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In Memory of Saul Solomon



SAUL SOLOMON (1776-1852)
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***'Light Up the Paintings
on the Wall'***



Yacht Race Crew Leaving Tomorrow



***Welcome Home for the
St Helena Cricket Team***



Saturday is the day for the Carpe Diem crew

At 12 noon tomorrow Bishop Dale Bowers and Father David Musgrave will be at the landing steps to officiate at a short ceremony to bless the yacht and its crew and wish them God's speed and safe passage. At about 1pm James Herne together with his son Josh as assistant skipper and the volunteer all Saint crew will sail for Cape Town and the Royal Cape Yacht Club. The Royal Cape is organising this year's Cape to St Helena Race where the prize for the yacht that takes line honours is the Governor's Cup.

Sixteen yachts are registered for Cape to St Helena Race starting on 26th December. Race rules allow fifteen days for yachts to finish the race. A series of events is scheduled for race entrants and their families and friends after they cross the finishing line and step onto dry land. Starting on 7th January through to 15th January there are tours, a football match with BBQ, a fish-fry at the St Helena Yacht Club, a night at Wicked Wahoo and another at Anne's Place. A presentation at Plantation House will take place on Friday 11th January.

The Herne's are overwhelmed with the generosity of individuals and some corporate donors. Individual donations have reached four figures but the number of people calling at the Yacht Club or seeing the Herne's in the street and making a cash donation there and then has been more than heart warming for St Helena's sea-faring family.

At the last meeting of SHG's Economic Development Committee the "opening of the yacht club by a local family has



Skipper James Herne doing what he likes most and does best

occurred and the Cup Race" was listed as a notable event which supported the Sustainable Economic Development Plan. Despite this, the total amount of sponsorship attracted to fund the Carpe Diem entry for the Cape to St Helena Race fell short of the target. To make the money go further the existing sails were repaired and strengthened but it would be unwise to start the race without a spare set of sails. New sails will be bought from the Herne family budget when the Carpe Diem team arrives in Cape Town.

What are they talking about?

The reports from Government Committees during November covered the Economic Development Committee which met on the 1st, the Public Health Committee on the 7th, followed by the Social and Community Development Committee on the 14th and then the Environment and Natural Resources Committee which met on 15th November. In contrast, there were six government press releases issued covering just police training from a total of 14 press releases involving the police service in some way or other.

The **Economic Development Committee** heard an update from Enterprise St Helena and then listened to progress so far with the Sustainable Economic Development Plan. Listed among the progress items was the refurbishment of the toilets near the museum and litter picking sessions. Two initiatives driven by the Education Committee were included in the list of progress items and some other initiatives were from the private sector. A list of economic development initiatives driven by the Economic Development Committee would be of interest for the December end-of-year meeting.

At the **Public Health Committee**, members heard the people are here to install the new patient electronic record system and a new radiographer is in place. A revision to the three year strategic plan is underway. When the councillors and government officers have agreed the various parts of it, they will let us know what the health plan is going to be. Tobacco legislation will be reviewed soon.

The **Community and Social Development Committee** seems to be finding development of Freedom of Information (Fol) legislation next to impossible. Already reduced to an 'Information Bill' the intent of government officers appears to be to making Fol in St Helena a shadow of what was originally

envisaged, with no resistance from councillors. Legal advice to councillors at November's meeting was along the lines that the European Union has introduced some additional regulations fairly recently which may apply to Overseas Territories. The official line is that for this reason councillors agreed consultation on the Information Bill should be halted while further "assessments" are made.

A new Immigration Bill should be ready for public consultation early next year and work on new social security legislation appears to be plodding on.

The **Environment and Natural Resources Committee** were told fifty-one applications for funding had been received for a share of the limited pot of money in the Community and District Roads Fund. The response is not surprising considering the continued degradation of all roads and tracks. Because of the unsurprisingly high number of applications, decisions on who will get what has been put back to an unspecified later date. It will be remembered this fund offers a maximum of £2,500 to tax and duty payers for DIY plans to improve their own local roads.

A report concluded there are up to 50 unwelcome terrestrial and marine species which may colonise St Helena territory over the next 10 years; 20 of them are prioritised as a greater risk. Biosecurity will use this list and the associated information and advice in an effort to keep this 'caravan of unwanted immigrants' away from our borders.

The Draft Building Regulations continues on its slow course towards the statute book and approval has been given for a new 'pilot' Government Landlord House to be built at Half Tree Hollow – subject, it is assumed, to planning permission.

Is it Time to Change Tourism Strategy?

OPINION: After reading the facts why flights to the Island are often cancelled or delayed due to our weather conditions and the fairly limited options we have to do something about it might be time to look at a new tourism strategy and market. (See pages 5-7)

All promotional efforts so far have been directed towards short stay tourism, with guests staying on the Island for maybe a week or two. Some early figures suggested that we should get about 30,000 of these tourists per year in a few years, time. Most of us just brush these figures away as unfounded fantasies but we actually need tourists on the Island to have any chance of improving our economy. With each delayed or cancelled flight we losing credibility in this tourism market. The short stay tourists are ones most vulnerable to flight delays. Just a few days delay and their holiday is ruined.

I would like to suggest that we start looking at a completely different type of market - the residential tourism market. The northern part of the world like Scandinavia, partly UK and northern North America have horrible weather in the winter, it is cold and dark. People who can afford it and have the opportunity would be interested in spending maybe three or six months in a nice house in the southern hemisphere where there is summer. Apart from retired people there are many business owners who actually can run their business perfectly well from a place like St Helena and could enjoy sunshine instead of snow-drift. Under St Helena's circumstances as these tourists would not be discouraged if the flight is a few days late or even cancelled for a week as it would have very little impact on their long term stay.

I know that SHELCO sought to sell some chalets for this purpose but there are many places on the Island suitable to maybe build small condominiums or groups of houses for this purpose. These can be in several price categories and sizes. There is definitely a market for this of tourism. The people

coming will spend money in shops, restaurants, bars and other facilities. The drawback is obviously that they do not sleep in hotels or self-catering accommodation but, even if it looks gloomy at the moment, some short stay tourists will still find their way to the Island to utilise the tourism beds.

St Helena will lend itself to the residential tourism market as our weather is warm, but not hot, in the summer, our culture is European, we speak English, it is safe and the food is not that far off from European. This could be an attractive market for us in the future. Still, we have some infrastructure issues to sort out, the first one is telecommunication. With the speed and price of internet communication on the Island it would be difficult to attract many tourists. They need to have efficient contact with their businesses, families and friends overseas. It is not likely that this improvement can be achieved without the possibilities the fibre-optic cable can give us. Another needed infrastructure improvement is the banking facilities on the Island. Paying 5% or more to get money on a Visa card is not acceptable if we want people to come to the Island, especially as you get currency which you cannot use anywhere else.

I think it is worthwhile to further explore this type of tourism and it would be highly profitable for the Island.

Mike



KENNETH CHARLES MAGGOTT 1935 – 2018

The family here and overseas of the late Kenneth Charles Maggott affectionately known as Papa Kenny who passed away peacefully at the General Hospital on 12th November 2018 would like to thank the Doctors and Nursing Staff for the care and attention given to him during his short illness.

Thanks are extended to Canon Clive & Rev. Jack Horner for conducting the funeral service and to Mrs Pat Musk for playing the organ. To Davina & Colin Lawrence and Shara Williams for the making of the wreaths, to Roy Williams and his team and Solomon & Co Plc for printing the service sheet. Thank you also to those who contributed flowers.

Special thanks to Doris Joshua who looked after Papa Kenny for a few years. To neighbours Alicia, Isa & Sylvia who were always there for Papa Kenny.

Thank you to the many people who sent messages of condolences and to those who attended the funeral.

Papa Kenny has gone from our lives but not from our hearts and the memories we share will be with us forever.

May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory



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Editorial

It's been a few weeks since I wrote anything on this page and maybe getting back into the usual routine helps to give the impression of a sense of security. A sense of security is something I probably need and I know I will not get it next time I have to fly into Johannesburg to get the St Helena plane the following morning. Why is it my one night stay in Johannesburg turns into a week? It's happened twice now and it is not just bad for me it's grievously injurious for the whole Island. The future for St Helena is fragile; it will take some inspirational thinking to work a way out of the sticky mess we find ourselves in and have been put in.

One year on from the start of scheduled air services and the firm economic foundation expected from the air service show little sign of materialising; it increasingly shows it will be a long time before it delivers anything of true worth. This is undeniable and the truth of it stands out in what was listed as progress so far in implementing the Sustainable Economic Development Plan at the last Economic Development Committee meeting.

Here are some of the examples of economic progress from that list:-

The buy local, supply local campaign is going strong – but not one word about whether the campaign is getting results. In tourism there is a new public relations firm appointed, advertises for the Festival of Running and inclusion on the short list

for Dive Awards – stretch your imagination to find progress in economic development from any of that.

The museum toilets refurbished and a litter campaign undertaken – this shows a real sign of desperation for some poor government soul trying to be positive.

The private sector has exported fish and locally made jewellery – the Fisheries Corporation is not in the private sector and there is still no publicly announced progress in attempts to place it at least halfway into the private sector.

Kind words were written about the St Helena Community College and hopes expressed for the proposed St Helena Research Institute – a good education system is a foundation stone for a thriving economy but it does not guarantee the best educated will stick around in St Helena if real signs of economic growth are not visible and tangible. A fresh coat of paint on a public toilet will not keep the most promising of our youth on the Island.

