth 2-0 with two second half goals from Pedro and Harzard.

In other games on Saturday Southampton picked up a surprise 2-0 win against Crystal Palace. Palace continues to struggle when their talisman Zaha is unable to play.

Everton fans would have been disappointed as they only could manage a home draw with Huddersfield.

West Ham remains the only team in the top flight to not pick up a point after four matches as they lost 1-0 to Wolves.

In the late game on Saturday City picked up all 3 points after a battling contest with Newcastle. City took the lead through Sterling only for Yedlin to equalise for Newcastle. It took a spectacular strike from Walker to secure all the points. This was Walker's first goal for City.

Newcastle have had some difficult fixtures but showed enough quality to remain in the EPL this season. City so far has not being at their fluent best.

On Sunday Arsenal picked up their first away win of the season in a 5 goal thriller as they defeated Cardiff 3-2. Arsenal still remains a good attacking team and scored 3 good goals; their defence however look a bit suspect though and most teams will fancy scoring against them.

Manchester United return to winning ways as they surprisingly had a comfortable win against Burnley. Burnley didn't show too much of their normal fighting spirit expect when Bardsley kicked Rashford. Romelu Lukaku scored twice in the first half as the Red Devils - beaten by Brighton and Tottenham in their previous two Premier League matches - were largely untroubled by their hosts.

Pogba had the chance to stretch United's lead midway through the second half but his penalty - after Aaron Lennon fouled Rashford - was saved by former Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart.

And two minutes later the visitors were reduced to 10 men when Rashford was sent off for leaning into Burnley defender Phil Bardsley with his head. Even against 10 men Burnley could muster too much threat whereas United had a few other

chances to increase their lead. United fans are now hoping this result will kick starts their season.

Spurs who after their 3-0 defeat of Manchester United was dealt a blow as they lost to Watford 2-1 despite going 1 up from an unfortunate own goal. Watford now has maximum points from their four games, making this their best start to a Premier League season.

There will not be any EPL fixtures this weekend but do look out for UEFA Nations League matches on our TV including England playing Spain on Saturday at 18.45 and France v Netherlands on Sunday at 18.45.

SHFA and Junior Football Leagues

It is now three weeks without any local football. We have everything cross in hoping the weather will improve in the next few days so that we can recommence the Junior and Senior Leagues.

Junior League Fixtures: Sunday 9th September

Pitch 1
9.30am Young Harts v Jungle Rangers
10.15am PPS Dolphins v Dream Team

Pitch 2
9.30am Allstars v Chop Shop
10.30am Rangers v Titans



SHFA Fixtures: Saturday 8th September

1.30pm Harts v Bellboys
Organisers: Rovers
3.30pm Axis v Crusaders
Organisers: Saints



Sunday 9th September

1.30pm Saints v Wirebirds
Organisers: Chop Shop
3.30pm Rovers v Wolves
Organisers: Chop Shop

League Champions and Runners Up

Year	Champions	Runners Up
2017	Rovers	Harts
2016	Rovers	Harts
2015	Harts	Rovers
2014	Rovers	Harts
2013	Wirebirds	Harts
2012	Rovers	Harts
2011	Rovers	Harts

SHFA Cup Winners & Runner's up

Year	Winners	Runners Up	Score
2017	Rovers	Chop Shop Boys	2-0 aet
2016	Harts	Rovers	3-2 aet
2015	Rovers	Chop Shop Boys	3-2
2014	Rovers	Harts	2-0
2013	Raiders	Rovers	3-2
2012	Rovers	Harts	5-1
2011	Harts	Chop Shop Boys	4-3

Football Flashback



Wirebirds 1980's

LEARNING HOW TO LAUNCH AND RUN A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS WITH THE ST HELENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Are you a business owner who would like to learn how to market your products more effectively? Or perhaps you have a great idea for a business, but you just aren't sure how to get started. Maybe someone has asked you for a business proposal, but you just aren't sure how to put one together.

