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MV Helena: Commencement of Passenger Services

Behind the scenes: Bi-centenary 2021

Tammy Williams



Series 1 Blast From The Past Picture 6... September statistics complete the picture

How many people come here?

Chart 3. Purpose of arrivals to St Helena by air, October 2017 to September 2019



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Martina Henry-Stevens - Cleugh's Plain

I first suspected something was wrong when my baby was 18 months old and I was dropping things. I couldn't grip anything, I was scalding myself and I would cut my fingers when cutting bread. This was alarming because I had an 18 month old toddler. I couldn't dress her, I couldn't do up her zips and poppers and it was difficult to cope.

I will never forget 6th May 2015 - I was diagnosed with MS. Dr Rawoot called me on that Wednesday morning and told me they had found Lesions in my Brain and Neck.



Over the years it has been a roller coaster of highs and lows. I have been diagnosed for almost 5 years but my current Neurologist Dr Singh said that by having a baby it caused my body to pause my MS - what a blessing!

I want to tell my story about MS, so people can understand what exactly it is.

People see me as happy and always smiling and don't understand why? They think maybe I should be sad and depressed but why should I? I have this illness for life, so why should I change the person I am to make the appropriate impact on others, or to receive the support and services I should get? On the outside I appear happy, but I have moments where I get frustrated as my husband Dylan must help me do things that I cannot. We all say that our husbands or boyfriends are the best, but Dylan is amazing. Dylan is more than my rock; I could not survive without him. He has to shower me, get me off the toilet and help with dressing me. Even Ebony my 6 year old daughter helps me. It makes me





sad when Ebony tries her best to help me, when I am not well...no mother wants their child to become their carer. However, she has a good understanding that I am not well. At times people and children say things to her and it upsets her.

My Nanny June and Papa Fred are a blessing although at times they watch me like a hawk.

I would like to explain a little about this illness that has taken away my independence and ability to be a normal wife and mother. MS - Multiple Sclerosis means 'many scars' in Greek. It is an auto-immune disease which means my immune system mistakenly attacks my own body. Normally the immune system can tell the difference between foreign cells and my own cells but in an 'auto-immune' disease the immune system mistakes parts of my body as foreign. So if you can imagine

an electrical lead to your kettle or blow-dryer where the wires are protected by an outer coating. The nerves in my body are also covered by a protective layer called Myelin. My immune system attacks this coating and it does repair, but it means the brain can't always get signals through. This blocks or sometimes disrupts, these intended signals. Whilst my body does repair with scar tissue it sometimes or progressively leaves permanent damage. MS is a condition which affects the nerves and muscles and basically everything in our bodies are controlled by nerves. Hence this is a chronic illness which can result in different pains or disruptions almost daily. For instance I have had damage done to my optic nerve via MS so maybe 3-4 times a week I may get blurred vision or bad balance for periods of time. I've just gone through a relapse which has left me with a limp or staggered walk. But being positive and with physio, I hope my body is repairing itself- slowly but surely. Sometimes I find people ask insensitive questions, either because they don't know better or they would just like to get straight to the point.

As soon as I was diagnosed in Cape Town I started Interferon injections which are disease modifying treatments (DMT's) which is meant to help slow the progression of MS. It is meant to tone down the immune system to avoid attacks or relapses. However, when my neurologist compared my MRI scans he could see disease progression and no real 'slowing' of the disease. So we discussed this and I received new treatment – AUBAGIO, which is an oral medication thankfully, and with less side effects. Another good thing is that Dylan does not have to inject me. This is incredibly difficult for both of us,

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especially as I hate injections. The big side effect of DMTs is dementia. memory loss and the inability to show and retrieve information. This presents everyday difficulties especially in caring for my daughter.

So the reality is that with my physical and psychological effects, I must always be cared for. My Papa has to escort me from my home to theirs in the morning where I stay all day as my husband is working. My grandparents care for my daughter after school when I cannot do it, but I will not give up trying to be a mother.

My friend Peter Beard was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis when he was 28 years old in 2004. He tells me he was experiencing blurred vision, dizzy head and a slight limp to his left leg. Therefore he was sent to Cape Town for a scan in April 2004. After he returned he had to have an injection to slow down the MS. It was an interferon called Rebif 22. He has to have this injection for the rest of his life, which he takes 3 times a week, by his Mum injecting him.

Peter said that he still managed to work with Connect for about 8 years, before he had to use crutches to assist him walking. He said he used the crutches for about 18 months and then Connect decided that he was a health and safety risk and was permanently signed off work through being medically bordered. At that point he was trying to come to terms with living with his progressive MS and being unemployed and totally reliant on his parents. Peter is now 44 years old and is confined to the wheel chair, having had MS for 15yrs. He still continues to enjoy his life - he visits SHAPE and keeps busy by being a handyman.

Living with MS prevents me from doing normal everyday things when I want to. I don't want to run miles or climb mountains. I just want to care for my child, clean my house, cook for my husband, go shopping and do a light job that earns a few pounds. Both Peter and I would like more consistent professional support that is needed medically, psychologically and neurologically.

For most people in South Africa and the UK, who live with MS, they can access the professional support required but this is not possible or available here. This adds to our difficulties and we find ourselves relying too much on our loved ones and it is not always a nice feeling.

We say to anyone who is diagnosed on St. Helena, that they need a strong family support network to cope with the ups and downs of living with this progressive and degenerative illness.

Tuesday's turbulence with Mike, Ivy and Tony

The Hospital, the water supply, money matters and, of course, the government were the main subjects for discussion when the Mike and Ivy phone-in took over the airwaves on Tuesday. This week, Tony was absent due to other commitments.

One person was amazed a patient with dementia could run away from the hospital without being intercepted. Where were the staff, the listener wanted to know.

Another caller phoned in about a patient who realised his sugar was dropping and rang for assistance but no one came. Where the staff, the listener wanted to know.

Another wanted to know why there is no longer a children's ward at the hospital. Maybe it's because there are so few children admitted to hospital they can fit them in a cupboard? Nurses' uniforms were put under the spotlight. Why are nurses permitted to smoke in uniform and then go back to deal with patients who may not like smoke-smelling nurses?

Before days everyone wore a uniform could be easily identified, now hospital staff do not always wear a uniform and look unprofessional. Doctors some also be identified with name tags insisted one caller.

The water shortage stirred some people to dial Saint FM. One caller scolded the "incredibly selfish people" who continue to ignore the water restrictions and not considering the impact of their actions.

Is there an emergency plan for when the water shortage becomes very serious? Will the swimming pool become a communal washing facility?

Two people wanted to know why bonfires are being allowed this year. They should be cancelled to save the water needed to put out the fires.

Turning to government matters the publicity given to the Investor Prospectus inspired a caller to remind listeners about the red tape. Will investors be prepared to wait so long or will

we lose out due to the snail pace resulting from all the red tape.

Another registered disgust that Sundale has been allowed to deteriorate while people are looking for homes. Why is Sundale being left to rot?

Another caller wanted to know how many Chiefs there are in the Castle; enough to run London? Maybe not, but there are too many as far as the caller was concerned.

A married couple on IRB had an increase in benefit of \pounds 1.50 three weeks ago. The tax on it is \pounds 1.30. How is this possible, they asked.

Another caller wondered what happened unspent money in the social benefits budget. Is it put to good use for those in need?

Why is it some buildings are burning lights 24hours a day. Even in the daytime lights on some government buildings are not switched off. Who is footing the bill?

Another caller said "it would be nice if clergy did not charge for burials. Why are they charging"?

An early morning shopper drew attention to the fruit and veg stacked in the windows for shop assistants, leaving very little for regular customers. Often the shop assistants first pickings are in full view for all to see.



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The questions raised by callers to the Saint FM Tuesday afternoon show are many and various; the answers to them are often beyond the scope of Mike, Ivy and Tony to answer but it makes for entertaining radio and the chance of some interesting discussion. The caller who wants the clergy to offer free funerals was a favourite of mine. By asking a question like that I think the caller might be digging his own grave. Phone-in programmes such as Tuesday afternoon on Saint FM have a common theme, who is responsible, who is accountable. That is no bad thing. But there are two sides to that coin. Everybody is responsible or accountable for something or many things; even our own funerals.

Many will recall the visit of Professor Sarkin who held some very popular public meetings while he was here to discuss how we are governed now and what changes could be made to improve things. Accountability of elected members was certainly one subject discussed at some length and I'm sure Professor Sarkin went away with a clear impression much thought is needed on how things can be improved in that area. The professor's report is due next month and I'm certain it will make interesting reading.

