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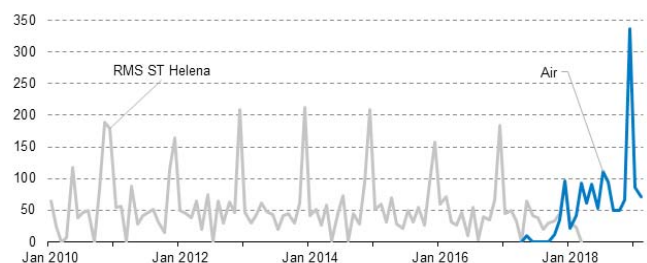


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"Cheaper Options that are Healthy are Badly Needed." Unhealthy food cuts short the lives of one in five people

A study published this week shows trends in what people eat is leading to bad diets and increased risk of blood pressure, heart attack and strokes. The trend is towards more processed food in the diet and processed foods contain salt and salt equivalents to preserve the food and intensify the flavour. Too much salt puts anyone on the path to health problems with the heart and kidneys and probably cause damage to the bones as well.

While this trend is a global problem it is one which St Helena has suffered with since Captain John Dutton arrived with his fleet of ships in 1659. St Helena's remoteness and the time it takes to get cargo here means fresh food is very limited. Because of this processed food is the unavoidable alternative and with it comes high intakes of salt, sodium and the increased risk of health problems.

The main message in this week's healthy diet report is to increase consumption of whole grains, fruit, nuts, seeds and vegetables. On this Island the rush to buy fruit a day or two after the MV Helena arrives means fresh fruit is available just one week in every month. Most of the nuts available in shops come ready-salted and are not cheap. Whole grain foods are few and far between. The limited availability of fresh vegetables can be included in the debate about how much support should be given to farmers.

For many countries the cost of healthy food is a big consideration. In poorer countries eating 'five-a-day' in fruit and veg would take up over half of the weekly income. This is true in St Helena where, once again, our remoteness acts against us. The cost of getting fresh food to St Helena puts it out of reach for all but a few. Professor Nita Forouhi who leads a team of food experts at Cambridge University says, "Cheaper options that are healthy are badly needed."

Professor Forouhi echoed Dr Angie's point made in a related article published in the *Independent* today, "The public can make healthier choices if informed and have the resources, but if what is on the shelves as buy-one-get-one-free is always unhealthy, then that message will fall down." It's all about consistency of supply; healthy food, such as fruit, available for just a few days after the MV Helena does little or nothing

to benefit the health of the St Helena's people.

Now we have an air service it is possible to get fresh food here more frequently but the cost involved takes us back to the problems of remoteness in the days of sailing ships. Is it time and is it possible to think and look in a different way at improving the Island's food supply? If unhealthy food cuts short the lives of one person out of five every year (according to this week's report) is it possible to have a health strategy which strikes at the root cause of many of St Helena's health problems? The UK Government is prepared to underwrite any losses made by Airlink on the St Helena air service but nothing is mentioned about encouraging fresh food to fill the cargo hold of the E190 before it leaves Johannesburg in our direction; tourists first, cargo comes second. In the same way it is believed the air service gives the opportunity for St Helena's economy to expand, a weekly supply of affordable fresh fruit, nuts, seeds, whole grain food and fresh vegetables gives the opportunity for the general standard of health in St Helena to significantly improve.

UK Government money has been used to build the airport and is available to underwrite the air service when it loses money. The money is available because the long view is to have an active Island economy and less subsidy from Britain. In the same way public money allocated to public health aimed at improving the standard of food available can, in the longer term, reduce the overall cost of health service provision. What is sauce for the goose is also sauce for the gander?

NOTIFICATION MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority Meeting that was scheduled to take place on **Monday, 8th April 2019** has been postponed to **Thursday, 11 April 2019 at 2 pm**. The meeting will be held at the **Council Chamber, the Castle, Jamestown**. Agendas will be available on **Tuesday, 9 April 2019**.


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In last week's Legislative Council meeting, Councillor Lawson put forward the following request in his adjournment debate speech, this was also relayed on Saint FM News:

"I request that the Government carry out an independent assessment of the Airbus A318 with a view of looking at this aircraft for Flights from Europe. As the largest commercial aircraft certified to land at steeper-than-usual gradients, it is ideal for operations at such constrained locations as downtown airports – translating to significant cost and time savings for business travellers. Since 2009, British Airways has been operating A318s with "steep approach" capability from the in-close London City Airport to New York's JFK International Airport."

We do not know if St Helena Government will proceed with Councillor Henry's request or not but on the surface it looks like a brilliant idea, in reality it might be more dubious.

It is true that British Airways is operating one Airbus A318 on the route from London City Airport to John F Kennedy Airport in New York, with a refuelling stop at Shannon Airport in Ireland. As a special attraction the passengers can also do their immigration clearance to UK at Shannon airport.

The plane, it is only one, has been reconfigured to a 32 passenger capacity and is offering gourmet food and exquisite drinks in a exclusive class environment. The city to city journey is designed for business people who want to get from office to office and the price is of no consequence. One ticket is about £7,000 for the 5,500 kilometre journey over the Atlantic.

The Airbus A318 has got its merits but it was never a successful model for Airbus, they only built 80 of the planes between 2001-2013. Getting hold of one to be fitted to have the capacity to fly to St Helena would be very difficult.

Airbus declares that the A318 has got a range of 5,700 kilometre range with a 107 passenger configuration with 8 first class passengers and 99 economy class passengers. As



St Helena is about 7,500 kilometres away from UK, this will mean at least one technical stop on the way, maybe even two, due to the difficult diversion arrangements for St Helena Airport.

One of the issues with the Airbus A318 is that it needs a considerably longer take-off distance than landing distance. Due to its steep approach it can land on a 1,300 metre landing strip with normal load but it needs 1,800 metres to take off again. This could be a problem. City of London Airport uses Shannon airport in Ireland for refuelling before it jumps over the Atlantic as it cannot take off from London City with full fuel load. Shannon is only a few hundred miles away from London but St Helena do not have the privilege of any refuelling opportunity in such short distance.

Hopefully, St Helena Government will look into any reasonable idea wherever they come from but this one does not appear to be one of the best ones to pursue.

If feasible at all, a qualified guess would be a ticket price of about £3,000-£4,000 and it is in doubt that this will enthruse any tourists or Saints to use the service.

ST HELENIANS ABROAD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AIR ACCESS

In a Statistical Bulletin released by the St Helena Statistics Office today, figures show that St Helenians living abroad have taken advantage of the regular scheduled air service between St Helena and Johannesburg. In December 2018, 336 St Helenians arrived to visit family and friends - the highest monthly total since at least 2010. The Bulletin notes that St Helenians living abroad tend to visit family and friends during the months around the Christmas period, and that there has been additional capacity on the scheduled airline following the introduction of a seasonal mid-week service.

The Statistical Bulletin also includes detailed estimates of the total population, arrivals, departures, births, deaths, and life expectancy. Some other highlights include:

- At the end of December 2018, the number of St Helenians on St Helena was estimated to be 4,555, over 5% higher than at the end of December 2017, and the highest number recorded since at least 2010

- The number of people arriving to and departing from St Helena has been steadily increasing since 2010. In the earlier part of the decade, this was due to the construction activity as the new airport was built, and lately this is due to the start of the regular scheduled air service in 2017

- Until 2018, most arrivals by sea were by ship on the RMS St Helena. 2018 saw 3,833 people arrive by air, more than arrived by the RMS St Helena in any previous year

- Recent tourist arrivals by air have also been higher than in previous months. The total for February 2019 was 193, higher than the previous highest monthly total by air of 179 in December 2018

- There were 26 births in 2018, half the number of deaths (52), and the lowest number of births in a year since at least the year 2000

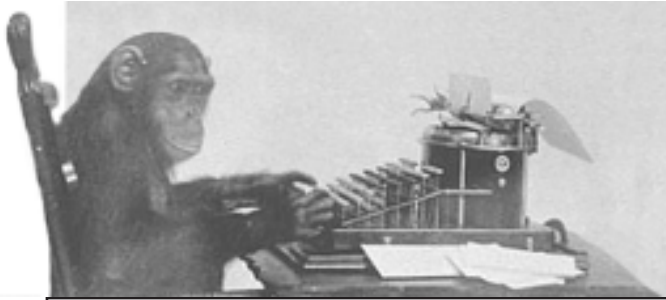
- The life expectancy of a child born in 2018 is estimated to be around 77 years; this compares with a UK life expectancy of 81. Countries with similar rates of life expectancy to St Helena include Argentina, Mexico, the United Arab Emirates, Poland, the Maldives, and French Polynesia.