All of that brings to mind the phrase 'cloud cuckoo land' which means 'a state of absurdly over-optimistic fantasy'. It makes me feel as insecure as Johannesburg does when I think someone in government, or maybe a 'team' of people are writing this stuff for government committee meetings.

Have a good weekend

Vince

Thank You

Wife Myrtle, sons Daniel and Andrew, daughter Freda and their families of the late Terence Constantine would like to express their thanks to the Drs, nurses and staff of General Hospital for their care and attention during Terence's illness and at the time of his death.

Thanks are extended to Bishop Dale, Cannon Clive and Father Jack for conducting the funeral service, Joy George the Organist, Lieutenant Coral for reading the lesson, Garron and Kerry for the service sheets, Daniel Leo for his music at the Graveside, Roy and team, and also Davina and Colin for making the wreaths.

Thanks are also extended to family and friends who gave support, attended the funeral, paid floral tributes, made phonecalls and sent messages of condolences. Your support was very much appreciated.

Thank You

The family of the late Jenneth Williams, affectionately known to us as Jenny who passed away on the 3rd November would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to the staff of the Princess Royal Community Care Centre for their care and attention to her in her last years.

Thanks are also extended to Fr Clive and Fr Jack for the funeral service, Mrs Joy George the Organist, Roy and his Team, Davina and Colin for the beautiful wreaths, Solomon and Company for their support and also to Saint FM and SAMS Radio for the announcements.

Thank you to everyone who generously gave flowers and sent messages of condolences either by card or telephone and attended her funeral.

May she Rest in Peace until we meet again.



The Facts About Delayed Flights

Mike Olsson

During this winter and spring we have seen numerous delays and cancellations of the SA Airlink weekly flights from Johannesburg. This has caused tremendous frustration among passengers and the St Helena public. Many have experienced days of uncertain waiting for flight confirmation or the ordeal of spending thousands of pounds extra to rebook their tickets to complete their journeys. This is affecting not only the Saint community here and overseas but also our fledgling tourism industry. Only last week we had a mass cancellation on the flight arriving last Friday. After the plane was cancelled on Saturday 17th November, a new attempt was made on Tuesday 20th November. 80 passengers were counted on the flight leaving Johannesburg last Tuesday. This plane had to turn back to Johannesburg from Windhoek as the weather conditions over St Helena had deteriorated to such an extent that a landing was unlikely. When the flight finally arrived last Friday only 49 people were onboard, the other 31 had returned home without ever reaching the Island. This is disastrous for the Island and its future.

We also have issues with communication of flight related issues and it appears that SA Airlink still has some major issues to sort out when it comes to dealing with stranded passengers in Johannesburg.

This article will deal with the reasons for the delays, the possibilities to remedy the problem and the reality facing the St Helena Airport operations. We have spent considerable time to find out the facts and options for a reliable and viable air service to St Helena.

St Helena Airport has on their website an excellent article about the problems we have but maybe it has maybe not been given the publicity it deserves. Therefore we have decided to publish their article alongside ours.

There seem to be a perception, especially on social media, that this problem can be easily sorted by instrument landing systems or other technical gadgets and it is due to incompetence or ignorance by people involved in St Helena air access we have these cancellations and delays. This is far from the truth.

There is no doubt that St Helena is one of the trickiest places in the world to build an airport. One being its remoteness, with the only possible land based flights coming from about 2,000nm away, and secondly its mountainous terrain and lack of possible diversion airports in the close proximity - Ascension is 700nm away.

The main problem for the St Helena Airport is the frequent low cloud base. This is especially prevalent in the winter but can occur at any time of the year. The high mountains surrounding the runway to the west, east and south of the airport makes a landing, even under good weather conditions, into a challenge. However, the airport has been deemed safe by the airport regulator, Air Safety Support International (ASSI), which is the body regulating all airports in the British Overseas Territories. They are the body telling us what we can do and what we cannot do when it comes to the Airport and aviation in St Helena.

St Helena Airport is featuring the article below on their website. We are republishing it to give it a wider audience which it deserves. It is consistent with our article but has slightly different emphasis

Weather-related delays at St Helena Airport

Weather-related delays

Weather-related delays at airports are an inconvenient yet inevitable fact of life. The vast majority of airports around the world will suffer from weather-related delays from time to time. Airports located on islands tend to be more regularly affected by inclement weather than those on the mainland due to their isolated location. St Helena Airport is no different.

Due to the predominantly south-easterly wind direction and absence of any land between the Island and the African mainland, St Helena Island suffers from inclement weather more often, and is therefore susceptible to more delays to air travel. This page gives a brief explanation of how weather can affect flights to and from St Helena.

Location

St Helena is located in the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean. The nearest significant landmass is western Africa, some 1200 miles to the east. The nearest alternate airfield to St Helena is on Ascension Island, 700 miles to the north. Due to the predominantly south-easterly wind direction, this means that cold weather fronts and air masses can travel thousands of uninterrupted miles across the ocean before they reach St Helena.

Elevation

St Helena Airport is located about 1000ft above sea level. This means that it is more susceptible to low cloud bases. For example, London Heathrow is 83ft above sea level, meaning that a cloud base at 1000ft would give 917ft of visibility below it; the same cloud base at St Helena would be below the runway – a whiteout at the Airport!

The weather patterns at St Helena are such that low cloud is a common occurrence due to the lack of intervening land or high ground between the African coastline and the Island, and the elevation of the Airport.

Topography

Many airports are located on large flat areas, devoid of high terrain or surrounded by large areas of water. St Helena Airport has high terrain immediately to the north, south and west of its location, and is surrounded by water on three sides. This environment creates natural hazards that need to be managed in order to ensure flights operate as safely as possible. As such, aircraft due to arrive at St Helena Airport will not despatch until it is certain the weather conditions are such that these natural hazards are clearly visible to the pilots as they approach the Airport.

Navigation aids and instrument landing procedures

Many airports, including St Helena, have various navigation aids and landing systems installed to aid pilots to find them

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ASSI has approved St Helena Airport as a Class III airport with Visual Approach Rules only. Due to surrounding terrain, the rules for visual approach are very strict with a requirement of a cloud base of no lower than 900ft, this is if it is scattered clouds. If only 1/3 of sky is open then it will be 1500ft and a visibility of no less than 5,000 metres. Forecasting these conditions for a window of 4.5 hours at least six hours in advance is not an easy task and on most occasions where we have had delays the conditions for landing could not have been met upon arrival of the plane.

The consequences of not being able to land when the plane arrives are severe. Before the plane descend for landing at St Helena the pilot could decide to continue the flight to Ascension. It is highly unlikely that this would be a very popular option. What do you do with maybe 80 un-announced visitors on Ascension? They will have to stay on Ascension over night as the crew's permitted daily flight hours would have expired and the plane has to wait until the next day.

If the pilot decides to make an attempt to descend to St Helena but fails to land due to low clouds the prospects are even worse. He will not have enough fuel to ascend again to continue to Ascension but after circling and waiting for the clouds to lift for about two hours or so, the only option is to land in James' Bay with consequences we really do not want to talk about.

What we need to change the current situation is a reliable instrument landing system which can be approved by the regulator, ASSI.

Already in the feasibility study for the airport in 2005, the consultants, Atkins, wrote in their main report that "Without an instrument approach the provision of a viable air service is not possible". This was seven years before we started building the airport. They also said that "An approach would only offer a descent through cloud to a minimum height of some 600ft above aerodrome level and this might not result in an acceptable runway utilisation". Now we know that ASSI only approved a minimum cloud height of 900ft, this makes matters even worse.

In 2005 Atkins also said that "The correct alignment and location of the runway are critical in achieving an instrument approach that would give the required minimum descent height. This in turn limits the scope for selecting the optimum engineering solution for construction".

Most airports in world have some type of instrument landing system to assist the pilots landing during bad weather conditions over the runway. The most common system is simply called Instrument Landing System or ILS. There are three main categories of ILS, Cat I, II and III. The easiest one to achieve is CAT I, which would allow the plane to land when the cloud base is as low as 200ft (60mtrs). If this could be installed it would be a great help to airport operations.

An ILS system operates with a localizer which is telling the pilot the right horizontal approach to the runway and on glide-path indication, which gives the pilot the vertical approach angle.

and land safely. Some rely on ground-based equipment to emit signals which are then picked-up and processed by airborne aircraft; others rely on satellites and Global Positioning Systems (GPSs) to ensure aircraft can be accurately located in the air and guided safely to the ground.

Airports also publish procedures that advise pilots how to navigate and land safely – these are called Instrument Flight Procedures (IFPs). St Helena Airport uses a combination of navigation aids and IFPs to assist pilots, but fundamentally, pilots on final approach to the Airport need to see the runway well in advance of the wheels touching the ground.

The Airport's Regulator has set a minimum height of around 900ft above the Airport's elevation at which the pilot must be able to see the runway before they can make an attempt to land. That means that the cloud base needs to be around 1900ft above sea level (1000ft airport elevation + 900ft minimum height) to allow the pilot to see the runway. Given the low cloud bases experienced in St Helena, this can cause delays and cancellations to flights because the cloud base is forecasted to be too low (less than 1900ft above sea level) to see the runway.

