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Special Report: St Helena – the island of fading hopes and dreams - Part Two

Lord Ashcroft



Time to say goodbye to the World ARC Rally

Thursday night was pizza night for the crews in the World ARC Rally. The event was held in the Mule Yard and organised by St Helena Tourism. Get Carter's had the task of baking fifty pizzas to satisfy the appetites of the sixty yachties who came along to have a good time. Staff from ESH attended as well as the St Helena Yacht Club and some interested individuals.

After the presentation of prizes and pizzas Island Politics provided the music until it was time to catch the last ferry from the landing steps to the yachts.



Tim, Anna and Ursula of the 'Emily Morgan' have broad smiles for the camera



Neil George accepts a World ARC rally flag on behalf of the St Helena Yacht Club from Galen Salgado the World ARC Event Manager. World ARC T-shirts and plaques were also presented to staff from St Helena Tourism, HM Customs, Immigration, Port Control and Tracy Corker. A special mention was given to Craig Yon for operating the ferry service at all hours.



The crew of the 'Madrigal' see very pleased with their bottle of Jamestown Gin



The crew of the 'EmilyMorgan' still have broad smiles on their faces as they are presented with one of the Secrets of the South Atlantic, Jamestown Gin. Distilled in St Helena at the world most remote distillery.



Presentations and speeches finished, World ARC yachties are ready to get down to the main business of the evening – enjoy themselves

Third and last yacht event for 2018 leaves St Helena tomorrow

The last yachts to visit St Helena in the World ARC Rally are scheduled to leave tomorrow. After the Cape to St Helena Race and the World Oyster Rally the World ARC is the third and last for this year. It's been a busy January and the yachties have been especially welcome among the various types of visitors we get. It seems the yachties enjoyed being here too. They also bring with them a useful amount of spending money which injects a bit of life into our sleepy economy. The next sailing event on the calendar is not until next January when competitors in the Cape to Rio Race have a scheduled minimum two-day pit stop at St Helena. The Cape to Rio Race is really two races in one. On the 2nd January 2020 yachts which are not designed for the fastest possible speeds will start from Cape Town; we can expect them to call here eight or nine days later. On 11th January the crews of the top class racing yachts leave Cape Town for non-stop race to Rio de Janeiro.

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2016 District Clean Up Competition still making its mark

The ESH Sponsored District Clean Up competition which was in full swing during July and August 2016 meant various locations around the Island were tidied up, smartened up and made to look much more presentable than they were before they got the treatment given them by local volunteer teams. The work done then is still being continued by volunteers in several places and in most instances the planted areas look better now than they did when the time came to for the judges to choose a winner 30 months ago.



This particular site, adopted as a District Clean Up location in 2016 is opposite St Paul's Cathedral.

INTERDEXO

Here in the Falkland Islands we held a successful fund raising event on Saturday 19th January @ 120 Contractors Bar to raise funds to purchase football kits for Interdexo the MPC Contractors Football Team.

Our commentator for the evening was DJ Cool Breeze and everyone present enjoyed themselves and danced the night away to the tunes provided by DJ Cool Breeze. Football shirts were the theme and everyone was encouraged to support their chosen teams, luckily there were no football hooligans between the different supporters.

The team consisted of staff from Interserve, Sodexo, NAAFI & Ecolog who play matches against the different MOD Sections on Camp and also the Stanley Team.

Raffle prizes were donated to the fund raiser by NAAFI, Sodexo,



Goodbye Dr Rhys Cottle

Yesterday (Thursday) morning a statement from the Governor (also published in this issue) gave the response to the petition to 'Keep Dr Rhys'. The statement uses 534 words to studiously avoid stating the petition was declined; however that is the end result of references to what other doctors do, changing future health needs, increased demand for health services and the increasing need for specialist medical practitioners.

The 504th word was the point where the statement got to the point and the Governor said she would like to "wish him every success in future endeavours as his contract with SHG comes to a planned conclusion."

The most interesting part of the statement was the references to an increase in medical specialists. It was stated that in the future there will be "a mixture of the following specialisms: chronic diseases, orthopaedics, surgical, ophthalmology (eye), nephrology (kidney), cardiology (heart), ENT (ears, nose & throat), endocrinology (diabetes), paediatrics (children) and others as relevant. There are still some vacancies to fill before we have the full set of specialisms that will meet most peoples' needs going into the future but these should be filled very soon.



Dr Rhys Cottle - Photo taken from BBC Radio Wales

Dr Rhys's own specialty is described in a Health Directorate publication as internal medicine. The NHS describe Internal Medicine Specialists as, "doctors working in general internal medicine (GIM) have particular expertise in diagnostic reasoning, managing uncertainty, dealing with co-morbidities (complex medical problems involving multiple symptoms and conditions) and recognising when specialty opinion or care is required." It may be that Dr Rhys's specialty was too generalised compared with the specialties envisaged as required now and into the future.

The Narrows Bar & Lounge, The Malvinas Hotel, Freddie Piek, Delraye Bennett and Helen Joshua. The lucky winners were: 1st £60 Hair Voucher – Michelle Bagley, 2nd Afternoon Tea for 2 (Malvinas)– Harold Gordon, 3rd Lunch for 2 (Narrows) – Cecilia Azocar, 4th Travel Headphones & Mens Grooming Kit – Jason Augustus, 5th Tin of Heroes - Beven Youde, 6th Tin of Celebrations – Kevin Capon, 7th Tin of Quality Streets - Maverick Bowers, 8th Bowling for 4 - Andy Dent, 9th 1 x 14" Pizza - Patricia Bennet & 10th Football themed Cake - Andy Dent

The overall total for funds raised on the evening was £737.38, which was raised by entrance fee, donations, raffle ticket sales and food sales at the end of the evening.

We would like to thank all who played a part in decorating the bar, Ecolog and the Sgts Mess for the food and all who donated funds and prizes, it was greatly appreciated.



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Editorial

There will be an unusual sight in James Bay tomorrow morning (Saturday), all the yachts will be lined up in the bay ready to start the next part of their World ARC Rally. At 11am they will all set off for Salvador in Brazil. In fact, it's not only an unusual sight it is a first. The World ARC Rally has had yachts call here nine times before but this year it is the first time St Helena has been scheduled as an official stop. On previous occasions it has been an optional 72 hour stop-over and some yachts in the rally have passed us by. Being an official stop this year all yachts in the rally are here. When there is an official stop there has to be an official re-start; and that is what can be seen on Saturday. It will be a sight to see and a chance to give the round-the-world sailors a good send off. In April they will finally finish their marathon 15 month rally in St Lucia.

So far, I have not visited the hospital or the out-patients department often enough to get to know all the doctors; in fact some doctors come and go and I don't even know they have been here. If I say 'long may that continue' it is more about preserving my current state of health and not because I have some kind of phobia about doctors. The visible and widespread show of support across the community for Dr Rhys brought to my mind how things used to be when I was a boy. The family doctor was an important part of the wider family structure along with the parish priest and even the postman or milkman, post and milk was delivered to the door everyday in the good old days. Health situations would arise which meant the relationship with the family doctor was not only

important; it was also a close relationship. Doctors would share the highs and lows of family life, deaths as well as births and watching the children of the family grow up and marry. It seems Dr Rhys fits into that sort of category for many people in St Helena.

As the skills set-up at the hospital moves towards having a wider range of specialists, which is a perfectly understandable shift, I cannot help but ponder upon Dr Rhys's particular skills and how they are applied elsewhere. BMI Healthcare in the UK was, until recently, owned by Netcare the South African healthcare company used by our own Health Department. BMI recently made a small alteration to their set-up. Previously they used the services offered by specialists, many specialists in just about all aspects of healthcare. Now they are also using a General Practitioner or GP. The reason is there are always people from overseas going to Britain for private healthcare treatment. Brits would get their own National Health Service GP to refer them to a private healthcare specialist but patients from overseas cannot do that. So the GP in the service of BMI will assess the GP-less patients and recommend treatment and which specialist they should see. The BMI GP is in turn a specialist in what is called Internal Medicine and those kinds of assessments and referrals are part of what Internal Medicine specialists do.

Dr Rhys is such a specialist and his particular skills will be useful in the ever growing general situation where medical practitioners are increasingly specialised.

Vince

Thank You Message

Wife Patsy, sons Stephen and Jamie, daughters Lorraine, Nadia, Sonja and their families of the late Stephen Brown would like to express a special thanks to the doctors, nurses and community nurses for their care and attention given to Stephen during his illness.