Enterprise and Marketing is one of the featured courses starting at the St Helena Community College (SHCC) this month. This qualification is designed for people of any age who want to develop their knowledge and practical skills in setting up and operating a business.

The Enterprise and Marketing course is an accredited Level 2 qualification offered by Cambridge and is equivalent to a GCSE. Unlike more traditional GCSE's though, the focus is on practical skills and application.

Learners cover three key areas in this course, all focused on supporting successful business development.

The first topic encompasses key concepts in enterprising and marketing. Students cover the main activities that will need to happen to support a new business, and what the key factors are to consider when starting up a business.

The second topic focuses on how to design a business proposal. Learners will develop the skills to design a business proposal to meet a specific business challenge. They will identify a customer profile for a specific product, complete market research to generate product design ideas, and use financial calculations to propose a pricing strategy and determine the viability of their product proposal.

In the final section of the course, learners will develop the skills to create a brand identity and promotional plan for their specific business product proposal. They also learn how to pitch their business proposal to an external audience.

Director of Commercial Development and Enterprise, Martin George, said:

"Skills development is essential for business development and growth. The SHCC can help you achieve this with minimal time or cost incurred when considered against the benefit to be gained. The Enterprise and Marketing course is one such opportunity; essentially critical for any business, especially in the wake of the digital age and the future possibilities this brings to St Helena."

If you are interested in signing up for this course, you only have a few days left to register. You can contact SHCC on tel: 22607 or email: SHCC@sainthelena.gov.sh for more information on how to register. This course is offered on Wednesday afternoons from 3-5pm. The cost is £20 for the year-long course, including the cost of the assessment.

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ST HELENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IGCSE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COURSE

The St Helena Community College (SHCC) is offering members of the community the chance to enrol on an IGCSE Environmental Management Course.

IGCSE Environmental Management draws upon disciplines such as biology, earth science, geography, economics and demographics.

The course topics cover key concepts of:

- Considering the interdependence of the earth's natural systems and how people use natural resources
- Examining the impact of development on the environment, considering issues such as environmental pollution and resource depletion
- Exploring ways in which we may change the nature of future development to make it more sustainable.

Environmental Management involves learning and recognising that human behaviour towards the environment is guided by the survival needs, perceptions, and values of society.

Environmental Management is concerned not only with the impact of humans on the planet but also with the patterns of human behaviour necessary to preserve and manage the environment in a self-sustaining way.

Study is linked to the areas of new thinking in environmental management, environmental economics, and the quest for alternative technologies. Case studies allow candidates to obtain a local and global perspective.

If you are interested in signing up for this course, you only have until Thursday, 13 September 2018, to register. You can contact the SHCC on tel: 22607 or email: SHCC@sainthelena.gov.sh for more information on how to register. This course is offered on Tuesday afternoons from 5-7pm. The cost is £20 for the year-long course, including the cost of the assessment.

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Plug the sink
instead of running
the water to rinse
your razor and
save up to 300
gallons a month.



ST. HELENA DIVE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

Date: Monday 24th September 2018

Time: 7.00pm

Where: The Dive Club, the wharf

Join us at the dive club for our 2018 AGM.
Members and non-members welcome. Membership is
due on the night.

Please let us know in advance of nominations for the
committee.

Items on the agenda include:
New club rules, forms and policies; draft documents
will be circulated to existing members by email and
will be posted in the dive club, with a view to being
agreed and adopted on the night. Printed copies
available on request.

If you have any matters you wish to discuss, please let
us know. If you need to get in touch, email us on

shdiveclub@gmail.com

Getting to know you – first impressions

A woman in a hot air balloon realized she was lost. She reduced altitude and spotted a man below. She descended a bit more and shouted: “Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago but I don’t know where I am”. The man below replied “You’re in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You’re between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude”.

