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## From the Supreme Court

The St Helena Supreme Court under Judge Patrick Thomas QC opened on Monday. The reason for Mr Thomas acting as Supreme Court Judge is the our Chief Justice, Charles Ekins, had far too close connections with the defendant in this case. The case in hand was the one of the Crown v. Mr Eric Benjamin, Speaker of the Legislative Council and also Lay Advocate. Especially Mr Benjamin's close connection with the Courts made it impossible for Chief Justice Ekins to act as judge in this matter. Mr Benjamin stands charged with three charges of Sexual Assault and one of Attempted Rape.

Mr Benjamin who had pleaded not guilty to the offences had chosen to be tried by jury and there were great worries that it could be difficult to find an impartial jury as Mr Benjamin has been involved in public life for over half a century and is very well known by most people on the Island. These fears caused the Judicial Services to summon well over 100 people for possible selection for Jury Service.

Fortunately, it was easier than expected to find suitable jury member and the selection was concluded on Tuesday of this week.

The case against Mr Benjamin started on Wednesday when the prosecutor, Mr Andrew Jackson opened the proceedings with an outline of the case, saying that there were three alleged victims and that the incidents occurred in 1999, 2016 and 2017 respectively. Later this week the alleged victims and prosecution witnesses have given evidence. It is likely that Mr Eric Benjamin, represented by the Public Solicitor, Duncan Cook, will give his account of events on Tuesday of next week. A verdict is expected towards the end of next



week. If Mr Benjamin, who is 83 years of age, is found guilty he could receive a lengthy prison sentence.

As this is a jury trial with lay jurors St Helena Independent and Saint FM will restrict the reporting of this case, which undoubtedly is huge for the Island, to the general outline only. As always in sensitive cases victims and witnesses have to be protected and as far as possible media should ensure that they do not publish anything which could influence the lay jurors. In St Helena it has been established that the freedom of the press to report would be greater if the case is tried by a Judge alone as it has been deemed that a professional Judge is less likely to be influenced from media reporting than lay jurors. This has been said with full respect to the jury system and the jurors.

## THE CONSTITUENT *C Leo (LegCo)*

Part 5, Section 47, of the St Helena Constitution states: 'There shall be a Legislature for St Helena consisting of her Majesty and the Legislative Council'. Subject to the Constitution, the work of the Legislature is to be carried out for the peace, order and good government of St Helena. Accordingly, this responsibility for decision-making ultimately rests with the peoples elected representatives. There will always be times when what is considered by elected members to be in the best interests of responsible, good governance of St Helena is disputed by some constituents. However, healthy consultation, discussion and persuasion are also an important part of the local political process. And that is why it is important for constituents to have your say at every opportunity. I was very disappointed at the very low turnout for the last round of public constituency meetings that were held by your elected representatives at various locations around the island.

On the street and through social and local media the question is "What are our councillors doing.....?" This frustration has been particularly concentrated since the community became aware that Dr Rhys will soon leave the island. I believe that the concerns are justified and constituents have a right to question their councillors.

Some months ago a constituent gave me their medical details and asked me to look into their concerns within the Public Health Directorate. It was the first time I had ever met Dr Rhys and after discussing the patient's concerns with Dr Rhys in the first instance, I was absolutely struck by the gentleman's professionalism and his depth of patient care and concern.

As a politician, I cannot profess to know the professional rea-

sons for the decisions taken by the Director of the Public Health Directorate, but, from my experience, I whole heartedly share the concerns of the 1,740 residents who signed the petition to 'Keep Dr Rhys'.

*After hearing the views of constituents the following email was sent to the Governor on behalf of the community:*

**From:** Cyril Leo [mailto:ckleo@helanta.co.sh]

**Sent:** 20 January 2019 12:12

**To:** Governor

**Cc:** Secretary to Elected Members

**Subject:** Dr Rhys

**Dear Governor,**

Normally elected representatives are expected to steer clear of SHG personnel/staff employment processes. However, I am left with no choice but to inform you that I am seriously concerned for the community. It has been brought to my attention that key staff of the Public Health Department, who constituents hold in high esteem and appreciation for their special qualities, dedication and loyal services to the community, seem to lose or resign their jobs due to questionable circumstances. Constituents are concerned that the Director of the Public Health is not making decisions for retaining staff that are in the best interests of the people of St Helena. Currently there are serious concerns throughout the community that Dr Rhys will be leaving St Helena even though he is willing to continue in post. Please can you kindly look into the matter and have the decision reversed in the best interests of the people of St Helena?

**Thank you, Kind regards, Cyril**





## Keeping company with Michael Binyon

Michael Binyon OBE, English journalist, eminent foreign correspondent and writer for the prestigious Times newspaper, of worthy note is his knowledge of current affairs and world politics.

Glad to have finally made it to St Helena as a part of a group of tourists, 24 to be exact, Michael managed to find time to squeeze in an interview at Saint FM with Tammy Williams and despite his disappointment at not being able to make it to the island in November due to bad weather conditions St Helena remains high on his list of places to travel to.

Among the range of issues discussed, key matters were raised by Michael and unsurprisingly very few would disagree

### Brexit

"All overseas territories are going to have some problems with Brexit, Gibraltar, St Helena, all this EU money is going to dry up, now that's a tiny bit of the reporting that's going on with Brexit but that's such a major crisis in Britain anyway and how this will affect St Helena and the other overseas territories is only a tiny bit of the argument and quite frankly I'm worried that when the EU funds are cut off Britain says 'We'll replace that' But will they? You're on your own guys because the UK government is so pre-occupied with the Brexit and there are other huge internal domestic policies that the government ought to be doing something about where they simply either haven't got time of they're simply not focused on it like re-organising the health service, education and training, defence, forces which are all issues that need attention, nobody's paying attention and I'm afraid the need for follow-through on the territories, well, there's going to be very little, you're not going to feature"

### The airport

"I think the authorities made a terrible mistake when they didn't say right at the beginning, *'oh yes we now need to re-think how we do it'*, they in fact simply said nothing and there was all this speculation, *'we've wasted our money, they're never going to use it'* what they should have said is *'There may be ways we can use it, with a different plane or different configuration,*



*we're looking at it and we'll keep you posted of how far we get'* That would have stopped some of the aggressive comment saying this is a waste of British taxpayers money. There's not much comment now, I think people are still interested, it's now more in travel news and not so much political news, you have a good case of there needs to be some follow-through because I think everyone realises that grand schemes are never really going to work, great new ideas that were never going to happen like 30,000 tourists"

### Optimistic about St Helena

"What you can do is small scale initiatives, gradually; gradually make a difference, like agriculture production especially as the regular supply from South Africa is not so guaranteed now. The environment is another thing, here St Helena is doing a tremendous job not only conserving species and endemics but the marine environment, this is a very big issue, there is some publicity in Britain about the fact that in the whole of the overseas territories there are only 250,000 people but they have 95% of Britain's biodiversity"

**The full interview can be heard at Saint FM and online at [www.saint.fm](http://www.saint.fm)**

## A Second Bank Would Be Welcome in St Helena Says Regulator



Visiting the Island is the Chairman of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority, Charles Ilako. His role is to ensure the good management and solidity of the Island's financial services. At large our financial services only comprise the Bank of St Helena, Enterprise St Helena and Solomon's Insurance. On Thursday morning, Mr Ilako visited Saint FM to talk about his visit and also possibilities and obstacles for the Island in respect of access to capital and a general adversity against taking risks on the Island.