The passengers off last Wednesday's cruise ship were a cheerful lot and very interested in what they were seeing. They asked sensible questions about the landmarks and buildings that were pointed out to them and seemed to know something of St Helena before arriving here. This is unusual. Often the cruise ship passengers could be in the Pacific Ocean for all they appeared to know or care and too often show little interest in the remote island world around them. One cruise ship passenger told me he always chooses Fred Olsen Cruises because they are more friendly and relaxed. Fred Olsen themselves say they operate smaller cruise ships so they can maintain a friendlier atmosphere on board. The MV Boudicca, which called on Wednesday, has its regular passengers who return every year for another cruise.

The Sustainable Economic Development Plan has a list of Common Issues; things which need to be done to get several other things moving. First on the list is "St Helena Government (SHG) needs to gain a credit rating so organisations operating in St Helena can raise international private finance." The credit rating bit is starting to happen. Representatives from one of the three big global credit rating agencies are just finishing a week of assessment and will arrive at their decision in due course.

There are five investment grades in the credit ratings, the best being AAA which translates to "extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments" The UK at the moment is AA meaning "very strong capacity to meet financial commitments" The credit rating agency assessing SHG capacity to meet its financial commitments has already completed an assessment of our sister overseas territory, Montserrat. This Caribbean island was shaken to its foundations in 1997 when a volcano buried the capital in volcanic ash and left about half the island ruined. S&P Global, the credit rating agency, gave Montserrat a BBB minus, this is the fifth and worst of the investment grade ratings but at least it is on the right side of the line. Below the line are the speculative grades which international private financiers would only consider in the most unusually favourable circumstances.

If St Helena goes one better than Montserrat SHG would have a BBB grade which means "Adequate capacity to meet financial commitments, but more subject to adverse economic conditions ". The only investment grade not yet mentioned here is 'A', this one is explained as "Strong capacity to meet financial commitments, but somewhat susceptible to adverse economic conditions and changes in circumstances ". The difference between 'adequate capacity' and 'strong capacity' is interesting; whether SHG is rated strong or adequate might depend on what DFID say about SHG and DFID's relationship with SHG. The credit rating assessors have already met with DFID.

Vince

INDY DICTURE QUIZ.....Series 1 Blast From The Past Dicture 6...



I LOVE THOSE ROCK N' ROLL DAYSWHO IS THIS YOUNG MAN? (Pictured back in the day...)

Tune in to this afternoon's Shine Show with Sharon Wade to find out how to answer. There will be a prize for the winner! *(Second prize for song question!) CLUE:* He got options!!....

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PICTURE 5....

Olive Young (Winner: Tubby Williams, Nr White Wall) (Song reference: Tom Petty—A Face in the Crowd))





ST HELENA SHIPPING

by AW Ship Management

MV Helena: Commencement of Passenger Services

AW Ship Management are pleased to announce that passenger services on board the MV Helena will commence at the start of Voyage 22, departing Cape Town on the 4th November 2019.

AWSM said "The provision of passenger berths on board the vessel was a key part of AWSM's bid to provide the shipping service to St Helena and we are pleased to be able to follow



Porteous House

Porteous House was a fine Georgian mansion in Jamestown, just up the street from Castle Gardens. Napoleon stayed there for his first night on St Helena, as did the Duke of Wellington some years later (in the same room, by all accounts!).

For much of its life, Porteous House served as a boarding house. Built towards the end of the 18th Century, it was the home of The East India Company's Head Surgeon, John Charles Dunn, until 1811, when it was bought by William Balcombe, and guickly sold again to Henry Porteous, the Company's Botanic Gardener. On his death in 1819 it remained in the Porteous Estate under its Trustee, Thomas Baker, who let it to Andrew Eyre as a boarding house until it fell, almost inevitably, into the hands of Saul Solomon as his 'hotel'. After his death shares were offered in it, but not successfully it seems as the Colonial Treasurer, John Gabriel Doveton, bought it and sold it on to Robert Pooley, the commercial agent who later became US vice-consul (1872-76). By 1863 he had sold it to George Moss, the French vice-consul, partner in the firm Solomon, Gideon and Moss. In his history Philip Gosse gives a photograph of George and Isaac Moss taken on 10th February 1863, sitting in the garden behind the house with Baron de Rougemont. The front of the house

through on this commitment." The passenger cabin on board the Helena comprises of four berths in a single en-suite cabin. Each berth has been equipped with a curtain to allow for an element of privacy. The en-suite bathroom is enclosed within the cabin area and has a shared

WC, sink and shower. The cabin also has a sitting area, desk and a TV. Meals on board will be taken in the crew lounge. Passengers will have access to WiFi while on board, so family and friends can be kept updated.

The cabin has been decorated with a landscape canvas print of the view from Diana's peak on St Helena, the image for which was supplied by Craig Williams of St Helena Phantom View.

Berths can be booked direct via the AW Ship Management office in London. Please see http://sthelenashipping.com/passengers for more information and full terms and conditions of carriage.

is shown in views of St Helena published that year by JE Fowler, taken from a photograph by Barrackmaster John Isaac Lilley - the 1st image below. Two years later, on Sunday 2nd April 1865 the finest house in Main Street was reduced to a fire ravaged shell by an unknown arsonist.

It remained a burnt-out shell - 2nd photo below - until demolished in 1937. In the Crallan Report of 1974 it is listed as a vacant plot - 3rd photo below.

In 2001 local businessman Rodney Buckley got planning permission to redevelop the site. It was intended that the new building would incorporate as much of the detail of the original including the coping and corner edgings, including mostly Georgian-style windows but with large 'Picture Windows' at the front. You can judge for yourself how much the new building looks like the old - 4th photo.



Old Porteous House, 1860s





Vacant plot, 1980



Current building

On 31st March 2005 the new building was sold to SHELCO. *By Barbara George*



Sunday open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

Behind the scenes: Bi-centenary 2021

Tammy Williams



Meet Skylar-Alice, five years old, she lives in Half Tree Hollow, her parents are Angelo Ellick and Ayla Philips, she's the perfect model and another face of the Bi-centenary, Skylar was very much in charge of our photo shoot, any deals with Skylar must include the right to the last word and I was like putty in her hands. You see, the Bi-centenary does not begin and end in 2021, it will have a long and enduring legacy, when people like me are old and grey, when the leadership changes, it is children like Skylar that will be leading the way.

The jury is still out on Napoleon and his influence on St Helena, people have lots of views, some are fiercely oppositionists, others don't really care, some have seen the golden goose and are preparing to snatch the egg, amidst the flurry of views and opinions one thing is sure, the past has become an antiquity, it is up to all of St Helena to determine whether our history is the key to prosperity.

I would like to pay tribute this week to the partnership that exists between Saint FM and the Independent and the French domains on island, the Napoleon Fondation and Pascal Laparlière of Sainte-Hélène Voyage & Service, what you are about to read are the '*behind the scenes*' preparations that are taking place for the Bi-centenary, these are the people who are doing a lot of work to promote St Helena and the Bicentenary, they deserve recognition and acknowledgement for their profile raising work.

Let's start with Pascal, who is no stranger to St Helena, I know Pascal would call the island his second home, he loves the island and is working tirelessly in the background, you could say he is our eyes, ears and feet in Paris, Pascal is a tour operator and was also present at the Paris Road show with PONANT cruises *"It was positive, with a nice St Helena stand, well placed a few meters from Ponant's one, and we enjoyed many contacts with tours operators and journalists but the best thing was the meeting with a French communication agency who will promote St Helena"*

Listeners will recall a radio interview at Saint FM some months ago with Pascal and PONANT cruises representatives, PONANT is organising a 16-day cruise to commemorate the bicentenary of the death of Napoleon Bonaparte on 5 May 1821 in partnership with the magazine Point de Vue, two luxury



Pascal

PONANT in Paris selling cruises to St Helena

cruise ships will arrive in St Helena for the Bi-centenary. Passengers will board the *Le Lyrial* in Namibia bound for St Helena, to arrive a day before the official ceremony which will be held on the 5th May 2021, after spending time on the island visiting the attractions they will then set course for Ascension island where the British had placed a garrison to prevent escape by the Emperor.

Passengers will embark the *Le Jacques Cartier* in Cape Town and follow the same route, on-board this vessel will be the French Consul Michel Dancoise-Martineau and other guest speakers who will be giving talks about the French domains/ Napoleon's legacy on St Helena, both vessels will stay at St Helena from the 4-6th May, there will be over 400 tourists from the ships on island.