Thanks are also extended to Father Clive for prayers on the night of Stephen's death, Bishop Dale for conducting the funeral service, Ivy Ellick the organist, Bobby Essex for reading the lesson, Tracy Williams for the service sheets, Tony John for the songs played at the graveside, Roy Williams and his Team, Davina and Colin for making the wreaths and to Ivan Gough for doing the DVD.

Thanks are also extended to our family for their support, those who attended the funeral, paid floral tributes and sent messages of condolences. Your support was greatly appreciated

**- Memories of you will never die nor will they
fade as time goes by. Rest in Peace -**

Thank You

Patsy Flagg and Jill Flagg-Young would like to thank their family and friends for their Christmas Cards, presents and greetings during the festive season. We both wish everyone a healthy year ahead and Jill would like to extend her thanks to everyone who made her stay an enjoyable one." See you all again soon.

REGISTRY OF LANDS, ST HELENA

25th January 2019

NOTICE is hereby given of an application by Mr Gavin Ellick of New Ground, St Helena Island, for registration as proprietor of an area of Crown land namely part of Parcel 443 in the Registration Section for New Ground. Such application is made by virtue of claimed peaceable, open and uninterrupted possession of said land for a period of at least 15 years. A copy of the application and a plan of the said land are available for inspection at The Land Registry, Essex House, Jamestown, during normal office hours. Any person who wishes to make representations to the Registrar of Lands as to why this application should not be allowed must do so within 3 calendar months of the date of publication of this notice.

NICHOLAS ALDRIDGE, REGISTRAR OF LANDS

STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR LISA HONAN PETITION TO 'KEEP DOCTOR RHYS'

I gave a commitment to provide a statement in response to the petition which was handed to me on Friday, 18 January, regarding Dr Rhys Cottle's contract with SHG. I took delivery of the petition because the Governor has constitutional responsibility for the public service. However, I undertake this constitutional role very much working in partnership with the Chief Secretary and her team.

I would like to start by acknowledging the strength of feeling, the engagement, and commitment that people have demonstrated to the local health service. A positive from this petition and the wide participation is that I can see that the public appreciate the work that our doctors do. Thank you for this and for bringing the issue to my attention.

In considering the petition, I have to bear in mind that the future health needs of the people of St Helena are changing. This means the health service also needs to change. We are already seeing more demand on the health services, and in different areas, such as the complications arising from diabetes and hypertension which can lead to strokes, heart, kidney, and eye problems. More than half of the population of St Helena has high blood pressure and this can be an early sign of heart disease and circulation problems. A large proportion of the population suffer from osteoarthritis. 70% of the population are overweight which will place demands on the health services in future. These percentages are all higher than, say, in the UK.

As a result, we have expanded the health service to keep up with the increased demand and to focus more on preventing diseases from happening in the first place. In terms of our doctors, in the last three to four years we have doubled the number of doctors available. We have also brought in, or plan to bring in, new specialisms. The plan going forward is that our doctors, both those resident locally and the visiting specialists, will - in addition to their general medical duties - have a mixture of the following specialisms: chronic diseases, orthopaedics, surgical, ophthalmology (eye), nephrology (kidney), cardiology (heart), ENT (ears, nose & throat),



endocrinology (diabetes), paediatrics (children) and others as relevant. There are still some vacancies to fill before we have the full set of specialisms that will meet most peoples' needs going into the future but these should be filled very soon.

Although there were some communications around our plans, I recognise we could have done better to convey this information about the future staffing more widely, and for that I apologise. To this end, I have asked the Health Directorate and the Public Health Committee to organise general Q&A sessions via the radio and other means for the public to ask questions about future development plans for the health service.

I believe all our doctors do an amazing job. I would like to join you in thanking Dr Cottle (Rhys) for his contribution to the health service on St Helena over the past four years and wish him every success in future endeavours as his contract with SHG comes to a planned conclusion. He obviously has made significant contributions that we all appreciate. Thank you Dr Rhys.

Governor Lisa Honan
24 January 2019



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tray with free waste size 1400 x
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door shower enclosure 1400 x
800 mm.**

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Just So You Know

Daily Mail falls on Fake News Assessment

NewsGuard is an internet browser add-on available from Microsoft Edge. NewsGuard rates news websites on a range of journalistic standards. It is run by news industry veterans who say they are trying to establish industry-standard benchmarks for which news websites should be trusted. It employs analysts to manually check whether sites meet a series of journalistic standards, making all its judgments public and inviting outlets to respond to criticism and improve their standards to gain a higher rating.

NewsGuard have checked out the UK Daily Mail and the on-line version, Daily Mail On-Line. The results were not good for the reputation of the Daily Mail – such as it is. If you search for the Daily Mail On Line it will appear listed as it always has done but with the NewsGuard add-on every link to the Daily Mail shown in the search is accompanied by a warning;- this one.

dailymail.co.uk

Proceed with caution: This website generally fails to maintain basic standards of accuracy and accountability.

The website of the Daily Mail, a British tabloid newspaper, its sister publication, the Mail on Sunday, and MailOnline, the Daily Mail's online newsroom. The site repeatedly publishes false information and has been forced to pay damages in numerous high-profile cases.

The credibility test NewsGuard use says the Daily Mail repeatedly publishes false content, does not gather and present information responsibly, does not handle the difference between news and opinion responsibly and does not avoid using deceptive headlines. As for transparency, the Mail On Line website does not say who is in charge or give information which may point to possible conflicts of interest. The website also does not always provide the names of writers, photographers and artists together with their biographical information.

The Daily Mail has been blacklisted by NewsGuard since last August but the newspaper and news website have only just realised this. Despite ignoring NewsGuard when the criteria assessment was being made, the Daily Mail now want NewsGuard to reconsider. In a diplomatic response, a NewsGuard spokesman said, "Dozens of news websites have changed their practices based on our journalistic criteria on credibility and transparency in order to become more reliable sources of news."

Independent readers will remember the Daily Mail and its sister publications have repeatedly done a hatchet job on St Helena when reporting on problems with wind shear and the amount of UK taxpayers' money allocated to St Helena. The *St Helena Independent* wishes the *Daily Mail* every success in efforts that may be made to restore trust in their publications.

New Coin issued by Ascension Island

A month or so ago it was announced the modern day East India Company had issued a further set of coins in partnership with the St Helena Government. This month another



announcement informed the coin collectors of the world that Ascension had also issued a new one crown piece. The coin is made in two issues; titanium and cupro-nickel. The titanium coin is purple and shows the queen triggerfish on one side and the Queen's head on the other. There will be 7,500 Ascension crown coins struck by the Pobjoy mint in titanium and they will sell to collectors at £39.59 excluding VAT. The cupro-nickel queen triggerfish crown sells for £12.46 excluding VAT.

The purple titanium Ascension Island crown piece; 7,500 have been struck by the Pobjoy Mint and cost £39.59 each. The Pobjoy stand to gain almost £300,000 in revenue from the sales but how much of that goes to the Ascension Island Government is not known.

Social and Community Development Information

At this month's meeting committee members were told the consultation on the Information Bill is still on hold while the legal eagles in St Helena talk to their counterparts in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office who in turn are keen to assess what it all means in the context of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018, which in turn has to look sideways at the guidelines issued by the European Data Protection Board and then consider everything in terms of all Overseas Territories. The Information Bill which has dropped "Freedom of" from the title will probably still be on hold when half the population of this Island are six feet under. Increases in fees and charges were agreed but no details given. The new Principal Social Worker had a chat with Social and Community Development committee members but no details were given. Increases in fees and charges were agreed but no details given. A 'Good Food & Drinks' promotion will be launched within the Safeguarding Directorate.

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Maybe this is a pilot exercise and will later be extended to the rest of us – but no detail on this.

It was reported to the committee that residents of the CCC, Ebony View, Deason's Centre and Cape Villa had a great Christmas and that staffing difficulties continue across all of Safeguarding. Trainers from the UK National Autistic Society are here and will be going soon but will come back in March. What they are doing and why is not briefly explained. The new Director of Safeguarding arrives as the trainers from the UK National Autistic Society leave on 2nd February and a trainee manager for sheltered accommodation has been appointed.

According to the official report of the meeting one decision was made; to increase fees and charges. What the increases are remains restricted information.

Deputy Chair of ENRC wants information now

In contrast to her colleagues in Social and Community Development the deputy chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee does want information and wants it now. She does not want any more shilly-shallying about from commercial operators (of what sort is not explained) who have not responded to a parking survey. The poor response to the

survey is one of several outstanding issues in relation to the Jamestown Parking Scheme. It appears a technical survey needs to be completed so that a Working Group can identify where vehicles can safely park. When the proposed parking scheme is 'rolled out' (which presumably will be before the Information Bill reaches the public consultation stage) those commercial operators who have not completed the survey form sent to them will be excluded from the scheme.