Surprisingly, he said that he would welcome competition into the banking sector as this most possibly would give the Island and its people more access to capital to develop the economy on St Helena. Obviously, any competition to Bank of St Helena must be properly regulated and monitored. We will make a special feature about the financial sector in St Helena next week.

This is an interesting topic but it has to be properly researched and investigated.



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# Editorial

Signal House mast has, judging from a photo helpfully supplied by SHG, gone rotten right through to the centre at least in some parts of it. The saga of Signal House mast started a month ago when it was announced two days work would be needed on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January to make good the obvious lack of maintenance over an extended period. An inspection had revealed the yard arm needed some attention. On 11<sup>th</sup> January a further announcement included the 'top flag pole' in the scope of work and that was being taken down. Within the hour a further announcement told us the top flag pole could not be removed until a further assessment had been made. Five days later, on 16<sup>th</sup> January a further attempt was made to remove the flag pole. By 1pm that day the flag pole was down and announcements from SHG fell quiet. Questions about when the pole and arm will be re-erected were answered on Monday of this week. Technical difficulties and unforeseen circumstances were cast aside in favour of references to the deteriorating state of the wooden assembly and that the deterioration would have continued if it were not for the keen observation by the existing Signal House tenant.

The lower pole is to be stripped down and repainted, the top pole will be inspected more closely before deciding whether to repair it or take it to the dump. The yard arm needs to be replaced and the replacement will have to come from overseas. From the last sentence of the latest announcement it is not clear whether top pole and yard arm will be replaced. We are reminded however the Signal House mast is redundant as far as its original purpose is concerned and that neither Signal House nor its mast are "currently listed landmarks". This must mean Signal House is not included in the 1974 Crallan Report which is an incomplete list of historic buildings which is intended to "serve as a guide to Conservation policies". A 'guide' is a world away from a statutory regulation or indicator and informed opinion carries equal weight with a 'guide'.

A few years back a new, more comprehensive and more methodical Historic Environment Register (HER) was being compiled by Ben Jeffs one of the leading three when Liberated African Excavations took place in Rupert's. I have seen it on websites and thought I had downloaded a copy, but no. This week I cannot find it anywhere. The only reference to it is on the National Trust website where the HER is described as, "an inventory and valuation of all heritage sites on St Helena; assessed their importance, condition, and potential for future tourism development; identified essential restoration/maintenance priorities and costs; created a new asset database and GIS maps; and produced tourist information." But the link to the Register itself no longer exists. Another reference to the HER states, "The HER is integral to heritage planning and development and hence integral to tourism development... It will be an invaluable asset in producing tourist information, providing detailed and accurate maps and information for tours,

signage and other interpretation." But where has it gone? And briefly, three reviews were announced this week. On is on insurance provision in St Helena; are the right questions being asked? The second refers to the Mantis Hotel; should the answers to the questions now being asked been sought before the decision to build was taken? Third is a review of utilities service provision; are the answers to these questions already available?

The only question I have as I write this is, where has the Historic Environment Register gone?

Have a peaceful and safe weekend, I certainly intend to,

**Vince**

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**Dear Editor,**

I check our mailbox weekly on a Thursday. On 24<sup>th</sup> January there were Xmas cards from UK with postal dates ranging from 26<sup>th</sup> November up to 3<sup>rd</sup> December. I expect there may be more turning up in February. One of the prophesied advantages of having a plane rather than a ship was quicker mail delivery! Perhaps this was based on the assumption that the plane would fly from Capetown?

Is there an explanation for these long delays?

**Yours sincerely,  
Barbara B. George**

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## **Three weekly flights to the Falklands soon to become four**

A deal has been struck which allows for a fourth weekly flight from and to the Falklands, according to a prominent Argentine reporter on diplomatic affairs. The new flight will offer connections to both Brazil and Argentina. The agreement was reached earlier this week when a meeting was arranged between Britain's Foreign Office minister for Latin America and Argentine foreign minister Jorge Faurie on the sidelines of the international Lima Group meeting in Ottawa Canada which ended on Monday. It is envisaged the new flight connection will start in October, at the start of the Falklands peak tourist season.

A meeting of foreign ministers representing fourteen countries on the American continent, known as the Lima Group, was used as the opportunity for Britain and Argentina to finalise the arrangements for the new weekly air service from Mount Pleasant to the Brazilian city of Sao Paulo. Some flights will be scheduled to call at Cordoba in central Argentina.

Currently there are two flights each week from Brize Norton to the Falklands and back together with the weekly flight between Mount Pleasant and Santiago / Punta Arenas in Chile, operated by Chilean airline LAN. The new air service to Brazil will be operated by LATAM.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> St Helena International Conference set for March



Anne's Place will again be the venue for another international conference organised by the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute. Starting on 11<sup>th</sup> March with a keynote speech by Professor Dan Yon, the conference theme is "Nature's Benefits, natural capital in the South Atlantic". Natural capital is a general term which includes soil, air water, rocks and minerals and all living things. When thought of in the same way as financial capital it can be argued the world will be soon be placed under 'business rescue' and in the same position as Basil Read if we continue to reduce, damage and waste our natural resources, the natural capital that remains. A main theme of the conference will be the need to vastly improve the way we look after our natural capital.

The first day of the conference will also include two workshops; one on conservation areas and the other on the recently established Blue Belts around some of the South Atlantic Islands. Discussions will focus on what is being done, planned to be done and needs to be done to conserve and restore natural capital and improve the 'balance sheet' humans have with the rest of the natural world.

Professor Dan Yon will be giving his keynote speech at the Consulate Hotel and everyone is invited to attend. Admission is free. The remaining three days of the conference will be held at Anne's Place with the final day, Friday, being allocated to field trips when conference delegates will be given the opportunity to see St Helena's exceptional environment at first hand.

In addition to Dan Yon, other Saints scheduled to speak at the conference include Elizabeth Clingham who will speak on the marine environment, Tara Pelembe who is deputy director of the South Atlantic Research Institute and very involved in forging partnerships and developing projects across the South Atlantic and beyond which help to improve the natural capital 'balance sheet'. Shayla Ellick of the Environment and Natural Resources Directorate will also speak at the conference. Shayla will focus on conservation of land-based natural capital. Helena Bennett, Director Tourism will speak about the importance of the natural environment and sustainable tourism to St Helena's future economic growth. Other local speakers include Nicole Shamier, the government economist, Barry Hubbard chief executive of Connect St Helena and Mike Durnford, SHG Environmental Risk Manager.

From overseas, Al Dove of the Georgia Aquarium will be speaking once more; his background is in marine biology, he attended last year's international conference. Together with Al Dove will be Christopher Williams of the Durham University Business School, Ness Smith who, like Tara Pelembe,

is with the South Atlantic Research Institute; she will speak on marine environment issues. Other speakers include Amanda Gregory of the UK's Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Mark Pollard of the Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly and Alistair McVittie who is an environmental economist with Scotland's Rural College, an amalgamation of four previous colleges. The Rural College has centres and campuses across all of Scotland.