“You must be a technician.” said the balloonist. “I am” replied the man “how did you know?” “Well,” answered the balloonist, “everything you have told me is probably technically correct, but I’ve no idea what to make of your information and the fact is, I’m still lost. Frankly, you’ve not been much help at all. If anything, you’ve delayed my trip with your talk.”

The man below responded, “You must be in management”. “I am” replied the balloonist, “but how did you know?” “Well,” said the man “you don’t know where you are or where you’re going. You have risen to where you are, due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you’ve no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it’s my fault!



Birthday Greetings for the
6th September
to a special daughter
Hope you have a great time
From Mum, Dad, Brother, Sister,
Niece & Nephews.

An historic record – for the first time the St Helena Yacht Club appears on the Race Entry List for the Cape to St Helena Yacht Race together with a St Helena yacht and a full Saint crew. Training started last week for the new young crew with safety on board being the first lessons. This week the crew have been given the experience of sailing at night. The number of race entries now listed is just one short of the 2014 total.

CAPE TO
St Helena
2018

RACE ENTRIES

NO	YACHT CLUB	REGISTERED BOAT NAME	OWNER / SKIPPER	DESIGN	Texel TCF	ORC
1	RCYC	Stella	Andrew Edwards	Fast 42'		A
2	RCYC	Indaba	John Levine	Van der Stadt 34'		C
3	RCYC	Yolo	Dale Kushner	Sunfast 3200		B
4	RCYC	Avanti	KlauseWiswedel	Vickers 41'		Pending
5	Pending	Asante	Francois Stocken	BeneteaOceanis 43		Pending
6	HBYC	Gryphon	HB Development Trust / Theo Yon	ILC40		A
7	RCYC	Caribbean Soul	S.Viljoen/ Boet Koopmans	Islander 48'		Pending
8	RCYC	Sabatier	Charl Cilliers	Muir 31'		C
9	POYC	Banjo	Kevin Webb	Farrier F9AX	126	
10	RCYC	Avocet	David Clement	Oceanis 45		Pending
11	HBYC	Ronin	All Spice Yachting/Mark Wannenburg	Dean 44 Cat	Pending	
12	RCYC	Vortex	Andrew Mitchell	Bongers 39 Sloop		B
13	SHYC	Carpe Diem	James Herne	Bavaria 38'		Pending
14	FBYC	Compromise	Rob Newman	Multihull/Du Toit	Pending	
15	RCYC	Naledi	Felix Scheder-Bieschin	J120		Pending
16	RCYC	Hirondelle	Gavin Bingham	Morgan 31		Pending
17						
18						
19						
20						



Like a reunion back at the Castle

Fay Howe, Robin Swaisland, Pamela Cross (was locum doctor for a few months) Nanette Swaisland, Liz Palmer, Michael Dean, Andrew Gurr and Eddie Palmer.

Thank You

Thank you, on the occasion of my birthday which was on the 21st August, I'd like to thank my friends, family and my partner Colin on the Falklands for the many, many well wishes I received as phone calls (15 in all !), greetings and hugs on the town (31 in all !), So many songs via radio F.M. and lovely presents and cards.
You made it a truly memorable day.
Thank you once again and God Bless

Wednesday 5th September 2018 was the 100th birthday of Ellen Rogers, Tristan da Cunha's oldest resident.

Congratulations to Mrs Rogers!!



Ellen Rogers pictured earlier this year with one of Tristan's youngest residents, Jessie Squibb

To all our family & friends

We write this little note with great joy and great sadness, as this marks our departure from St Helena.

Joy has come from all our fond memories and experiences we had enjoyed during our short holiday including the outpour of warmth and hospitality shown by you all and the St Helena .

Sadness comes from the knowing that three weeks was much to short to properly visit each and everyone of you as we would have liked to.

Sadness also comes from knowing that 21 years was much to long to have been away, which got us to start planning our next return with our daughters in about 3-4 years, but with one exception....never again in scruffy August.