ENRC committee members discussed ways to increase some waste management charges. They decided to not make a decision this month. They will return to the question 'at a later date'.

From April it will be possible for the public to hire SHG plant and equipment which is not readily available from the private sector. To avoid accusations that government is competing with the private sector anyone wanting to hire government equipment will need show that it cannot be hired from the private sector.

The Highways Authority are concerned that able people are using parking spaces reserved for disabled people. Caution signs are to be erected on the roadway near Half Tree Hollow Clinic where schoolchildren cross the road for the school bus. A Give Way sign at Bates Branch is to be repositioned.

FIRST SINGLE PROPELLER PLANE TO LAND AT THE AIRPORT

'We must be crazy' writes Captain Jack Long on his blog and who, along with his wife Carolyn and their friends Becky and Josh, arrived in his Pilatus PC-12 (a single propeller plane) at St Helena Airport at 3.22pm on Thursday, 17 January 2019, on their third trip around the world.

The group has flown the Pilatus PC-12 around the world twice - once in an eastbound direction (2015) and once over a very challenging polar route (2016-2017). This third trip is another variation of a 'Round the World' flight - Circumnavigation Westwards - recognised by FAI (Fédération Aéronautique Internationale).

St Helena is one of the stops in the 'grand finale' of Jack, Carolyn, Becky and Josh's epic journey before they return to Austin, Texas where they set out from two months ago. By the end of their trip, the group will have clocked up around 25,000 statute miles, 20 flying days, and visited places such as Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, French Polynesia, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Maldives, Seychelles, Botswana, Angola, St Helena and Brazil.

Jack said:

"I have a particular fascination with remote, out of the way, unusual places, and St Helena has been a place that has fascinated me for a while. Our stop here was for two reasons – logistical, as we crossed the Atlantic so it was either Cape Verde or St Helena and we've already done Cape Verde, and also because St Helena and the story of the construction of the Airport and the unique challenges with the wind conditions was especially interesting."

Governor Lisa Honan who met the group at St Helena Airport on Thursday to welcome them to sunny St Helena added:



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"I was delighted to come out and meet with Captain Jack Long who has today made history because he has brought in the first single propeller plane, and he's also remarkable because he's on his third circumnavigation of the world."

"I've just been out to the apron of the runway and welcomed him and his crew to the Island, Jack Long has a big international following and I hope his followers will see this around the world and it will hopefully spark even more interest in St Helena and what we have to offer."

Jack, Carolyn, Becky and Josh will leave the Island on Sunday, 20 January, bound for Recife in Brazil. Before they leave, the group are hoping to see more of St Helena's spectacular scenery and flora and fauna, the Wirebird, Napoleon's House, Plantation House, and also climb Jacob's Ladder.

ANRD RECEIVES SECOND CONSIGNMENT OF 'DAY OLD' CHICKS

The second consignment of 'day old' chickens (chicks) was successfully flown into St Helena on Saturday, 12 January 2019, and are currently under the quarantine process.

Senior Veterinary Officer, Joe Hollins, explains:

"Even at this age, the chicks come vaccinated against a range of diseases administered by spray, but we can never rule out a disease breakdown in South Africa. Hence, by law, the chicks are placed into the Rupert's Quarantine Station for a period of four weeks where we care for them and observe for any issues.

"At the moment the Veterinary Section is attending three times daily to freshen the drinkers and feeders. Personnel wear dedicated suits and boots and pass through footbaths before entering or leaving. In addition, we have a problem with fowl pox on the Island, transmitted by mosquitos, and cannot vaccinate the chickens until four weeks of age. Hence all windows, doors, vent holes and roof spaces have been either meshed or sealed, and the mesh sprayed with insecticide. The chicks will be vaccinated prior to distribution."

In a few weeks' time, providing that the chicks are healthy and thriving, the Agriculture & Natural Resources Division (ANRD) hopes that the chicks will be made available for sale to the public. The chicks are already oversubscribed, but members of the public who are next on the list will be contacted closer to the time of distribution.

The chicks are *Dekalb Amberlinks* - a white commercial lay-



ing hen that comes into lay between 16 and 20 weeks and, if reared and kept well, can produce 340 eggs in one year. ANRD anticipates a third consignment of 1000 'day old' chicks in the next couple of months.



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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2019/05:** FULL Planning Application for **Extension to the Existing House to form a Water Closet & Construction of a Double Garage & Storage Area**, on Parcel 0141 Sandy Bay East, adjacent to Basil George. Applicant: Donald Peters
2. **Application 2019/06:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of a 2 Bedroom Double Storey Dwelling**, Cleughs' Plain on Parcel 0448 New Ground, adjacent to Sylvia Buckley. Applicant: Petra and Richard Gardner
3. **Application 2019/07:** FULL Planning Application for **Container Storage Area**, Power Station on Parcel 0077 Rupert's Valley, adjacent to the Bulk Fuel Installation. Applicant: Connect Saint Helena Ltd

Copies of the Applications 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 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 : 25 January 2019
Public Review Closing Date : 8 February 2019

David Goodrick
Ag Chief Planning Officer



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Small Island: BIG HEART

Tammy Williams

Jonathan the Tortoise has been selected to accompany my article today although famous; he enjoys the notoriety without exploitation. He lives like an aging celebrity, enjoying the comforts of luxury and care within the grounds of Plantation and we all secretly hope that he'll live a long time, to my mind Jonathan belongs to a land of wizards, hobbits and Tolkien, we have taken complete ownership of him haven't we? He is 'oursins' and we will spare no efforts to protect him.

When it comes to Jonathan we try always to get it right, we provide the best care for him, display his pictures everywhere, we are immensely proud, there's no one quite like Jonathan, he is simply the best.

Let's turn our attentions from Jonathan towards each other, how do we fare? Actually, pretty well I'd say, I am sure you have seen many acts of kindness and generosity especially during Christmas, tea parties, gift giving, extra money given to good causes, as a baseline, we are just about there so what's stopping the rest?

St Helena has plenty of problems as do the rest of the world but it's the 'problems' that distract us from real time solutions, it's that part of the conversation where one tends to leave oneself out.

Someone once told us that the Independent newspaper was a 'thorn in DFID's side' perhaps it's quite the opposite, I think the UK government reads the newspaper with some bemusement, liken it to a mouse trying to get an elephants attention. I think Vince, Mike and all of us writers will have gone completely mad before the end, mad from writing the same things over and over, so until UK government politics sorts itself out what do we do during the interim?

Sadly bad news attracts everyone's attention, here at Saint FM we have to daily balance good news with local issues, we have to cover the public meeting which may criticise local government but equally we report on resounding successes and with all of this combined comes the trick of managing people's expectations.

The old saying that no one notices all the good stuff you do but makes a fuss when something goes wrong is very true of all of us, there are days when customer service is at its optimum and other times when it plummets, when the system works and other times when it doesn't, when people are unified and when they are not, when we are singing in harmony and other times when we sound like a bunch of cats.

It's easy to recognise the problem but it's only a tiny step in the lead-up to finding a solution, somehow we seem to stay on that step without even trying to move a toe to get us to the next phase, some people like to remain on the 'problem' step, that way, they can continue complaining without having to find answers.

So much energy and time is exerted on problems and hanging each other out to dry rather than finding a way to work together, why is it that unified action has the appearance of a snail's trail? (Or a 'Jonathan's pace') Why is it that we find plenty to complain about but so little time to get our hands dirty? If the bleak future sometimes predicted for the island is fast becoming a reality, why do we not seek to change it? Where are the efforts to reverse our fortunes? Lord Ashcroft asked us the jagged question "What do Saints want?"

Reading through stories of great entrepreneurs I got the same



piercing insight each time, it was *never* easy, it meant spending your last dollar, it meant sleeping rough, it meant facing rejection and humiliation and horror of all horrors it meant doing most of it yourself with little reliance on others. For many this may be a bitter pill to swallow but certainly things on St Helena indicate that 'sisters doing it for themselves' may be the new panache.

The doubters among us question our tourism potential, so would that be the reason we built, brought and developed hotels and guesthouses? Would that be the reason we are promoting our tuna fishery, marine and natural environment, history, dark skies, whale sharks and the next environmental conference? I stand agog when almost every visitor tells me there is so much for kids to do, really? Well yes, there is trekking, fishing, swimming with the whale sharks, magical walks into deep forests, a chance encounter with a blushing snail, kayaking, sports facilities, Scouts, New Horizons, Creative St Helena, Saint FM, should I go on?