The conference website, <https://st-helena-conference.com/>, describes the conference as one which will "cover a range of topics from the benefits of cloud forest to the value of the deep sea. On island organisations linked to the Natural Capital project will also be presenting, and the conference will also be a platform for our local researchers and students to share the outcomes of related research that they are doing on island." The conference is funded by the UK government and is organised by SAERI in partnership with St. Helena Government Enterprise St Helena and St. Helena Tourism.

Anyone can register in advance to attend the conference through Shelley Magellan-Wade at the Tourism Office or by emailing her on [shelley.magellan-wade@tourism.co.sh](mailto:shelley.magellan-wade@tourism.co.sh). There is no charge to attend the conference and it will be possible to register on the day if an advance registration has not been made.

The conference organisers explain, "For the last two years, the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI) has been implementing a Natural Capital Assessment project across the UK's Overseas Territories (UKOTs) in the South Atlantic, funded by UK Government. It is established and supported by experts/scientists from the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC). Partnerships have been built with the UKOT governments across the region in the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, Tristan da Cunha, Ascension and St. Helena, and a number of other on and off-island organisations." And that, "In March 2019, participants from all of the UKOTs in the region and across the world will travel to St. Helena to consolidate the final outputs of the project, and give presentations on natural capital from their islands."



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## What other conferences could St Helena host -

Australian born Dr Alistair Dove is a vice-president for research and conservation at the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, where tens of thousands of animals swim in more than 10 million gallons of water. Al, as Dr Dove is usually known, will be a speaker at next month's international conference at Anne's Place. He also attended and spoke at St Helena's first international conference last year.



**Al Dove with a Georgia Aquarium whale shark**

As with most people of Al's position, energy and calibre, he does many things. He is leading research on whale sharks with the aim of better understanding their behaviour which in turn will help to conserve this endangered species. Al also writes articles and is an associate editor for Deep Sea News. In one such article in 2013 Al wrote about the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Whale Shark Conference where delegates from twenty countries attended. The 5<sup>th</sup> International Whale Shark Conference is being held in Ningaloo, Western Australia in May this year.



The Georgia Aquarium lies just north of the Centennial Olympic Park in Central Atlanta. Across the other side of the park is Georgia State University. Al could, if he would, go across the park to attend a conference organised by this university before coming to St Helena for the conference here. The Georgia University conference is called a Consortium on the Revolutionary Era 1750 – 1850. That sounds very specialised but it is an annual conference and every year the Fondation Napoléon attends together with other Napoleonic organisations such as the Masséna Society. In fact the number of conferences where the subject of Napoléon is included, often exclusively, and the number of organisations wishing to be represented at them seems almost endless.

In October last year there was a conference in London about the East India Company. There are innumerable conferences on the wide variety of aspects connected with slavery. There are conferences on some aspect of the marine or terrestrial or aerial environment just about every day of the year. The potential for selling St Helena as a conference venue because of this Island's relevance to a variety of subjects is at least

promising and at best a very useful way of earning income to St Helena.

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No doubt selling a location as the ideal location for a conference is, as always, a specialised activity and as yet St Helena does not have such a specialist. The limited facilities available for conference delegates at present are outweighed in many cases by the vivid and often unique environments St Helena offers.

## St Helena marine life to feature on a Discovery Channel

The Discovery owned Animal Planet TV channel will feature some of the marine conservation efforts in St Helena's waters when it broadcasts a new series later this year.

Called *The Aquarium* the TV series will feature the work of the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta. Whale sharks figure prominently in the research and conservation work of the Georgia Aquarium and the vice-president leading the work, Al Dove, has visited St Helena with his team on three or four occasions to continue the work they are doing to understand better the movements and habits of whale sharks and where they reproduce.

The Georgia Aquarium has a particular interest in the whale sharks of St Helena because it is probably the only known location where whale sharks of both sexes meet in roughly equal numbers. Other locations where whale sharks gather are limited to predominantly male, female or juveniles. For this reason a special focus is placed on the St Helena whale shark gatherings when researching their reproductive habits.

## REGISTRY OF LANDS, ST HELENA

**8<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

NOTICE is hereby given of an application by Mr Brian Henry of New Ground, St Helena Island, for registration as proprietor of part of Parcel 481 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**



## APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2019/12:** FULL Planning Application for **Change of Use from Shop to Dwelling (Addition of Timber Deck and Internal Alterations)** Half Tree Hollow, on Parcel 1048 Half Tree Hollow, adjacent to Bertram Stevens. Applicant: Chris Bargo
2. **Application 2019/13:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of a 2 Bedroom Dwelling**, Bellstone, Levelwood on Parcel 0509 Silver Hill, adjacent to John Styles. Applicant: Cedric James Cooper
3. **Application 2019/14:** FULL Planning Application for **Conversion of Existing Single Storey Garage to form a Double Storey 1 Bedroom Flat**, Wrangham's, Sandy Bay on Parcel 0246 Diana's Peak Ring Road, adjacent to Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc. Applicant: Debbie Fantom
4. **Application 2019/15:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of a 1 Bedroom Dwelling**, Clinic Drive, Half Tree Hollow on Parcels 0508 and 1364 Half Tree Hollow, adjacent to MTBs Shop. Applicant: Derek and Bridget Henry
5. **Application 2019/16:** FULL Planning Application for **the Conversion of the Freight Terminal into Marine Offices, Lab and Marine Visitor Centre**, Freight Terminal, the Wharf on Parcel 010020 Jamestown, adjacent to the Wharf Passenger Terminal. Applicant: Marine Section, EMD/St Helena National Trust (Blue Marine)
6. **Application 2019/17:** FULL Planning Application for **The Conversion of Blue Hill School into a 5 Bedroom Dwelling for Social Housing**, Blue Hill on Parcel 0118 Barren Ground, adjacent to the Blue Hill Community Centre. Applicant: ENRD Derek Pedley for SHG

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](mailto: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](mailto:shane.williams@enrd.gov.sh)

Public Review Commencement Date : 8 February 2019  
Public Review Closing Date : 22 February 2019

Andrew Chawora  
Locum Chief Planning Officer

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## **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF AN AGRICULTURAL TRAINING & UPSKILLING FORUM?**

ANRD would like to involve a group of producers to help inform the content, format and arrangements for training and upskilling activities for the agriculture sector arising from the recent training needs assessment completed for the sector. If you are interested or want to learn more about the forum then Miss Andrea Timm would be pleased to hear from you on telephone 24724 to answer your queries or register your name to take part.

## **ARABLE LAND PLOTS AVAILABLE FOR LICENSING**

Expressions of interest are being sought for tenancies for 2 plots of arable land currently vacant in the Ex ADA Fields and a further plot that is vacant in Plantation Gardens. If you are interested please contact Fred Green at ANRD on telephone 24724 of [fred-green@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:fred-green@enrd.gov.sh) for an information sheet regarding the vacancies.

## **REMINDER OF APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS TO SHOOT GAME ON CROWN LAND**

We would like to remind 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 being made for. Without this information, your permit cannot be processed.



## FLIGHTS FOR DEC 2019/JAN 2020 NOW AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING



St Helena Airport and Airlink are pleased to announce that Saturday flights for December 2019 and the initial Saturday flights for January 2020 have now been loaded onto the SAA booking system and are available to travelers. Further flights will be added automatically on a week by week basis.

Tickets are available online via the Airlink website at: <https://flyairlink.com/> and through all IATA travel agents.