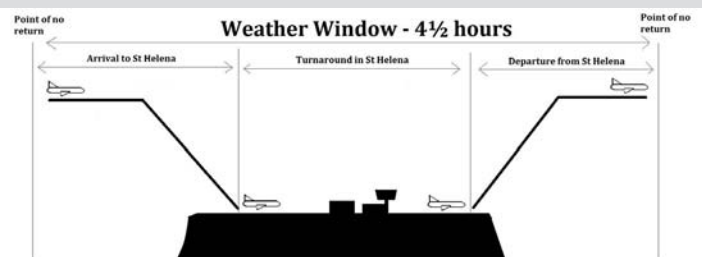
Visibilities need to be 4000 metres or more for a pilot to visually land on the airfield. This means that periods of drizzle, rain showers, fog and fog patches may reduce visibilities to values below this minimum operating threshold, and in fog, the visibility may be just a few hundred metres at times.

The Weather Window

Given the isolated location of the Island, it is essential that any flight coming to the Island can arrive and depart safely. Also, given that St Helena Airport is daylight-operations only, aircraft arriving and departing on the same day need assurance that they can do so. Furthermore, should a departure need to divert back due to an emergency, the weather needs to be within the operators despatch criteria, permitting the aircraft to return to the Island.

So in all, about 4½ hours of satisfactory weather is required to ensure safe air operations to and from St Helena. This is known as the weather window.

The diagram below shows the typical weather window required for the weekly scheduled flight from South Africa. This shows that the weather window starts just after the point of no return for the flight to the Island from Windhoek, continues through the arrival, turnaround and departure at St Helena Airport, and then finishes just at the point of no return for the flight back to Johannesburg. The "point of no return" is the point at which the aircraft has gone too far to be able to turn back to the airport it has just come from; in other words, the point at which the destination (or alternate) airport is nearer to the aircraft than the departure airport.

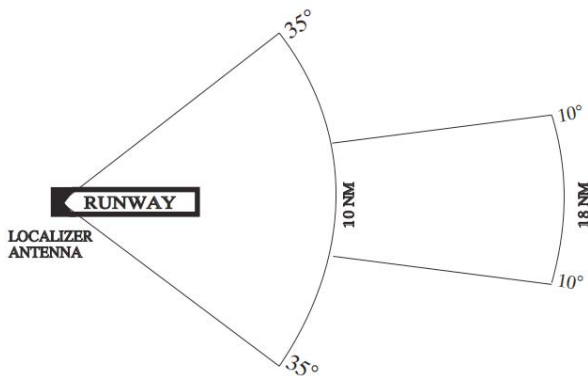


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An advanced ILS Cat-III could allow a plane to land in more or less any visibility conditions.

Unfortunately, due to the mountainous terrain in St Helena ILS cannot be certified for use on the Island. We do have a Localizer system on St Helena that is installed at an offset of 5 deg. This brings or assist the pilot with the approach at a 5 degree angle. This makes sure that he stays away from the Barn. Once he crosses the runway centreline he turns and lines up with the runway to make the visual landing. The biggest obstacle in the approach on runway 20 (from the north) is the Barn which is only a few degrees west of the plane's approach path. To use ILS ASSI would not allow any major obstacle closer than 35 degrees from the planes approach measured from the southern end of the airport. The runway alignment is far from being within the limits for the use of ILS. The reasons for these limits are several. Firstly, you do not want the plane to collide with the Barn, but also the huge obstacle the Barn represents can interrupt and distort the radio signals from the ground to the plane and mislead the instruments onboard the plane and thereby the pilot. This could obviously be detrimental for passengers and crew.



Recent months we have heard a lot about an approach/landing aid based on GPS signals called GBAS (Ground Based Augmentation System). The technical risk of implementing GBAS has delayed widespread acceptance of the technology as they have to "mitigate the impact of satellite signal deformation, ionosphere differential error, ephemeris error, and multipath." In simple terms it means that there is a risk that the satellite signal can drop out or be distorted during the approach of the plane, this is a particularly big risk over St Helena as the satellite coverage is very limited. St Helena Airport has a GBAS system installed, which could be used in bad weather conditions but, again the regulator ASSI, has decided not to approve its use. The Airport is currently been assisted by Air services Australia to get the GBAS approved. There is still a study that must take place on the effect / impact of the ionosphere on the reliability of the satellites. The study were done previously with only one base station recording data. This is not accurate enough and will be done with 3 -4 Base stations in the near future.

We know that this article is quite disappointing reading but it is the truth. As it stands at this moment instrument landing systems are not approved at St Helena Airport and we have to live with the weather problems we have.

Blowing up the Barn is not a viable solution and at this stage

Why doesn't St Helena Airport have a conventional Instrument Landing System?

Whilst St Helena has landing systems to aid pilots, it does not have a conventional array Instrument Landing System (ILS). This is a system that is located at one end of the runway and emits a beam down the runway and head-on to aircraft on final approach; the beam is then used to inform the pilot of the adjustments needed to stay on the ideal glide slope. So it will tell the pilot when they are too high or too low, and whether they are too far left or right of the beam. The pilot can then make adjustments to their flight path to stay on course.

In theory such a system would be beneficial to St Helena Airport – it would allow a lower minimum height at which the pilot needs to see the runway, and it would aid the guidance of aircraft down onto the ideal approach path. But given the aforementioned high terrain that is in the immediate vicinity of the Airport, the margin of safety is likely to be too small to permit the installation of an ILS i.e. a deviation of even one or two degrees from the beam would bring the aircraft too close to high terrain. That high terrain can also interrupt the emitted beam meaning it cannot be picked up by the approaching aircraft.

However, St Helena Airport Ltd in conjunction with St Helena Government and other stakeholders continue to evaluate various options in order to reduce weather-related delays. It is important to ensure that any additional aids installed at St Helena Airport are 100% accurate and 100% reliable, and as such work is ongoing to determine the best way forward.

change of the approach and runway alignment is not really feasible either.

We know that there is activity to find some kind of solution in the future but it might not be in the near future.

Conclusion

Without the success of the trials with multiple GBAS ground stations to enable landing in St Helena under cloudy conditions there is not much hope that the St Helena Airport will be viable, at least not using the current blueprint for tourism development.

It is astonishing that the people from DfID originally taking the lead of the airport project spent all their efforts into building an airstrip at as low cost as possible without having much thought about the viability of operating it. We can see that Atkins had grave concerns over building an airport without instrument landing systems in place but still the airport was built with an alignment which made it close to impossible to use technology available.

I guess that it did not make it any easier when environmentalists stopped the use of the Central Basin on Prosperous Bay Plane for runway construction. This severely limited the options for a viable runway alignment. Now we have to pay for all these mistakes in the past.

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In Memory of Saul Solomon

Walter Barshai, part time resident of St Helena and owner of Pleasant Valley has taken great interest in the history of Solomon & Co, especially its founder Saul Solomon, who started the company in 1790. Last week, Solomon's Board unveiled a picture, and plaque commemorating Saul Solomon. Walter should have been present but due to the cancelled flights he had to return home from Johannesburg without being able to attend the ceremony and read out his prepared speech.

From Mr Walter Barshai:

I'd like to welcome everybody to the presentation, and very sorry that I could not be present myself, due to the unforeseen circumstances with the flights.

I believe in fate. Saul Solomon did not come to St Helena on his free will, yet, he came here not against his will. Some of your ancestors came here on their own free will, some were brought here against it, yet, you're all here now on your free will, you're here out of love for the island, because of your believe in the future of St Helena; same as Saul Solomon did for the rest of his life, after arriving here, and being stranded in anticipation to die. He also stayed out of his love for the island, and even after his death while on a trip to England, his body was smuggled back by his daughter. I tend to believe, after reading about his life, that this was his dying wish, to be buried here. I believe in fate, and I believe in love at first sight, and I share this with you, with Saul Solomon, this love and appreciation of what St Helena has to offer.

Please let me read you a page below...

About the year 1796 a young Jew aged twenty landed at St. Helena from an East India Company ship. He was ill and supposed to be dying, but he rallied and eventually opened a business in the island where he was joined a few years later by his brother Joseph. These two young Jews, Saul and Joseph Solomon, established a business which remains at St. Helena to this day.

In 1806 Saul Solomon received a Hebrew Prayer Book by a store-ship from his dear mother. It is from this prayer-book that the date of Saul's birth – 1776 is taken.

All we know of their mother is that her name was Phoebe de Metz (1745-1834), the wife of Nathaniel Solomon, she was married at the age of 14, she lived in much competency in London, and to her care were sent two little grandsons (Henry & Saul) from St. Helena.

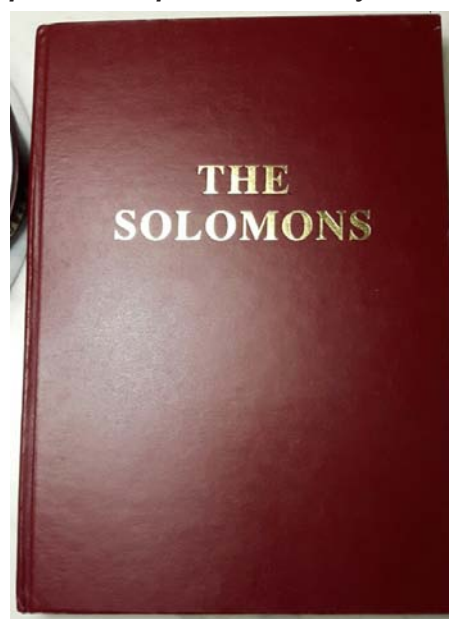
The business at St. Helena prospered in many ways due to the introduction to St. Helena of Napoleon after Waterloo, and to its being a port of call for the East India Company's ships both going to and returning from India. In later years Saul Solomon was known as the "Merchant King of St Helena".