FYI: never trust Connie Jones as your travel agent "LOL", maybe during the winter months St Helena could change it's motto from "FOREVER IN MY HEART" to "WEATHER DEPENDANT".

We would like to apologise any and all family, friends and acquaintances that we didn't get to see in our short stay, as it wasn't intentional on our behalf, but rather due to being time constrained.

So thanks again to our family, friends and fine people of St Helena for making our holiday so memorable.

Dennis & Henrietta Locker.



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

Friday open from 4.00 pm to 7.00 mix tunes from the bar
7.00pm till late Disco with DJ's shavon & Scotty

Saturday open from 5.00pm till late mix with DJ Henry.

Sunday open from 5 .00pm to 8.00pm



Moonshine's Bar this Weekend

Sat 8th September - Moonshines will be hosting a Curry Night, for bookings please call 24571 after 5pm.

This will be followed by mixed music by DJ Prudy

Sun 9th September - Open from 3pm

Family Night Out at the Sandy Bay Community Centre

on

**Saturday 08th September 2018,
Starting at 8.00pm**

Music by Barry and Smiley

Cash bar & refreshments available
Entrance Fee: £1.00 from 16years & Adults

Reserve this date for your diary.....

Barry Brooks and the Standard Band will be playing live at the Jamestown Community Centre on Friday 5th October.

Re-creating the 1984 old time dancing, the evening will carry a similar theme.

The dance will be in aid of the St Helena Cancer Awareness Charity, with prizes to the best district paraglide and conga.

Prizes also to the best vintage dressed lady and gent.

Hot food will be available to purchase on the night and the usual bar service will operate.

Tickets will go on sale shortly.

We look forward to seeing you there!! And thank you in advance for your support.

If anyone needs more information, please contact 22915 after 5pm.

St Helena Red Cross

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Grand Parade

15 September 2018

3 pm

Entrance Fee: Adults £1 Children under 16's 50p

Serena's Gift Shop



Phone : 22792

Solar lights on sale



S.Steel Post Lights £3.25

S.Steel Solar light £2.25

Crackle ball Solar light £5.25

Solar Puppy w/colour changing Ball £10.50

Solar Lantern £7.95

Multi col. Party Globes Solar lights £16.50

Led solar bulbs string lights £16.50

Crackle Ball lights Col. Changing £10.20

PK12 Col.Changing Solar light £24.50

Garden Wall Solar light £2.90

Halogen Low Energy Candle Bulbs ES & BC £1.80

Dash camera £29.50, Sony digital camera £72.00



JCBs, Dump Trucks & Excavators £9.90

Paw patrol Cushions £7.95

Bath toys for Toddlers

Unicorn Toys & lots more exciting gifts just unpacked.....



Restaurant Opening Hours

Monday
Closed
Tuesday – Friday
11am – 9PM
Saturday
11am – 9pm
Sunday
2pm – 8pm



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INDIAN NIGHT

ANNE'S PLACE ON SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2018

MEAL COST £18.00 PER PERSON

MAIN MEAL AND DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED BUFFET STYLE

BAR OPENS FROM 6:30PM – SERVICE STARTS @ 7:15PM

Chicken Korma

A mild chicken curry with a hint of coconut and finished in a creamy sauce.

Beef Bhoota

A moderately – hot beef curry with chopped tomatoes.

Fish Masala

A gentle curry of fish pieces set in a tomato and capsicum masala.

Lamb Jaipuri

A moderate-bite curry of cubed lamb finished with mushrooms, onion strips and capsicum.

Pork Vindaloo

A very hot curry of pork cubes marinated in vinegar and traditional spices, then slow cooked for maximum flavour.

All served with your choice of plain or saffron rice, plus vegetables of the day.
Accompaniments (poppadum, ratia and sultanas.