For those passengers resident on St Helena, ticket bookings can be made via Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc's Shipping & Travel Agency at the Malabar in Jamestown. Passengers can visit the Shipping & Travel Agency in person or contact them via email: [shipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh](mailto:shipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh) or tel: 22523.

Whilst SHG and Airlink announced the additional midweek flights for 2019/2020 in December 2018, at present these flights are not available on the booking system. This is amid ongoing discussions around the possibility of the midweek flight originating in Cape Town during the peak period.

Further information on these midweek flights will be published when flights and flight dates have been finalised, and when tickets will become available for purchase.

**SHG**

**1 February 2019**

## SIGNAL HOUSE MAST UPDATE



Sections of the Signal House mast at Ladder Hill were dismantled by the St Helena Fire & Rescue Service and the Environment & Natural Resources Directorate (ENRD) between 10 and 16 January 2019.

These works were essential due to the deteriorating state of the yard arm and top section of the mast's flagpole, which had been brought to the attention of the Emergency Planning Department by the tenant of Signal House. As a result, the yard arm and top flagpole sections of the mast were safely removed.

The ENRD technical team have now carried out an initial inspection and assessment of the flagpole. The next step is to remove the paint from the lower pole and repaint. A more detailed assessment will be carried out of the top section of the pole to determine the extent of the wear. It is anticipated that this work will commence during the week beginning 11 February, by the ENRD yards team, and is estimated to take up to three weeks to complete.

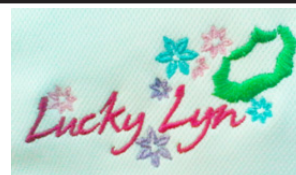
The yard arm section of the mast is beyond repair and will have to be replaced. This will either have to be using a wooden replacement or replaced with a non-wooden alternative. A decision will be made as to whether the flagpole is reinstated after repair or after the yard arm has been procured (from offshore).

According to the manufacturers stamp, the mast was originally manufactured in 1853. The original purpose of the mast was to fly various different coded flags, which would convey messages to ships anchored in or passing James Bay. However, with the introduction of ship-to-shore radio, this purpose became redundant, although it is still used on ceremonial occasions.

Following discussions with various stakeholders, it has been determined that Signal House and mast are not currently listed landmarks, although they are a significant part of the history of the port of Jamestown and its fortifications.

**SHG**

**4 February 2019**



Imported Flower Bulbs will be on sale in the Market on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019. **TREAT YOUR LOVE ONE ON VALENTINE'S DAY!**

## LADDER HILL ROAD CLOSURE

**WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2019**

The Highways Authority has given approval for Ladder Hill Road to be closed on Wednesday, 13 February 2019, from 9am to 3pm. This is to enable the Rock Guards to carry out preparation work for a controlled rock fall.

Appropriate signage and flag men 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**

**5 February 2019**

<http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh>



## **REVIEW OF INSURANCE PROVISION ON ST HELENA**

St Helena Government (SHG) has commissioned the services of Marsh Ltd, a global leader in insurance broking and risk management, to undertake a review of the current insurance provision on St Helena. The review covers both SHG's current policy of self-insurance for the majority of its business as well as the insurance provision that is generally available to the general public and the private sector on St Helena. The review, which was initiated by Elected Members, commenced in January. Whilst most of the work will be undertaken remotely, a member of the Marsh review team, Graham Aykroyd, was on-Island between 28 January and 2 February 2019. During his time here, Graham met with stakeholders both within the public and private sectors.

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

"With the opening up of St Helena to commercial flights, the Economic Development Committee and private sector has been very much aware of the potential increased risk in terms of public liability and the importance for small businesses to be protected. With just one insurance operator on-Island, councillors wanted a review of what is available and to bench-

## **REVIEW OF MANTIS ST HELENA**

Saint Helena Hotel Development Ltd has engaged BDO LLP, a firm with experience in key sectors such as finance and hospitality, to undertake an assessment of the current and future performance of Mantis St Helena taking into account the recent opening of the Airport and the anticipated growth in tourism demand.

This work will feed into future divestment options and identification of opportunities for improved financial performance. This builds on the decision from Executive Council in 2018 to explore options for raising alternative sources of finance which will feed into the exit strategy.

BDO consultant, Helene Møgelhøj, is currently on-Island for a week and will be meeting with various stakeholders before making an assessment on the future prospects for the hotel.

**SHG**

**5 February 2019**

## **REVIEW OF UTILITIES SERVICE PROVISION**

In response to the Saint Helena Audit Service Performance Audit Reports and the Legislative Council Resolution, the St Helena Government has commissioned a full review of the utilities service provision by Connect Saint Helena Ltd.

The review will focus on a number of areas including:

- The level of efficiency and productivity in terms of reducing operating costs and improving services
- The progress made towards the elimination of the SHG operating subsidy and publicly funded capital investment during the ten year licence period
- Whether continuous improvement is being delivered to consumers in terms of service performance and cost efficiency including identifying specific cost reduction measures or operational efficiencies which could be made in the future

The review will also consider and report on the impacts of the renewable energy project on the cost, service provision, and business as a whole.

SHG has procured the services of 'BDO International Projects Group' and a review team of two, headed by Malcolm Summerfield, will be arriving on Island tomorrow, Saturday, 2 February 2019.

Malcolm is a world renowned economist and specialist in small Island states. He has extensive experience in utilities pricing and analysis as well as regulation and performance. He is also familiar with the utilities sector in St Helena having previously worked on a utilities pricing review for SHG in 2011 and 2013.

The terms of reference for the review can be found on the Publications page of the SHG website via: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/publications/>.

**SHG**

**1 February 2019**

## **JACOB'S LADDER RISK ASSESSMENT**

A risk assessment of Jacob's Ladder has been carried out by Technical Services and the Rock Guards of the Environment & Natural Resources Directorate (ENRD).

During their assessment it was identified that the Ladder structure has deteriorated further and requires immediate repair to the handrails.

ENRD together with the St Helena National Trust have devised a repair plan for the handrails and a sequence of works to remedy these issues is due to start shortly.

It is anticipated that these repairs can be carried out without having to close the Ladder and we would appreciate the co-operation of the public whilst these works are taking place. The public will be kept updated.

The ladder 'inclined plane' was constructed in the 1820s – a horse-powered machine for hauling goods to the top of the hill on rails using pulleys. The 'Ladder Hill Railway' was in service from 1829 to 1871, and was particularly useful for carrying the large quantities of manure which accumulated in stables, stockyards, etc. out of Jamestown for the use of inland farmers. It was even suggested it could carry passengers but that was considered too dangerous.

Having fallen into disuse it was dismantled by the Royal Engineers in 1871. When the inclined plane was broken up the steps remained and today it is either a short way up or down the valley. The steps are around 11 inches (30cm) high and the same wide, giving it a 1:1 slope.

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## Vacancy- Finance Manager

Enterprise St Helena

Enterprise St Helena is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Finance Manager to work within their Finance Team.

Reporting to the Director of Resources the successful applicant will be responsible for the day to day running of the finance department ensuring efficient and accurate financial advice and services to Enterprise St Helena.

The successful candidate must have:

- AAT and ACCA qualification and/or degree level qualification in Accountancy and Finance
- At least 5 years' experience of financial management
- Experience with financial processes to include budgets, preparation of monthly and year end accounts

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 15th February 2019.