The new rage is 'wellness' – Spas, health clinics, fitness clubs are raking in millions by making 'wellness' their brand. All kinds of treatments, herbs, exercise and diets sworn to make you slim, healthy and beautiful. Wellness can be attributed to all aspects of our community; health, education, economic, social and psychological and as time goes by the demands increase, leading us to two pivotal questions, 'What can be done?' and 'What can't' and like you I sometimes find it difficult to get an answer. A launched petition to keep a doctor on island conveys that people are worried about their healthcare and no one knows this more than a person who is really ill.

This is my first article for the new year and what I love about radio journalism is the chance to share with listeners, the task is easy, keep the listeners inspired and reaching up, I know people are going through a difficult time, businesses are struggling, money is tight and people are battling with the cost of living however we should not lose hope, the island has experienced several set-backs but there's been success to, go through previous editions of your local news rags and you'll see what I mean.

We started with Jonathan so we should end with him, age and associated ailments that come with that does not stop him from having a good life, he is the epitome of longevity, he is our logo and strapline, he keeps going, he is one of our 7 wonders and finally he is just one of a handful of survivors remaining in the world – that makes him incredibly unique, just like St Helena.

DISABLED PERSONS DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES

St Helena Police are aware of some drivers parking in the designated disabled persons parking bays in Jamestown without the required permits.

These parking spaces are there for persons who are disabled or have mobility impairments. They must not be used by anyone without a permit.

St Helena Police would also like to remind drivers with the appropriate permits that when parking in a disabled persons parking bay, a 'blue badge' must be produced and visible at all times.

A disabled parking permit can be obtained from the Safeguarding Team via tel: 23349 or 25353 or email: Anna.Crowie@sainthelena.gov.sh.



There are both short and long-term permits and an assessment of a person's disability will be required in order to secure a permit.

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18 January 2019

ST HELENA POLICE TRAINING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St Helena Police Service will begin a six-week training course on Monday, 28 January 2019, which will run until Thursday, 7 March 2019.

During the training there will be specific practical scenarios set up to test the skills that officers have learnt throughout the course. To ensure these scenarios are as realistic and detailed as possible, St Helena Police are seeking the help of members of the public to volunteer as role players.

If anyone is interested and willing to assist the St Helena Police by volunteering to help during this and any future training, please contact Learning & Development Sergeant, Mark Coombe, via email: mark.coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh or telephone Police Head Quarters on tel: 22626.

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22 January 2019



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LADDER HILL ROAD CLOSURE WEDNESDAY, 30 JANUARY 2019

The Highways Authority has given approval for Ladder Hill Road to be closed on Wednesday, 30 January 2019, from 1.30pm to 3pm. This is to enable the Rock Guards to carry out an inspection of the hillside above Ladder Hill Road.

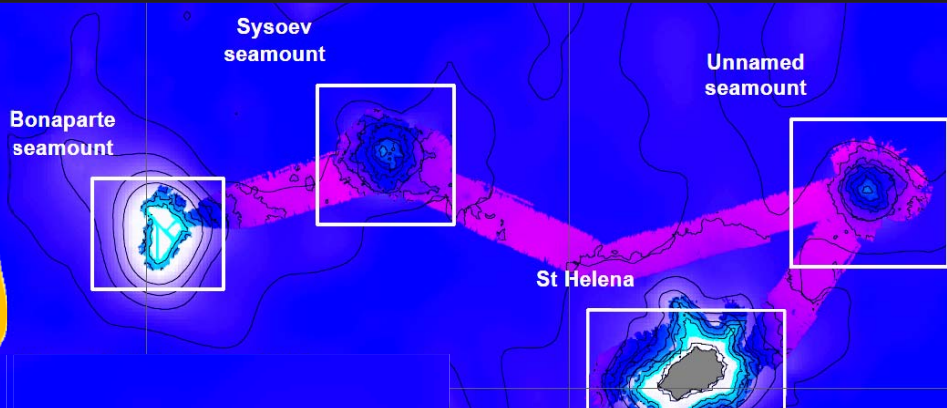
Appropriate signage will be in place and, as normal, only Emergency Services will be granted access. Persons wishing to travel in and out of Jamestown during this time must travel across country and via Side Path Road or Constitution Hill Road.

The Roads Section would like to thank the public in advance for their continued understanding and cooperation.

SHG

22 January 2019

COMPETITION: NAME THAT SEAMOUNT



In 2018 the research vessel the James Clark Ross mapped an unnamed seamount within St Helena's ocean parameters.

The seamount requires a name, and the opportunity has arisen to have the honour of naming that seamount.

Enter our competition and tell us what you think the seamount should be named and why.

Entries will be judged and the winner will receive a tour of the 'Discovery' vessel when it arrives in April 2019.

Just complete the 'cut out' below and drop your entry to the Tourist office by Monday, 4th February.

See guidelines for naming the seamount to the right.

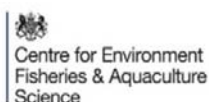
The winner will be announced on Monday, 11th February.



II. PRINCIPLES FOR NAMING FEATURES

A. Specific terms

- Short and simple specific terms are preferable.
- The principal concern in naming is to provide effective, conveniently usable, and appropriate reference; commemoration of persons or ships is a secondary consideration.
- The first choice of a specific term, where feasible, should be one associated with a geographical feature; e.g.: Aleutian Ridge, Mariana Trench, Barrow Canyon.
- Other choices for specific terms can commemorate ships or other vehicles, expeditions or scientific institutes involved in the discovering and/or delineation of the feature, or to honour the memory of famous persons. Where a ship name is used, it should be that of the discovering ship, or if that has been previously used for a similar feature, it should be the name of the ship verifying the feature, e.g.: San Pablo Seamount, Atlantis II Seamounts.
- Names of living persons will normally not be accepted, in accordance with the recommendation in the UNCSGN Resolution VIII/2. In the rare cases where names of living persons are used (surnames are preferable), they will be limited to those who have made an outstanding or fundamental contribution to ocean sciences.
- Groups of like features may be named collectively for specific categories of historical persons, mythical features, stars, constellations, fish, birds, animals, etc.



Proposed name for new seamount:

Reason for chosen name:

Submitted by:

For more information contact St Helena Tourism Marketing and Communications Officer Sophia Joshua, on email: Sophia.Joshua@tourism.co.sh



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A GUIDE FOR SENDING MEDIA ENQUIRIES TO SHG

In light of certain inaccuracies recently published in the local press, particularly regarding how media enquiries were handled within St Helena Government, the SHG Press Office would like to remind the public and press of the following guidelines should they wish to obtain information from SHG for the purpose of a media report (print or radio):

DO

- Place your enquiry with the SHG Press Office via any member of our team. Please see contact details below:

Email

Kerisha.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh

Liam.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh

Jodie.s-constantine@sainthelena.gov.sh

Phone

Direct line: 22368 or via the Castle Switchboard: 22470



- Allow a reasonable amount of time for SHG to answer your enquiry

The earlier you are able to place your enquiry with the Press Office the better, especially for specific, technical enquiries or those needing more detailed answers.

The Press Office always aims to respond to media enquiries as quickly as possible but this is not always achievable if the relevant officers are unavailable at the time an enquiry is made and we cannot access the information required.

Where an enquiry cannot be answered immediately, a holding response will be sent to the media until such time we are able to send a detailed reply. The SHG Press Office does not ignore media enquiries.

Remember – we seek advice from all relevant directorates/officers before we respond to any media enquiry.

- Where possible make an enquiry via email or follow up your telephone enquiry with an email

We understand that sending an enquiry via email is not always possible but the reason we ask is that we have noticed that information relayed via telephone to local media in the past has been taken out of context and wrongly reported - this does not help either party.

- Let us know when we are 'speaking on the record'

There have been previous occasions where a 'general conversation' between a Press Officer and a journalist has been inaccurately reported in the press. The Press Office values these conversations with media colleagues. We act professionally when taking any media call and we expect a professional and balanced reflection of our conversation and respect for when a conversation is considered 'on or off the record' or when we are going to be quoted.

DON'T

- Contact a Director or SHG Officer directly with a media enquiry

This is not to stop the media from speaking to officials or to stifle openness and transparency in SHG but there is a process within Government as to how media enquiries are dealt with - the reason why there are Press Offices in government organisations around the world.

If you place a media enquiry with any SHG directorate, it will be referred to the Press Office to take forward. Therefore to get a timely response, it is in your best interest to contact the Press Office first.