DESSERTS

Coconut Ice
Boozy Chocolate Slice
Ice-Cream



FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2018



**COINTREAU
COCKTAILS
£2.00**



**COINTREAU
SHOTS
£1.20**

9:30PM

DJ BUBBLES

AKA SOPHIA BOWERS
IS BACK



SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2018

The SHCA Along with St Helena's
International Cricket Team presents A

PUB GAMES NIGHT

Sharpen Your Arrows, Polish That Brass Face,
Get Ready To Get Your Balls Wet In Beer pong



9:30PM DJ BOOT C



SPECIAL

FOR JACK DANIELS FANS

MV Helena Delayed in Dry-Dock

AW Ship Management regret to advise that the MV Helena's departure from Cape Town for Voyage 8 will be delayed for a period of approximately 6/7 days. This issue has arisen as a direct consequence of the booked dry dock slot in Cape Town being lost due to over-running works on a De Beers vessel. As a result, and to ensure that the ship's certifications were maintained, AWSM had no option other than to put the ship into dock in Walvis Bay, where logistics are more difficult and access to specialist services are more limited than Cape Town. The voyage schedule for Voyage 8 is now expected to be as follows:

Depart Walvis Bay	16th September
Arrive Cape Town	19th September
Depart Cape Town	22nd September
Arrive St Helena	28th September
Depart St Helena	30th September
Arrive Ascension	3rd October
Depart Ascension	4th October
Arrive St Helena	7th October
Depart St Helena	8th October
Arrive Cape Town	14th October

It is anticipated that the delay will only affect Voyage 8, and the ship will return to the original schedule for Voyage 9. Costs for storing transhipment containers ex-UK in Cape Town Port will be met by AWSM and not passed on to customers.

Traders and St Helenian residents concerned about the impact of this delay can be reassured that unlike the RMS, it is not a requirement for the MV Helena to go to dry dock every year. As a pure cargo ship, dry docks are only required on a five-year basis and as such the next scheduled dry docking is not due until 2023.



Red Figures for Solomon & Co

Solomon & Co will hold their AGM at the Godfather's Rock Club on 26th September and their audited accounts for 2017-2018 have been issued. For the first time in many years the Company itself, excluding its insurance business, is showing a loss of £88,195 in comparison with a pre-tax profit of £151,795 in the previous year. The sales/turnover dropped by 2.3%. When the insurance activities are taken into account Solomons are making a very small profit after tax of £32,610 (2017-£206,999).

The Board says in their business review that the "financial year 1st April 2017 to 31 March 2018 has been fraught with challenge for the business community. The commencement of commercial flights in October 2017 was welcomed. However with commencement considerably delayed and the reality of the wind shear complications of the airport, there has been limited potential for any meaningful commercial tourism development in St Helena and delivery has fallen well below expectations in terms of visitor numbers, commercial development activity and island business growth.

The completion of the airport development project resulted in the inevitable repatriation of the large contract workforce, reducing potential additional disposable income on island. Limited large-scale investment and a decline in St Helena Government capital expenditure investment, translated into limited requirements for the provision of goods and services.



The anticipated growth in customer base is yet to materialise and the continued closure of Wideawake Airport on Ascension Island effectively removed the direct link between the Falkland Islands and St Helena, depleting even the seasonal spike in customer base which has historically been experienced regularly in St Helena at the end of each calendar year. Significant delays in the RMS St Helena schedule at the beginning of the year and then the cessation of the RMS St Helena, with increased freight rates, longer supply timelines and unreliable deliveries in the last quarter if the financial year has created feast and famine stock fluctuations which have resulted in unpredictable consumer buying trends, with the of inefficient stocking and procurement, storage challenges and cash flow pressures, all compounded by rising costs of sale and production."

After what appears to have been a really bad year for Solomon & Co, the Board still proposes a dividend to the shareholders of 10p per share.