The full Statistical Bulletin can be found on the St Helena Government website here: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistical-bulletin-no-3-2019-population/> detailed data can be accessed in Excel format from the 'Population' file via: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics-data.

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Editorial

When can your children start making their own decisions?

The meeting at Prince Andrew School on Tuesday opened up a discussion which is often described in the newspaper trade as one which 'has legs'; it will run and run. It is a complicated issue and can certainly be an emotional subject. In the simplest terms the question is, when does a child start taking responsibility for its own actions? And on the other side of the coin, when does a parent stand back and let their child make its own way in the world? In every way the questions raise very sensitive concerns which are also extremely personal, individual often to the point of unique and in most cases entirely private.

Despite the highly personal nature of all that is involved the question of whether a child is able to speak for itself (and overrule its parents) is prescribed in English law and therefore will probably be applied in St Helena because there is little or nothing in St Helena law which is relevant.

The history of the English law on this subject goes back to 1985 when Victoria Gillick argued in the High Court that prescribing contraception to a minor (under 16) was illegal and any doctor who did so committed the offence of encouraging sex with a minor and that it would be treatment without consent as consent vested in the parent. The outcome of this court case became known as the Gillick Competence.

Lord Scarman, a High Court judge with a formidable reputation presided over the case, he ruled, "As a matter of Law the parental right to determine whether or not their minor child below the age of sixteen will have medical treatment terminates if and when the child achieves sufficient understanding and intelligence to understand fully what is proposed." The judgement confirmed it is possible for children under 16 to make decisions and overrule their parents' wishes but the judgement also indicates the actual time in a child's life when this happens will vary according to any particular child's intelligence and understanding.

Who decides whether or not a child is sufficiently intelligent and aware to decide what medical treatment should be ac-

cepted is explained in advice available from the UK National Health Service. An assessment of a person's capacity to decide their own medical treatment is carried out by "an appropriately trained and experienced healthcare professional who is either recommending the treatment or involved in carrying it out." Where children are concerned the NHS advice is, "Like adults, young people (aged 16 or 17) are presumed to have sufficient capacity to decide on their own medical treatment, unless there's significant evidence to suggest otherwise. Children under the age of 16 can consent to their own treatment if they're believed to have enough intelligence, competence and understanding to fully appreciate what's involved in their treatment. This is known as being Gillick competent. Otherwise, someone with parental responsibility can consent for them.

This could be the child's mother or father or the child's legally appointed guardian." It will be noted parents take a back seat in this process of assessment of their own child. It also cannot be assumed that "appropriately trained" time-servers in any field of work are automatically competent to satisfactorily complete the tasks given to them.

If it is assumed a child under 16 is able to make its own decisions one of the decisions it can make is to keep confidential the medical treatment being received. As has been pointed out, the law and the processes used under law mean it is possible for a girl under 16 to have an abortion without her parent's knowledge or consent. Even though the Gillick Ruling has been adopted in some shape or form in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Scotland and Northern Ireland this particular aspect must be a bitter pill to swallow for parents in all of these countries.

The time in a child's life when it feels it needs to assert itself and stand apart from its parents can be a difficult time for all concerned but of course it does not have to be. That time always comes and the child will eventually declare its independence and live its own life. In an ideal situation the parents will have prepared the child and themselves for that time, but . . . The butts are where the problems are. The butts are where things go wrong. Does St Helena need to have a prop-

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erly organised assessment according to the Gillick Competence or decide whether some of it need not apply here and where other parts of it need to be changed? If there is a strong feeling that St Helena should have its own version of the Gillick Competence some community organisation or other should formally present a proposal to the SHG Health Committee for an inquiry into this very complex matter.

One of the many questions needing careful thought is whether or not St Helena has a strong enough legal set-up to handle its own version of this law in a satisfactory manner. Within the area of confidentiality is data protection. This type of protection in relation to Gillick Competence is still being debated in the UK with no clear answer yet emerging. One academic paper starts its introduction with "Does consent obtained from a parent for use of a child's personal data for health research 'lapse' when the child is old enough to pro-

vide her own consent? If so, when does that lapse occur, how is it to be determined, and with what consequences? Somewhat surprisingly, despite the increasing use of personal data from adults and children alike for health research, hitherto these questions have not been addressed in the literature or as a matter of data protection law. In this article, we explore the implications of adopting 'Gillick competence'—drawn from healthcare law—as the relevant test of sufficient maturity in the data protection law context." St Helena does not have data protection law, nor does have freedom of information law; it has been delayed for years on end for reasons which have never been explained. Is St Helena competent to take on Gillick Competence or should put our faith in people showing an adequate amount of common sense when situations demand it. A tough one?

Vince

Police v. Councillor Buckley - Again

The debacle between Councillor Cruyff Buckley and the Chief of Police, David Lynch and his Police Directorate has not gone unnoticed on the Island. It is difficult to assess who is right and who is wrong as it is such tangle of arguments, inaccuracies and deceptions.

We roughly know the background to the argument. It was when Councillor Buckley was arrested for a multitude of offences in June last year and was remanded in jail for months before a substantial court hearing. The result of the Court hearing was that Councillor Buckley was found guilty to one of the charges he faced and this charge was not even in the first indictment. The original case against Cllr Buckley was not one of the most tasteful ones we have seen on the Island and it has created some backlash against the Police.

In all this, which could be considered as a bad situation, with claims and counterclaims all over the place, Cllr Buckley unleashes a torrid attack against the St Helena Police Directorate in his adjournment debate. This was not a very productive way to solve the dispute between Cllr Buckley and the Police Directorate which has brewed over the last nine months or thereabouts.

In the adjournment debate and in the publication thereof Cllr Buckley did not make himself any favours as he misused quotes and idioms which could have been admissible, but in this case went forlorn and were offensive.

In the Police press release on page 10, the Chief of Police is complaining about two specific paragraphs in Cllr Buckley's submission to the Legislative Council. The Chief of Police quotes that: Councillor Buckley states: *'In America, the policeman is a working class hero. In England, the policeman is a working class traitor. Who are the working class traitors on this little Island of St Helena?'*

The two first sentences *'In America, the policeman is a working class hero. In England, the policeman is a working class traitor'* are NOT Cllr Buckley's words. It is a famous quote from the British author Martin Amis back in the 1970's or 1980's. The essence of the quote was expressed by George Orwell's novel *'Burmese Days'*, written in 1934, which itself is a brilliant read.

By adding the last sentence to the quote - *'Who are the working class traitors on this little Island of St Helena?'* Cllr Buckley made a grave mistake and it made it offensive and unpalatable.

The other idiom, or quote, Mr Lynch was targeting was when Cllr Buckley used *'why use a gun when a knife will do?'*

As far as I can see it is that Cllr Buckley tried to say *'Why use a sledgehammer to crack a nut'*. Here again Cllr Buckley got the use of the language wrong and it all ended up in a tangle between the Chief of Police, Cllr Buckley and use of the English language and quotes.

Cllr Buckley's adjournment speech was not one of the best construed pieces we have heard from Council, rather one of the worst, still the response from the Chief of Police on page 10-11 does not make it any better.

We will not go through it at any detail but the air of arrogance is obvious, especially when Cllr Buckley's statement/assumption suggests that there were 20 police officers to one incident - the Chief of Police answers that *'20 police officers did not attend'*. Was it 10, 19 or 21 police officers attending? Why can't the Chief of Police say how many officers were there? It is certain that the last words have not been said on this matter yet.

Sugary shopkeepers say sweeteners sold out

The health campaign aimed at persuading people to switch from sugary fizzy drinks to similar ones with sugar free sweeteners has been very effective very quickly. For some weeks now it has been only the lucky few who have found a shop selling refreshing cold drinks with no sugar content. So many people have switched to the healthy option the shops have sold out their stocks.

It's not that retailers have been slow to react and done too little too late. Both the range of healthy drinks and the volumes imported have been increased. Over the last six months of last year sales of sugar free drinks among importers/retailers who participate in the Saints Together campaign increased by 61%. The range of healthy drinks has been expanded and now includes the usual sugar-free fizzy refreshers as well as concentrated juices for mixing with water and flavoured waters.