The same process applies for seeking comments from officials.

The SHG Press Office

The SHG Press Office is responsible for and coordinates all of SHG's external communications, this includes answering national and international media enquiries. It is our role to follow up any media enquiry with the relevant Directorate or Officer and respond on behalf of the government. We are the spokespeople for the Public Service.

Amongst other roles we ensure that media enquiries are answered and any information issued by the Public Service is timely and consistent.

SHG Press Office

22 January 2019

**PRESS
RELEASE**

St Helena to attend Destinations London and ITB Berlin 2019 Travel Shows.

St Helena Tourism will once again be represented at the London Destinations show later this month and the ITB Berlin show in March.

Destinations is the UK's biggest, and most inspiring travel show, "packed with hundreds of leading and independent expert travel agencies, over 75 tourist boards from across the globe, cultural entertainment, world flavours, travel celebrities and more..." it also lays claim to being the UK's longest –running travel event with strong affiliation to the Times and The Sunday Times.

The show will take place at the Olympia London, from the 31st January to the 3rd February, offering visitors, travel inspiration and a chance to tap in to in-depth exhibitor knowledge as well as ultimately enabling them to book tailor made holidays.

Tourism Manager Juliet Williams will be accompanied by local Service Provider, Stewart George on this trip. The pair can be found at the St Helena Tourism stand in the LATA Pavilion.

ITB Berlin is the Worlds leading Travel Trade Show, often regarded as the place where business ideas that shape the travel market are born. The show combines Leisure and Business travel, Adventure travel, Responsible Tourism and more. Each year it attracts over 10,000 Exhibitors and 160,000 visitors over a 5 day period.

This year the event takes place from the 6th to the 10th March and St Helena will be represented by Tourism Manager Juliet Williams, Marketing and Communications Officer Nicole Peters and local service provider Derek Richards. The St Helena stand will be located in Hall 22B, Stand No 212.

Helena Bennett Director of Tourism , said:

"St Helena will once again be represented to the British consumer (Destinations) and German/ European travel trade and consumers (ITB). It is essential for St Helena to continue to educate the travel trade on where we are and what we can offer. I wish the St Helena teams good luck representing us at the shows and for them to feel proud as they promote our beautiful island."



Helena Bennett at ITB
Berlin 2018



**ITB
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The World's
Leading
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6 – 10 March 2019



Juliet Williams at
Destinations 2017



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VACANCIES AUXILIARY SEA RESCUE SERVICE

The Sea Rescue Services of the St Helena Police Directorate has opportunities for motivated and enthusiastic individuals to join their team as Auxiliary Sea Rescue Crew.

The purpose of the post is to protect and save life at Sea. Some of the key tasks and responsibilities are:

1. Carry out directions from the Officer in Charge when at sea rescue incidents ensuring work is carried out within the standard operating procedures.
2. Make safety critical decisions during sea rescue operations and other deployments, ensuring the safety of the public, other agencies and the sea rescue crews.
3. Ensure that standards are maintained and that the service is in line with the Police Directorate's Values and Code of Ethics.
4. Must be able to attend Sea Rescue weekly training sessions.
5. Must be able to work some weekends to support flight operations.
6. Must be available for emergencies and will be required to participate in on call rota inclusive of some weekends.
7. Respond immediately and safely to all Sea Search and Rescue emergency incidents in an efficient and professional manner.

Applicants should be 18 years of age or over and be a confident swimmer with the ability to pass a fitness test.

Prospective candidates should have:

- GCSE Math and English at Grade C or above or equivalent
- First Aid Qualification – First Responder
- Valid and clean driving licence in Class A.
- Experience in maritime field, such as coxswain /crew

Rate of pay for the post is £4.11 per hour for hours worked, plus a monthly retainer of £70.

For further details regarding the full role and a copy of the job profile and application form, interested persons can contact Mr Simon Wade, Sea Rescue Manager on telephone number 25052 or e-mail simonwade@helanta.co.sh or Mr Leeroy Caswell, Deputy Sea Rescue Manager Tel 25215, email: leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh

Applications should be completed and submitted, through Directors, where applicable, to Tina Sim, Human Resources Officer at Corporate Human Resources, The Castle (or email tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than Monday, **4 February 2019**.

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.

David Lynch
Director of Police

21 January 2019



SAINT HELENA AUDIT SERVICE

External Auditors

SENIOR ANALYST

12 month fixed-term contract
Salary range £16,966 to £20,379 per annum

The Saint Helena Audit Service is seeking a Senior Analyst to join the performance audit team. Their primary role is to apply strong quantitative and qualitative analytical skills to assist in the planning and delivery of performance audit reports examining value for money across the public sector.

Potential candidates will hold a relevant degree with a quantitative or research component (e.g. economics, statistics, social research, business/government administration, finance, data analytics) or be a part-qualified accountant. Experience in audit, finance, government administration or consulting is required.

We are looking for a motivated team player with good communication and teamwork skills who are able to work independently and apply judgement through effective planning, prioritisation and project management. Excellent analytical abilities and IT skills are also required.

Candidates not meeting the qualification or experience requirements may be still considered for appointment as an Analyst. For further information please contact Happyman Makamure or Damian Burns on telephone number 22111.

Job profiles and application forms are available by e-mail to cassidy.beard@sainthelena.gov.sh or from the Saint Helena Audit Service, Post Office Building, Jamestown, St Helena Island and must be submitted by e-mail to the Head of Audit Services anesu.makamure@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Thursday 8 February 2019.



SAINT HELENA AUDIT SERVICE

External Auditors

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Salary range £6,722 to £8,402 per annum

The Saint Helena Audit Service is seeking to recruit an Administrative Support Officer to join their team.

The person will provide the administrative and business support services necessary for the effective functioning of the Audit Service and supporting the Office of the Chief Auditor.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE grades in English and Mathematics, with proven experience in administrative support including routine financial transactions. An NVQ level 3 or equivalent qualification in business and administration would be desirable.

Key skills for this position include efficiency in business processes with good communication and organisation skills necessary to support a busy professional office. IT proficiency including Excel, Word and Outlook is also essential.

Job profiles and application forms are available by e-mail to cassidy.beard@sainthelena.gov.sh or from the Saint Helena Audit Service, Post Office Building, Jamestown, St Helena Island and must be submitted by e-mail to the Head of Audit Services anesu.makamure@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Thursday 8 February 2019.



The St Helena Airport is looking to recruit detail-oriented, thorough, and organized Persons to fill the posts of an Airport Operations Manager and a Procurement and Asset Officer at the St Helena Airport.

Airport Operations Manager.

The Airport Operations Manager will be responsible for the planning, organizing and general supervision of the Airport's airside operations, inclusive of some safety, RFFS and security functions in accordance with goals, and objectives of the company and be in possession of:

- Extensive knowledge of ICAO Airport Operations regulations and be familiar with Overseas Territories Aviation Regulations.
- Experience in a similar relevant position at a General Aviation or Regional Airport.
- Skill in leading a dynamic team where multi-tasking and flexibility is key to success.
- Understanding of Safety Management System principles.
- Tertiary qualification covering Airport Operations or demonstrated relevant aviation experience.
- Knowledge of Airport Regulator expectations and audit processes.
- CAP 700 and OTAR 139 compliance

Procurement and Asset Officer

The Procurement and Asset Officer will oversee purchases and manage all assets. In this position, you will play a key role in procuring high-quality and cost-efficient supplies for our organization. The Officer will follow procurement procedures, maintain an updated list of current and incoming inventory and must be in possession of:

- GCSE Math's and English at Grade C or above or equivalent qualifications.
- Solid knowledge and understanding of procurement processes, policy, and systems
- Two (2) years previous experience as procurement officer or related position
- Proficient computer skills, including Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Excel)
- Experience in the use of accounting and asset management software

Applicants must be of a professional manner and also be able to provide the following:

- A full medical assessment
- A 5 year verifiable employment history check and be able to show proof for periods of unemployment in accordance with the Overseas Territories Aviation Requirement (OTAR) 178.
- Pass a Narcotic and Alcohol test
- A Criminal Background Check.

If you think you have the relevant qualifications and skills to suit this role, or you would like more information or to receive the job description and application form please contact Elaine Hopkins at the St Helena Airport on Telephone number 25180 Ext 0 or email address recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero

Should we not find suitable candidates, we will take into consideration developmental areas to fill this role if the candidate has the willingness to work towards gaining the necessary qualifications. The closing date for this position is 30th January 2019. Interviews will take place between 6th and 8th February 2019 and the successful persons will commence work March/ April 2019. Should we not contact you by 6th February 2019 you can consider your application not successful on this occasion.