LE LYRIAL



LE JACQUES CARTIER

Here on St Helena a program has already been prepared by

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the French National Domains, to which you are all invited, the document can be found online, I have taken it from the site and it's been re-printed here for your reading and understanding. The exact moment of the bi-centennial of the death of the Emperor will be marked at Longwood House in the following way: On the 5th may 2021 at 5:15 pm opening of the gardens, 5:30 pm Music, 5:48 Call for a minute of silence, 5:49 pm Ringtone, half-flag, 5:51 pm Suite, reading of the death of Napoleon in Cahiers de Bertrand, followed by music, the reading of a letter from Montholon announcing to Lowe the death of Napoleon. After the ceremony there will be lighting and opening of the gardens for an evening visit (it should be noted that Napoleon's House will be closed to visitors during the entire day of May 5, including after the ceremony, as was the case in 1821 when, apart from two doctors sent by Hudson Lowe, no one was admitted until the following morning.

The following day, May 6, at the Tomb, from 10:45 am music played on the cello followed by Intervention of the Catholic priest of the island, Deposit of wreaths (with announcement, as in the Invalides), "To the dead!, minute of silence, first sentence of" To the Dead, La Marseillaise launched by a singer and recovery by the public followed by an nvitation to the public to go down around the Tomb. Another ceremony to mark the bicentenary of the burial of the Emperor will be held on May 9th at the Tomb, this ceremony is being organized by the French domains and the Saint Helena Napoleonic Heritage.

A grand picnic for over 400 of the passengers has been planned at Longwood House, that's a lot of sandwiches! Pascal will also have a tour group of 50 people who will be looking to buy souvenirs and local crafts. I hope that you are beginning to see the connection; Michel and JJ have been working tirelessly to ensure that all of these visitors along with many others will receive a warm St Helenian welcome. The prospects are endless, imagine a huge concert on the Grand Parade while the ships are in along with a crafts market and food festival, we've done it all before, we can do it again on a much grander scale.

We are expecting special guests and VIP's from afar who despite their rank will want to connect with Saints and children like Skylar-Alice who will strengthen the relationship between cultures and countries and create a network of alliances both now and for future generations. Michel said that the French Embassy in Pretoria is very much involved and he will be in video conference with them over the coming weeks.

While excitement is mounting in St Helena, France is also eager with anticipation, Thierry Lentz who is the CEO of the Napoleon Fondation has sent Saint FM a program of events entitled the '*Napoleon Year: Events 2021*' the Fondation is doing much work in support of St Helena and the Bi-centenary, they also hosted a cocktail party for the tourism delegation that went to Paris.

First of all, let me say that I am blown away by their Calendar



Michel & JJ

of events which includes a Grand Exhibition called The Death of Napoleon, concerts, exhibitions, conferences, writing workshops and film screening, the National Archives will house the exhibition "Napoleon and Innovation" from March to June 2021 which includes the presentation of a hundred drawings and plans of the fund of the Secretary of State (operation to restore and make available to the public that was the subject of the subscription National Archives-Napoleon Foundation) The national library of France is also a partner as well as Chaumet House and the Malmaison National Museum that will host an exhibition of the Museum of St Helena Collection. the full events calendar for France will be included in next week's Independent newspaper. There is an enormous level of commitment for the Bi-centenary, you have seen the work that is going on behind the scenes that will bring many economic benefits to St Helena, we are in a fortunate position, as PONANT said ".....the island of Saint Helena remains above all the place where Napoleon dictated his memoirs and sealed his legend" the rest is up to us.



Thierry Lentz

September statistics complete the picture How many people come here?

The passenger arrivals for last month were published this week giving the opportunity to make year-on-year comparisons for the first two years of the air service. A true direct comparison will not be possible until October 2020 because the RMS was still in service from October to February alongside the Airlink service in the first year of operation.

The figures below, published by the Statistic Office, exclude arrivals by ship, showing arrivals by air only.



Comparing the number of passengers arriving in the first twelve months of the air service (Oct '17 – Sep '18) with the second year just ended shows more passengers arriving every month in the second year apart from May and June. The total number of passengers arriving at the airport in the first year was 3,337. In the second year it rose to 4,188.



If passenger arrivals from the RMS in the first five months of the first year are included with arrivals by air, more passengers arrived between October 2017 and September 2018 than in the following twelve months. The second graph shows the increasing totals as each month is added. The black line shows the passenger arrivals in the second year just ended, which is airport arrivals only, while the grey line shows arrivals in the first year and includes passengers arriving on the RMS. The dotted lines show seperately the arrival numbers by air and ship in the first year. In the first year 1,073 arrived by ship, making the twelve month total for air and ship combined 4,410, compared with 4,188 in the second year.

December 2018 saw a record number of arrivals and this record was achieved when only the air service was in operation. 664 arrivals were recorded for that Christmas month. In January 2018 the second highest arrivals total of 661 was recorded and was a combination of both plane and ship arrivals. The highest ship only arrivals total was in December 2012 when 467 people jumped from the ferry onto the landing steps.

Why do they come here?

The numbers breakdown shows tourism being the biggest single reason for passengers coming here over the last two years (28%) followed by overseas Saints returning for a visit (25%). Closely following is travel for business and employment reasons (23%) and returning residents (22%).





Where do they come from?

The nationalities of people travelling to St Helena for leasure purposes is recorded but the countries from where people start their journeys is not. Nationality is a guide to where passengers start their journey but it cannot be assumed in every case that everyone starts their journey from their own country.



Figures based on the nationality of arriving passengers show Europe is the geographical area accounting for more arrivals than all other geographical areas combined. Saints make up the largest share of the all arrivals and could be arriving from any part of the world. It may be safe to assume most also started their journey in Europe. Knowing where passengers started their journey to St Helena is important to gain reliable information to support research into new air routes for St Helena.

CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS FINAL REMINDER

Applications for the UK Government's global Chevening Scholarship Programme for study in the UK in 2020/ 2021 will close at 12 noon on Tuesday, 5 November 2019.

To apply, candidates must meet certain criteria including:

- Having completed all components of an undergraduate degree that will enable entry into a postgraduate programme in the UK
- Having at least two years' work experience
- Returning to St Helena for a minimum of two years following the course.

Further information and guidance on eligibility can be found at: www.chevening.org/scholarships/who-can-apply/eligibility.

For the 2020/2021 programme, courses will commence in September 2020. The scholarship offers full financial support and allows candidates to gain access to a wide range of exclusive academic, professional, and cultural experiences.

Further information about the Programme can be found on the Chevening website: www.chevening.org, through which applications should also be submitted.

Manager of the Governor's Office, Kerry Lane, is able to provide advice and support locally. For more information, please call Kerry on 22308 or email her via: Kerry.Lane@fco.gov.uk.

If you are applying please do not leave it until the last minute to submit your application as late submissions cannot be accepted.

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SHG, 22 October 2019



MINIMUM WAGE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

St Helena Government (SHG) is consulting on an increase to the Minimum Wage from 1 April 2020. **Minimum Wage**



The Minimum Wage per hour is currently £3.13 (for persons over 18) and £2.18 (for persons aged 16 or 17).

The Employment Rights Ordinance, 2010, prescribes that the Minimum Wage must be reviewed on an annual basis and, during the consultation for previous increases, businesses told SHG that it was better to propose smaller increases to the Minimum Wage regularly on 1 April of each year. The Minimum Wage review is undertaken by the Employment Rights Committee who is required to have regard to effect of any recommendations on the economy as a whole and on competitive-ness. The committee recognises that St Helena's economy is extremely sensitive at this time to increased costs to businesses and the knock-on effect it would have on their customer base and ultimately the cost of living on St Helena. In addition, there are a number of upward pressures on the Minimum Wage. Since the Minimum Wage was recommended to be changed last year:

Prices have inflated by 2.9%

• The Income Related Benefit (IRB) has increased by 3.26% or £2.50 per week (the equivalent of 7p per hour for comparison).

As a result the Committee is consulting on **three options** for this period of consultation on an increase to the Minimum Wage from 1 April 2020:

1. An increase of 9p (2.9%) to £3.22 for persons over 18. - This is a 0% real increase in the Minimum Wage as the increase is in line with inflation. The Minimum Wage for persons aged 16 or 17 would also increase by 9p to £2.27.

2. An increase of 5p (1.6%) to £3.18 for persons over 18. - This is a -1.3% real change in the Minimum Wage, after inflation is taken into account. The Minimum Wage for persons aged 16 or 17 would also increase by 5p to £2.23.

3. No increase - This is a -2.9% real change in the Minimum Wage as there is no increase to keep in line with inflation.

Consultation

SHG would like to hear your opinions on the options provided, and how the changes might affect you or your business.