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## Vacancy- Investment Manager

Enterprise St Helena

Enterprise St Helena is looking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Investment Manager to work as part of the Investment Team.

Reporting to the Director of Investment the successful applicant will be responsible for the day to day running of the Investment function to ensure efficient and effective practices are applied for all investment based activities.

The successful candidate must have:

- A post graduate qualification in Finance, business administration, accounting, economics
- At least 5 years' experience of working in a senior commercial management role
- Strong leadership, motivational and communication skills

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Enterprise St Helena is seeking to employ an experienced administrator to work within their Investment Team.

Reporting to the Investment Manager the successful applicant will be responsible for providing a high level of administration support with all day to day activities carried out within the Investment function.

The successful candidate must have:

- Advanced general administrative skills/knowledge
- Strong working knowledge of Microsoft Office packages
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and can work well as part of a team

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# COUNTRY FAIR



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Please note that there will be a minimum requirement of 3 entries for each particular category to be eligible for the competition. Where fewer entries exist a consolation prize will be awarded for effort.

Judged prior to Country Fair			
Livestock	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>1. Cattle</b>			
1. Best bull	£150.00	£75.00	£50.00
2. Best cow and calf (under 12 months)	£150.00	£75.00	£50.00
3. Best heifer (10-18 months)	£150.00	£75.00	£50.00
<b>2. Pigs</b>			
1. Best boar	£70.00	£35.00	£20.00
2. Best sow and weaners (under 6 weeks)	£70.00	£35.00	£20.00
<b>3. Sheep</b>			
1. Best ram	£50.00	£25.00	£15.00
2. Best ewe and lamb (under 3 months)	£50.00	£25.00	£15.00
<b>4. Goats</b>			
1. Best billy	£50.00	£25.00	£15.00
2. Best ewe and kids (under 3 months)	£50.00	£25.00	£15.00
<b>5. Poultry</b>			
1. Best cockerel	£25.00	£20.00	£15.00
2. Best laying hen	£25.00	£20.00	£15.00
3. Best pullet	£25.00	£20.00	£15.00
4. Best pair of ducks	£25.00	£20.00	£15.00
5. Best pair of geese	£25.00	£20.00	£15.00
<b>Youth (Under the age of 26)</b>			
1. Top youth farmer (Livestock)	£150.00		
2. Top youth farmer (Arable - open or covered)	£150.00		

Flower Garden	1st	2nd	3rd
1. Best flower garden	£50.00	£25.00	£15.00

Arable Land	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>1. Open Fields</b>			
1. Best food garden over 1 acre	£150.00	£75.00	£40.00
2. Best food garden under 1 acre	£100.00	£50.00	£25.00
<b>2. Covered Production Units</b>			
1. Best covered production unit – soil planting	£150.00	£75.00	n/a
2. Best covered production unit- hydroponics	£150.00	£75.00	n/a

Pasture Land	1st
1. Best managed pastureland between 5 & 9.99 acres	£100.00
2. Best managed pastureland between 10 & 49.99 acres	£200.00
3. Best managed pastureland over 50 acres	£300.00

Judged at Country Fair			
Children (Between the ages of 8 & 16 years)	1st	2nd	3rd
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2. Best guinea pig	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00
3. Best dog	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00

Stalls	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>1. Individual Stalls</b>			
1. Fresh flower arrangement	£15.00	n/a	n/a
2. Largest half dozen of chicken eggs	£15.00	n/a	n/a
3. Jams	£20.00	n/a	n/a
4. Preserves	£20.00	n/a	n/a
5. Confectionery	£20.00	n/a	n/a
6. Largest carrot	£20.00	n/a	n/a
7. Largest pumpkin	£20.00	n/a	n/a
8. Largest sweet potato	£20.00	n/a	n/a
9. Largest tomato	£20.00	n/a	n/a
10. Best broccoli	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
11. Best cauliflower	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
12. Best cabbage	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
13. Best carrot	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
14. Best pumpkin	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
15. Best sweet potato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
16. Best potato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
17. Best onion	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
18. Best tomato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
19. Best cucumber	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
20. Best hand of bananas	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
21. Best display for 5 a day of vegetables/fruit	£25.00	n/a	n/a
22. Honey	£30.00	n/a	n/a
23. Needle craft	£30.00	£20.00	£10.00
<b>2. Best District Stalls – judged on the day</b>	<b>£300.00</b>	<b>£200.00</b>	<b>£100.00</b>

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## VACANCY FOR FINANCE MANAGER

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is seeking a highly motivated person to fill the role of Finance Manager. The candidate will be responsible to the Executive Manager for the compilation of the Directorate's annual recurrent budget and revenue, providing advice and support to staff and senior management on all relevant financial policies and procedures and for verifying all accounting transactions entered into the SHG accounting system.

The successful candidate should have GCSE's at Grade C or above in English, Maths or Accounting and a CAT qualification, or working towards achieving the award. The candidate should also demonstrate proficient IT skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and Access Dimensions or similar. Salary for the post will start at £11,034 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Wendy Henry at Essex House; on telephone number 22270 or e-mail [wendy.j.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:wendy.j.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh)

An application form and Job Profile is available from Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, Essex House or e-mail [karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh) by no later than Friday 15 February 2019.

**Derek Henry**

**Director of Environment and Natural Resources**

**29 January 2019**



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## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Internal Auditor

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For further information about this position and payment offered, please contact Josephine George, Managing Director, on telephone number (00 290) 22044 or email: [managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com).

Expressions of interests should be submitted to Leeanne Henry, Assistant Managing Director, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to [asst.managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:asst.managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com).

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Marilyn Joshua,  
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## The Ascension Island Government is looking for a Refrigeration Mechanic.

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**Closing Date:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of March (midnight)

**Interviews:** via Skype

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**Miss Tiffany Lawrence**  
**Procurement Officer**  
**Essex House**  
**Jamestown**

**Telephone No: 22270 or email [tiffany-lawrence@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:tiffany-lawrence@enrd.gov.sh)**



A site visit to view the works will take place on Wednesday, 13 February 2019, at 10am, meeting at Essex House, Jamestown.

If you require any further details, please contact the Project Manager, Mr Mark Plato, on telephone number 22270 or email [mark-plato@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:mark-plato@enrd.gov.sh). Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Wednesday, 27 February 2019.

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The Committee of the Cancer Support & Awareness Charity wishes to express their appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the family of the late Lennard Hayes for their kind and thoughtful gesture of arranging for a collection to be taken at the Funeral Service and for it to be donated to our Charity.

The grand sum of **£516.10** was collected and paid into the Charity's Account. We have been deeply touched by this gesture and overwhelmed by the generosity of so many peoples 'giving' and extend our sincere thanks to the Baptist Church and everyone who contributed to this donation.

Our condolence to all members of the family and everyone who has a special affection for Lenny. May he rest in peace. God Bless You All.



# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Is Liverpool feeling the pressure as they have now dropped 4 points in the last 2 games? From having the chance of going 7 points clear last week by Monday of this week they have just a 3 point lead over Man City. City has a significant better Goal difference.

Despite having loads of procession against West Ham; Liverpool didn't create enough chances to merit a win. They took the lead through Mane; he is one of the few players who were on top of his game against the 'Hammers'. The goal should have been ruled offside.