JOB VACANCIES

Wolf Creek Federal Services Inc. invites application for the following job positions at the American Base, Ascension Island.

- **HEAVY MAINTENANCE**
- **APPRENTICE PLUMBER**
- **FIRE FIGHTER TRAINEES**
- **FIRE FIGHTERS**

The Firefighter controls and extinguishes fires or responds to emergency situations where life, property, or the environment is at risk. Duties may include fire prevention, emergency medical service, hazardous material response, search and rescue, and disaster assistance.

Applicants must:

- Have at least two years of experience in Fire Service.
- Have a minimum of Fire Fighter I & II, Airport Firefighter (ARFF) and Hazmat Operation
- Awareness Certifications, Pro Board, DFTDC, DoD or equivalent will be accepted.
- Be able to read/write English proficiently.

WCFSI provides free Accommodation, Food (3 meals per day) and Round trip passage to home of record after completion of a 1 year contract. Laundry and MWR facilities are free of charge. Must have a valid Passport/Visa minimum of 18 months to be able to sign an Offer Letter. Should not have any major offences with any law enforcement agency.

Send resume or questions to E-mail E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil or phone 247-62225



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

www.sainthelenabank.com

Participate in our Customer Satisfaction Survey 28 January to 28 February 2019

At Bank of St Helena Ltd it is our mission to provide you with the best possible service experience. To help us achieve this goal we urge customers to participate in our Customer Satisfaction Survey, which will run from **28 January to 28 February 2019**.

Forms will be available from our main branch, in Market Street, Jamestown or you can visit our website, www.sainthelenabank.com to complete the questionnaire online. Customers may also request a hardcopy or electronic copy of the questionnaire from our Customer Service team by calling on telephone number 22390 or email customerservices@sainthelenabank.com.

Have your say on how we meet your banking needs



Enterprise St Helena is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced person to work with the Marketing and Communications Team on a fixed term, six month contract.

Reporting to the Marketing and Communications Manager the successful applicant will be responsible for supporting the team with co-ordinating Enterprise St Helena's marketing activities and advertising campaigns both locally and internationally with a key focus on promoting St Helena Tourism.

The successful candidate must have:

- A CIM qualification or equivalent,
- Experience in a marketing role to include digital marketing
- Excellent communication skills including high standard of written communication, grammar and spelling
- Information management skills including a high Level of accuracy and attention to 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, Ladder Hill Business Park by no later than close of business Friday 8th February 2019.



For further information please contact Marilyn Caswell, HR and Administration Manager on 22920

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INVITE TO PRODUCERS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURAL TRAINING & UPSKILLING GROUP

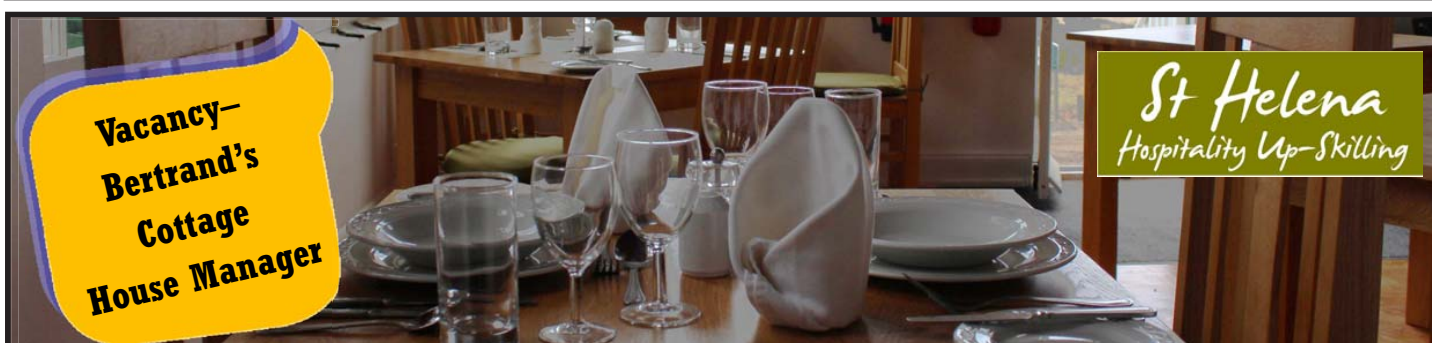
Are you interested in being part of a group that informs the content, format and arrangements for training and upskilling activities arising from the recent agricultural sector training needs assessment? If so, we would like to hear from you and you can contact Andrea Timm on telephone 24724 to learn more and register your name.

ORDERS FOR DAY-OLD CHICKS

We would like to advise the public that persons on the order list for chickens will be informed by a member of the Vet & Livestock Section from Monday 4th February whether they will receive their order from the last batch of chickens imported. Please do not continue to ring the Section for confirmation as we will not know the final number of chickens able to be released until the results of the Fowl Pox vaccine is known, which is administered just before end of quarantine period.

APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS TO SHOOT GAME ON CROWN LAND

We would like to advise the public that persons interested in obtaining a permit to shoot game on Government land should provide information regarding the length of period (in years) their gun license application is approved/being made for. Without this information, your permit cannot be processed.



Bertrand's Cottage Limited, a training facility that also operate as a restaurant and accommodation establishment, is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced individual to fill the role of House Manager.

The successful candidate will have overall responsibility for the management of the Cottage and must have:

- 1) Experience of working in a similar establishment
- 2) Good people management and leadership skills
- 3) Knowledge and experience of health and safety procedures
- 4) A understanding of marketing, budgeting and financial controls
- 5) Excellent Administration Skills

A copy of the Terms of Reference and an application form can be collected from Enterprise St Helena reception and formal applications should be submitted to the Human Resources and Administration Assistant at Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill by no later than Monday 28th January 2019 at 12 noon.



For further information please contact Sharnell Benjamin on telephone 22920 or via email Sharnell.benjamin@esh.co.sh

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Vacancy – Board Director Bertrand's Cottage Ltd

St Helena
Hospitality Up-Skilling

Bertrands Cottage Limited is a private company limited by shares and is registered under the Companies Ordinance of St Helena 2004. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the Cottage rests with the House Manager however monitoring of the operations including financial performance and setting the strategic direction lie with the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is seeking additional Directors to strengthen the current membership. The successful applicant(s) must have experience in working in a similar role with skills in either of the following areas

- Marketing such as campaigning and promoting the business,
- Legal and/or financial and risk management.

If you are interested a copy of the terms of reference can be collected from Enterprise St Helena reception and a copy of your CV should be submitted to Michielle Yon, Chairperson, Bertrands Cottage Board, Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill by no later than Monday 28th January 2019.



For further information please contact Michielle
Yon on telephone 22920 or via email
Michielle.yon@esh.co.sh.

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Enterprise St Helena Board of Directors' Meeting

Enterprise St Helena

A meeting of the Enterprise St Helena Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday 30 January 2019 at 9:00am at the Head Office of Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill Business Park.

Items that will be discussed which are open to the public:

- Confirmation of Minutes of Open Meeting session held on 28 November 2018;
- Matters Arising;
- ESH Subcommittee Updates;
- Financial Reporting;
- Policy Update;
- Project Proposals:
 - Support to Recycling Initiatives Waste Segregation;
 - Interpretation Panels (Signage);
- Board Administration.



A copy of the Agenda and Papers open to public can be obtained from the Board Secretary via email:
natasha.bargo@esh.co.sh or alternatively from the ESH website: www.investinsthelena.com

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Entree

French Onion Soup with Parmesan Croutes
Smoky Prawns in a Tomato and Coriander Sauce served
with Homemade Bread
Beef & Herb Leafed Salad with Blue Cheese Dressing

Main

Sesame Seared Tuna with Savoury Rice, Pea Puree and Asian
Salad
Fillet of Beef with Basil Mash, Roasted Veg and Mushroom
Sauce
Tagliatelle Pasta with a Tomato, Olive, Caper and Anchovy
Sauce, Garnished with Basil and Parmesan Shavings

Dessert

Vanilla Cheesecake with Berry Coulis & Chocolate Ice Cream
Chocolate Tart with Peppermint Crumble and Vanilla Ice Cream



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Mo Salah scored twice as Liverpool came from behind to beat Crystal Palace in a pulsating match.

The Anfield team led 3-2 as the final whistle of a topsy-turvy match approached, but after Milner was sent off in the 89th minute for two yellow-card offences, it was a nervy ending as the Premier League leaders desperately tried to hold on to their lead.