If you would like to respond to this consultation by the Employment Rights Committee, please contact the Chief Economist, Nicole Shamier, by email: nicole.shamier@sainthelena.gov.sh or calling: 22470 by Monday, 18 November 2019. Anyone wishing to discuss the matter in person can also do so by booking an appointment with Nicole before the above closing date. SHG, 21 October 2019

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BREXIT – THE UK'S DEPARTURE FROM THE EU: UPDATE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Over the last couple of weeks I shared with you the work the St Helena and the UK Governments are doing to support St Helena in the run up to Brexit.

What's happened?

The UK Government and the EU agreed a new revised deal on Thursday, 17 October 2019. The deal sets out the terms of the UK's exit from the EU with changes to the Northern Ireland Protocol to remove the so-called backstop with Northern Ireland continuing to follow EU rules on animal health, food safety and manufactured goods.

MPs backed the deal (329 for / 299 against) on Tuesday, 22 October 2019. However, Parliament refused to agree a timetable for passing the deal (308 for / 322 against). It is now for the EU to decide how to respond to Parliament's request for a delay. After the votes the Prime Minister said in the House of Commons:

"We now face further uncertainty and the EU must now make up their minds over how to answer Parliament's request for a delay.

"And the first consequence, Mr Speaker, is that the government must take the only responsible course and accelerate our preparations for a no deal outcome.

"But secondly, I will speak to EU member states about their intentions until they have reached a decision - until we reach a decision I will say - we will pause this legislation.

"And let me be clear: our policy remains that we should not delay, that we should leave the EU on October 31st."

Passports

The St Helena Immigration Service are advising British Citizen passport holders travelling to the EU to check whether their passports are valid. Our notice below gives details on how to do this. The rights of British Overseas Territory Citizen passport holders will not change as a direct result of Brexit. This includes 90day visa-free access to the Schengen area within the EU in any 180 days. British Citizen passport holders resident in the Overseas Territories will have no fewer rights to access the EU than British Citizen passport holders in the UK. The UK's longstanding historical links and constitutional relationship with its Overseas Territories remain the same: Brexit in no way alters this.

I intend to issue a further instalment of the Brexit negotiations next week.

Philip Rushbrook Governor of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha

Get ready for Brexit

Answer a few questions to find out how you or your business should prepare. Go online to www.gov.uk/ brexit.

British passports

You may need to renew your British passport earlier if you are travelling after Brexit to most EU countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Go online to www.gov.uk/check-a-passport-fortravel-to-europe or visit the St Helena Immigration Service.

EU entry requirements for British Overseas Territory Citizen passports are unaffected.

Find out more about travelling to Europe after Brexit. Go online to www.gov.uk/visit-europe-brexit.

Governor's Office St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha 24 October 2019



GOVERNOR ISSUES WRIT OF ELECTION FOR 2019 BYE-ELECTION

Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook has today issued the Writ of Election for the upcoming Bye-election to be held on Wednesday, 27 November 2019.

The Writ confirms the last day and time for receiving Nominations to elect a new Member to fill the vacant seat on Legislative Council.

The last day and time for receiving nominations is **12 noon on Wednesday**, **13 November 2019**, and all nominations should be delivered within this time to the Returning Officer, Mrs Carol George, at the Castle, Jamestown.

Nomination forms are available on the Government website here: http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/forms/ or can be obtained from The Castle reception, the Customer Service Centre and the Public Library.

If more than one nomination is received, a Poll will be taken on **Wednesday, 27 November**, at the following Polling Stations: Blue Hill Community Centre

- Half Tree Hollow Community Centre
- Harford Community Centre
- St Mary's Church, The Briars
- Kingshurst Community Centre
- Levelwood Clinic
- Jamestown Community Centre
- Sandy Bay Community Centre

The updated Register of Electors to be used in the Bye-election was published on Friday, 18 October 2019.

Only those persons with their name on this Register of Electors will be eligible to participate in the Bye-election, with those who are 21 years of age and over being able to stand for election.

Further information on becoming a Councillor will be issued in this week's newspapers. **SHG** 21 October 2019



SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS – GET IN TOUCH

The Governor's Office wants to update its records on who has served with the UK's Armed Forces in a full time or auxiliary capacity.

Did you or your partner or spouse serve in the UK's Armed Forces, with the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Army or the Royal Air Force? Or with the Merchant Navy in a vessel in support of the Armed Forces? Or supporting the Armed Forces during the Falklands War?

To share or update your details contact Mrs Linda Glanville, PA to HE the Governor via email: linda.glanville@sainthelena.gov.sh or on tel: 22555.

Governor's Office 23 October 2019



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ROAD CLOSURE

DUNGEON TO HUTT'S GATE

The following is a Public Announcement from the Infrastructure & Transport Directorate:

The Highways Authority has given approval for the road from the Dungeon to Hutt's Gate to be closed from 9am to 3pm on Wednesday, 30, and Thursday, 31 October 2019.

This closure is to allow the Roads Section to complete excavation works in this area.

While the road is closed, the diversion route will be via Gordon's Post, and only emergency services will be granted access.

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

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3KM & 10KM FUN RUNS

Saturday 02 November Starting at 09:00 Starting Line: FRANCIS PLAIN

21KM & 42KM MARATHONS

Sunday 03 November Starting at 07:00 Starting Line: FRANCIS PLAIN

TRIATHLON

Wednesday 06 November Starting at 17:00 Starting Line: RUPERTS JETTY

JACOB'S LADDER CHALLENGE

Thursday 07 November Starting at 17:00

TRAIL RUN

Saturday 09 November Starting at 09:00 Starting Line: THE CENOTAPH, Seafront











PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY - SATURDAY 09 NOVEMBER AT ROSIE'S STARTING AT 16:00

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on 22158 or email address <u>shelley.magellan-wade@tourism.co.sh</u>

Enterprise St Helena



Email: karlthrower@greenislandlimited.com

PITCH TO PLANTATION

DO YOU HAVE A NEW AND INNOVATIVE BUSINESS IDEA?

Enterprise St Helena (ESH) in conjunction with the Governor's Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office International Programme Fund are seeking expressions of interest from individuals with new and innovative business ideas.

The competition will be open to person's age 16 to 26 years that are permanently resident on the island.

The successful 'Pitch to Plantation' winner will receive £500.00, second place will receive £200.00 and third place will receive £100.00 in the form of vouchers.

The winner will automatically qualify for a start-up support package with ESH. (T&Cs apply)

Pitch to Plantation programme will kick start with a business development bootcamp on Monday 18th November 2019.

The Grand Finale will be held in January 2020.

Expression of interest should be submitted via an application form which can be e-mailed or collected from Mandy O'Bey at Enterprise St Helena.

Closing date for expressions of interest is by Thursday, 31st October 2019.

For Further information please contact Mandy O'Bey on 22920 or e-mail mandy.obey@esh.co.sh













Preparing for the Digital Explosion

Community Education—Core IT Skills

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Get Connected –Basic IT Skills: An unaccredited course provided by SHCC which introduces users to the Computer. It is aimed to help you develop basic IT skills. You will work with a tutor which will help you gain skills & confidence with finding your way around the computer & doing basics such as compiling & email or typing a letter.	Nov 2019	FREE	23 October– 09 November 2019
BCS E-safety Level 1: Staying safe online by learning all about the risks associated with the internet, & how to protect your digital information.	Nov 2019	FREE	23 October– 09 November 2019
Microsoft Core Skills: Familiarise yourself with Microsoft Applications. Learn new skills & progress your knowledge at a pace that is convenient for you.	Nov 2019	FREE	23 October– 09 November 2019
European Computer Driving License IT: This programme defines the skills & competencies necessary to use a computer & its common applications. It offers a range of modules including computer essentials & IT Security.	Nov 2019	FREE	23 October– 09 November 2019

Cisco Networking Academy

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Internet of things & analytics course: Join the transformation & improve outcomes in any industry by connecting devices & analyzing data to find patterns.	Nov 2019	FREE	23 October– 09 November 2019
Linus OS & IT Get Connected: Whether you're a novice to the digital world or an aspiring SysAdmin or programmer, these courses will propel you forward. Advanced courses will also prepare you for career-ready certification.		FREE	23 October– 09 November 2019
Introduction to Cybersecurity: An introductory course which explores cyber trends, threats—along with the broader topic of cybersecurity in a way that will matter to YOU. No prerequisites required.	Nov 2019	FREE	23 October– 09 November 2019
Cybersecurity Essentials: Develop an understanding of cybercrime, security principles, technologies, & procedures used to defend networks. Recommended for students planning to study for the Cisco CCNA R&S, CCNA Cyber Ops or Cisco CCNA Security Certifications. Prerequisite: Introduction to Cybersecurity or equivalent knowledge recommended.		FREE	23 October– 09 November 2019
Python Programming: Recommended for aspiring developers who are interested in pursuing careers in Security, Networking and Internet-of-Things. Python is the very versatile, object-oriented programming language used by startups & tech giants, Google, Facebook, Dropbox & IBM.		£250.00	23 October– 09 November 2019