During Saul's business career, ships increased from about 150 to over a thousand a year, St. Helena became a haven for American whalers and a base for the Royal Navy's anti-slavery squadron, with a Vice-Admiralty Court condemning slavers and unseaworthy vessels to the benefit of Jamestown's ship chandlers.



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The historical book

In Memory of Saul Solomon

Solomon had funds for speculation when it mattered, which perhaps explains partners such as Dickson and Taylor, George Janisch of Teutonic Hall, and Robert Morrison, who had the fact inscribed on his grave in 1865. (Daniel Hamilton's memorial in 1867 also records service to the Company). But when calamity fell, like the collapse of the St. Helena Whale Fishery Co., it was rivals, Thomas Baker, John Scott and others, who lost, not Solomon, Gideon or Moss. Ironically, forty years later his successors ignored, or were ignorant of, this experience and made a disastrous investment in the Island whaler, Elizabeth. If Saul speculated unwisely, it has yet to be discovered. At the watershed of St. Helena history - the Island's transfer from the Company to the Crown in 1836 - he was again among the winners, as old Company-landed families sold out at great loss, while merchants took their pickings and prospered.

Saul was no less skillful in climbing the social ladder as the Napoleonic era receded. Despite being 'in trade', which normally put one beyond the pale of polite society, he and his partners were invited to sit with 'gentlemen' on various committees - Benefit, Benevolent, Fire and those of other social welfare societies. Solomon, Gideon and Moss virtually ran the Annuity Fund Committee. Indicators abound of rising social status. In 1823 Saul's daughter Phoebe married Capt. T.M. Hunter of the St. Helena Artillery; in 1838 his son Henry (1806-1847) became Colonial Surgeon and Health Officer, whose widow married Governor Sir Patrick Ross; they were leading Freemasons, churchwardens and JPs. For 50 years they almost monopolized the prestigious post of Sheriff ("no salary") through Saul Solomon (1839-42, 1846-50), Lewis Gideon [who changed his name from Solomon] (1842-4, 1852-6), Nathaniel Solomon (1850-52, 1859-60), George Moss (1870-80) and Saul Solomon, jun. (1880-88).

From notes by Mary Brown, daughter of Henry Solomon (1816-1900) born in St Helena.

In short, during the founder's lifetime, Solomon & Co. became pillars of the Establishment and of the Church, to be symbolized finally by Humfrey Welby Solomon (1877-1960), grandson of Bishop Welby, Churchwarden and Member of Council (from 1898), commercial and social Island Supremo - "King Sol". His death on 30 October 1960 at 83 ended the Solomon dynasty at St. Helena, and in 1974 the firm, dominating Island production and commerce, was 'nationalized' by the St. Helena Government.

I'm in touch with Saul Solomon's descendants in Cape Town and Johannesburg and received their approval of the likeness of the painting I'm presenting to you today. I also obtained a book "The Solomons" by Saul's descendant, Richard Allen Solomon, who spent 25 years writing this book; I would also like to present a copy of the book to you, it is being sent to St Helena, and will arrive shortly. Saul Solomon was loved by the people of St Helena, for his kindness and charitable nature. He was presented with a walking stick with a golden top by the people, with a simple inscription: "To Saul Solomon from the people of St Helena." This stick is with his descendant, Richard Solomon, in Johannesburg.

I'm very proud and humbled to be able to contribute something to the company that great Saul Solomon founded so



Solomon's board members in front of the picture of Saul Solomon



Phoebe, wife of Nathaniel Solomon, of Kent, England

Saul's mother Phoebe

long ago, and it is through his vision, Solomon & Company still dominates and impacts everybody's life on St Helena. Without this man, the island would not be as we know it today.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to present this painting to your esteemed establishment.

(unveiling of the painting)

Sugar and Slavery

Way back in the 1960's that lovely sweet stuff called sugar enjoyed a far easier time than it does today. 'Just a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down' was a famous song from the musical Mary Poppins. Everybody agreed. A now long forgotten pop group, The Archies, had a hit with a song called *Sugar Sugar*. The chorus went like this: 'Sugar, ah honey honey, you are my candy girl, and you've got me wanting you'. That sweet girl of the 1960's would be seen my many as positively poisonous today.

In addition to the bad reputation sugar has today for everybody's health there is a darker side to this oh-so-sweet food additive. Sugar production was a main reason for the expansion of the Atlantic slave trade in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. One million Africans were taken to Barbados and Jamaica alone to work on sugar plantations between 1701 and 1810. At that time sugar was produced on most Caribbean islands, meaning the total number of slaves taken in chains to the Caribbean sugar plantations is estimated to have been around 9 million; 2 million more died during the journey.

Slavery was the main reason for the expansion of sugar production and the reason why it is now all too common in the food we eat today. Between 1650 and 1800 each man, woman and child in Western Europe increased their consumption of sugar by a stupendous twenty-five times. Most of the rest of the world increased their daily intake soon after. As one history on sugar and slavery describes it, "The labour of enslaved Africans was integral to the cultivation of the cane and the production of sugar. Slaves toiled in the fields and the boiling houses, supplying the huge amounts of labour that sugar required."

Many will argue there is different type of 'slavery' today where food manufacturers are happy to get us all hooked on sugar.



A print dated 1823 giving a sanitised view of slaves cutting sugar cane

Today sugar satisfies the sweet tooth we have inherited from past generations when sugar and slavery went hand-in-hand. For food manufacturers sugar lengthens the shelf life of a wide range of foods. Supposedly healthy foods such as yoghurt, granola bars and fruit flavoured water are often pumped up with sugar. The shelf life of bread, breakfast cereal and tinned foods are extended in the very same way. There can be as much sugar as anyone's body ever needs in one day in just one pizza. Any sugar consumed which is more than the body needs is converted by the body to fat and most of that fat is stored around the body.

Maybe those slaves in the Caribbean who lived a miserable existence over three centuries are now getting their own back? The result of their sweat, blood, misery and deaths means for us an increased chance of liver and heart disease, weight gain and no teeth if we consume too much of what they toiled away at producing.



Vacancies - Customer Service Assistants – NAAFI Falkland Islands

We have vacancies for two CSA to work within our retail and leisure establishments at MPC.

Hours of work are 60 per week and shift timings will include split shifts, unsociable hours & weekends.

The successful candidates should have excellent customer service skills, be reliable and trustworthy, able to use their own initiative, be flexible and willing to learn, and of sober habits. Full on-job training will be given

The successful persons will need to undergo medical, dental and security checks prior to start of employment.

For further information, terms & conditions, and an application form please contact Delemaire Hopkins on email dhopkins@naafi.co.uk

INITIAL POLICE TRAINING WEEK FIVE

After a rather quiet weekend on patrol, week five of the seven-week Initial Police Training course got underway with the students having a recap of some useful legal definitions.

Tuesday saw a full day of Personal Protection Training where the students were put through their paces practising baton strikes, handcuffing, and some unarmed manoeuvres.

On Wednesday the students started to put all their training together with a scenario of dealing with an incident, escorting the suspect to custody, booking them in and then searching the property looking for stolen/prohibited articles. Once they found the items, they were exhibited, bagged and tagged.

An Open Day was held on Thursday at Police Headquarters, Coleman House, in Jamestown, by the students. This attracted many children from the Island's schools as well as members of the public. Visitors were able to experience the 'drunk' goggles, have their photograph taken in the 'photo booth,' have their fingerprints taken, and even explore a 'crime scene.' They were also able to have a go using a practice baton against PC Sebastian Williams, much to the excitement of the younger school children.

The Open Day was a fine example of teamwork and Community Policing by the students, with a special mention to PC Wendy Van Rensburg for demonstrating her organisational skills.

The students now move into their final two weeks of training.

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27 November 2018



School children using a practice baton against PC Sebastian Williams at the Open Day



The students, tutors, and Chief of Police during the Open Day



PC Sebastian Williams and Firearms & Procurement Officer, Garry Henry

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD TIP OF THE WEEK

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Sharon Wade

Samara Thomas of Ruperts Valley is currently in the middle of an Art Exhibition at the St Helena Museum in Jamestown. Samara opened her Exhibition last Friday 16th November to a gathering of family, friends and members of the community who wished to view her work.

A beautiful selection of canvas paintings adorned the walls of the Art Gallery at the Museum with the focus on various subjects. There were flowers, fish and birds all portrayed in various styles of painting. Those that grabbed striking attention, were a blue monotint of a whale shark, an interesting concept of a whale coming up to the surface of the sea for air, and a beautiful Wirebird set against a brilliant green background. Samara, who is a fellow presenter at Saint FM, started painting when she was 13 years old, but when the opportunity to work in radio arose, she put her painting on hold for a while. In 2009 Samara travelled to Cape Town for her medical condition and on her return she met Art Teachers Karl and Jenny at SHAPE. Karl & Jenny who were from the USA, inspired a lot of enthusiasm in Samara who decided then that Art was her passion, and she has been painting almost every day since. Samara's art was displayed loosely in the order of completion dates and her progress was evident in each piece, to end with a canvas that could be described as being centred on a burst of white light, quite like her success if it could be captured in paints....