The win was ultimately secured when Mane added a fourth in injury time, though there was still time for Max Meyer to score a consolation for the visitors.

This result moved Liverpool 7 points clear of Man City for 24 hours.

Ole Solskjaer became the first Manchester United manager to win their first 6 games as United beat Brighton 2-1 with goals from Pogba and Rashford.

Paul Pogba put United in front after winning and then converting a penalty in the 27th minute.

Marcus Rashford doubled the lead just before half-time with a beautiful solo goal on his 150th appearance for the club.

This win moved United in touching distance of the Champions' League places; especially after Arsenal beat Chelsea 2-0 in the late game on Saturday.

Lacazette put Arsenal ahead in the 14th minute when he made the most of a poor Bellerin cross with a fine first touch before turning and beating Chelsea goalkeeper Arrizabalaga at his near post with a fierce strike.

Arsenal's intense pressing hampered Chelsea's ability to play the ball from the back, particularly in the first half, and the Gunners deservedly added a second through Captain Koscielny in the 39th minute.

Chelsea was poor as they fail to test the Arsenal goal keeper. Alonso did hit the post in the first half.

Chelsea will need to find a striker soon if they are going to play in the Champions League next season.

In other matches Wolves scored an injury time winners beating Leicester 4-3 with Jota scoring a hat trick. Bournemouth picked up 3 valuable points as they defeated inform West Ham 2-0. This was a much need win for Bournemouth as they had only picked up 7 points from their previous 12 games.

Newcastle moved out of the relegation zone as they defeated Cardiff 3-0. This result sent the Welsh club down into 18th place.

Cardiff fans also received shocking news this week as just three days after he signed for Premier League club Cardiff City, Emiliano Sala was on a light aircraft which disappeared on Monday night, French authorities have confirmed.

The 28-year-old Argentine was one of two people on board the Piper Malibu, which went missing off Alderney in the Channel Islands.

Cardiff spent a club-record fee of around £15m on a player who they had been interested in for more than a month.

New Southampton manager Ralph Hasenhuttl has now won 4 out of his eight games as his side beat Everton 2-1.

Watford and Burnley played out a goal less draw.

On Sunday Manchester City scored their 100th goal of the season as they eased past Huddersfield to move back to four

points behind Premier League leaders Liverpool. Huddersfield was without a manager for this game after David Wagner left the club by mutual consent.

Jan Siewert, like fellow German Wagner, left his role as Borussia Dortmund second-team coach to join Huddersfield as manager.

Injury stricken Spurs had to depend on a last gasp winner from Harry Winks to beat struggling Fulham 2-1. This result consolidates Spurs in 3rd place; however with Son; Kane and now Deli Allie now missing from the team they could struggle in their upcoming matches.

This weekend the EPL will be replace by FA Cup Football as the 4th round will take place, starting with two matches on Friday night as Bristol City play Bolton and Arsenal host Manchester United.

Fourth Round Games on Saturday:

Accrington Stanley v Derby County
Brighton & Hove Albion v West Bromwich Albion
Doncaster Rovers v Oldham Athletic
Manchester City v Burnley
Middlesbrough v Newport County
Newcastle United v Watford
Portsmouth v Queens Park Rangers
Shrewsbury Town v Wolverhampton Wanderers
Swansea City v Gillingham
Millwall v Everton
AFC Wimbledon v West Ham United

SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY

FOURTH ROUND

Crystal Palace v Tottenham Hotspur
Chelsea v Sheffield Wednesday

MONDAY 28TH JANUARY

FOURTH ROUND

Barnet v Brentford

On Tuesday and Wednesday we will have another full round of Premier League matches:

Tuesday 29th January:

Arsenal v Cardiff City
Fulham v Brighton & Hove Albion
Huddersfield Town v Everton
Wolverhampton Wanderers v West Ham United
Manchester United v Burnley
Newcastle United v Manchester City

Wednesday 30th January

AFC Bournemouth v Chelsea
Southampton v Crystal Palace
Liverpool v Leicester City
Tottenham Hotspur v Watford



SHCA League 2019

Results Week 3

Sat 19 Jan

Pirates 142

Jeremy Henry 37
Rhys Francis 25

Darren Isaac 1/29
Brett Isaac 1/32

Challengers 147/2

Alex Langham 62*
Phillip Stroud 46

Joey Thomas 4/24
Jordi Henry 2/9

Performance Points

A Langham 3, P Stroud 2, J Thomas 1

Sunday 20 Jan

Lions 267/9

Christopher Herne 66
Simon Scipio 38

Ralph Knipe 3/24
Perry Leo 2/21



Mustangs 180/8

Andy Williams 31*
Makyle Fuller 28

Travoy Stevens 3/46
Cruyff Buckley 2/18

Performance Points

C Herne 3, S Scipio 2, A Williams 1

Woodpeckers 58

Trystan Thomas 19
Alistair Buckley 15

Julian Henry 1/22
Trystan Thomas 1/12

Heat 62/2

Dax Richards 30*
Ryan Belgrove 15



Scott Crowie 3/3
Ryan Belgrove 2/15

Performance Points

R Belgrove 3, S Crowie 2, T Thomas 1

Football Flashback



BR L-R: Paul Parker; Mike Phelan, Peter Schmiechel, Lee Sharpe, Eric Cantona, Lee Martin, Les Sealy, Darren Ferguson, Dion Dublin, Clayton Blackmore, Sir Alex Ferguson & Brian Kidd

FR L-R: Mark Hughes; Brian McClair, Steve Bruce, Gary Pallister, Bryan Robson, Denis Irwin, Andrei Kanchelskis, Ryan Giggs & Paul Ince

GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 20th JANUARY 2019

The third competition of the year had the highest turn out of players. 23 players turned up to tee off at 12:00 for our monthly medal stroke play competition. It was warm and dry weather conditions. It is great to see that the numbers of golfers turning up for competitions are getting better and better. The usual golfers who normally dominate competitions seemed to be "lost". They were nowhere to be seen on the leader board. The winner of January 2019 monthly medal was Mr Neil Joshua playing off handicap 19 with a net 65. Mr Nicky Stevens who had the highest gross score 73 but with a handicap 7 was beaten by Neil and had to contend with second place net 66. Mr Larry Legg scored the only birdie on a par 3 and collected all the balls in the two ball pool. Congratulations gentlemen. Next Sunday 27th January 2019 will be another stroke play competition sponsored by Gwyneth Howell. There will be a full bouquet of prizes from Trophy to balls, gloves, towels and even caps. You don't wanna miss. Tee off time is 12:00. Registration is ongoing through the usual channels. Add your name to the list on the clubhouse noticeboard, leave a voice mail on 24421, or drop a message to our Facebook page @SGHC.org.sh Members who have not paid their 2019 sub-

scriptions are kindly reminded to make their payments to SHGC bank account or at the clubhouse when it is open. It's not too late for New Year resolutions. We at SHGC would like to encourage you to consider joining us in the wonderful game of golf. Get in touch through the contact details above.

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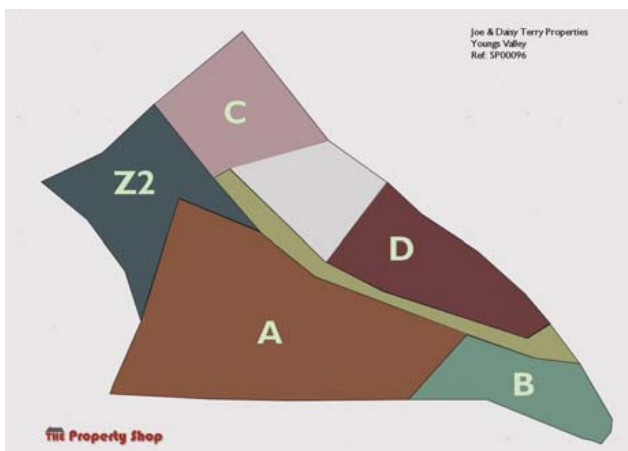
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Basil George, 82, a former teacher and the island's former Director of Education – who now runs a tour company, Magma Way, with his son Kevin – is full of knowledge about the island. He believes that St Helena needs to maximise its resources, including its fishing and farming, while also diversifying.

"It's a hugely difficult period. We need to manage this, going through this very difficult transition," he told me. "The status we have as a self-governing territory and with a very small population really puts us in an impossible situation."

During my two-day visit, I was a guest at Mantis St Helena, situated a stone's throw from the sea in the heart of Jamestown. The hotel is stylish, well-run and well-staffed. In short, it has everything that anyone could wish from a 30-room, four-star boutique hotel except...a steady flow of guests.