It seems the switch to sugar-free increased further after the Christmas/New Year feasting as healthy option drinks flew off the shelves and left the warehouses empty. Dr Angie Jackson-Morris (Health Promotion and Social Marketing Lead) told the Independent there is evidence of a shift in demand. She added, the merchants participating in the Saints Together healthier options promotion put a lot of effort into enhancing the volumes and the range of drinks available, "and together with the promotional material to encourage a shift towards the sugar-free options as one of the easier healthier shifts, we can say that supply and demand increased well. A decrease in sugar-sweetened drinks sales was also recorded – suggesting strongly a shift between the two."



The global shortage of carbonated drinks due to a shortage of CO2 during November and December last year may be a factor in the current shortage. It is the CO2 which gives cold drinks their fizz. The extended period of hot weather could have caught importers on the hop as sales in the last few weeks will have been higher than normal for this time of year. The big question now is whether or not a further increase in volumes of imported sugar-free drinks is coming our way from Cape Town. Are importers gambling on another month or two of hot weather or have they got their bets on the rain and wind starting soon.

Dr Angie points out that consistency in supply is the big issue. Problems with obtaining supplies with long shelf life were overcome "to a fair extent" towards the end of last year so if increased supplies are imported and the weather changes before most of the stocks are sold there is now more time available to sell the healthier option drinks stored in warehouses. From a health perspective, the healthier options are needed all the time, no matter what the weather throws at us. Putting the weather to one side, it appears there is an across-

the-board shift to healthier snacking food. Sugar free or low sugar biscuits, chocolate and sweets have become more readily available in shops over recent months – and at reasonable prices too. However they too are also less available than they were a few weeks ago. The signs are that consistency in demand is now there. Consistency in supply is now needed. "We'll get there" said Dr Angie.

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Another, different Saints Together campaign; organised by Southampton Football Club (also known as the Saints) to help the young, the old and the vulnerable.

Thank You

The family of the late Evelyn Edith Peters would like to thank the Doctors and Nurses of the General Hospital and especially Dulcie Bowers and all the staff of the Community Care Centre who provided such consistent kindness and care to Evelyn for many years and in her final hours.

Special thanks to Bishop Dale, Father Clive and Father Jack for undertaking the burial service, Earl Henry for reading the Eulogy, Pat Musk the organist, Beatie Peters, Roy Williams for his kindness and support and to him and his team for the burial arrangements, Davina and Colin Lawrence for the beautiful wreaths, Kylie and the Solomons Secretariat team for designing and producing the funeral sheets, all those who provided flowers, sent cards of condolences and messages of support and who paid tribute to Evelyn by attending her funeral.



Bless you all
From Robert and family

Marine Debris

Are St Helena beaches cleaner than we think?

St. Helena has always been noted as a tiny and remote speck of land in the middle of the wild and vast south Atlantic. As an Island, surround by ocean with no physical boundaries, it is not surprising that our island can be subjected to marine plastic debris, that wash upon our beaches and coastlines causing plastic pollution.

Both marine organizations, Ocean Conservancy and Georgia Aquarium has previously discussed how marine plastic pollution is now recognized worldly and, along with climate change and over fishing – it is now known to be the top three problems facing our oceans to date.

At this year's Environmental Conference hosted by SAERI, the SHNT Marine Team presented some of our findings from the beach cleans we have conduct weekly, thus far. As one of our core projects 'Reducing marine plastics and pollution', throughout our talk we discussed and showed our data collected from our most recreational beaches, Sandy bay and Rupert's beach, two of our post box walk beaches, Lemon and Shark's Valley – as well from our opportunistic sampling at Sole Beach and James Bay.

Following Ocean Conservancy's initial marine debris assessment in early 2018, beach cleans and surveys at Sandy Bay and Rupert's have been carried out every week since May 2018 by the Marine Team and with the help of our loyal volunteers. All rubbish collected is sorted and weighed and since May last year, the SHNT Marine team has conducted 40 beach cleans; removing a total weight of 522 kilos of marine debris, which has resulted in 149 bags of litter collected thus far.

One of the most interesting things we learnt from our weekly beach cleans, is that most of the litter was have removed IS NOT from St. Helena itself! These pieces of marine debris are in fact, washed upon our shores by the ocean currents traveling past our Island. The majority of our findings have been single used plastic drinking bottles and, on further research at the office, most of the bottles found are from Asian cultural.

As well as the Marine team's on-going development of ocean literacy within the Island, to both the schools and the public, we hope to continue in fostering the great understanding of the value of our ocean that surrounds our beautiful Island. Here, we hope to continue to challenge, inspire and empower people to change their behaviour on the issue of marine aware-

ness and plastic pollution.

However, the rubbish won't clean itself! We must do our part to prevent these stats from getting worse.



We are now working with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) to further investigate how this buoy ended up on St Helena.

A place we like to call Sole Beach (which is just pass Westrocks) has strangely been accumulating shoe soles over the years, hence the name. So far we have collected 540 shoes. After a little more exploring, we found sea glass, which led us to collaborate with G-unique to make some unique jewellery. Each piece kindly gives a donation back to the Education and Outreach work of the Trust – so a huge thank you to everyone that has bought a piece so far.



Small things make a difference, so do your part!

I Shirley, the wife of the late Carlton Yon formerly of Longwood Avenue, would like to thank the Staff and Carers of the CCC for caring for Carlton during the last five months of his life. Thanks to Sexton and Barbara for being with me when he passed away and thanks to Father Clive. Thanks to Perry, Raymond, Melvyn, Deborah, Karen, Cherilee and Shakira for arranging the funeral. Thanks to Father Alan and Deacon Bobby Crowie for conducting the Service. Thanks are also extended to Davina for making the wreaths, to Roy and his team and to all who phoned and sent cards of sympathy.

Carlton has gone from our lives but remains in our hearts forever.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

God bless you all.



Mothering Sunday at St Paul's

A full congregation of some 300 people were at St Paul's Cathedral last Sunday 31st March to be a part of a special Children's Eucharist and Service to honour Mothering Sunday – a special day celebrated by Christians in the UK, Ireland and some other Anglophone countries. Mothering Sunday falls on the fourth Sunday in Lent, exactly three weeks before Easter Day and this year on St Helena it was observed in the traditional way of honouring all mothers with gifts, flowers and prayers.

Bishop Dale welcomed everyone to the Cathedral, which held quite an emotional air last Sunday, as everyone honoured Mothers and loved ones in their own unique way. A small experiment between three mothers and their children, where the children were blindfolded but could still recognise their Mum through sense of touch, was conducted by the Bishop



and this reminded everyone of the bond that exists between a Mother and her child.

The St Pauls Cathedral Gospel Group provided lively musical accompaniment to the hymns and songs chosen for the Service and was well-received by the congregation. Mr Johnny Green and his band members deserve to be congratulated for enhancing the special service with their professional performance and the air of happiness that went with the singing. The closing song 'Medals For Mothers' was especially touching.

Beautiful flower posies were given to children for presenting to their Mothers and many posies were available to adults to spread the message of love and honour amongst their special family members. When the service ended, everyone dispersed outside of the Cathedral in a wonderful array of colour before heading off to celebrate the special day further.



Royal Research Ship arrives today

Two cruise ship visits never happened this week but today the RRS Discovery arrives from Tristan to start work here on surveying the seamounts. After spending ten days using state of the art sea-floor mapping system to chart seamounts around Tristan, the RRS Discovery will spend eleven days off our shores and at Napoleon and Cardno seamounts doing similar work; but that's not all.



RRS Discovery leaving Tristan on 30th March

The team of scientists on board are from the British Antarctic Survey, The Natural History Museum in London, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and Plymouth and Stanford Universities as well as from the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) who work

with governments, industries and scientific organisations in the UK and around the world. The range of scientists on board suggests the range of work being undertaken on this voyage is equally varied. Also, the kind and resourceful Tristanians have potatoes to spare and craned them aboard the RRS Discovery for this Island stricken with a potato famine.



Some of the sacks of potatoes bound for St Helena From Tristan aboard the RRS Discovery

Around St Helena the scientific programme includes completing the mapping of the seafloor that was started last year on RRS *James Clark Ross* and supplemented by the UK Hydrographic Office's survey of near-shore waters on the *En-*

Royal Research Ship arrives today

chanted Isle. Also included are undertaking oceanographic measurements to determine sea-water characteristics and the presence of pollutants and using scientific nets to sample the marine life that supports the local tuna populations. We will also use a high resolution underwater camera system to collect images of the animals on the seafloor and a sample the seafloor with a small sledge.