Jim Sheds Light on Dark Sky Protection

Vince Thompson

James Paterson was five days late arriving in St Helena to inform people about dark sky friendly lighting and investigate lighting arrangements at certain sites. He was due to spend two weeks helping with public consultations, meeting with government officials, training various staff on certain aspects of dark sky friendly lighting and discussing points of interest with electricians and electrical wholesalers as well as look at certain sites where external lighting at night needed some adjustment to be dark sky friendly. It was to be a busy two weeks but after kicking his heels in Johannesburg from Saturday to Thursday, apart from three meetings squeezed in on Friday it all had to be fitted into one week instead of two.

Jim Paterson is a lighting engineer who has spent the major part of his working life specialising in dark sky friendly lighting.

Working with Jim for almost three years nudging forward with the extensive and complicated details needed for an External Lighting Management Plan (ELMP) which is specific to St Helena has been an enlightening and pleasant experience.

Jim is always willing and eager to explain any detail or principle even though sometimes my lack of engineering knowledge means his efforts come to nought where I am concerned. Having succeeded in his chosen career and being the true professional he is, Jim will take on any extra task required without having a debate beforehand about what in his contract and what isn't. He likes working and he loves the work he does.

While the technical details are daunting and will often overpower mere mortals such as myself, the general idea and principle of dark sky friendly lighting are easy to understand and come down to plain common sense. Only shine the light where you need it and don't have it any brighter than is required. Switch off lights when they are not needed and reduce lighting when it is appropriate to do so. Time switches and motion sensors help with one of the benefits of dark sky friendly lighting which is to reduce energy consumption.

Jim was pleased about several things as he went through his crowded schedule. He said the meeting with electricians was well attended, probably the best attended meeting he had ever had with electricians. The questions asked also showed the electricians knew something about what dark sky friendly lighting is about and what it is intended to achieve. Interest in the subject among those whose job it is to install friendly lighting was high.

Public consultations were not as well attended but discussions were constructive and in nearly all cases supportive. Some concern was expressed about possible extra cost for light fittings and the introduction of 'curfews' in the Control of Artificial Light Bill. Friendly lighting can cost more than the commonly used bulkhead light which range in price from £4 to £30 in the UK *Screwfix* catalogue. The nearest thing to a bulkhead light which is dark sky friendly can be bought from *Screwfix* for £12 to £20. Dark sky lights are always made from better materials (stainless steel and plastic) and often with energy efficient LED lights whereas the cheaper bulkheads are only plastic and have a shorter life expectancy. It is likely the Import Duty on friendly lighting will be 5% instead of the usual 20% to narrow the price gap.

The word 'curfew' caused concern for some people however



the draft legislation for Control of Artificial Light includes the usual practical and common-sense application to curfews as it does to every other aspect of light control. The general time for 'lights out' is set for 10pm in the draft legislation but of course there are several exemptions. The main one is that lights can remain switched on when "exterior lighting needed for safety at premises open after the curfew is permitted until the last person has left the premises and the lighting meets all other requirements of this Ordinance." This will include people sitting on their veranda or having an outside party where switching off the lights and leaving everyone in the dark would be a silly thing to do. Other exemptions include air and sea ports and commercial premises open late and security lighting with motion sensors. Also exempt are Christmas lights, emergency lighting, construction site lighting and "lighting required otherwise by law". As a result of the public consultation the word curfew is to be replaced with energy saving time which is a more accurate description and avoids images of armed troops patrolling the streets to make sure everyone is home in bed.

Jim went on site visits to places in Rupert's Valley and the Briars. Thankfully there are only a few places where exterior lighting is so bright it produces upward and sideways glare. During his visits Jim was able to identify the lights which caused the problem and explain how the problem could be solved. In every case the solution was fairly simple and did not involve spending loads of money stripping out complete lighting systems and installing new ones – much to the relief of the people he spoke to.

Training was directed towards building inspectors and staff in the Planning Department as well as members of the Land Development Control Board.