Preparing for the Digital Explosion—Continued

Cisco Networking Academy—Continued

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Introduction to Networking (Module 1–CCNA): This course introduces the architecture, structure, functions, components, and models of the Internet and other computer networks. By the end of the course, participants will be able to build simple LANs, perform basic configurations for routers and switches, and implement IP addressing schemes.		£250.00	23 October– 09 November 2019

Professional Studies—CompTIA Certifications

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
CompTIA A+ Certification: CompTIA A+ Certification and is an ideal starting point for a career in IT as it covers the maintenance of PCs, mobile devices, laptops, operating systems and printers, validates an understanding of com- mon hardware and software technologies, and is an indus- try standard certification for entry-level IT Technicians.	Dec 2019	£120:00 (£360 Full Cost)	23 October–09 November 2019
CompTIA Network+ Certification N10-007: This online course is designed to guide students through this globally recognised certification programme for for IT network practitioners. The N10-007 exam validates your expertise to design and implement functional networks, configure, manage, and maintain essential network devices, and many more.	Dec 2019	£120:00 (£360 Full Cost)	23 October–09 November 2019

Microsoft Office Specialist Courses

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
MOS Excel 2016 Essentials: Designed for both students who are interested in gaining a broad knowledge of the Excel application and for experienced Excel users who wish to undertake a refresher course.	Dec 2019	£40:00 (£120 Full Cost)	23 October–09 November 2019
MOS Word 2016 Essentials: This online course is designed for both students who are interested in gaining a broad knowledge of the Word 2016 application and for experienced Word 2016 users who wish to undertake a refresher course. The course follows the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) syllabus, and more, and is the ideal study guide for those wishing to gain the industry-recognised MOS certification.	Dec 2019	£40:00 (£120 Full Cost)	23 October–09 November 2019
MOS PowerPoint 2016 Essentials: This online course is designed for students who are interested in gaining a broad knowledge of the PowerPoint application and for experienced PowerPoint users who wish to undertake a refresher course. The course follows the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) syllabus and is the ideal study guide for those wishing to gain the industry-recognised MOS certification.	Dec 2019	£40:00 (£120 Full Cost)	23 October–09 November 2019
MOS Access 2016 Essentials: This online course is designed for both students who are interested in gaining a broad knowledge of the Access application and for experienced Access users who wish to undertake a refresher course. The course follows the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) syllabus, and more, and is the ideal study guide for those wishing to gain the industry-recognised MOS certification.	Dec 2019	£40:00 (£120 Full Cost)	23 October–09 November 2019

Training opportunities available

Community Education—Core Skills

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Essential Skills (Maths & English)	Nov 2019	FREE	23 October– 09 November 2019
Functional Skills Maths	Nov 2019	FREE	23 October– 09 November 2019
Functional Skills English	Nov 2019	FREE	23 October– 09 November 2019
GCSE English	Nov 2019	FREE	23 October– 09 November 2019
GCSE Maths	Nov 2019	FREE	23 October– 09 November 2019

Community Education—GCSE/Level 2 Courses

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period			
Environmental Management	Nov 2019	£20.00	23 October–09 November 2019			
IGCSE Marine Science	Nov 2019	£20.00	23 October–09 November 2019			
Level 2 Enterprise & Marketing	Nov 2019	£20.00	23 October–09 November 2019			
Level 2 Accounting	Nov 2019	£20.00	23 October–09 November 2019			

Community Education—Skills for Success

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period			
Personal Time Management	Nov 2019	£5.00	23 October–09 November 2019			
Team Work	Nov 2019	£5.00	23 October–09 November 2019			
Document Organisation	Nov 2019	£5.00	23 October-09 November 201923 October-09 November 2019			
Getting the most out of meetings	Nov 2019	£5.00				
Dealing with Customers	Nov 2019	£5.00	23 October–09 November 2019			

Community Education—Personal & Cultural Learning

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Emergency First Response–Care of a Child	Nov 2019	£20.00	23 October–09 November 2019
Automated External Defibrillator	Nov 2019	£20.00	23 October–09 November 2019
Emergency First Response— Primary & Secondary Care	Nov 2019	£20.00	23 October–09 November 2019
Emergency First Response–Renewals	Nov 2019	£10.00	23 October–09 November 2019
Manual Handling	Nov 2019	£10.00	23 October–09 November 2019
Fire Safety	Nov 2019	£10.00	23 October–09 November 2019
Food Safety	Nov 2019	£10.00	23 October–09 November 2019
Food & Hygiene Safety	Nov 2019	£10.00	23 October–09 November 2019

For further information &/or to request a registration form please contact:

Carley Peters, Administration Officer, or Cherilee Thomas-Johnson, Training Co-ordinator on telephone +290 22607 or email: <u>shcc@sainthelena.gov.sh</u>

or alternatively, pop in to St Helena Community College at the Education Learning Centre.

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VACANCY FOR MARITIME COMPLIANCE POLICY OFFICER

Corporate Services is seeking to recruit a qualified person to join their team to undertake a new and exciting position of Maritime Compliance Policy Officer.

The Maritime Compliance Officer will be required to provide a leadership role within SHG which ensures that all systems and processes required are adhered to the international maritime obligations and to the standard required to satisfy the obligations. They will provide a supporting role to other SHG officials in the design and delivery of the desired systems and processes where necessary. The role requires providing support to the existing SHG directorates in achieving maritime compliance in their expert areas as well as developing areas for which there is currently no capacity or designated personnel within SHG.

Some of the main duties of the post will include:

- To provide support and guidance to the Maritime Working Group, Project Board and key stakeholders in developing strategies and practical implementation measures to assist in reaching compliance with the III Code;

- To ensure maritime compliance requirements and strategies are appropriately communicated within government and that appropriate domestic legislative arrangements are in place;

- Achieve, maintain and improve overall performance and capability as a flag, port, and coastal State by continuous monitoring, review and evaluation;

- Seek to identify and eliminate causes of actual and potential noncompliance by monitoring and providing recommendations to the relevant service area;

- Engage with sea users, local stakeholders and businesses to improve understanding, change behaviour and develop a culture of compliance.

- Implement and maintain a monitoring programme to continuously check the adequacy of the measures being taken to give effect to relevant international conventions.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- Relevant degree level qualification or equivalent in a maritime related subject (such as Maritime Law, Merchant Navy Deck/ Engineering, Ocean Engineering, Ocean Environment, Naval Architecture, etc.) and a proven track record of 3 year plus in a position of this nature.

- A valid driver's license

- At least 5 years' experience in a maritime environment

- Experience of developing policy regulations.



Applicants should have an understanding of International Maritime Legislation and regulations, St Helena's maritime environment and existing laws and of the IMO and ILO Conventions and relevant Codes. Corporate Service, St Helena Government, The Castle, Jamestown, Island of St Helena, South Atlantic Ocean, STHL 1ZZ Telephone: +(290) 22470 Email: susan.obey@sainthelena.gov.sh www.sainthelena.gov.sh

The post holder should possess strong leadership, interpersonal and communication skills in order to lead in areas of maritime expertise, have excellent organisational and record-keeping skills and have proficient IT skills in MS Office. Applicants should be highly motivated with innovation to be an effective team player.

Salary for this post is £14,138 per annum depending on qualifications and experience.

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Mrs Susan O'Bey, Chief Secretary on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: susan.obey@sainthelena.gov.sh or Mrs Samantha Cherrett, FCO on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: Samantha.Cherrett@fco.gov.uk

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/ vacancies and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 29 October 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 11 October 2019**

Would you like to be a part of our team at St Helena Airport? Solomon & Company has a part time vacancy for a:

Since 1790

Ramp Handler

Working hours will be according to flight operations and applicants should have good interpersonal & communication skills, and be willing to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks.

Rate of pay will be £6.20 per hour

For further information, please contact Mrs Anel O'Bey, Agencies Administrator, on telephone number: 22523 or via email address: agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh



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Bank Closed for Staff Development Tuesday, 05 November 2019

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to inform customers and the general Public that the Bank will be **closed on Tuesday, 05 November 2019**. This closure will facilitate staff training and development.

Normal opening hours will resume on Wednesday, 06 November 2019.