In her exhibition flyer, Samara thanked Mrs Brenda Moors who taught her art at the CCC, Heidemarie Hamm, who gave her time and guidance in presenting her collection, and the Arts & Crafts Group for their support.

All at the Independent and Saint FM would like to wish Samara every success with her artistic talent and look forward to seeing more of her work in the future.



At the Exhibition: Above are Grandma and Grandpa, Sibyl and Terrence Thomas together with Samara





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Interested persons should submit their Expressions of Interest and a CV to Josephine George, Managing Director, by email managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com or in person at Bank of St Helena Office in Market Street, Jamestown.

Closing date for Expressions of Interest is Friday, 07 December 2018

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VACANCY FOR MANAGER OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

The Governor's Office has a vacancy for the post of Manager of Governor's Office.

The post holder will be a part of a small team working in the Governor's Office and will play a crucial role in supporting the Head of Governor's Office with the day to day management of the office. The post holder will be expected to work closely with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, SHG officials and a wide range of persons across the island.

Roles and responsibilities includes:

- Finance and budgeting – Administration of the Local Budget and finances including drafting of the budget; processing all account payments; compilation of Post's Manual Account; processing other FCO project payments, as necessary;
- General administration - Including managing leave and travel claims for FCO personnel; making travel arrangements for FCO staff; managing FCO shared area;
- Political and Consular - Provide consular support, eg supporting with official functions hosted by the Governor; Liaison Officer for visits from British, foreign, civilian and naval vessels; Liaison officer for FCO Administrators on Ascension and Tristan da Cunha; Manage and maintain programmes for visiting FCO and other FCO sponsored personnel;
- Operational – Manage all estates occupied by FCO; diplomatic mail; Management of all biometric applications;
- Oversee all Honours submissions;
- Programme Manager for the Chevening Programme.



For further details about the post, including essential and desirable qualifications, salary, and required competencies, and to apply, please visit: <https://fco.tal.net/vx/appcentre-ext/brand-2/candidate/so/pm/4/pl/1/opp/7773-Manager-of-Governor-s-Office/en-GB>

For more information, please contact either the current post holder, Sandra Sim, on tel: (290) 22308 email: Sandra.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh or Head of Governor's Office, Louise Macmorran, on tel: (290) 22869 email: Louise.Macmorran@fco.gov.uk.

Applications close on **5 December 2018**

Governor's Office 28 November 2018



Vacancy – Internal Auditor

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has a vacancy for an Internal Auditor to work on a part time basis for 30 hours per month. The Internal Auditor will provide independent assurances of the effectiveness of the Company's risk management, governance and internal control processes in accordance with international standards and best practices.

Duties Include:

Compilation and implementation of the annual Internal Audit Plan; performing audit checks across a range of business activities and follow up actions; monitoring of internal control systems and recommendations on improvements; monitoring and assessing compliance with Company policies and procedures; identifying risks and providing analysis and advice to management; reporting regularly to the Connect Saint Helena Ltd Audit and Risk Committee.

The successful candidate will:

Have at least 3 years Senior Internal Audit experience with sound commercial awareness; possess good problem identification and solution skills; be highly organised and able to work independently and an effective communicator able to present complex financial information to a wide ranging audience.

Experience in using Access Dimensions or similar accounting software is also essential to the role.

Full Membership of an Accountancy body is preferred but not essential.

For a full job description and application form, please contact Kerry Lane on 22255 or email kerry.lane@connect.co.sh. Completed application forms should be sent to Kerry at the above email address or delivered to the Connect Saint Helena Ltd Administrator Office at Seales Corner, Jamestown by 12:00 noon on Friday 14th December 2018.



Vacancy Finance Co-ordinator



Enterprise St Helena is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced individual to work within the finance department.

Reporting to the Director of Resources, the successful candidate will be responsible for co-ordinating financial administration services within the department in order to contribute to the management of finances. This will be achieved through maintaining the accounting records of the Enterprise in line with accepted accounting standards and preparation of various reports to the organisations stakeholders.

The successful applicant must have a finance background with demonstrable relevant experience, AAT or any financial qualification with strong administration skills and a very good eye for detail.

A copy of the Terms of Reference and an application form can be obtained via email or collected from the Enterprise St Helena Office at Ladder Hill Business Park. Completed application forms should be submitted to the HR and Administration Manager, Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill Business Park by no later than close of business on Monday 3rd December 2018.



For further information please contact: **Michielle Yon, Director of Resources** on telephone number **22920** or email **Michielle.yon@esh.co.sh**

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Job Vacancy

HR & FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Sure SA Ltd is seeking to recruit a skilled and professional individual to be responsible for the local HR function and provide operational support to the Finance department.

The role requires a dynamic person with a strong personality, drive, tact and discretion. Applicants will ideally hold a relevant qualification and applicable experience; possess a high level of communication and interpersonal skills, competent in Microsoft office; have commercial awareness and be self motivated.

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

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Salary for post can be discussed with HR & Admin Manager.

The successful candidate will be expected to serve a 6 month probationary period.

Further information regarding the responsibilities of the post may be discussed with Shara Robinson, HR & Admin Manager on Tel no: +290 22800 or E: HR-Admin.Manager@sure.co.sh An application form and copy of the Job Description may be obtained from Bishops Rooms or on the above contact details.

Applications should be submitted to Human Resources and Administration Manager, Sure South Atlantic Limited, Bishops Rooms, Jamestown by **4pm on Monday 3 December 2018**.

Vacancy - Electrician Ascension Island

Ref SS27281

3 months Fixed Term Contract

Interserve Defence Ltd is recruiting an Electrician to work on the Ascension Island Base for a 3 month period.

The contract will commence 12 January 2019 and end 14 April 2019. Interserve will pay a competitive salary, provide single living accommodation, meals at the mess and work clothing.

The successful applicant will be required to install new LED lighting throughout the base.

We are looking for a person mature in attitude, flexible, reliable and self-motivated; have an open approach and will pass on their knowledge, experience and show a willingness to assist others. They will be capable of obtaining MOD basic level security clearance, a Visa from the Ascension Island Government and must be declared medically and dentally fit to work on Ascension through Interserve's Company doctor.

Interested persons should submit CV to apply or contact Theresa.Corker-Coleman@interserve.mod.uk for further information, tel 00247 63400 or 66339.

Closing date is Monday 3rd December 2018.

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**ASCENSION ISLAND
GOVERNMENT**

**We are looking for a Coxswain / Stevedore to work
as part of the Marine Team on Ascension Island**

The Ascension Island Government is currently looking for a Coxswain / Stevedore. Working as part of the Marine Team, you will be responsible for operating and maintaining all marine craft and equipment used in marine operations. You will be required to undertake a wide range of metal fabrication work and to liaise with other Team Leaders to assist with other work when required to do so. This role also performs Stevedore duties, which involves working a 12-hour shift and at times, weekends (approximately 14 ships per year).

You will be joining AIG at an exciting time as we prepare for major infrastructure projects and seek to develop and improve our marine operations. You must be flexible to meet the demands of delivering an exceptional marine operations service to Ascension Island users and be willing to learn and develop professionally.

We are offering a two year contract with a salary of £8,400 and a benefits package of:

- 37.5 hour working week
- Rent free accommodation (including electricity and water allowances)
- Annual food allowance (£3,089)
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- Relocation package
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- Gratuity payable on completion of two years
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays) each year

This appointment will be subject to:

- Employment References
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- Basic Criminal Records Check

Closing Date: Sunday 09 December (midnight)

Interviews will be carried out via Skype or teleconference

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HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS – GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Health Directorate is seeking to recruit Health Care Assistants to work at the General Hospital. The successful applicants will be responsible for assisting in the provision of care in the hospital nursing service.

Essential qualifications required for this post are GCSE in English and Maths at Grade C or above. An NVQ level 2 in Care, or a willingness to obtain qualification is also desirable.

Salary for the post is at Grade B1 commencing at £6,722 per annum. However, staff will qualify for a competency based salary enhancement when they are able to successfully and consistently demonstrate competency in accordance with the competency levels relevant to their post. The competency based salary enhancement is pensionable and the post of Health Care Assistant has been mapped to competency level 1a, £8,067 per annum.

All appointees 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.

Interested persons requiring further details regarding this post can contact Mrs Lisa Niemand, Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone no 22500 or email lisa.niemand@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and a job profile, which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable to Miss Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate or email madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by Tuesday, 11 December 2018

Akeem Ali (Dr)

Director 27 November 2018

Health Directorate



INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO BECOME A NURSE?

St Helena Health Service requires more qualified nurses and would like to encourage individuals in the community to undertake formal nurse education (BSc Nursing). We would like to support Saints thinking of training to become nurses and would like to hear from interested persons.

Are you thinking about becoming a nurse?

We would like to hear from any persons who are interested in training to become a nurse.

Please forward an expression of interest in writing to Miss Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate or email madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh, by Wednesday, 21st December 2018.

We will then arrange informal meetings to discuss individual circumstances, education and experience and the ability to go overseas for all or some parts of the training.

Dr Akeem Ali

Director, Health 27 November 2018



VACANCY – **LOBSTER FISHERY FIELD WORKER ASSISTANT**

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate has a vacancy for a part time Lobster Fishery Field Worker Assistant under the Darwin Project. Hours are flexible and can be negotiated. The contract will start in February 2019 for the duration of 12 months initially and may be extended for another 6 months.