West Ham was soon level as a smartly worked free kick saw Antonio equalised. Defending free kicks with a high defensive line is in my opinion not a smart move especially with the current offside rule. Declan Rice had a golden opportunity to put the Hammers 2-1 up after Liverpool fail to defend another free kick properly.

The question for Liverpool fans is; this a point gain or 2 points dropped. At the end of this round of 25 they still lead the Premier League by 3 points. There will be more twist and turns before the league concludes in May.

A day earlier, Sergio Aguero's 14th hat-trick for Manchester City had closed the gap on Liverpool to only two points after victory over Arsenal at Etihad Stadium.

The Argentine put City 1 up in the first minute only for Arsenal to equalise from their first meaningful attack.

A minute before half time a good team move saw Aguero scored his second. And just after the hour mark he completed his hat trick. There was a suspicion of hand ball in his final goal. Arsenal created very little; they just had 4 shots compared to City's 19. This defeat for the 'Gunners' means they dropped down to 6<sup>th</sup> place after both Chelsea and Manchester United won their matches.

Man United beat Leicester 1-0 with Marcus Rashford scoring the only goal in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute. United then manage to hold Leicester who has picked up positive results against the top teams. This is Ole Solskjaer 10 matches without defeat after he has taken over at Old Trafford.

New signing Gonzalo Higuain and Eden Hazard scored twice as Chelsea return to winning ways. The Stamford Bridge club trashed the bottom side Huddersfield Town 5-0.

This result puts Chelsea in 4<sup>th</sup> place 2 points clear of Manchester United and a further point clear of Arsenal.

Son Heug- Min who in the absence of Kane and Alie once again came up with the goods as his goal was enough to beat Newcastle in the early game on Saturday. This win brought Spurs back into the title race for sure.

In other results Brighton drew 0-0 with Watford; Burnley scored a late equaliser against Southampton. The match finished 1-1. Crystal Palace ease there relegation fears as they beat Fulham 2-0. The Black Cat that hold up the match between Everton and Wolves for 4 minutes proved unlucky for the 'Toffees' as they loss 3-1.

An emotional game in the Welsh capital saw Cardiff beat Bournemouth 2-0.

On Tuesday in the FA Cup 4<sup>th</sup> round replays league two side Newport beat Championship side Middlesbrough 2-0. This earns them a home tie with Manchester City. In other matches Brentford beat non-league side Barnet 3-1; QPR beat Portsmouth 2-0 and Wolves had to come from behind to beat League One side Shrewsbury Town 3-2.

On Wednesday in the Premier League Man City went top as they beat Everton 2-0. There was some element of luck in this victory as both goals were scored in injury time. The first scored by Laporte in the 47<sup>th</sup> minute of the first half and Jesus in the 97<sup>th</sup> minute. A week ago City was 5 points behind Liverpool and could have gone 7 points behind and day later they topped the table. Liverpool of course has a game in hand. Looking at both teams form there is some nerves being shown. If the top two continue to drop points then I am sure Spurs will enter into the equation as title contenders.

Both Liverpool and City still have to play Spurs; Chelsea and Manchester United.

Fulham will host Manchester United in the early game on Saturday. The 3pm games will see Crystal Palace play West ham at home; the bottom side Huddersfield will play Arsenal, Liverpool will have the chance to return to the top of the table when they play Bournemouth and Southampton host Cardiff. In the late match Brighton will play Burnley at 5.30pm.

On Sunday Spurs play Leicester at 1.30pm and Man City play Chelsea at 4pm.

Monday night Wolves will play at home against Newcastle at 8pm.

The Champions League returns to our TV screens next week. On Tuesday Manchester United will play PSG at 8pm and Roma will host Porto.

Wednesday's round of 16 games will see Ajax play Real Madrid and Spurs host Borussia Dortmund.





# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

## Get Fit St Helena @ New Horizons

This week marks 5 years of the launch of Get fit St Helena at New Horizons. It started in the form of Boot Camp. Over the 5 years number have remain consistent. Currently we have 35-40 members attending the sessions on Wednesdays' and Saturday s'. Lunchtimes Boot camp takes place on Monday's and Thursday s'.

Since February 2014 we have progress a lot in terms of equipment we can use during the circuits and a new form of exercise which is boxing. Bradley Petersen does Boxing from 5.30-6.30 on Wednesdays' and Tina does Boxercise during Tuesday Lunchtimes.

New Horizons is certainly doing it bit to reduce the Healthcare bill. On our staff we now have a Certified Fitness Trainer in Tina Yon-Stevens who undertook a yearlong course with the International Sport Science Association; ISSA which is based in California USA obtaining an overall pass mark of 96%.



**Boot Camp 2014**



**Boot Camp 2015**



**Boot Camp 2016**



**Boot Camp 2017**



**SHFA Squad joins Boot Camp 2018-2019**



## SHFA YNYS MON 2019

We have had a good response to the latest Fund Raiser for the SHFA which is the biggest loser (a sponsored weight loss). 40 persons signed up on St Helena; 11 on Ascension and over 40 on the Falklands.

Currently our Gofundme campaign stands at £2095. We are hoping this fund will grow over the next few days.

We have made a decision in regards to the Raffle of the Ford Focus ST Car. Because we need to finalised booking of flights and accommodation we are now hoping to make the draw for this raffle during Easter. We are hoping to do a fund raising event on Easter Monday and it could be possible to do the draw then.

Tickets are still available to buy from SHFA Committee members; Squad members and at New Horizons. MISS IT! MISS OUT!



**Star Prize for the SHFA Raffle, it's worth £13,000. It could be yours for just £20**

## **GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2019-** **First round of Annual Charles Duncan Challenge Cup competition.**

On Sunday the 3rd of February 2019 the club hosted the first round of the annual Charles Duncan Challenge Cup. Weather turned out to be sunny with light to moderate winds. A total of 28 players entered. The competition was played in the Stroke Play format and kicked off at 11h50.

At the halfway stage of the competition, Leon Crowie is leading after returning a very impressive Nett score of 61 after playing a round of 68, equalling our course par score of 68. Very impressive Leon, keep it up. Leon is chased by a pack of players, with Johan Theron in second place with Nett score of 63. Dawid Breed on 68, and Lawson Henry and Ronald de Reuck with 69. The two ball competition was shared by three players, Lawson Henry, Gerald George and Donald Bowers. Well done to all the winners.

Next Sunday 10th of February sees the second and final round of the Charles Duncan Challenge Cup, with tee off times starting from 11h50 for the ladies, and gents starting at 12h00. A curry and rice meal will be provided on completion of the final



round. Our thanks go out to the Duncan family, for hosting this annual competition as well as catering for us afterwards. If you are interested in joining the golf club, make contact with us at the club on Wednesday afternoons or our weekly competition on Sundays, alternatively leave a message on 24421, or drop a message to our Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh. We welcome any new members to our club. Members are also reminded of the AGM to be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2019.