Jim has gone away with more work to do. He will write a Guidance Note which will explain what the External Lighting Management Plan sets out to achieve and how this can be done. It will help all of us who need to know more about what to look for to find the right kind of dark sky friendly light for the job we want the light to do. He also thought it might be an idea to introduce the External Lighting Management Plan on a

Jim Sheds Light on Dark Sky Protection

Vince Thompson

voluntary basis so people can get used to what is involved together with the help of the Guidance Note he suggested he writes. When the details of Dark Sky Friendly Lighting is better known that may be the right time to introduce the legislation.

Before leaving for the airport three days late I found Jim using the extra time he had to start writing the Guidance Note. He did stop to talk and said, "I arrived as the tutor and left as the student wanting to come back and learn more about this lovely little island" The man has been so busy he has not had time to look around but he has seen enough to know there is plenty here to make another visit worthwhile.

The plan was for Jim to leave here on Saturday, arrive back in



Scotland for a day or two to recover and then go on holiday with his wife to France. As he left on Tuesday instead Jim will arrive back at Glasgow airport where he will be met by his wife. They will then go immediately to find the plane which will take them on holiday to France.

Basil Read Rescue Postponed

Construction firm Basil Read said on Thursday that a creditors meeting to consider its business rescue plan was held this week, but that it had been adjourned to allow more time for affected persons to engage and consider the proposals made in the plan.

The meeting will be reconvened on September 27, the company stated.

Should the plan not be approved and adopted, liquidation proceedings would follow.

Since Basil Read announced its entry into business rescue in June, it has secured R265-million in funding and its business rescue plan was published in August.

In March, Basil Read reported a net loss after tax of R1-billion for the year ended December 31, as a result of a number of lossmaking legacy contracts, the write-off of goodwill in the roads division and the reversal of deferred tax assets in lossmaking entities.

At year-end, the group's current liabilities, at R2.1-billion, exceeded current assets, at R1.4-billion, and the group's cash had decreased to R126.4-million.

The company's appointed business rescue practitioners – Siviwe Dongwana and John Lightfoot – believe the construction division of Basil Read can be successfully turned around, with an improvement in cash flow anticipated by the end of a two-year period in which the company will complete 17 construction contracts, for which it will use the R265-million in funding.

For Sale

A VW Jetta GTi 1600cc

***Licenced and Insured until
December 2018***

***Priced at £2,000 or nearest
offer***

AND

***A Nissan Sentra Coupe GL
1500cc***

Priced at £800 or nearest offer

***Contact Derek Henry, Cow
Path***

Mobile No. 66309

Obituary - Dorothy Morriss

The family have informed us that Dorothy Morriss died peacefully on 5 August in Poole hospital, aged 90.

She was born Naomi Dorothy Thomas on St. Helena, the island in the middle of the Atlantic, and lived in Australia and New Zealand before finally settling in Britain, in Bournemouth, in the 1970s. She and her husband, Harry, who had joined the Party in 1945 before emigrating, were members of the SPNZ and transferred to the party here. She was an active member of the one-time Bournemouth Group and, with other local members, helped stake out the pitch and run the Party stall at the annual Tolpuddle Martyrs Rally every July.

In a tribute, the family, to whom we extend our condolences, write: 'A party stalwart, Dorothy was simply a marvellous lady. Believing deeply in the ethos of equity and the power of community, Dorothy consistently championed the unconventional and always the underdog. With a network of close friends spanning both tropics, Dorothy's warm, wonderful nature was remarked upon everywhere. She raised a wonderful family and is survived by her daughter Ann and her two grandsons, Chris and James, who looked up to her benevolent spirit ever so fondly. To a life well lived, all our love, your family.'

Contributed by the Socialist Party, UK

A Very Wet St Helena



Creative Corner

Here are some creative contributions from our readers

"Due to the continuing bad weather DFID are going to commission Plan B Airline, normal service will resume when the sun is shining."



St Matthew's Parish Council is organising a friendly Skittles Match on Friday 14th September at Harford Community Centre, starting at 8pm.

Persons wishing to take part can come along on the night.

A donation would be appreciated

Money raised will go to St Matthew's Parish Fund