Most of the seamount mapping will be at Cardno where it is planned to map parts of Cardno and the "Southern Cross" seamount and collect oceanographic and biological measurements to help understand the abundance and distribution of yellowfin and bigeye tuna to the seamounts. There will also be sampling of the mid-water fauna, which are the prey for tuna, and use of cameras to collect data on the animals inhabiting the seabed.

Samples collected during the survey will be preserved and donated to the Natural History Museum in London, where they will be archived and made available to experts and the public through an on-line catalogue.

On passage around the island and between the seamounts, dedicated observers will monitor the distribution and abundance of seabirds, marine mammals and whale sharks. Finally, we will also be deploying acoustic receivers at the seamounts and around the island to detect tagged tuna and whale sharks.

The Tristan and St Helena research programmes are funded by the Blue Belt Programme and British Antarctic Survey's Overseas Development Assistance Programme.



Cefas started in 1902 as a small fisheries laboratory in Lowestoft. A new £16million purpose built laboratory (illustrated in graphic above) is now under construction. The new development is expected to significantly reduce running costs and secure almost 500 professional and skilled jobs in the Eastern Counties of England.

RAF clear marine plastics pollution from the shores of Diego Garcia

It looks very much as if the media people at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office saw a welcome photo-opportunity in Diego Garcia with RAF personnel picking up marine plastics

pollution from the shores of the island they 'gave' to the United States after kicking out the island residents.



The Foreign and Commonwealth Office organise a warm and cuddly photo-shoot on the shores of Diego Garcia. Beach clean-ups have been organised on Diego Garcia before but it's only now the FCO media people think of using this activity for their own publicity.

A Foreign Office spokesman, said: "Diego Garcia, in the British Indian Ocean Territory, suffers like any other coastal region from the careless disposal of plastic waste which often travels thousands of miles before washing up on coastlines. Joint clean-up operations like this are a great example of the UK and US working closely to provide the environmental stewardship needed to preserve the pristine waters of this unique and scientifically important area."

American and British military personnel along with contractors volunteered to pick up rubbish on Diego Garcia beaches on 3 March, clearing over a mile of coastline. It followed clearing up operations in December when 66 volunteers bagged 60 bags of rubbish weighing 1480lbs. In February 20 volunteers cleared 2000lbs of fibre glass and Styrofoam.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office attracted a sustained hostile reaction from a wide variety of organisations and individuals when the recent judgement from the International Court Justice (ICJ) on the Chagos Islands was quickly discounted. The ICJ advised the UK should hand the Chagos Islands, to Mauritius as soon as possible and that retaining the Chagos Island Islands under British control was illegal. The Chagos Islands includes Diego Garcia, the largest island where the United States have a military presence much like on Ascension but more so. While Diego Garcia remains militarily important to the United States there is no chance that Britain will hand over the islands to anyone – The US would not let them. This means there is equally no chance of the evicted Chagossians or their descendants returning to Chagos even for a visit. All island residents were kicked off the island when the US military decided to move in.



STATEMENT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE COUNCILLOR BUCKLEY'S ADJOURNMENT DEBATE SPEECH

On Monday, 11 March 2019, Councillor Cruyff Buckley made a speech about policing on St Helena during the Adjournment Debate in the formal meeting of Legislative Council. The speech contained a large number of inaccurate statements that were conveyed as facts and which I would now like to take the opportunity to correct.

Councillor Buckley also used the Adjournment Debate speech to express a number of personal viewpoints and judgements. One viewpoint in particular stands out. Councillor Buckley states: *'In America, the policeman is a working class hero. In England, the policeman is a working class traitor. Who are the working class traitors on this little Island of St Helena?'* Councillor Buckley seems to be suggesting that St Helena Police Officers are traitors. The police officers he refers to are your family and friends who work hard to ensure St Helena is a safe place in which to live, work and invest. They are doing exactly what the Government of St Helena wants them to do - they are making the Island safe and yet Councillor Buckley seems to regard them as traitors. I strongly reject this assertion.

Councillor Buckley also states in his speech *'why use a gun when a knife will do?'* I find this reference particularly distasteful given that in the last few weeks a police officer suffered knife wounds – the police officer was responding to a situation of distress and did not think twice for his own life.

St Helena Police Officers work with the people of St Helena

and the Government to build a safe nation, they give people the confidence to disclose unlawful activities and ultimately ensure that offenders are held to account. This is happening more and more as you have all seen in recent months. A variety of people who may have thought they were untouchable have been, and are being, held to account.

The police will enforce the laws that are made or adopted by Councillors. If Councillors are concerned about the law not being correct then they should change the law.

I would ask you to take time to think about the people who make up the St Helena Police Directorate, their hard work, their commitment to you and your community. You should be confident that your Elected Members are representing you, not deliberately or inadvertently misleading you.

I am proud of the St Helena Police Directorate and proud of my staff. Please remember that our intent is always to make you and your families safe.

I am sending a full response on each of the points raised by Mr Buckley to him personally, pointing out the factually incorrect and misleading statements and misrepresentation. The factual corrections are also attached to this statement.

Chief of Police David Lynch
1 April 2019

FACTUAL CORRECTIONS TO COUNCILLOR BUCKLEY'S ADJOURNMENT DEBATE SPEECH

<i>Incorrect statement/ suggestion</i>	<i>Correction</i>
'Unannounced recent Firearms training exercises at Ladder Hill adjacent to residential areas have caused needless anxiety to the people living there. At 3 o' clock in the afternoon when kids are arriving home from school, they are greeted by officers carrying guns...'	The firearms training took place in the lower car park area of the fire station, away from the residential area. There were safety officers present during all training sessions. Every measure was taken to reduce any concern and every effort was made to ensure that no visible outside training was completed when children were coming home from school.
'Officers approach citizens as if they are guilty until proven innocent'	Incorrect. All investigations are impartial, fair and conducted in line with the legislation adopted or created by the Elected Members. The work of the Directorate is scrutinised by the Attorney General's Chambers and the Court.
Councillor Buckley spoke of another incident where 20 officers had turned up to a person's home fully dressed, he asserted, in riot gear and with a riot shield, to search for vehicle documentation.	This is an ongoing case and Councillors should not refer to any cases where a judicial decision is still to be taken. However, officers were in normal police clothing, not riot gear and 20 police officers did not attend.
Councillor Buckley commented on an incident where an officer had climbed through a window and searched a person's house while the person was absent and then tried to serve the warrant.	The Police and Criminal Evidence Ordinance states that a search warrant gives the police a power to search a property. The owner or occupier does not have to be present when the search is conducted. In this case, the search warrant was obtained under Section

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7(1) of the PACE Ordinance 2003 which gave the police a power to enter and search any building or vehicle on land specified in the warrant within one month from the date of issue of the warrant and to search for articles in respect of which the application is made and if any articles are found seize such items.

On this occasion no one was at home, so rather than force entry officers climbed through a window to gain access.

A police officer visited the addressees the following day in order to give each householder the list of property taken and to ensure the occupant had a copy of the warrant. They also wished to ensure that the property owner had found the copy as no one had been in when the warrant was executed.

Regarding statistics from an update on SHG's 10 Year Plan, Councillor Buckley said:

'My interpretation of these statistics suggests that almost half of all these cases either lack evidence or shouldn't have been in court in the first instance'.

The figures used by Councillor Buckley are old figures. The current 2018/2019 figures show that there were 67 cases heard in the court, 63 resulted in a conviction and in four cases the charged person was not found to be guilty.

Cases can be withdrawn for a number of reasons prior to an actual court hearing, for example when an Out-of-Court Disposal is agreed or victims and witnesses are no longer willing to support a prosecution and give evidence in court.

On the subject of courts, Councillor Buckley criticised CID officers for sitting in court 'practically all day even when they are not required to give evidence'.

There is no victim / witness care service on the Island so on occasions officers will support the family in the role of Family Liaison Officers in certain cases.

Outside of this CID officers only attend court when required or if the Attorney General's Chambers require them there.

Councillor Buckley refers to a man who had been arrested and cautioned for tattooing a minor. Councillor Buckley states: 'A proactive approach between the parties, a meeting with a councillor or a note of concern to Safeguarding would have addressed the issue. Instead we have a young innocent man unaware of his action and consequences who is left with a criminal record'.

The situation is that this matter was referred to the Police by the Safeguarding Directorate due to the concern about the number of young persons involved and concern regarding the appropriateness of tattooing minors. This is something they cannot legally consent to and potentially raised issues from a health perspective.

The offence is committed under sections 1 and 2 of the Tattooing of Minors Act 1969 which applies to St Helena and is on the list of St Helena's laws.