The successful candidate will support the Project particularly assisting with the habitat and abundance survey data collection, recording of biometric data, tag and release programme, acoustic array installation and acoustic transmitter deployment.

The successful candidate must be able to demonstrate good written English, basic mathematic skills and have an understanding of environmental science. They must be able to drive and be a qualified scuba diver to a minimum PADI Advanced level or equivalent. Proficient IT skills – Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and Access is also a requirement.

Salary for the post is at £8,613 per annum however, this will be paid on a prorata basis depending on the number of days worked per week.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Dr Ralf Bublitz, Lobster Project Officer on telephone number 22270 (or e-mail ralf.bublitz@enrd.gov.sh).

Application forms and Job profiles are available from Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, or e-mail karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 12th December 2018.

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

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Derek Henry

Director of Environment and Natural Resources Division

26 November 2018



VACANCY FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ suitably qualified Teachers to work in the Primary Sector. The successful applicants will be required to teach all subjects across the primary curriculum.

Applicants must have qualified teaching status and recent experience in teaching would be advantageous. The ideal candidate must be self motivated and have good interpersonal skills.

Salary for the post is based on qualifications. The salary band for teachers on the Directorate's Scheme of Service ranges from £10,550 - £18,114 per annum. Opportunities are available for career progression.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs. Wendy Benjamin, Assistant Director Schools, on telephone number 22706 or e-mail wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh



Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Acting Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Tuesday, 11 December 2018.

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Mrs. Wendy Benjamin, Acting Director of Education & Employment, 29 November 2018

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES IN THE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT DIRECTORATE

The Education and Employment Directorate is urgently seeking interest from persons who are able to offer contractual services for approximately 6 weeks as a Food Technology Technician within the Secondary sector. This contract for services is being advertised locally.

The rate payable will be at £5.16 per hour.

Applicants should ideally have GCSEs in English and Maths at Grade C or above or equivalent qualification. Recent and relevant work experience would be desirable. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, have good interpersonal skills and a sense of humor.

For further details and a list of duties, interested persons can contact Mrs Linda Yon, Subject Leader – Food Technology, Prince Andrew School on telephone no 24290 or email linday@princeandrew.edu.sh

Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Acting Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 04 December 2018.

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The successful candidate must be able to work as part of a team but also be able to undertake tasks unsupervised and to deadlines.

Benefits include an annual bonus scheme, membership of the Falkland Islands Pension Scheme with a Company contribution paid for you.

Rates of pay shall be based on qualifications and experience.

Applicant must be of clean sober habits.

Timmy Francis Manager Turbo Tim @ Falklands 4x4 will be on St Helena from the 8th December 2018 and can be contacted on 00290 22124. He will be happy to meet with anyone interested in the above post.

Interested persons can also email turbo.timfalklands4x4@fic.co.fk before the 1st December 2018 to show your interest or to arrange a meeting upon Mr Francis's arrival in St Helena.

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

The only live Football I saw last weekend was the Spurs V Chelsea match. Spurs performance was possibly the performance of the weekend and in their player 'Son' he put in the best individual performance.

Pochettino's men produced a terrific performance to move above Chelsea in the table to third, five points behind unbeaten leaders Manchester City, while their opponents drop to fourth. Spurs deservedly scored two goals in the first 16 minutes through midfielder Dele Alli's flicked header from Christian Eriksen's cross, and Harry Kane firing in a drive from long range.

Son Heung-min had struck straight at goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga when through on goal and had a volley pushed away before scoring a brilliant goal in the second half.

The South Korea forward picked the ball up on the halfway line, outpaced Jorginho and darted past David Luiz before coolly rolling the ball into the net. Son Heung-min's strike was his 50th goal for Tottenham in 154 appearances for the club.

Although Man City's manager said his team was quite lucky and nowhere near their best; they did put 4 goals past West Ham. The game was over by half time after Silva; Sterling and Kane had scored, so they could be forgiven to have ease off in the second half. This is City's 8th consecutive win and they remain 2 points clear at the top.

Liverpool's unbeaten run continues as they beat Watford 3-0. It was quite a frustrating game for the Reds. But once Salah scored in the 67th minute there was only going to be one winner.

Alexander-Arnold scored a spectacular free kick to put Liverpool 2 nil up and despite Henderson being shown a red card with 8 minutes left Firmino scored in the last minute to complete a satisfying afternoon for Liverpool fans.

Whilst Liverpool fans are satisfied with their teams' performance this season the same can't be said about Manchester United fans as they had to indulge another frustrating afternoon of Football. Manager Jose Mourinho has accused his players of not showing "enough heart" after they limped to a goalless draw at home to Crystal Palace. Romelu Lukaku had an attempt ruled out for offside and another kept out by Wayne Hennessey, who also produced smart saves to deny Jesse Lingard.

But Palace, without a win in their previous seven league games and one point above the bottom three, created several chances as they tried to secure a first league win at Old Trafford since 1989.

Patrick van Aanholt twice went close, Andros Townsend blazed wide and a header by Cheikhou Kouyate was also disallowed for offside.

In other matches on Saturday Fulham came from a goal down to beat fellow strugglers Southampton 3-2; Everton beat Cardiff 1-0 and Leicester who was reduced to 10 men after just 28 minutes scored a later equaliser to draw 1-1 with Brighton.

Arsenal faced a tricky match away at Bournemouth by manage to extend their unbeaten run of 17 games in all competitions as they recorded a 2-1 win. Lerma's own goal and Aubameyang's eighth strike of the season secured their fourth Premier League away win of the campaign - equalling their tally for the whole of last season - and moved them to within

one point of the top four.

Huddersfield picked up a surprise win away at Wolves. Aaron Mooy scored twice to move the terriers up to 14th place.

Newcastle recorded their 3rd consecutive win as they defeated Burnley 2-1. This win put Newcastle in 13th place 4 points clear of the relegation zone.

Friday night EPL football will return to our screens as Cardiff and Wolves kick off this round of fixtures.

The 3pm games on Saturday will see Crystal Palace play Burnley in a must win game for both teams; Huddersfield face Brighton at home, Leicester will play Watford, Man City should pick up all the points against Bournemouth and Newcastle will play West Ham. In the late game on Saturday Manchester United will travel south to play Southampton.

It is derby day on Sunday as Chelsea play Fulham; Arsenal play Spurs and Liverpool host Everton.

There is also a full round of Premier League fixtures next Tuesday and Wednesday. The pick of the games is possibly the game at Old Trafford as United host Arsenal at 8pm on Wednesday.

It was mix fortunes for EPL teams in the Champion's League. Man City drew with Lyon 2-2 a result that saw them qualify for the knock out stages. Man United was unconvincing in their match with Young Boys but a late goal by Fellaini saw them qualify as well. Spurs beat Inter 1-0 and remain with a hope of qualifying they must beat Barcelona away in two weeks' time though. Liverpool's qualification for the next round also hangs in the balance as they loss 2-1 away at PSG. Liverpool will need to win at home against group leaders Napoli.

SHFA Results & Fixtures

SHFA Knock Out Cup Quarter Finals kicked off with a match between the Axis and the Saints. The first half finished goalless despite both sides having chances and the Saint's missing a penalty. 32 minutes into the second half Rico Williams scored with a dipping shot into the top corner. With seconds to go in the game the Saint's equalised from a corner that was bundled over the line. So to extra time, a mistake by the Saint's defence allowed Vontray in to score only for the saint's to equalise with 7 minutes of extra time to go. Jeff Ellick scored with a header from an in swinging corner. It was now down to the lottery of penalties. The first 6 was scored; Brooks missed for the Saint's. David Young scored the winning penalty against his Dad Peter to give the Axis a 5-4 win.

Match Result:

Axis 2 v Saints2 (Axis win on penalties after Extra Time)

G/S Axis: Rico Williams & Vontray Thomas

G/S Saints: Nick Stevens & Jeff Ellick

Penalty scorers for Axis: Rico Williams; Matthais Young, Rhys Francis, Korben Minto & David Young

Penalty Scorers for Saints: Nick Stevens; Phillip Isaac, Tristain Hudson & Jeff Ellick.

Man of the Match: Jae Jae Buckley & YMOM: Matthais Young.



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

The second match saw the Hart's win comfortably against the Chop Shop Boys. Harts scored 11 goals to the Chop Shop Boys 1

Match Result: Harts 11 v Chop Shop 1

G/S Harts: Shane Stroud 2; Sean Lee Thomas 3, Andrew Yon 3, Selwyn Stroud 1, Ryan George 1 & Joey Thomas 1

G/S Chop Shop Boys: Clayton Yon

MOM: Shane Stroud

The first game of Sunday saw the Rovers ran out 6-1 winners against the Wolves.

G/S Rovers: Ronan Legg 2; Rico Benjamin 1, Brett Isaac 2 & Tyler Benjamin 1

G/S Wolves: Cody Thomas

MOM: Tyler Benjamin & YMOM: Brett Isaac

The final game saw the Bellboys beat the Crusaders 5-0. Credit to the Crusaders as they started the match with 10 men; and through injury then played the rest of the match with 9 players.