**Contributed by;**  
**Deon Robbertse**  
**President**

## **St Helena Cricket Association Results and Fixtures**

### **Jamestown Heat 170**

Scott Crowie 62  
Dax Richards 40  
Jason Thomas 3/15  
Scott Crowie 3/31

### **Sandy Bay Pirates 159**

AJ Bennett 43  
Rhys Francis 40  
Brett Isaac 3/30  
Rhys Francis 3/20



### *Performance Points*

Jordi Henry 3, Luke Bennet 2, Jordan Yon 1

### **Fixtures**

**Sat 9 Feb**

**9am**

**Mustangs V Heat**

Umpires: Woodpeckers

**1.30pm**

**Lions V Woodpeckers**

Umpires: Mustangs

**Sun 10 Feb**

**9am**

**Pirates V Mustangs**

Umpires: Woodpeckers

**1.30pm**

**Challengers V Allstarz**

Umpires: Heat

### *Performance Points*

Scott Crowie 3, Rhys Francis 2, Jason Thomas 1

### **Western Woodpeckers 176**

Chris Owen 69  
Trystan Thomas 19  
Chris Owen 1/12  
Martin Henry 1/14

### **Levelwood Allstarz 181/3**

Ross Henry 66  
Gareth Johnson 40  
Sanjay Clingham 3/35  
David Francis 3/34

### *Performance Points*

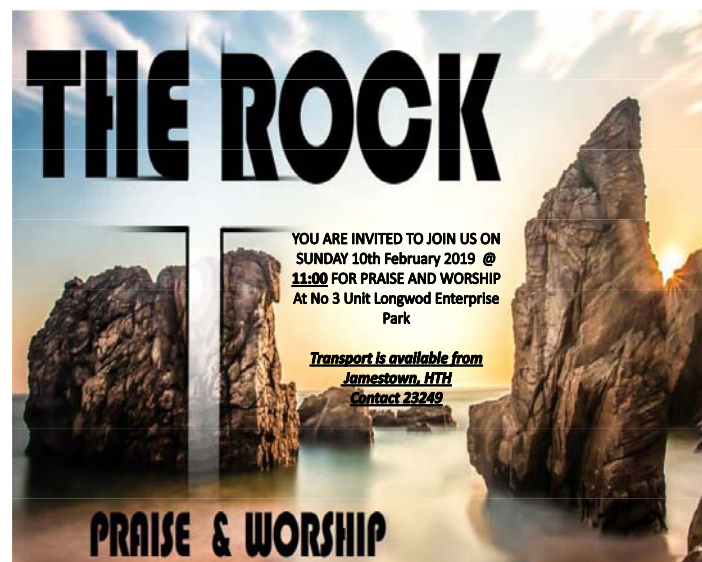
Chris Owen 3, Ross Henry 2, Gareth Johnson 1

### **Western A Mustangs 65**

Luke Bennett 30  
Cruyff Buckley 10  
Shane Williams 1/20  
Liam Adams 1/28

### **Royal Challengers**

Alex Langham 19  
Sean Lee Thomas 17  
Jordi Henry 4/29  
Sean Lee Thomas 2/6





# HAPPY VALENTINES

## STARTERS

Beetroot Vodka Cured Tuna with a Side Salad

£4.50

Smoked Chicken Wings with a Side Salad

£4.00

## MAIN MEALS

Stuffed Pork Belly served with Roast Potatoes & Vegetables

£9.50

BBQ Sirloin Steak served with Onions, Mushrooms, Fries & Salad

£11.00

Garden Mint Lamb Chops served with Roast Potatoes & Vegetables

£9.50

Pumpkin Curry served with Rice & Salad

£4.50

BBQ Pork Chop served with Fries & Salad

£6.50

Stuffed Tuna served with Roast Potatoes & Vegetable

£8.50

## DESSERTS

Lemon Posset served with a Shortbread Biscuit

£3.50

Chocolate Crème Caramel

£2.50

Cherry Roulade served with Ice Cream

£3.50

**Call 22797 to Book a Table**



## 10% of Ascension Population out exercising!

### Dew Pond Results

First Place – Diane “Dynamo” Baum  
 Second Place – Richrad Hawkind  
 Third Place – Nathan & Mia Millington  
 1st Veteran – Diane Mount  
 First 11-16 Year Old – Jeremiah Ellick  
 First 11 and Under – Blane Bennett

### Results

Diane Baum	1.10.35
Richard Hawkins	1.18.04
Nathan Millington	1.34.08
Mia Millington	1.34.09
Gareth Morris	1.35.19
Ross Leo	1.36.38
Jane Disley	1.37.42
Dave Bagley	1.39.50
Beth Huntley	1.39.59
Josef Burwell	1.40.00
Louis Youde	1.41.50
Lee Smith	1.44.33
Matt Kingsman	1.44.00
Steven Jones	1.54.09
Will McLean	1.58.42
Vicky Knight	1.59.39
Anthony Wellington	2.01.29
Diane Mount	2.01.42
Blane Bennett	2.02.08
Joe Turner	2.03.48
Emily Roebuck	2.03.49
James Stewart	2.04.23
Lydia Nicholson	2.05.31
Silvia Paz	2.06.04

Richard Nourrice	2.06.25
Roland Bouffard	2.06.26
Jaco Ferreira	2.07.11
Mick Hill	2.08.08
Brett Britton	2.09.49
Thomas Beverley	2.10.25
Omar Morales	2.12.14
Graham Hill	2.14.47
Diane Morris	2.16.02
Shelley Williams	2.16.23
Johntavion Jackson	2.18.11
Sophie Tupper	2.20.40
Mick Craighall	2.26.50
Jeremiah Ellick	2.30.35
Lucy Leo Francis	2.33.28
Owen Thomas	2.33.29
Mark Thomas	2.33.30
Jo Farrew	2.34.15
Matt Stritch	2.34.16
Tina Joshua	2.34.38
Jim Kelly	2.34.39
Paul Nickel	2.38.12
Laura Venters	2.42.10
Lizzie Kingsman	2.48.00
Tina Jessop	2.48.56
Janet Birch	3.00.35
Andy Hobson	3.00.35
Ruiz Ralph “Tex”	3.05.10

### Two Boats to Dew Pond

Liana Sim	59 mins
Clay Brogden	59 mins
Rick Lutmin	70 mins
Savana Lutmin	70 mins

Georgia Bennett	85 mins
Bethany Bennett	85 mins
Anthony Bennett	85 mins
Izzy Lutmin	90 mins
Helen Lutmin	90 mins
Lewis Lawrence	95 mins
Kia Lawrence	95 mins
Stacey Lawrence	95 mins
Ian Lawrence	95 mins

9 RAF Runners early January (left before race)

Congratulations to everyone who took part in what was the biggest turnout for the race for quite a few years.

### Thanks to support from :-

**AIG Conservation for use of the Red Lion and Transport**  
**Julie & Jolene for doing the Hot Dogs and Refreshments,**  
**Cecile for the delicious soup**  
**Time Keepers Al & Martyn**  
**Nicky & Leroy for Transport etc etc....**  
**The Best Bunch of Scouts On Ascension Island!**

**After many years, this may well be the last Dew Pond Run organised by the Scouts**

**Perhaps one of the other Island Organisations might like to organise this years 2019 Dew Pond in November???**



## For Sale

**Silver and black Hyundai 2000cc coupe, just been fitted with low millage engine complete stain-less steel exhaust system new radiator contact 23216 or 65672.**

## For Sale

**Suzuki Grand Vitara 4x4**  
**Soft Top**  
**2 Litre Petrol**  
**Contact Details are 22959**

## Delayed MFV Edinburgh voyage arrived at Tristan last Friday

Report including updates from Cynthia Green on the Tristan website

MFV Edinburgh developed a technical fault on Sunday 20th January four days out of Cape Town and over half way of the 1750 miles to Tristan da Cunha (you will often hear it is 1500 miles - but this refers to nautical and not statute miles - for extra clarity the island is 2810 km from South Africa). Therefore the vessel turned around and arrived back in Cape Town harbour early on Thursday 24th January. Repairs were carried out promptly which enabled the vessel to depart again on Friday 25th January at 13.00. The ship made good progress and arrived at Tristan at 16.45 GMT on Thursday 31st January 15 days after the ship first left Cape Town on 16th January.