The outcome was proportionate to address the concerns raised. Incorrect. Ultimately the Attorney General's Chambers ratify the charges an accused will face in court during the court proceedings. They are skilled, experienced lawyers independent of the police.

Councillor Buckley criticised the police for charging people with a higher offence than they have evidence for.

This is incorrect.

There are now more applicants than there are roles in the Police Service. Officers are not leaving as they once were. This is due to the training they receive and the leadership within the Directorate.

This [police] unprofessionalism... has led to young officers leaving the force and recently officers have been stood down. This could create a recruitment issue.'

Police when their contracts are completed.

Two left to pursue other life interests. One wishes to return to the police in the next 12 months. One left to pursue a career in another Directorate.

Correction
Over the past 12 months, five officers have left the Police Service. Two of these left to pursue careers overseas due to better terms and conditions. Both stated they wished to return to the

In summary, three of the five officers who left wish to return and they left to achieve personal ambitions or to achieve a better income.

Chief of Police David Lynch, 1 April 2019

RED ENSIGN GROUP CONFERENCE - APRIL 2019

St Helena Government's Harbour Master, Steve Kirk, Emergency Planning & Sea Rescue Manager, Simon Wade, and Operational & Civil Contingencies Manager, Ian Johnson, along with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office' CSSF (Conflict, Stability & Security Fund) Projects lead, Sam Cherrett, are currently representing St Helena at the Red Ensign Group Conference in Montserrat.

The delegates join 68 representatives from other UK Overseas Territories in a four-day programme of presentations, workshops, and discussions covering several aspects of Maritime Safety and Legislation. Topics include Ports, Coastal State and Registration of Vessels and the crucial role it plays in enabling Coastal States to meet mandatory international obligations by 2020 which St Helena is legally bound i.e. SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea), MARPOL (Marine Pollution), UNCLOS (United Nations Convention of the Laws of the Seas).

The UK and Overseas Territories will be audited to assess compliance of the obligations.

Attendance at the Conference was funded under the Maritime Obligations work as part of the Justice, Security and Governance programme of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office' Conflict, Stability & Security Fund.

Further information will be provided when the delegates return to St Helena.

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Top: All delegates

Above: The St Helena representatives

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOUR COUNCILLORS CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS TAKING PLACE IN APRIL 2019

Councillors will be holding a series of meetings in each Island district throughout April for constituents to ask questions, raise concerns and find out what has been happening lately within St Helena Government Directorates.

A key topic which Councillors wish to discuss at these meetings is how best to communicate with constituents. For example, would you like to continue having district meetings or to have larger gatherings? Would you prefer all 12 Councillors to attend constituency meetings? Options can be discussed with Councillors at the meeting.

If there is a particular topic that you would also like discussed, please telephone the Secretary to Elected Members on tel: 22590 or email: sec.em@helanta.co.sh in advance of the meeting you plan to attend.

Your Councillors look forward to meeting with you and hearing your views.

Each meeting will start at 7pm.

Venue

Kingshurst Community Centre
Blue Hill Community Centre
Harford Community Centre
Sandy Bay Community Centre
HTH Community Centre
Jamestown Community Centre
St Michaels's Church, Rupert's
St Mary's Church, The Briars
Silver Hill Bar, Levelwood

Date

Monday, 8 April
Monday, 8 April
Wednesday, 10 April
Thursday, 11 April
Monday, 15 April
Tuesday, 16 April
Tuesday, 16 April
Tuesday, 23 April
Wednesday, 24 April



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Reduction in Water Consumption **Across Island**

As residents of the Island, we are all well aware of the low rainfall experienced in recent months. This unfortunately has resulted in reduced surface runoff across the Island, which in turn has greatly reduced St Helena's raw water reserves.

As a result, Connect Saint Helena Ltd ask as part of our Drought Management Plan for the cooperation of the public across Island to **reduce** water consumption, since raw reservoir storage is at 50% which equates to about 40 days of supply.

Although some infrequent rainfall showers have been experienced over the past few weeks, the extent of runoff from that did not make a noteworthy contribution in the replenishment of the Island's raw water reserves. A **reduction** in consumption is the only way we can extend the period for which our dwindling stocks will last.

We therefore appeal to the public to **reduce** their consumption to essential needs, including using only recycled water for gardens.

We also urge members of the public to continue to notify us on telephone 22255 during working hours or our Out of Hours Contractor, David Constantine on telephone 22522 of any leaks or bursts.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd thanks you in advance, as we all take responsibility in ensuring the long-term availability of this scarce resource.



3 April 2019



When: 4 May 2019

Where: Francis Plain

Time: 11am till 3.30pm

After a fantastic 2018/19 running the agriculture programme, the working group have finally come to the grand finale. The big Country Fair at Francis Plain!

The closing date for the pre-judged livestock, pasture and arable land categories have now closed and we wait in anticipation to see on the day who are the grand winners of each category.

However, the closing date for children, individual and district stalls is the 15 April and this will be judged on the day. So hurry and enter before it is too late!! Contact Delia Du Preez at Enterprise St Helena.

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.

Are you interested in showcasing your produce or craft for retail at this event? This is an opportunity to do just that! Don't delay, contact Delia Du Preez to book a stall.

Stalls	1st	2nd	3rd
1. Individual Stalls			
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. Iced cakes	£20.00	n/a	n/a
7. Largest carrot	£20.00	n/a	n/a
8. Largest pumpkin	£20.00	n/a	n/a
9. Largest sweet potato	£20.00	n/a	n/a
10. Largest tomato	£20.00	n/a	n/a
11. Best broccoli	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
12. Best cauliflower	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
13. Best cabbage	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
14. Best carrot	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
15. Best pumpkin	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
16. Best sweet potato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
17. Best potato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
18. Best onion	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
19. Best tomato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
20. Best cucumber	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
21. Best hand of bananas	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
22. Best display for 5 a day of vegetables/fruit	£25.00	n/a	n/a
23. Honey	£30.00	n/a	n/a
24. Needlework	£30.00	£20.00	£10.00
25. Handcrafts from local produce	£30.00	£20.00	£10.00
2. Best District Stalls – judged on the day			
	£300.00	£200.00	£100.00

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



For more information please contact Delia Du Preez on telephone 22920 or email delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh

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VACANCIES FOR SENIOR ACCOUNTS EXECUTIVES, CORPORATE FINANCE

We are looking for experienced Senior Accounts Executives to manage our accounts portfolio and supervise our account executives team.

For these roles, strong communication skills and a customer service attitude is essential. As a Senior Accounts Executive, you should also be results-driven and help us achieve our business goals.

Ultimately, you will be responsible for the effective management of the Accounts Payable and Receivable functions of the financial management system, ensuring all Government revenue and expenditure is accurately recorded.

Essential qualifications and experience required for these roles are:

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above
- ACCA Certified Accounting Technician Level 2 or equivalent
- At least 3 years' experience in a similar accounting role
- At least 2 years' experience in supervising staff

Salary for the post ranges from £8,613 - £10,765 per annum.

In Corporate Finance, we provide an environment for professional development in the field of finance and accountancy. The salary ranges for these positions reflect the pathways designed to reward professional development and technical competence.

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Emma Thomas, Business Support Manager on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: emma.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and Corporate Finance and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Tina Sim, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Monday, 8 April 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.

Corporate Services 25 March 2019



HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR ENGAGEMENT WORKER

The Health Directorate is looking for dedicated and hardworking person to join their Health Promotion Team. The successful applicant will be responsible to the Health Promotion and Social Marketing Lead to support the work of the SHG Health Directorate's community prevention work under the Health Promotion Strategic Framework (HPSF), and Chronic Disease Management (CDM) plans for people with established conditions.

Some of the key duties include:

- To ensure information and awareness resources produced under the HPSF and CDM are produced as directed and distributed and accessible to the priority groups.
- To support private and community sector partners to provide appropriate awareness and information resources for their staff / customers / community
- To raise awareness among community stakeholders about the priority issues under the HPSF and CDM, and what the community can do to improve their health and quality of life
- To recruit community stakeholders to participate in workshops, surveys, or other meetings / events to give their views to develop future plans for HP and CDM.
- To invite patients with specific health conditions to participate in appropriate sessions / events

for people with their chronic condition.

Essential qualifications and experience for this post are:

GCSE English and Maths at grade 'C' or above or equivalent

Good IT skills with proficiency in MS Word, Publisher & Excel

Good customer service / inter-personal skills

Experience liaising with community organisations and businesses

Experience of working on health or care issues is also desirable.