Bank of St Helena apologises for any inconvenience this may cause, and thank you for your support and cooperation.

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Application forms & Job Profiles may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an

electronic copy can be

requested via email address:

Human Resources Development Offic<mark>er</mark>

Solomons Office, Jamestown,

by 28 October 2019

agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Anya Thomas,



www.sainthelenabank.com

VACANCY

Information Technology (IT) Assistant

Information Technology (IT) is an exciting, ever-changing field, offering variety, and unique job satisfaction. To meet it's ever-growing IT demands, Bank of St Helena Ltd is offering a rewarding career opportunity for an experienced person to fill the role of IT Assistant.

The IT Assistant will be responsible to the IT Officer for supporting and maintaining IT systems and providing efficient IT support to all customers, both internal and external.

Main duties of the post:

- Responsible for the management of the IT helpdesk;
- Ensure that a high level of customer service support is provided to all customers;
- Assist in the development and implementation of new projects;
- Assist in the administration of IT security;
- Support the continuous development of the Bank's IT systems;
- Install, configure, test, maintain, monitor, and troubleshoot end user hardware and networked devices;
- Provide training and technical support to staff on system operations and issues;
- Aid in the continuous development of business continuity and disaster recovery plans;
- Form part of the on-call rota for out of hours working.

Required skills and experience:

- A recognised qualification in a Computer Science subject;
- Proven work experience in an Information Technology support role;
- Must be able to work independently and assist with multiple projects and priorities;
- Ability to work under pressure with interruptions and challenging deadlines;
- Ability to work in a team and collaborative environment.

For further information, contact Mrs Kim Francis, IT Officer on telephone number (00) 290 2390.

An application form and job profile are available upon request from the Bank. Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources & Customer Services Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to <u>hr.csm@sainthelenabank.com</u>

Closing date for applications is Friday, 08 November 2019

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VACANCY

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND PLANNING

Are you able to apply strong leadership skills to manage a diverse workforce? Can you provide strategic direction to ensure the achievement of St Helena's National Plans?

If so, there is an exciting opportunity for you to prove that you have what it takes to be the next **Director of St Helena Government's Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Directorate**.

Reporting directly to the Chief Secretary, you will provide strategic leadership and be accountable for the effective delivery of services in the following areas; Agriculture, Environmental Protection and Risk Management, Terrestrial and Marine Conservation and Planning and Building Control.

Key Responsibilities

- Working collaboratively as part of the Core Leadership Group, together with colleagues and Elected Members, you will be responsible for ensuring the Directorate meets the targets set out in the National Ten Year and Sustainable Economic Development Plans;
- This will include planning, directing and reviewing the activities of the Directorate and ensuring that a programme of continuous improvement is embedded in all processes.
- You will be responsible for developing the Directorate's rolling three-year strategic plan and budget in line with SHG's Medium Term Expenditure Framework.
- You will provide professional leadership for the Directorate, and ensure effective oversight and the timely and efficient completion of all directorate projects including those which are donor funded.

Requirements

You will need to have qualifications and experience:

- A degree and/or professional qualification in an appropriate discipline;
- At least five years broad relevant experience of physical environment work;
- A minimum of five years demonstrably relevant experience at senior management level;
- The ability to manage people effectively through positive relationships and by establishing and maintaining the trust and support of colleagues;
- Experience of giving policy advice to Senior SHG officials and Elected Members;
- Significant experience of project and programme management

Salary for this post will be £45,000 per annum

For a chance to get a better understanding of this exciting and responsible position, you should contact, Chief Secretary, Mrs Susan O'Bey on telephone number 22525 or on email <u>susan.obey@sainthelena.gov.sh</u>

Application forms and a copy of the Job profile can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and should be submitted to Mrs Bronwen Yon, Acting Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development at The Castle or e-mail bronwen.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Wednesday, 6th November 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.

Corporate Services

23 October 2019



ROCKFALL PROTECTION MEASURES TO COMMENCE IN 2020

St Helena Government (SHG) has recently signed a contract with 'CAN SA' from Mirmande, France, to install rockfall protection measures in support of SHG's Rockfall Protection Strategy 2017.

The Contract will see rockfall protection measures installed in Upper and Lower Ruperts Valley and James Valley, with specific emphasis on cliffs above the General Hospital, Cambrian House and Estcourt Gardens, and other areas on the western cliff face in James Valley, as well as protective measures to safeguard the wall on Mundens Path. In Rupert's, protective measures will be installed at the Wharf, above the Power Station, BFI and also on the Haul Road.

Operationalisation of Ruperts Wharf is a priority for SHG and installing rockfall protection measures above Ruperts Wharf, will be the first step to providing safe and secure cargo operations.

The works are expected to be delivered in six months, and personnel from CAN SA will be arriving on-Island from early January 2020.

There will be direct benefits to the local community arising from this project as it is expected for some local labour to be employed, accommodation to be rented, and vehicles and plant equipment to be hired.

Financial Secretary, Dax Richards, commented:

"We are pleased to have CAN SA as our partner in delivering this key infrastructure project for the Island. The project has been planned for some time and importantly the works will create opportunities for employment, improve safety for our residents and build momentum as we look to create a stimulus for the economy. SHG is keen to progress other areas in the Economic Development Investment Programme, including Rupert's Development as quickly as possible." Notes to Editor

The Rockfall Protection Project is being funded from the DFID funded Economic Development Investment Programme and was approved by Executive Council in July 2019. **SHG**

22 October 2019





THE SUMMER WEATHER IS HERE

Over the past week, St Helena has been experiencing hot sunny weather conditions with no rainfall. This, along with little surface flows and increased consumption rates, mean that the stored water volume across all Island reservoirs has decreased and is currently at 40%.

Connect continues to pump water from Chubb's Spring and Hutt's Gate to Red Hill as well as from Bore Hole 5 to replenish stocks in this area. However, Connect has recently experienced issues with their pumping system in the Chubb's Spring area which has resulted in less water pumped into the Scott's Mill reservoir. Two graphs showing the 2018 and 2019 surface and borehole flow comparisons are below.



The weather forecast for St Helena over the next few days suggest continued warm weather with little to no rain showers.

The public is reminded that we are currently under an Islandwide hosepipe ban. If you see anyone using water irresponsibly or notice a burst pipe or leak, then please inform Connect immediately.

Every drop counts, every action counts – save water now to be safe later

St Helena Resilience Forum 22 October 2019

The St Helena Independent Volume XIV, Issue 47, Friday 25th October 2019



JOB VACANCIES

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

FLOATER CLERK/SNACK BAR ATTENDANT - VOLCANO CLUB

PLUMBER

ROADS AND GROUNDS WORKER

MECHANIC/OPERATOR – POWER PLANT

SUPPLY CLERK

BARRACKS ORDERLY

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

For further details or questions please contact Wolf Creek Administrration on 247-62225 or e-mail

E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil

Any interested persons should send Resume to E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil_no later than 06 November 2019

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2020 OVERSEAS LIST



The Foreign and Commonwealth Office invites nominations for the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Persons wishing to submit nominations for the 2020 Birthday Honours are reminded that the overriding principle is that honours are awarded on merit for exceptional achievement or any service recently carried out over and above what normally is expected. Where possible, nominations should place emphasis on voluntary services.

It should also be noted that age is not a factor in awarding honours and younger members of the community who have made an outstanding contribution or have given exceptional service, should not be overlooked. It is important that nominations are kept confidential and that nominees are not made aware that they are being proposed for award of an Honour.

Nomination forms are available from Corporate Support at the Castle and can also be requested by email from Miss Linda Benjamin via: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed forms should be returned to the Executive Secretary, Honours Committee, in a sealed envelope, marked Confidential, by Friday, 1 November 2019. *SHG*, 21 October 2019

Invitation to Tender

The Saint Helena Government wishes to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contract-

Renovation of Public Toilets near Half Tree Hollow Supermarket

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from

Miss Tiffany Lawrence Procurement Officer Essex House Jamestown



Telephone No: 22270 or email

tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

A site visit to view the works will take place on Wednesday, 30 October 2019, at 10am, meeting at Public Toilets near HTH Supermarket.