Match Result: Bellboys 5 v Crusaders 0

G/S Bellboys: Tyler Brady 2; Corey Scipio 1, Rick Joshua 1 & Jordan Yon 1

MOM: Ryan Benjamin

The draw for the Semi Final was made and stands as:

Sunday 2nd December:

1pm Rovers v Bellboys Referee: Denis Leo

3pm: Harts v Axis Referee: Anelka Leo

Junior football Results and Fixtures

9 aside League:

Young Harts 13 v Yellow Devils 2

G/S Young Harts: Kenon Bargo 5; Jaydee Caswell 5, Micadean

Crowley 2, Kieran Williams 1, Luke Ansell 1 & Travis Yon 1
G/S Yellow Devils: Harry Winfield 1 &

Aden Thomas-Stevens 1

POM: Kenon Bargo; Jaydee Caswell, Zac Francis and Kirk Lawrence

Dream Team 8 v Jungle Rangers 3

G/S Dream team: Taylon Phillips 1; Blake Peters 3, Lars Williams 2 & Dominic Richards 2

G/S Jungle Rangers: Toure Osborne 1 & Blaze Baldwin 2

POM: Dominic Richards & Blaze Baldwin

11 aside:

Chop Shop Boys 7 v Rangers 4

G/S CSB: Ethan Harris 3; Ethan Johnson 3 & Jerome Peters 1

G/S Rangers: Renae 1; Jolan Henry 1, Annika Lawrence 1 & Colby Richards 1

POM: Ethan Johnson & Jolan Henry

Fixtures: 7-11 years

Futsal Knock Out Semi Finals:

9.30am Young Harts v Yellow Devils

Ref: Nick Stevens

10.30am Dream team v Jungle Rangers

Ref: Christian George

Futsal Knock Out Semi Finals: 11-15 years

9.30am: Chop Shop Boys v Rangers

Ref: Alex Langham

10.30am: Titans' v Allstars

Ref: Clayton Benjamin



GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 25th November 2018- Monthly medal - November competition

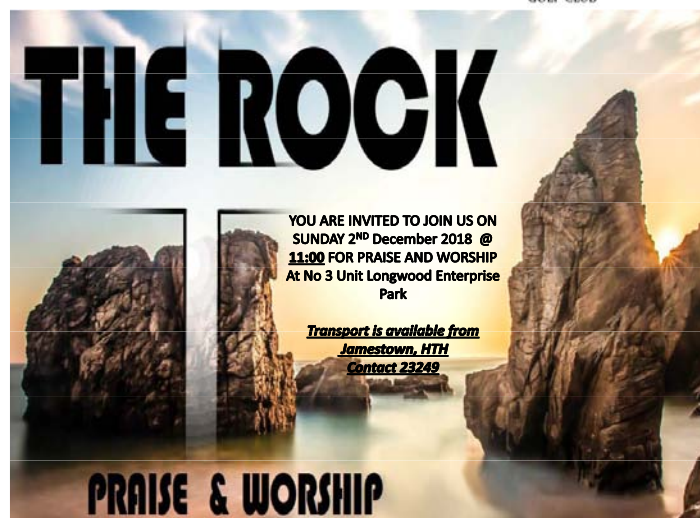
On Sunday the 25th November 2018 the club hosted our monthly medal competition for the month of November. Weather turned out to be a perfect day for playing golf with a mild wind. 17 players turned out for the competition. The competition was played in the Stroke play format and kicked off at 9h00 a.m. Two players were tied in second place with a Nett score of 68, and after count back Leon Crowie was awarded with the second place. The first place with Nett 65 went to Bramwell Bushuru. Leon Crowie also walked away as the winner in the two ball competition. Well done to all the winners.

Next Sunday 2nd December the club will host another "Turkey and Ham" competition, with tee off times starting from 12h00. A number of members have already registered. If you haven't registered and would like to play please leave a message on 24421, or drop a message to our Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh. We look forward to seeing you on the course. The golf club is also hosting a social evening on Friday 30th

November starting at 7 pm. It will be in a bring and share format. All members are invited. Bring a plate of eats, and come and enjoy the evening with us. Music will be provided and as usual our bar will be open.

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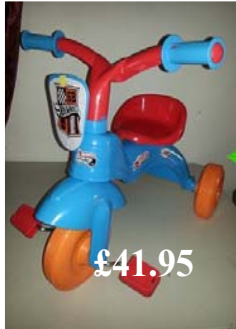
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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR PROPOSED GOVERNMENT LANDLORD HOUSE

The Environment & Natural Recourses Directorate is seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced persons to tender for a Government Landlord House (GLH) build at HTH.

The Tender for a 2 bed bungalow will be divided into traditional Blockwork Construction or a Steel Frame Design and Build.

Interested persons will be provided with a Tender Pack. For further details, interested persons should contact Mr. Chris Peters, Civil Engineer, (email chris.peters@enrd.gov.sh) or telephone 22270.

Interested persons may submit their expression of interest by email to tiffany-lawrence@enrd.gov.sh or in a sealed envelope, titled 'ENRD-0181-SHG' and placed in the Tender Box, located at the Essex House, Jamestown by no later than, Monday 3rd December 2018.

Mr. Derek Henry

Director of Environment & Natural Recourses
21st November 2018

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – Provision of Ferry Service

Reference: CS-0187-SHG

The St Helena Government is seeking Request for Proposals for the Provision of Ferry Service.

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

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

Any questions in the interim should be addressed to Procurement Services for the attention of Christy Joshua, Procurement Officer on telephone number 22470 or alternatively email address - christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

The deadline for submissions is 12.00 GMT on Thursday, 20 December 2018.

SHG

Bank of St Helena Youth Games 2018

The 2018 Bank of St Helena Young Games is in full swing. Once again it is great to see so many youngsters taking part. Medal results so far:

Volleyball sponsored by Queen Mary Stores:

Gold Medal Longwood/Levelwood & Alarm Forest (Joey Thomas; Matthias Young, Colby Thomas, Blaine Josua, Alaina Crowie & Courtney Green)

Silver Medal: Jamestown/Blue Hill/Sandy Bay (Trystan Thomas, Vontray Thomas, Rieedwaan Richards, Rebecca Young, Christo Crowie & Ma-Kyle Fuller)

Bronze Medal St Paul's (Jia Peters; Brandon Harris, Christopher Herne, Danni Thomas, Danielle Benjamin, Cerys Joshua, Latisha Fowler & Sean Cansick)

Basketball Sponsored by A&D's

Gold Medal: Longwood? Alarm Forest (Joey Thomas; Matthias Young, Colby Thomas, Blaine Joshua, & Courtney Green)

Silver Medal: St Paul's: (Jia Peters; Brandon Harris, Christopher Herne, Danni Thomas, Latisha Fowler & Sean Cansick)

Bronze Medal: Jamestown (Trystan Thomas, Andreas Caesar, Rieedwaan Richards, Rebecca Young, Christo Crowie, Aiden Yon-Stevens & Ma-Kyle Fuller)

Badminton sponsored by Wendy Benjamin

Boys Singles:

Gold Medal: Matthais Young LLA

Silver Medal: Thomas Hickling LLA

Bronze Medal: Luke Bowers JBS

Girls Singles:

Gold Medal: Danni Thomas SP

Silver Medal: Rebecca Young JBS

Bronze Medal: Danielle Benjamin SP



Doubles:

Gold: Matthais Young & Colby Thomas LLA

Silver: Luke Bowers & Rieedwaan Richards JBS

Bronze: Thomas Hickling & Scott Thomas LLA

Football Sponsored by SHFA

Gold Medal: St Paul's: (Jia Peters; Brandon Harris, Sean Cansick, Christopher Herne & Christian George)

Silver Medal: Jamestown (Brett Isaac; Aiden Yon-Stevens, David Young, Christo Crowie, Trystan Thomas, Owen Richards, Ma-Kyle Fuller & Vontray Thomas)

Bronze Medal Longwood (Joey Thomas, Matthais Young, Sean Lee Thomas, Blaine Joshua & Colby Thomas)



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Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday 5th December 2018 at
St Paul's Cathedral -Advent
Service at 7 pm

Thursday, 13th December 2018
Come along and join in the fun &
festive Christmas Parade, dance
through the streets of Jamestown
with St Paul's Primary School!
Leaving from the hospital at 11.15am.

Enjoy a session of Christmas songs
outside the Canister on Friday 14th
December with our school choir

Proceeds towards PTA funds.



Lt. Coral and all at the Salvation Army warmly invite you to join them for Christmas carols at the following venues:

Sunday 2nd December - Half Tree Hollow Army Hall at 6.30pm. Tea and refreshments will follow this service.

Thursday 6th December - Sandy Bay Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Saturday 15th December – Open Air on the Bridge Jamestown at 7pm.

Sunday 16th December – Rosemary Plain at 4pm.

Tuesday 18th December – St Michael's Church Ruperts at 7.30pm

Thursday 20th December – St Mark's Hall at 7.30pm.

Sunday 23rd December – Court House steps Grand Parade at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 25th December – CHRISTMAS DAY service at the HTH Hall at 10am. Come and join the celebrations with Christmas cake and mince pies.

*God bless you all as you join with us and share in this very special time of the year.
We look forward to seeing you.*



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend.

Friday open from 4.00pm till late mix tunes from the bar .

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

Sunday open from 5.00 to 8.00pm.

Sandy Bay Community Centre


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From 8.00pm – 1.30am
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December 18

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EXCO REPORT – TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2018

Executive Council met today with two items on the open agenda. The first item concerned the draft Primary and Secondary Legislative Programmes. Council was asked to advise whether these Programmes should be approved for publication and to identify what further prioritisation of the legislation identified as a top priority, should be considered. In discussing this item, members were mindful of the capacity constraints within the Attorney General's Chambers and were keen to emphasise that any prioritisation of the programmes should also be capable of being delivered within a reasonable timeframe. Members agreed that the programmes should be published and that the items on the programme should be prioritised by the appropriate Council Committees.