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

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

Interested persons requiring further details regarding this post can contact Mrs Angela Jackson-Morris, Health Promotion and Social Marketing Lead on telephone no 22500 or email angela.jacksonmorris@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and a job profile, which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable to Miss Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate or email madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Thursday, 11 April 2019

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.

Helen Lawrence (Mrs) 26 March 2019
Acting Director of Health



**Vacancy
Human Resources
and Administration
Manager**



Enterprise St Helena is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced individual to work within the Human Resources department. Reporting to the Director of Resources, the successful candidate will be responsible for managing all human resource related activities. Ensuring that the overall administration, coordination, and evaluation of human resources plans and programmes are realised.

The successful applicant must:

- Hold a CIPD qualification or working toward one.
- Have at least 5 years' of proven HR generalist experience.
- Have excellent decision-making, strategic thinking, leadership, interpersonal and ethical conduct skills.

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 Director of Resources, Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill Business Park by no later than 12 noon on Thursday 18th April 2019.



**For further information please contact: Marilyn Caswell on telephone number 22920 or email
Marilyn.Caswell@esh.co.sh**

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

Grocery Clerical Assistant

Within The Star

Job Outline

To assist the Grocery Manager with the day-to-day finances and stock control matters, ensuring an efficient and effective business, with a view to increasing annual turnover and net contribution.

Interested Persons Should:

- Ideally have Grade C or above in Maths & English
- Be IT literate & competent in the use of Microsoft Office Applications
- Desirably have experience with Access Dimensions
 - Have knowledge in Stock Control
 - Have the ability to work to tight deadlines

Salary for the post will be **£736.28** per month (£8,835.36 per annum)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact
Ronald Coleman,
Grocery Manager
(The Star & Butchery)
on telephone number: 22683
or via email address:
grocerymanager@helanta.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Nicola Essex, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by **16 April 2019**

Vacancy For Antenna Maintenance Supervisor

Encompass Digital Media Services has a vacancy for a full-time **Antenna Maintenance Supervisor**.

The post holder will supervise and lead a team, that is primarily responsible for the Antenna Maintenance of the Transmitting Station and other Rigging & Aerial maintenance related duties, under BBC Atlantic Relay Station's portfolio.

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status, fixed-term contract, depending on personal circumstances and with bungalow accommodation.

Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.
Candidates short-listed for interview will be expected to pass a mast climbing test.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Comprehensive knowledge of safe working practices and safety procedures, particularly in relation to Working at Heights and RF Hazards.
- Physically fit, able to pass a climbing medical and test.
- Category 1 climber.
- Consistent and developed experience as a Rigger with High Frequency broadcast antennas.
- Knowledge and competency of working with specialist rigging tools and equipment.
- Able to interpret complex antenna and support structure drawings.
- Experience of corrosion control, paint systems and preparation of surfaces.
- Ability to communicate well, verbally and in writing with both internal and external customers.
- Good organisational and time management skills.
- Strong self-motivation and the ability to work with a degree of autonomy and to use one's own initiative.
- Proven experience in fault-finding, rectification and repair of faults.
- IT Literate, particularly in use of Email, Microsoft Word and Excel at Intermediate Level.
- Willingness to work flexible hours, at short notice, when required.
- Manual Handling Training and other Statutory Safety Training specific to the role.
- Full Driving Licence.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the **Job Description**.

Please contact the Administrative Officer on + 247 66800 (Extn 102) or email glen.yon@babcock.co.ac for a **Job Application Form**, **Job Description** and for further information regarding the post.

Applications to be sent to:

Admin Officer
BBC Atlantic Relay Station
English Bay
Ascension Island (or email glen.yon@babcock.co.ac)

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, and must be received by end of the working day on **Wednesday 1st May 2019**.

Vacancy for Shift Operator – Power Station

Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for a full-time **Shift Operator**.

The post holder will form part of the Ops Team of the Power Station that controls and monitors the Power Station's outputs helping to ensure that it performs cost-effectively, safely and to agreed standards.

To remotely monitor the Transmitting Station when unattended.

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status, fixed-term contract, depending on personal circumstances, and with bungalow accommodation. Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.

Essential Qualifications/Experience

- A good standard of numeracy and literacy.
- Comprehensive knowledge of current safe working practices and safety procedures.
- Experience in producing and maintaining accurate technical and administrative records.
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing, with both internal and external customers.
- A good understanding of all aspects of Power Station Operation, including Diesel Generating Plant, Reverse Osmosis Plant and HV distribution network.
- Basic computer skills.
- Willingness to work shifts and flexible hours, at short notice, when required.
- Strong self motivation and the ability to work with a degree of autonomy.
- Full driving licence.

Desirable Qualifications / Experience

- Experience of working in a Power Station or similar environment.
- Electrical or Mechanical Work Experience
- High Voltage authorisation.
- GCSE English and Mathematics or equivalent.
- IT competent.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the **Job Description**.

Please contact the Administrative Officer on +247 66800 (Extn 102) or email Glen.yon@babcock.co.ac for a **Job Application Form**, **Job Description** and for further information regarding the post.

Applications to be sent to:

Admin Officer
BBC Atlantic Relay Station, English Bay
Ascension Island (or email Glen.Yon@babcock.co.ac)

Applications should be submitted on a job application form, and must be received by
Thursday 18th April 2019

Exhibition
Sir Hudson Lowe
On
St Helena

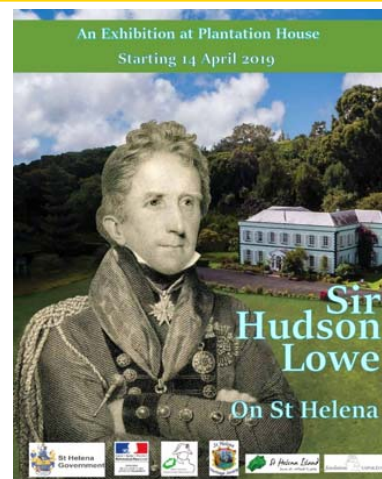
St Helena Island
Secret of the South Atlantic

Launching on Sunday 14th April is the Sir Hudson Lowe Exhibition at Plantation House.

The Exhibition has been organised by St. Helena Tourism, Napoleonic Heritage Ltd and the St Helena Museum.

Lt. General Sir Hudson Lowe was the Governor of St Helena during the exile of Napoleon, and much of his historical reputation stems from his tumultuous relationship with Napoleon. The aim of the exhibition is to also shed light on his lesser known role in bringing an end to slavery on St Helena.

The event on this day will be open to the public from 16:30 - 18:00. There will be a public viewing of the exhibition with an opportunity to purchase a souvenir exhibition brochure for £3.



For further information contact Christina Plato, Tourism Officer on 22158 or email Christina.Plato@tourism.co.sh

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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc
has vacancies for

General Assistants (Bread Production)

Job Outline

Become a vital part of the day-to-day bread production and help to ensure quality standards are achieved.

Basic Applicable Skills include:

- Be able to carry out and understand basic measurements and follow written recipes
- Operating production equipment as required
- Packaging and delivering products
- General cleaning

Further details contained in job description

Interested Persons Should:

- ✓ Have basic numeracy and literacy
- ✓ Have some knowledge and experience in this field, including Food & Hygiene and Health & Safety Awareness

Salary will start at **£8,539** per annum, (£164.22 per week), depending on qualifications and experience.

Opportunities also exist for you to develop your skills and advance on the salary scale.

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact
Dean Okali
on telephone number:
22380 or 23770
or via email address:
bakery@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hadmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Nicola Essex, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 12 April 2019

GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 31st MARCH 2019

It was another beautiful day on Sunday 31st March 2019 as St Helena Golf Club hosted another end of the month monthly medal strokeplay competition. Twenty players turned up to tee off at 1200. On average it seemed like most of the golfers were not in tip top form. No golfer returned a nett under par score. Could it be that being a mothering Sunday they needed to be somewhere else? Hard to tell. Finishing top on the leaderboard on a count back and maintaining his winning streak from last Sunday was Mr Larry Legg who returned a nett 69. Mr Alastair Norrie also with a nett 69 took second place. All the other golfers returned nett score of 71 and above. Only one golfer scored a two on Hole-1 and collected all the balls in the two ball pool and that was none other than Mr Douglas Augustus. The prizes were presented by Mr Lawson Henry who was acting games manager for the month of March. Congratulations to our winners and thanks to Mr Lawson Henry for serving as acting games manager for March.