The hotel, which opened its doors earlier this year, is managed, rather than owned, by the Mantis Collection, and is heavily subsidised by SHG which saw the need to get an international-standard hotel on St Helena if it was to attract wealthy tourists. Yet, due to the island's problems, the hotel's occupancy rate hovers at between 15 and 20 per cent.

The Mantis Collection, founded and chaired by Adrian Gardiner, a successful South African businessman, had originally hoped to expand its interest on the island but now, like many other businesses, its confidence is waning in that the current airlift is not conducive to a successful tourist destination or other business opportunities.

DFID and SHG must never forget that international investors can look to operate anywhere in the world and so St Helena's rulers must offer them assistance, encouragement and hope.

Already massive investment opportunities on the island have been missed. I am told that Shelco (the St Helena Leisure Corporation Ltd,) whose former chairman Sir Nigel Thompson like me has links to the island going back more than half a century, "lost the will to live" over countless delays to the first phase of its £120 million hotel and country club development

for the island.

As a result, it recently sold a controlling stake in the company to Paul O'Sullivan, a successful businessman who also has ambitious development leisure plans for the island but who will never be foolish enough to sink in tens of millions of pounds of investment until the airport and other problems have been sorted out.

Mr O'Sullivan, who is the CEO of St Helena Corporation Plc, has 40 years' experience as a pilot and therefore knows a thing or two about "next gen" (next generation) navigational aids.

He has told me that he believes St Helena's current GBAS (Ground Based Augmentation System), fitted at a cost of some £2 million, can be adapted to enable planes to land on the island in most weathers. "It's a major issue and if it's not fixed soon, it will consign the island to a bleak future," he said.

Mr O'Sullivan, who visited the island earlier this month, remains confident that, with a positive approach from DFID and SHG, he will invest more heavily on the island, and he has already built a show house there. "We did not go there to 'loot and scoot', we're in for the long-haul and prepared to be patient," he said.

Everyone on the island has thoughts on how it could prosper. Mike Olsson is the owner of the St Helena Independent newspaper which, along with Saint FM radio station, I sponsor to ensure its editorial independence. He believes that improved banking facilities and obtaining a new fibre-optic cable link are essential to the island's future prosperity. There are moves to ensure that a fibre-optic cable running from South Africa to Brazil, which would provide super-fast internet speeds and other benefits, can branch off to St Helena.

Mr Olsson also favours "residential tourism", particularly from northern Europe, so that long-term visitors during the northern hemisphere's winter would not be so dependent on the weekly flights. Such a move, with numerous tourists staying on the island for months rather than days, would, however, require a big increase in medical facilities for the elderly

During my visit, Governor Lisa Honan, who has been widely praised for improving SHG's transparency, was off-island due to work commitments. However, I spoke with others who help to run the island and manage its economy.

Lawson Henry who has been a St Helena councillor for five years, is a member of the five-strong island Cabinet and chairs the economic and development committee.

"St Helena has real potential to be a tourist destination," he

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told me. “It is only a small island but the diversity of what we have to offer could make us a good tourist destination.”

However, Councillor Henry was deeply critical of the decision to have the current airport “hub” – for flights to and from St Helena – in Johannesburg rather than Cape Town, where Saints have strong historic links and where tourists feel safer and keener to visit than crime-ridden Johannesburg. “We have to have a re-look at the hub and people have to be able to reach the island from different points of origin...If we don’t make these interventions, I think tourists will eventually stop coming.”

Councillor Henry added: “This has been a huge investment by the British taxpayer in this island and if the British Government doesn’t support us in doing some really fundamental other things, then it is not going to work.”

“There is a lot of frustration here on the island at this time...And there is a lot of pain in the community because of the state of our economy...There is a real lack of understanding of how a small isolated island has to operate.”

In recent years, St Helena has received around £30 million a year in Government subsidies from DFID but the ambition remains that, with a vibrant economy that includes a strong tourism sector, the island eventually moves towards self-sufficiency.

Dr Dawn Cranswick, who is Chief Executive for Economic Development, told me that it was “disappointing” to hear that entrepreneurs on and off the island had criticised the official support they received.

Little more than three months into her role, it would be unfair to expect her to come up with overnight solutions to problems that others have taken years or even decades to try to solve.

Dr Cranswick said: “I think that as time goes on all of us, including tourism businesses on and off the island, will develop a stronger knowledge and understanding about how unique, niche destinations such as St Helena emerge as tourism destinations.

“I think there is a lot of very good work that has been done already but of course there is more to do. We now have around 50 international tour operators marketing the island. One of the things we are learning is the time it takes for a tour operator to come to know a destination and get it into their plans.”

Amid the disappointments and the criticisms, it should never be forgotten what an attractive destination St Helena is for the more adventurous traveller or how easy it is, once you have finally reached the island, to get around it and see the wonderful sights. St Helena offers an attractive climate, a rich history, stunning scenery, a unique wildlife, great walking, friendly locals and much more besides.

I broke off from my interviews for a couple of hours one afternoon to tour the island and remind myself of all it has to offer. I visited Longwood House, where Napoleon lived for six years. It is also the location where, aged just two, I fell into the goldfish pond fully clothed while I was with my parents en route to Nyasaland, now Malawi.

I also visited Jacob’s Ladder where, during the same visit in 1948, my late father Eric, then a fit young man, carried me up all 699 steps that had been cut into the hillside by the military in 1829 so that ammunition and other supplies could be carried up the cliff.

Furthermore, I was invited to Plantation House, the Governor’s official residence, where I had an interesting off-the-record conversation with Acting Governor Louise MacMorran before seeing Jonathan, the giant Seychelles tortoise. At 186 years old, he is the oldest tortoise in the world and possibly the oldest land animal, too.

I have no intention of investing in St Helena. My involvement is, by writing a lengthy blog and making a short film on my visit, to make a small contribution towards a greater understanding of the island’s problems and perhaps even to help find some solutions.

I hope that Saints and others will feel that my interviews with such a wide-range of islanders, rulers and investors leave me equipped to offer a few thoughts for others to ponder.

There is no doubt that insufficient research, including test flights, went into the airport before it was built, but the island will never have a second airport so it now needs to make the most of what it has. My well-informed contacts tell me that “wind shear” and cross winds are not, in fact, the major problem.

Instead, with an airport built at nearly 1,000 feet, it is low cloud that is largely causing the flight delays. I am no aviation expert but DFID, as a matter of urgency, needs to provide the island, at whatever the cost, the best equipment to enable planes to land regularly whatever the cloud conditions.

St Helena’s infrastructure, particularly its costly and unreli-

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able communications, needs to be improved as a matter of urgency and its leaders need to be more welcoming and supportive to both local entrepreneurs and major outside investors.

I encountered red-tape from the moment I arrived when immigration officials insisted on myself and my small team filling in arrival forms, as well as providing immediate proof of our departure flights and health insurance. Why not follow the South African example of, upon entry, only needing a compulsory passport and optional smile?

Furthermore, I believe there should be a completely independent, strategic review of the island with nothing deemed “off the table”, including the island’s relationship with the UK. Saints would probably not want to be fully independent of the UK nor fully integrated into the UK, but everything needs to be assessed by experts who are devoid of any agenda.

Jeremy Hunt, the Foreign Secretary, recently aired the possibility that a small number of senior overseas diplomatic posts could be filled by experienced businessmen or women.

Just days before I landed on St Helena, it was announced that the new governor of the island will be Dr Philip Rushbrook, who takes up his role in May.

I mean no disrespect to Dr Rushbrook, but surely St Helena presented the perfect opportunity to put a business leader,

rather than a career civil servant, in the role. It would have been a controversial move but it might well have been a bold and wise move too.

As I headed back to the airport by taxi at the end of my two-day visit, I felt sad that Saints have become so despondent about their uncertain future. Their savings are dwindling, their resilience is weakening and their dreams are fading. Unfortunately, there are no easy solutions but this tightly-knit community, which will always have a special place in my heart, deserves better.

PEAKS Enterprises wishes to inform the public their Business Establishment will be closed all day on **Tuesday 29th January 2019**

Businesses affected will include:

- * The Sawmill at Scotland
- * Store at Sunnyside
- * Philip John’s Shop in St. Paul’s

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Normal opening hours will resume on Wednesday 30th January 2019.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROVISION OF FERRY SERVICE Reference: CS-0213-SHG

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

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-Procurement system which can be accessed via: <https://in-tendhost.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 directed 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 Friday, 15 February 2019.

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