If you require any further details, please contact the Graduate Civil Engineer, Mr Kyle Shoesmith, on telephone number 22270 or email

kyle.shoesmith@sainthelena.gov.sh

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Wednesday, 13 November 2019.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

- Application 2019/95: FULL Planning Application for Construction of a Two Bedroom Dwelling, on Parcel 0337 Barren Ground, adjacent to the property of Mr Alwyn Richards. Applicant: Melanie Richards.
- 2. Application 2019/96: FULL Planning Application for Construction of a Two Bedroom Dwelling, Nr A & D's Mini Mart on Parcel 1391 Half Tree Hollow, adjacent to the property of Mrs Michelle Yon. Applicant: Shawna Leo
- Application 2019/97: FULL Planning Application for Installation of Wireless Communications Antenna, Post Office Building and New Porteous House, Jamestown on Parcels 050024B and 040037 Jamestown. Applicant: St Helena Government

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 <u>Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh</u> stating the Application Reference Number you wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Applications should make them <u>in writing within</u> <u>14 days</u> to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email <u>Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh</u>

Public Representation Closing Date:

4pm – 8th November 2019



Shane Williams Planning Officer

NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 6th November 2019, at 10 am at the Council Chamber, the Castle, Jamestown.

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors. The Agenda and redacted versions of the Handling Reports will be available on the LDCA Web Page on the SHG Web Site.

Should you require assistance, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 22270.

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

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

The much anticipated match between Manchester United and Liverpool turned out to be quite an entertaining one. Manchester United fans like me would have been pleased with the performance of our team in the first half. I though Solskjaer got his tactics right in the first 45 minutes as his formation stopped Liverpool's fullbacks from getting forward. United players seem more up for the battle and deservedly took the lead when Rashford scored from a brilliant Daniel James cross. The goal was look at by VAR due to slight contact on Origi by Lindelof; but stood. Liverpool had a goal rule out for handball by Mane.

I thought Ander Pereira was the stand out performer for United in the first 45 minutes. He set the tone and the rest followed. With 5 minutes to go it look like United despite all their recent trouble was going to take all 3 points. Klopp to his credit change his formation twice and force United to defend deeper and deeper and force the equaliser when Lallana scored. This was a disappointing goal for Manchester United to concede after defending so well. Personally I blamed Maguire as I wasn't sure what he was doing when the cross came in.

Liverpool remains unbeaten, but has loss the chance to equal Man City's record of 18 consecutive wins.

Hopefully for us this positive performance will give our team the confidence to perform better in the next few matches. Liverpool will no doubt drop more points; but so will City. It all

adds up to another enthralling Premier League Season.



Rashford scored to give Man United the lead against Liverpool

Everton return to form in the early kick off on Saturday against West Ham as they pick up all 3 points with a 2-0 win.

Aston Villa scored a late winner against Brighton's 10 men after Mooy was sent off in the 35 minute.

The Seagulls but then had the lead. Villa equalised in 2 minutes of first half stoppage time and got the winner 4 minutes into injury time at the end of the game.

Bournemouth and Brighton both kept their first clean sheets of the season as they drew 0-0.



Teemu Pukki now 4 games without a goal

Chelsea picked up another win as Alonso scored in the 73rd minute against Newcastle. Newcastle failed to get a shot on target.

Leicester's great start to the season continues as they beat Burnley 2-1 and remain to 3^{rd} place in the table.

Spurs troubles continues as they had to rely on a late goal from Dele Alli to salvage a point against the bottom side Watford.



Pochettino said he fears the sack after his run of poor results continues

Wolves indifferent League season continues as they drew 1-1 at home against Southampton. The Saints are now in 17^{th} place on the same number of points as Newcastle who lies in 18^{th} place.

The late game on Saturday saw last season's Champions Man City score two first half goals away at Crystal Palace to close the gap on leaders Liverpool.



David Silva scored City's second goal just 93 seconds after Jesus opener

In Monday's game Sheffield United claimed a shock win against Arsenal. Mousset scored the only goal of the match which in my opinion the 'Blades' deserve to win.

Arsenal only had 3 shots on target but should have equalised when Nicholas Pepe shot wide in the 6 yard box when it was easier to score.

This loss meant the 'Gunners' miss out on moving back into the top four.



Tuesday night in the Champions League saw both Spurs and Man City score 5 goals each. Spurs 5-0 win against Red Star Belgrade was such a welcome after their 7-2 loss in their

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

previous Champions League match against Bayern Munich. City came from behind to beat Italian club Atlanta 5-1. On Wednesday Chelsea picked up a great 1-0 away win against Ajax. Liverpool defeated Belgium club Genk 4-1.

Premier League fixtures for match week ten starts on Friday night when Southampton hosts Leicester at St Mary's Stadium.

On Saturday Man City will play Aston Villa at home in the early game at 11.30am. 2pm games will see Brighton play Everton; Watford play at home against Bournemouth and West Ham will play Sheffield United. The 4.30pm match will see Chelsea travel north to Burnley.

Due to British Summer time coming to an end at 2am on Sunday morning all Sunday matches will start one hour later than normal for us here on St Helena.

District Football

Jamestown took another step closer to winning their 2 district cup in 3 years after beating Half Tree Hollow (HTH) in an exciting end to end game on an extremely hot Saturday. Jamestown took the lead mid way though the first half with a goal from their captain Rico Benjamin, but to HTH credit they didn't let their heads drop, they started to get more involved in the game with Ryan Benjamin pulling all the strings in the midfield, linking up well with Tyler and Shane. However it was Andrew Yon who received the ball inside the box and buried the ball home in the bottom corner of the goal. His pace was causing problems at the back for Jamestown and for a last ditch save from last year's goal keeper of the season Jia Peters kept the scores level. Half time and both teams lock at a goal apiece; it was anybody's game to win. The second half started with HTH flying out of the blocks, getting a goal from Tyler Brady with a great header. HTH looked to be in control of the game, defending well against the wave of attack from Jamestown, but couldn't get that 3rd important goal to make things comfortable. With 10 minutes remaining Jamestown were giving a free kick just inside the half way mark, Clayton Benjamin swung in a dangerous free kick which caused havoc amongst the HTH defence, with the ball falling to Jace Williams he calmly slotted the ball to the bottom right hand corner of the goal. 2 v 2, at this stage Jamestown were all over HTH, it was like the boys in red had found another gear and with 20 seconds remaining on the clock it looked as HTH had hung on to save a point, but up stepped man of the match Shane Stroud. The ball was delivered in from the left wing, it looked to be the keepers ball, but Shane loss his marker and headed the ball in from close range. Final score Jamestown 3 v 2 Half Tree Hollow.

The second game on Saturday saw Longwood take on last year's champions St Paul's in another close encounter. St Paul's started brighter of the two and went into the first half break two nil up with some excellent play from brothers Ronan Legg and Brett Isaac, which saw Man of the match Ronan Legg finish at close range, a header from Christopher Herne made it two. The second half started with Longwood on the front foot, starting to put together some great passes of their own. They were rewarded with a brilliant shot from young Newcastle will play Wolves at 2pm. There are three 4.30pm matches. Arsenal play at home against Crystal Palace; Liverpool host Spurs and Norwich play at home against Manchester United.

Match of the weekend will no doubt be at Anfield





player of the match Joey Thomas, but Longwood failed to get the equalizer, with minutes remaining Ronan Legg produces a long range effort which seemed to bamboozle the Longwood Goalie and found its way to the back of the net. Final score, St Paul's 3 v 1 Longwood.

What's happening at New Horizons?

As a result of the New Horizons AGM our new committee stands as: Chairman Anesu Makemure; Vice Chair Donna Crowie; Secretary Kim Piek, Members: Nicola Constantine, Johnny Isaac, Anita Legg. Junior Members: Musa, Jamie Peters, Aiden Yon-Stevens & Christo Crowie.

New Horizons wish to say a big thank you to our previous committee who under the chairmanship of Larry Thomas served us well over the past two years

We have decided not to do our traditional Haunted House this year for Halloween. In order to keep this event exciting we have opted to do this event bi-annually.

Our annual Youth games will start in November and there are changes to the number of sports we are doing. Due to lack of funding/sponsorship and number of competitors in recent years we are not doing Athletics and Swimming as part of these games. Instead we are looking at the possibility of doing these sports at different dates in the New Year.

The Junior Football is coming to its conclusion. Presentation of trophies will take place on Saturday 16th November at 4.30pm. The Junior Football Finals will kick off at 10am that day.

New Horizons wish to thank Nigel George and Ian Williams for sponsoring the trophies again this year. Thanks also to Gareth Johnson and Kyle Yon for referring all the matches.



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Golf Report for Sunday 20th October 2019

Sunday the 20th of October the first qualifying round for the Open championship was completed. With perfect golfing weather, 42 players enrolled to compete. The scores for the leaders, after the first round are as follows:

Well done to all. As can be seen, it is quite crowded at the top of the leader board, with only 7 shots separating the leader and the tenth place. Nigel Joshua was the only winner for the internal two ball competition. He bagged himself 38 brand new balls. Well done Nigel.