Competition for next Sunday 7th April 2019 will be 18 Hole Stroke play Cross country. This is another unique format of play where the course will be played in reverse. It's like playing on a new golf course. Tee off time 12:00. Based on the number of golfers who will sign up, a gunshot start will be considered followed by a bring and share barbeque to celebrate our member Mr Johan Theron who will be leaving the Island soon. Registration is ongoing. Register by; adding your name to the list on the clubhouse noticeboard, Leave a Voice mail on 24421, or drop a message to our Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh Parents and guardians are hereby informed

that there will be NO Junior golfers training on Friday 5th April 2019.

Finally, great news to all aspiring members; with immediate effect joining fee (50 POUNDS) for senior members can now be paid in four equal monthly instalments of 12.50 pounds. This decision was taken by the club committee to encourage aspiring members who may find it difficult to pay 50 pounds upfront. Take advantage and join us. Application forms are available in the club house.

Happy golfing.....!

**Contributed by;
SHGC**



RMS T20 Cup Cricket Results

Saturday 30 March 2019

1.30pm

Western Woodpeckers 177/5

Chris Owen 87
Tristan Thomas 35
Ralph Knipe 1/15
Matthias Young 1/25

Lions 161/7

Christopher Herne 32
Ralph Knipe 27
Darrel Henry 3/26
Jamie Ellick 2/21

Performance Points

Chris Owen 3, Tristan Thomas 2, Darrel Henry 1



1.30pm

Levelwood Allstars 151/4

Gareth Johnson 38
Sanjay Clingham 36
David Young 2/34
Ronan Legg 1/15

Sandy Bay Pirates 153/5

Matthew Benjamin 52
David Young 36
Sanjay Clingham 1/9
Greg Coleman 2/35

Performance Points

Matthew Benjamin 3, David Young 2, Greg Coleman 1



Sunday 31 March 2019

10.00pm

Western A Mustangs 96

Mark Williams 15
Mckyle Fuller 15
Alex Langham 2/8
Jordi Henry 2/15

Royal Challengers 97/4

Alex Langham 32
Sean Lee Thomas 21
Richard Joshua 1/23
Luke Bennett 2/16

Performance Points

Alex Langham 3, Sean Lee Thomas 2, Jordi Henry 1



FIXTURES

Saturday 6 April

1.30pm

Heat V Lions

Umpires: Challengers

Sunday 7 April

10am

Woodpeckers V Mustangs

Umpires: Allstarz

1.30pm

Pirates V Challengers

Umpires: Lions



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Since last week the leadership of the Premier League has change three times. Man City went top when they played the first game of the weekend against Fulham. City took the lead in the 5th minute and went on to have 10 shots at goal in the first 15 minutes. Once they scored their second goal in the 27th minute they were able to go into cruise control as Fulham rarely threaten their goal.

In other matches on Saturday; Southampton picked up a crucial win away at Brighton to ease their relegation worries. Burnley who is also in danger of going down manages to beat Wolves 2-0. Crystal Palace beat Huddersfield 2-0. Huddersfield equalled the record for the earliest relegation in a Premier League season as second-half goals from Luka Milivojevic and Patrick van Aanholt earned Crystal Palace all three points at Selhurst Park.

The Terriers' defeat, combined with victories for Burnley and Southampton, confirmed the visitors' demotion back to the Championship.

Huddersfield, who has propped up the table since December, joins Derby County and Ipswich Town as the only teams in Premier League history to be relegated with six games left to play.

Leicester City also won 2-0 against Bournemouth. Manchester United was extremely lucky to take all 3 points against Watford. Watford was the better team for most of the match and deserved at least a point. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said Manchester United seemed "on holiday". This was the Norwegian's first match in charge as permanent manager.

In the late match Saturday, Everton scored 2 first half goals to earn a comfortable win against West Ham.

West Ham were looking for a fourth home Premier League win in a row for the first time in 17 years but had no answer to the visitors' energy and imagination and were only saved from an embarrassing score line by goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski and the woodwork.

On Sunday Liverpool faced a difficult game against Spurs in their bid to regain the Premiership lead.

Toby Alderweireld's late own goal gave Liverpool a priceless victory and put them back on top of the Premier League.

Liverpool dominated the first half and deservedly took the lead through Firmino. Spurs was much better in the second half. Visitors Tottenham looked on course to earn a point - and even wasted chances to go in front - after Lucas Moura had equalised.

Hugo Lloris failed to hold Salah's tame header which resulted in the ball rebounding off Alderweireld and into the net to give Liverpool a vital 3 points.

The late show continues for Liverpool as they refused to buckle under the pressure applied by Man City. They were fortunate victors in this match but once again they dug deep, rode their luck, and were the beneficiaries of another dramatic conclusion at Anfield. And not for the first time this season, a visiting goalkeeper was culpable.

Everton's Jordan Pickford and Crystal Palace's Julian Speroni have both had nightmare moments in front of the Kop that have resulted in tight home wins; now Lloris can add his name to the list.

The other match on Sunday saw Cardiff robbed off 3 points as Chelsea scored 2 late goals to earn a less than deserve 2-1 win. Cardiff manager Neil Warnocks was fuming as a

number of referring blunders cost his team valuable points as he was bidding for the bluebirds 4th win in 7 games.

On Monday evening Arsenal went above both Manchester United and Spurs into 3rd place as they beat Newcastle 2-0. The 'Gunners' are in great form and were more than a match for Newcastle.

Arsenal were 10 points behind Tottenham at the start of February but this victory took the Gunners two points clear of 4th Spurs and United in 5th with seven league games remaining. On Tuesday Manchester United suffered a 2-1 defeat against Wolves. United was dominate in the first 20 minutes and could have easily scored 3 goals as chances fell to Lingard and Lukaku. McTominay gave the 'Red Devils' the lead in the 13th minute before Wolves equalised as a result of an error by Fred. Ashley Young was sent off in the 57th minute. Another defensive error saw Smalling score an own goal to give Wolves all 3 points.

The other match on Tuesday saw Watford beat Fulham 4-1. This loss for Fulham resulted in them being relegated to the Championship.

On Wednesday the lead at the top change again as City beat Cardiff 2-0. Chelsea picked up all 3 points as they defeated Brighton 3-0.

Tottenham celebrated the official opening of their magnificent new £1bn stadium with a victory over Crystal Palace to strengthen their place in the Premier League's top four.

Son Heug Min wrote his name in the history books as he became the first player to score at the new stadium. Christian Eriksen scored the second goal to complete a 2-0 win.



New Tottenham Hotspur £1b Stadium

Fixtures for the weekend:

There is a mixture of Premier League matches and FA Cup Semi-Final this weekend.

Southampton will host Liverpool at 7pm on Friday night. Saturday Manchester City will play Brighton in the first FA Cup Semi Final at 4.30pm GMT.

Saturday premier league games will all kick off at 3pm. Bournemouth play Burnley; Huddersfield host Leicester and Newcastle will play Crystal Palace.

On Sunday Wolves will play Watford in the second Semi Final at 3pm GMT. Everton host Arsenal in the Premier League at 1.05pm GMT.

On Monday Chelsea will play West Ham at 7pm GMT.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday will see the Champions League Quarter Finals take place.

Liverpool face Porto and Spurs host Manchester City on Tuesday. On Wednesday Manchester United play Barcelona and Ajax host Juventus. All matches will kick off at 7pm.

SHFA Ynys Mon 2019

The host Island Ynys Mon announce the fixtures for the 2019 Inter Island Football Tournament last Friday. St Helena will kick off against the Shetland Islands on Sunday 16th June at Abberfraw FC at 1pm GMT. Their second match will be against Guernsey at Holyhead FC on Tuesday 18th June 5.30pm GMT.

Fund Raising is ongoing. Raffle tickets will be on sale this Saturday starting at Longwood Green from 10am; we will be at Silver Hill from 12.30pm and then at Sandy Bay Community Centre from 2pm.

On Easter Monday 22nd April we will be having a Football Fun Day at Francis Plain starting from 10am. A full programme of events will be listed in next week's article



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St Helena's Day

21st May 2019

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Traditional Service

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Side Shows

Misc. Stalls

Bar

Novelty Sports

Mini-Marathon

Live Music

Jacobs Ladder Climb

Float Parade

Information Stalls



Hot Food

Tuck Shop

More information to follow in the next few weeks!