The ten passengers originally on the voyage were reduced to eight and came ashore soon after arrival. They were Craig Bergh (Ovenstones). Dr Jack Dascalu, Conservation workers Carmen Ferreira, Jan Bradley and Kyle Gordon, Crane Technician Stefan van Wyk, Vet Aniket Sardana, and visitor Gianfranco Repetto.

The delayed arrival of the ship on Tristan is particularly disappointing for the island community as it is the first scheduled sailing to Tristan da Cunha in 2019, carrying the first incoming post and 'fresh' foodstuffs since the last arrival of MFV Geo Searcher on 18th November. Off loading was not possi-



**MFV Edinburgh anchored off Tristan on 30th November 2018**

ble on Friday 1st February, so the crucial cargo remains aboard the ship.

There are 10 scheduled Cape Town - Tristan - Cape Town trips every year, but they are not spread out evenly, with three arrivals in about three weeks late August - early September and always a two-month gap over Christmas and New Year. MFV Geo Searcher departed Cape Town on Thursday 31st January, the day MFV Edinburgh arrived at Tristan. So there will probably be two arrivals within a week. A bit like the old story about London buses: have to wait a long time for one to arrive, then two turn up!

## GARETH DRABBLE ACHIEVES IPGCE IN COMPUTING

Prince Andrew School (PAS) Teacher, Gareth Drabble, has achieved the International Postgraduate Certificate in Education (iPGCE) specialising in Computing. This is a Masters level award accredited by the University of East London.

Gareth undertook study of the course from January 2018 to January 2019, carrying out all work, reading, and reflection, alongside his duties as a full-time teacher at PAS. Feedback from examiners stated that Gareth's final research project was at an extremely high standard, having achieved 86%, and will be used as an exemplar for future students studying the iPGCE.

Gareth said:

"I am extremely pleased and relieved with the news that I have officially passed my iPGCE, specialising in Computing. Gaining an international teaching qualification in my area of study was something I aimed for from the outset of my initial teacher training. This qualification will enable me to teach in many different countries around the world, and has therefore opened up many possibilities for me. It will also now open up the opportunity for many other teachers on St Helena who wish to be internationally qualified."

This distance learning programme was delivered with support, advice, and guidance from Teacher Training Advisor, Garry Cameron, and PAS Advisory Teacher, Frazer Stone. The success of any distance learning qualification depends on the quality of support available from programme coordinators and academic & subject mentors.

Garry said:

"This is a fantastic achievement for Gareth working full-time and studying for the award at Masters level. We are delighted for him. I trust he will enjoy a break from study as he deserves it after all the hard work. St Helena is very proud of Gareth achieving at this level and the excellent examiner's comments should emphasise what he has achieved. I would

also like to thank Frazer Stone sincerely for his subject expertise. This was most certainly a team approach." Frazer added:

"We are all extremely proud of Gareth's achievement. The progress he has made over the past year is exceptional. It has been a pleasure to mentor Gareth through iPGCE qualification and we can only hope that he will be the first of many to take advantage of this new opportunity available to our Island. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Garry Cameron for his support with the very challenging written elements of the assessment. I am sure Gareth would agree that Garry's insight into writing at Postgraduate level was the difference between a basic pass and the excellent grades Gareth achieved."

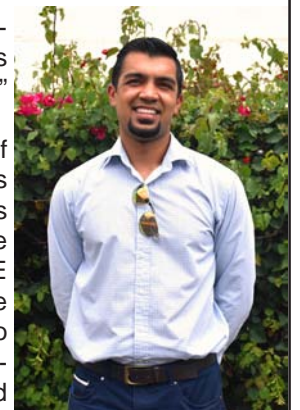
The gaining of this award is both a personal achievement for Gareth and also for teacher training on St Helena. It demonstrates that this level of award can be delivered on-Island with the correct support structure in place.

Gareth concluded:

"I would like to thank Garry Cameron and Frazer Stone for their guidance and support throughout the entirety of the course. Their knowledge and experience was crucial in helping me gain this qualification. I also thank God who in the words of Matthew McConaughey has '...graced my life with opportunities that I know are not of my hand or any other human hand'."

**SHG**

**1 February 2019**





## Football on the Falklands

On Saturday 02<sup>nd</sup> February we held the Ghosty Cup football match between Interserve and Sodexo, this is an event held in the memory of Gerwyn Crowie who sadly passed away 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009.

This is a well organised event by his friend Llewellyn Benjamin and brother Andrew Maggott and is always well received and attended.

On the day the sun was shining and there was a slight humidity in the air, it was a lovely afternoon here in the Falklands, the game kicked off at 1700hrs, and Interserve and Sodexo supporters were cheering their teams on, with Managers Troy Bagley and Kurt Jonas with assistant coaches Simeon Coleman and Carl Knipe coaching players. The referee for the match was Shaun Jonas and the linesman Colin Plato and Nicky Williams.

It was a really exciting match with Jamie Thomas scoring the first 5 goals in the first half, in the second half Sodexo came back fighting scoring 5 goals, Interserve had the advantage but was kept on their toes with the Sodexo players, with all the cheering and shouting spurring the teams on Interserve scored another 3 goals to claim them the winners.

The score at the end of the match was Interserve with 8 and Sodexo 5

Goal scorers were:

### Interserve

Carl Clarke 2, Jamie Thomas 5 and Juan Joshua 1

### Sodexo

Scott Henry 2, Dean Moyce 1, Nicky Williams 1, Liam Miller 1

After the match there were team photos and then a celebration for teams and supporters, with st Helenian plo on offer at the Workshop, the night was well enjoyed by all with music by Llewellyn







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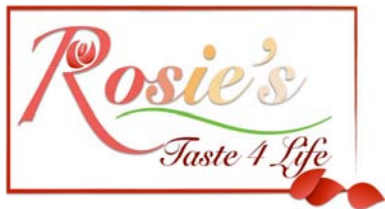
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Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: [hro@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hro@solomons.co.sh) and should be completed and returned to Nicola Essex, Human Resources Manager,  
Solomons Office, Jamestown,  
By Wednesday, 20 February 2019





# WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

OPEN @ 3PM

LOUNGE BAR SUNSET

OPEN @ 11AM

LOUNGE BAR SUNSET

**3PM-6PM  
ONLY**

**JUMBO SPECIAL**

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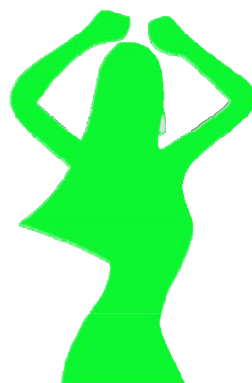
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**9:30PM**

**9:30PM**



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CRAIG C**

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FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> & SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

# JUMBO SPECIAL

**3PM UNTIL 6PM ONLY**



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