This coming weekend will see the last round of qualifying on Saturday and the first round of the Open Championship, with tee-off starting at 10h00 on Saturday and a planned start of 9h00 on Sunday. The tee-off times for Saturday are already on the notice board.

A Curry and rice meal will be provided by the club on completion of the last day of the Open Championship, schedule for the 2nd of November. Attendance list is available for completion inside the clubhouse.

Keep on swinging.



	Score		
Player name:	First 9	Second 9	Total
Martin Buckley	40	40	80
Lawson Henry	41	40	81
Nick Stevens	43	39	82
Scott Crowie	40	42	82
Leon Crowie	43	39	82
Bramwell Lumukwana	43	41	84
Dax Richards	42	42	84
Arthur Young	46	40	86
Paddo Johnson	44	43	87
Pat Henry	44	43	87
Larry Legg	42	45	87
Norman Thomas	43	44	87
Ronald de Reuck	41	48	89
George Thomas	43	46	89
Keith Joshua	47	43	90

His Imperial Highness Will He – Won't He?

Discussions are being held aimed at the present day heir to Louis-des-Invalides where the remains of Napoleon 1 were Napoléon Bonaparte's imperial throne to visit St Helena as finally laid to rest on 2nd April 1861 after being exhumed from part of the bicentenary commemorations of the death of the original burial place in Sane Valley in 1840. Napoléon 1 in 1821. Jean-Christophe Napoléon is the only male and legitimate descendant of his generation born with Prince Napoleon is the great-great-great nephew of Napoleon the surname Bonaparte. He bears the courtesy title of Prince I, Emperor of France, while his wife is the great-great-great Napoléon and is ceremonially addressed as Son Altesse niece of the French Emperor's second wife Marie Louise who Impérial Jean-Cristophe Prince Napoléon – His Imperial High- was an Austrian Archduchess. Jean-Christophe Napoléon ness.

Michel Martineau is working with the Fondation Napoléon to arrange dates for the visit. 2021 is already a busy year for the Emperor's heir who will be attending commemorative ceremonies throughout the year. On the date of the bicentenary of Napoleon's death Prince Napoleon will attend at Les Invalides in Paris where the remains of Napoléon now lie. If arrangements for a visit can be arranged it is likely to be some time before the 5th May, the date of Napoléon's death.

Thirty-three year old Jean-Christophe Napoléon made headlines last week across the world when he married the thirtyone year old Countess Olympia d'Arco-Zinneberg who he has known for several years. They became engaged in March this Prince Napoleon and Countess Olympia pose for photos year. The religious ceremony took place at the cathedral Saint-

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2019

Remembrance Sunday falls on 10 November 2019 and on that day The Right Reverend Lord Bishop of St Helena, Dale Bowers, will conduct a Divine Service at the Cenotaph, in Jamestown. His Excellency the Governor will attend.

All persons wishing to take part in the Divine Service are asked to assemble at the Cenotaph by no later than 10.40am.

Mrs Gillian Francis Deputy Chief Secretary The Castle, Jamestown 24 October 2019

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WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR CUSTOMERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS (OUR REDUCED OPENING HOURS WERE DUE TO ILLNESS). WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY HAVE CAUSED AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR FUTURE SUPPORT.

WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM CUSTOMERS THAT FROM 1ST NOVEMBER 2019 OUR OPENING HOURS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: **MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS OPEN FROM 8:30AM TO 3PM REOPEN AT 6PM SUNDAYS CLOSED**



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Join Pilling Primary School for their monthly car boot on Saturday, 26th October 2019

Time: 10am – 12noon Venue: Pilling Primary School playground



Book a table for £3 by calling the school on 22540 or just turn up on the day.





All you Need to Know about Nominating a Candidate for the November Bye-Election

HEADLINES

The last day and time for submitting Nominations is noon on Wednesday, 13 November 2019.

All Nominations should be delivered within this time to the Returning Officer, Mrs Carol George, at the Castle.

DON'T LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION.

More information on making a Nomination can be found overleaf. Alternatively, further details on nominating candidates and the Bye-election can be obtained from Registration and Returning Officer, Mrs Carol George, on telephone number 22470 or via email:

carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh

Polling Day has been set for Wednesday, 27 November 2019.

If more than one valid Nomination is received St Helena will go to the Polls.

Polling Stations are: Blue Hill Community Centre, Half Tree Hollow Community Centre, Harford Community Centre, St Mary's Church the Briars, Kingshurst Community Centre, Levelwood Clinic, Jamestown Community Centre and Sandy Bay Community Centre.

St Helena needs another Councillor to fill the vacant seat on Legislative Council following the resignation of Kylie Hercules on 31 August 2019.

Anyone can stand for election if they are 21 years of age or over and are on the Register of Electors published in an Extraordinary St Helena Government Gazette number 85 dated 18 October 2019.

Nomination Forms are available from the Castle Reception, the Customer Services Centre, the Public Library and can be downloaded from the SHG website: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/ forms/

Forms are also available from Registration Officer, Mrs Carol George via email: carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh, tel: 22470 and Assistant Registration Officer, Miss Anita Legg, via email: sec.em@helanta.co.sh or tel 22590.



Turn over to find out how to make a Nomination



Nominating a Candidate

This paper provides you with information on how to nominate a candidate for the November Bye-election. Remember that the last opportunity to submit nominations is at <u>noon on Wednesday, 13 November 2019</u>

Who to Nominate

The Bye-election is carried out in accordance with the law which states that anyone can stand for election providing:

- (1) they are on the Register of Electors and
- (2) they are over the age of 21 years.

Ideally candidates should have a genuine interest in the Island's affairs. St Helena Registration Officer, Carol George explains:

"The importance of filling the vacant seat on Legislative Council cannot be understated. We need a full Council to represent the electorate's interests when key policy decisions are being made."

How to Make a Nomination

The Nomination must be made on the correct Nomination Form. Forms can be obtained from the Castle Reception, the Customer Services Centre, the Public Library and can be downloaded from the SHG website. Forms can also be obtained from the Registration Officer, Mrs Carol George or Assistant Registration officer, Miss Anita Legg, at the Castle.

Sponsors

Each nominee must have two sponsors who must be on the Register of Electors dated 18 October 2019. Each of the Sponsors' signatures must be witnessed either by the Returning Officer, an Assistant Returning Officer, or a Justice of the Peace (JP). The names of JPs and Assistant Returning Officers can be found below:

A JP, the Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer must witness the signatures of the Sponsors. The JPs are:

Chief Magistrate Mr Nicholas Aldridge, Mr A E David Clarke MBE, Miss Jennifer J Corker MBE, Mrs Joan Patricia Flagg MBE ,Mr Douglas E Bennett, Mr Colin P Yon, Mrs Greta P Musk MBE, Mr Harry B Legg OBE, Mr Desmond H Wade, Mrs Barbara A George, Mr Ronald A Coleman Mr Vincent J March, Mr Sidney A Youde,

Mr Nicholas George, Mr Nicholas Stevens, Miss Janet Lawrence, Dr Priscilla McDaniel

Assistant Returning Officers

Mr Desmond Wade, Miss Anita Legg, Mr Robert Essex.

Supporters

Each nominee must also have five Supporters who must be on the Register of Electors dated 18 October 2019.

The signatures of the Supporters can be witnessed by anyone who has their name on the Register of Electors other than the candidate him or herself.

Where can the Sponsors and Supporters come from?

Sponsors and Supporters must be on the Register of Electors dated 18 October 2019. Potential candidates can ask people to be their Sponsors or Supporters. The Supporter cannot be the same person as a Sponsor.

Only One Vacant Seat

There is only one vacant seat on Legislative Council therefore Sponsors and Supporters cannot sponsor or support more than one candidate in this Bye-election. By signing the Nomination form, each Sponsor and Supporter declares that he or she is not sponsoring or supporting more than one Candidate.

Similarly, by signing the Nomination Form, the Candidate declares that he or she is willing to stand for election.

Checking the Nomination Form

The Nomination form must contain all of the information listed in the Nomination Check Box (below). If you are unsure, contact Returning Officer, Mrs Carol George, on telephone 22470 or Assistant Returning Officer, Miss Anita Legg, on telephone 22590.

Nomination Form Check Box

Candidates should ensure that they have included all of the following when submitting their Nomination:

Full name and signature of the Candidate

Full names and signatures of two Sponsors

Names and signatures of the Sponsors witnessed by the Returning Officer, an Assistant Returning Officer or a JP

Full names and signatures of five Supporters

Names and signatures of the Supporters witnessed by anyone on the Register of Electors dated 18 October 2019.