Council then went on to consider a request to increase the Minimum Income Standard (MIS) in line with the current policy which will increase weekly payments for Basic Island Pension and Income Related Benefits. Members were also asked to advise whether the Social Security (Amendment No. 2) Regulations should be approved and be effective from 30 November 2018.

The MIS includes the following;

- a. Food & drink, based on healthy international diet guidelines and local menus;
- b. Utilities;
- c. Clothing and shoes;
- d. Essential items e.g. cups, washing up liquid
- e. Toiletries
- f. Bus fares
- g. Newspaper

Members noted that the proposal will see an increase in the MIS of 1.62% which is £1.10. This increase provides an uplift which is greater than general price inflation. Members questioned whether the increase took account of price changes and were informed that previous changes have been incorporated including increased freight charges and the reduction in custom duties on certain items. Recent changes however, including the latest freight charges will be factored into the next review.

Members advised the Governor that they were content to approve the proposed changes, noting that this would go some way towards supporting the more vulnerable members of society. They were also happy to approve an ex gratia payment to be backdated to the 1 November 2018.

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27 November 2018



10 YR OLD CHARLOTTE LEASK RAISES MONEY FOR THE (ST HELENA) CANCER SUPPORT & AWARENESS CHARITY



On Friday morning at Halford Primary School - prior to their assembly and in the presence of staff, pupils and her very proud parents - Charlotte presented a cheque to Olive Williams and Marlene Yon, Members of the (St Helena) Cancer Support & Awareness Charity.

After Charlotte's Grandpa died from cancer, Charlotte decided she wanted to raise money to try and help cure cancer so other people wouldn't have to go through the same. After much discussion about different ways to raise money, she decided to tackle the St Helena Festival of Running Half-Marathon to raise funds for the St Helena Cancer Support and Awareness Charity. The charity helps all known cancer sufferers and their families here on Island by supporting them financially or otherwise, and when possible, support the Health Department in the form of donations towards the purchase of any cancer related equipment and other small items. After lots of practice and training along with her mum, she walked / ran the thirteen mile course on the 4th November 2018 in a time of three hours and twenty-six minutes and managed to raise **£433.67**.

The money was raised through sponsorship forms and she would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who sponsored her, it was very much appreciated. Big thanks also goes to the following shops who took a sponsorship form and helped her to raise even more money: The Coffee Shop, The Wellington Shop, Serena's Gift Shop, R & K's Shop at Longwood and Brian and Helene's Shop at Sandy Bay.

The (St Helena) Cancer Support and Awareness Charity Committee is delighted with this donation, especially as the funds was raised by a young member of our community, and hope that this can be an encouragement to others.

They extend special thanks to Charlotte, her parents and her sponsors.

In addition to the above, Charlotte also raised just over £1000 for Cancer Research UK. This she did through online donations from friends and family overseas. Again, Charlotte would like to thank everyone for their generous help and support.

Events Last Weekend

Several note-worthy events took place over this past weekend involving the St Helenian community in different aspects. On Friday afternoon, the flight to St Helena which was delayed from the Saturday before, landed safely with the St Helena Cricket team on board. The team and their entourage left St Helena about five weeks ago for Botswana in South Africa to play two T20 cricket tournaments hosted by ICC and ACA. Out of a total of six games played with ICC, St Helena won three, placing them third, whilst they placed fourth with the ACA tournament. St Helena Cricket team Manager Derek Richards commented that the team has progressed a great deal since their last international experience in 2012 and added that the team has seen first-hand the level that they need to be playing at in order to fully compete in future.

On Friday night at Rosie's Taste 4 Life, Saint FM in collaboration with St Helena Tourism presented on big-screen, ten Green Renaissance films which star local residents of St Helena and their chosen professions. The event was rather well-attended and the films showcased the stories of Debbie Yon, Gary Stevens, Garry Mercury, Graham Sim, Beatty Stroud, Gavin 'Jack' Thomas, Raymond Isaac, Marcus Fowler and Stedson Stroud who starred in two films. The evening was opened with a foreword by the Founder and Director of Green Renaissance Michael Raimondo and the films which ran for just over an hour were well-received by those attending, with very positive feed-back. The films are available for viewing on social media sites as well as via YouTube.

On Saturday evening, the Yacht Club held a Farewell BBQ meal for members of the upcoming Cape to St Helena Yacht Race. Invited guests gathered at Ann's Place in the Castle Gardens and included many ex-yacht racers who took part in the ex-Governor's Cup Yacht Race, which was first launched in 1996. The evening opened with a speech from the Skipper of the yacht 'Carpe Diem' James Herne, which is St Helena's entry this year. Other crew members of 'Carpe Diem' were introduced to everyone present and they were all bestowed with wishes of good luck and safe travels in this year's yacht race.

Incidentally, 'Carpe Diem' is set for departure from St Helena this Saturday 1st December after blessings by Bishop Dale Bowers and Father David Musgrave of the Roman Catholic Church. It is planned for farewell prayers to be said at the landing steps of the Wharf at 12 Noon this coming Saturday.

Also last Saturday evening, the Rose & Crown enjoyed a good crowd of over 250 people at their Wine-tasting event held at Rose's Taste 4 Life. There was a wide range of both red and white wines available for tasting, all of various prices and flavours. Especially popular was the 'Sparkle' bar where original and rosé Prosecco could be purchased. The event organiser Tara Wortley, opened the evening by guiding guests through their wine cards listing brands and flavours, and explained the use of their sample and full-glass tokens. There was an exciting vibe in the air and all guests mingled to circulate the various wine bars which were professionally set up and expertly manned by Rose & Crown staff. Ladies and Gents both were smartly dressed for the occasion and an air of Christmas cheer descended with a few sprinkles of rain to lend a festive feel out on deck.



Events Last Weekend

On Sunday afternoon, St Paul's Cathedral welcomed a packed church of over 300 people to their 'Songs of Praise' programme. Band members Kerry Lawrence, Lyndon Leo, Patrick Robinson, Tony Leo, Johnny Green and Bishop Dale Bowers provided excellent accompaniment to songs such as 10,000 Reasons, Your Love's Greater and He's Got The Whole World. Scripture Readings, Prayers, Blessings and a Penitential Rite played their part in the programme of worship which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Saint FM hopes to bring you music by the newly-formed St Pauls Gospel Group in the near future. This was the first time for this group to perform on St Helena and was the first time in many years to have songs of praise of this nature at the Cathedral.



Cricket Team Welcome Home at Plantation House



NOTIFICATION MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

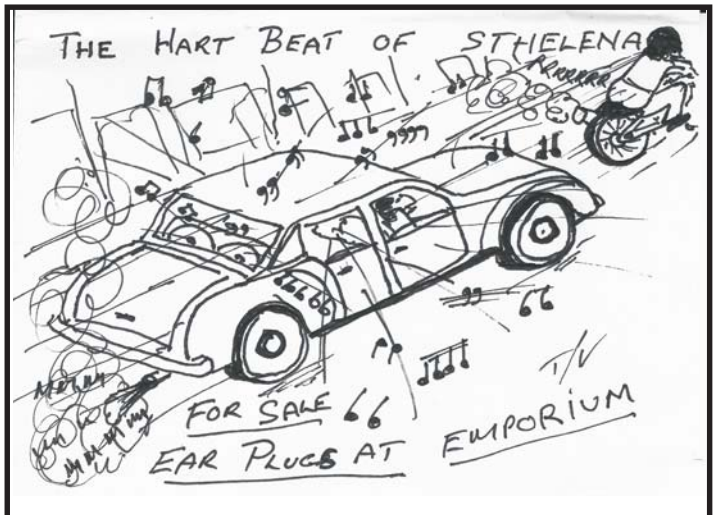
The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, 12th December 2018, at 9 am at the St Helena Community College, Jamestown.**

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors. Should you require a copy of the Agenda, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 22270. Agendas will be available on **Monday, 10th December 2018.**

Applicants and objectors may speak at the meeting providing that a summary of the points to be raised has been submitted to the Secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting.

A Date for Your Diary
St Matthew's Church Wardens & Parish Council will be having a Fun Afternoon on Friday 29th December starting at 3pm.

Details to Follow



Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

WHY GO?

I have learned from several individuals, that doctor Rhys will be leaving St. Helena in february 2019. Whether this is due to the antiquated ruling that medical professionals cannot stay longer than four years, or decided by senior management of the health directorate, one thing is certain, doctor Rhys must stay.

There are a large number of problems that we have to put up with here on island, when that problem can be resolved by common sense, directorates need to step up to the mark.

Here we have a doctor who has proved his worth many times over the years, and is very much respected amongst the population. Yet it seems no attempt has been made by senior management to ask doctor Rhys to stay.

Good doctors are hard to find and keep,

no matter in what part of the world you live. Surely this doctor should be approached and asked to carry on the very good work he has shown.

I believe senior management should be persuaded to think again about losing such a fine doctor.

I have personally found doctor Rhys to be a very understanding, helping man, who is fully committed to his profession. In fact a few more doctors of his caliber

are needed here to strengthen the directorate, rather than let this doctor leave.

I think questions have to be asked, concerning the way the medical and other directorates can extend contracts when needed.

Paul Laban

A concerned member of the community.



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