WENDY BENJAMIN APPOINTED AS NEW DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Acting Director of Education, St Helenian Wendy Benjamin, has been appointed to the substantive role of Director of Education. Wendy succeeds previous Director, Shirley Wahler, and her appointment is effective immediately.

As the Director of Education, Wendy's main responsibilities will be to continue to drive educational improvements across the directorate including through the St Helena Community College.

Wendy commented on her new role:

"To be successful for the role of Director of Education is a major accomplishment for me and I am proud to accept the position. The role is a diverse and challenging one but also rewarding and I am looking forward to taking this next step in my career. I am fortunate to have a good team in Education, together we will strive to build on what has been achieved so far and continue to improve education for the people of St Helena."

Chief Secretary Susan O'Bey added:

"I am extremely pleased that Wendy has been appointed as Director of Education. This is another example of a St Helenian taking on a senior management role in SHG and I would like to congratulate Wendy on her promotion. I hope her appoint-



ment will inspire other St Helenians, especially young people, to aspire to such roles in the future. Wendy has demonstrated what can be achieved with hard work and commitment and I have no doubt that she will be excellent as Director of Education."

Wendy's experience in the education field on St Helena spans over 31 years. She joined the profession upon leaving school as a teacher trainee, qualified as a Locally Qualified Teacher and taught in the primary sector for 19 years. During this time Wendy held senior management roles including a Post of Responsibility for the Primary School's English Curriculum and Deputy Head Teacher, she also acted in the capacity of Head Teacher for a short time. Wendy studied and achieved a Master's Degree in Education with Distinction whilst carrying out a fulltime teaching role. This was done primarily via distance learning with a short six-month placement in Cheltenham, UK, to complete the taught elements of the course. Wendy was also able to gain valuable insight into the UK Education System as well as UK Primary School experience during this placement.

In 2006, Wendy was promoted to Teacher Training Officer and became a member of the Education Senior Management Team. She worked in this capacity and then as Education Officer for Training and Special Educational Needs until April 2014 when she was promoted to Assistant Director Schools, a role which she has held until just recently.

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29 March 2019



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Veranda Sale

A veranda sale will be held at Clifton Cottage Sapper Way on Saturday 6th April 2019. from 2pm-5pm

The items for sale includes Bed linen, Towels, Clothing, China Ware. Kitchen utilise, and Cutlery, these items are surplus to our requirements for further information please contact Catherine or Cyril George telephone 24501.

F&A



From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to thank you for sharing in the celebration of our wedding.

We are grateful for your presence, warm wishes and your generous gifts and look forward to sharing many more memories with you.

Mr+Mrs Reyes-Milian



Prince Andrew School Parent Teacher Association would like to say a big thank you to all who supported us at the Tea Dance on Saturday 30th March at the Jamestown Community Centre.

A special thankyou to the 'Double D' band Desmond Peters & Desmond Wade for your generous donation of musical entertainment.

We raised a total profit of £103 that has been added to the PTA funds.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mothers' Day at St Paul's

Lots of love and laughter filled St Pauls Primary School Hall on Friday morning, 29th March 2019. Many mothers of the schools children sat patiently waiting to see their children perform a loving gesture to appreciate them for Mother's Day. Miss Prudence Joshua of St Pauls Primary School lead the assembly and opened with a beautiful speech and a song, 'My Mother, My Teacher, My Friend'.

The morning was kicked off by a touching show from the nursery pupils. They sang the song 'If you love your mum', which was greatly appreciated in the audience.

Reception followed with a poem 'Why Mums our Special' the y also told their mums why they were special, which brought much laughter to the room.

Year 1 and 2 performed two heart felt songs for their mum-my's; 'Mum loves me' and 'What can I give you'. Many quotes were injected throughout performances along with a 'Mother's Love Recipe'.

Year 4 followed on with a poem 'My Mum', and Years 2 and 3 performed and acrostic poem entitled 'Mother' and an action packed Rap song 'Mothers'.



Year 5 read a poem and also gave their personal messages to their mums. Year 6 ended the series of performances with a poem which they prepared 'Our special Mothers', which was received well by the mothers. The choir also did their piece which was so touching and the children sung so beautifully which had a many teardrop fall by mothers.

Bishop Dale concluded with a blessing and mummies were then presented with a beautiful posy each.

Miss Joshua also had a surprise up her sleeve when she told mother's to look under their chairs to see if there was a heart. Lots of mummies were smiling when they found a heart and was presented with a wonderful mother's day gift sponsored by many different businesses around the island. It was a real treat!

Mothers were then lead out of the hall, down the steps through a beautiful array of yellow shirts, whilst children lined up on either side of the steps. As they passed through they again received gifts and cards made by their children.

It was a wonderful Mother's Day 2019 at St Pauls Primary School!



Ed Sheeran in South Africa

The famous singer Ed Sheeran announced a year ago that that he would be doing his first ever South African tour throughout March 2019 in Johannesburg and Cape Town and would be joined by local singer and former SA Idols contestant Shekkinah along with Australian singer-songwriter Passenger.

They performed at FNB Stadium in Johannesburg on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th and then continued their tour to Cape Town stadium on Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th.

Danielle Yon, daughter of Anthony and Crystal Yon who is well known to many saints and her finance Eserick Watkins was two lucky people who manage to secure presold tickets for the first sold out performance in Cape Town which was organised due to the outstanding demands for tickets.

Danielle told Saint FM's Leigh Richards that about 50,000 people attended the performance which began with opening acts by Shekkinah and Passenger, which it was reported that they both were terrific in their own capacities and provided an impressive start to the night.

It was said that as soon as Ed walked onto the stage at the beginning until the very end, he gave every ounce of energy he had and what added to the atmosphere was Ed came out



for the last few songs proudly wearing a Springbok shirt.

Danielle reported when everyone put their phone lights on the entire stadium lit up which add an extra boost to the stadium and it showed a lovely effect.

Ed Sheeran performed many well-known tracks throughout the evening such as Shape of you, Thinking out loud, Castle on the hill and Perfect to name a few which had the crowd singing along, clapping and even shedding a few tears.

Danielle reported that Ed Sheeran was outstanding and phenomenal, and definitely a performance she would recommend to anyone...fan or not a fan of Ed's as his show was entertaining, fun, loud and of course the best quality.

Danielle also said she would definitely go and see Ed Sheeran's performance again should an opportunity arise.

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2019/34:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of a Two Bedroom Dwelling**, Nr Prince's Lodge, St Pauls on Parcel 0336 Scotland, adjacent to Adrian Williams. Applicant: Michael Ellick
2. **Application 2019/35:** FULL Planning Application for **Siting of Two 20ft Containers and Re-alignment of Existing Access Track**, Windy Point, Green Hill, Sandy Bay on Parcel 0052 Sandy Bay East, adjacent to Nicholas Grey. Applicant: Barry Hubbard

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 Applications 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 : 5 April 2019
Public Review Closing Date : 19 April 2019

David Goodrick
Chief Planning Officer



st. helena fisheries corporation



The Saint Helena Fisheries Corporation has a temporary vacancy for a Administrative Assistant / HR Administration

The Saint Helena Fisheries Corporation is looking for a highly energetic and professional person to assist the Operations Manager with various daily tasks at it's Ruperts Valley Cold Store . The post will start on the 15 April 2019 for a period of three months

The successful candidate will be responsible for the daily operations of the office, the tasks will include but not limited to:

- Taking fish orders from members of the public and retailers
- Attending to customer queries via email and telephone.
- Processing fisherman requirements
- Capturing Invoices and Good Received Vouchers
- Following up on debtor accounts.
- Answering the telephone for the corporation.
- Receiving and capturing of money received.
- Co-ordinating the supply of fish products to retailers and the fish van
- Capturing and co-ordinating the payments to fisherman

Any interested people should have the following

- Experience in working with people
- Have GCSE English or equivalent
- Basic Accounting experience
- Excellent written and spoken communications
- Computer Literacy
- Experience working with SAGE would be advantageous
- Have a clean criminal record.

Starting Salary of between £3.50 to £4.00 per hour

Please send your curriculum vitae, any supporting documents as well as an introductory letter of why you would be perfect for this position to Mr Anthony Van Rensburg @ general.manager@shfc.sh

This position closes on Friday 5th April 2019.

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by Annina van Neel-Hayes

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Holy Thursday & The Lord's Passover Meal,
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Good Friday and Our Lord's Passion, 19th at 3
p.m.

Holy Saturday 20th, Easter Vigil at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday 21st Mass of the Resurrection at 10
a.m.

Easter Monday 22nd a public holiday Holy Mass at
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