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Deep Worries Over Basil Read

Basil Read, out airport contractor has been in financial difficulties for the last couple of years. They are also contractors for the wharf, fuel farm and operators of the airport for the next nine years or so. Much of the work has not been finalised and there is a big risk that Basil Read will not be around to finish their contracts.

Already last year their share price on the Johannesburg stock exchange plummeted to levels not seen before. There have also been frequent changes to management and board lately. It all came to a crunch on 15th June this year when the Basil Read coffers were empty. They did not have enough money to pay their staff or their creditors and nobody was willing to lend them more money.

This forced the Board to put the company into a procedure called business rescue. It is a fairly new mechanism in South Africa which means that the company gets some protection from creditors and some time for lawyers to come up with ideas and plans to save the company from bankruptcy and liquidation.

In Basil Read's case the lawyers, or business rescue practitioners, said that they hoped to come up with a financed business rescue plan before 20th July but this time schedule has later been put forward to 20th August.

Not entire Basil Read was put into business rescue, its mining business is doing well and the St Helena Airport Contract, phase 2, the operation of the airport for the next 9 years was also kept outside the business rescue as it is funded by DfID and is solvent.

After the business rescue process started in June many on the Island have seen the effects, employees have not been paid, at least not in time, subcontractors have not got their bills paid and shipments of supplies to Basil Read have been stopped due to non-payment. There are many worried people on the Island, concerned over money owed by Basil Read.

It was said in the beginning of this process that the operations of the airport was safe, now it sounds quite different.

The problem is that if the business rescue procedure will not come up with a viable plan and funding before 20th August Basil Read might go into liquidation and cease to exist in its



current form. If it goes that far the airport operations will be dragged in to turmoil as it is part of the same company. It is easy to understand what this would mean to St Helena. Apart from the outstanding construction work, also the airport will stop immediately.

After June St Helena Government and DfID have been in discussions how to solve this huge problem. It would be a disaster for the Island if the planes stopped flying to the Island and all work stopped. Obviously, the gravest concern is over the airport operations. St Helena would be more isolated than ever.

Top secret discussions have been held this week to come up with solutions how to avoid the worst case scenario. It appears that the idea from SHG is to make attempts to 'pierce out' at least the airport operations prior to a decision to liquidate Basil Read. We already have competent staff to run the airport and DfID is providing the funding. However it is not an easy task to hold the airport outside a possible future bankruptcy. All creditors in these situations have to be treated fairly and equally. Selling assets to one party could easily cause others to raise an eyebrow and start legal proceedings.

SHG has already paid out 'emergency payments' to staff members who have not had any pay for months. They are also looking into how to pay the local creditors (mainly subcontractors).

There are also other factors, does ASSI, the aviation regulator see SHG or whatever company SHG appoints as a qualified airport operator and Does the airport need another certification? As we understand it, these are issues discussed in the Castle at this very moment.

There is not much time to sort this out as it might be even more difficult to get a satisfactory result after a possible bankruptcy and this can come at any time, maybe even before the deadline for the business rescue procedure.

Most people looking at what is happening at the moment are not most worried about the long term operation of the airport but as we know, if flights stop for even a few weeks or months, this island is in serious problems.

This article is built on informal information and NOT St Helena Government sources.



Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

RE: REFERENDUM VOTE FOR AN AIRPORT OR A REPLACEMENT RMS. February 2002.

It was pleasing at last to read the Report in your paper of 13th July 2018 about all the issues surrounding an air service for the island. I welcome the whole explanation of the background being made public at last.

There was however **one important error** in the 7th Paragraph of the Report where it is stated :- "*In 2002 SHG held a popular referendum about the idea of St. Helena moving to air access, Following the affirmative vote, in 2003 DFID announced a tendering process —.*" I am not sure it is correct to say that the referendum was "popular" **but the vote was certainly not affirmative.** In fact, as reported in the **St. Helena Herald** of **8th February 2002**, from a potential 4473 voters, only 2216 people voted, so the majority of eligible voters – 2257- did not vote at all.

The Vote was for **either** an airport **or** a replacement *RMS St. Helena*.

Of the 2216 who did vote only 1577 voted FOR Air Access. Unsurprisingly, many of these "Yes" votes came from the St. Helenian workers on Ascension Island and the Falklands who hoped to be able to get home quickly.

It is also noted that the age to vote in this referendum was lowered to 16 years.

Yours sincerely

Barbara B. George

Ref. St. Helena Herald 8th February 2002. "The Airport- Is it a Go?"

Dear Editor,

RESPONSIBILITY IN LEADERSHIP

Leadership is not only holding a position, but also taking responsibility. Power and position are tools given to leaders to enable them to better their people. They are not to be used to meet their own personal needs. Responsible leaders embrace the duties and obligations that grow from the trust and power given them. They own up to the results of their decisions and actions, and share the responsibility of their consequences with their people.

Here are 12 responsibilities of effective leaders:

1. Effective leaders must be observant. They must learn to see clearly when they look.
2. They must be attentive to hear correctly when they listen.
3. They must be thoughtful and think carefully when they speak.
4. They must trust their instincts and inquire critically when they doubt.
5. They must have a servant spirit and show respect to those they serve.
6. They must be temperate, have their emotions under control, and remain calm when challenged.
7. They must foresee and consider the consequences of their decisions.
8. They must be people of integrity who do what is right when they act.
9. They must use their authority, power and influence to earn the respect of others, and instil faith, confidence, purpose and trust. They do not manipulate people.
10. They must be regular and punctual in their attendance at all meetings.
11. They must be people of their word and go the extra mile to keep it.
12. Effective leaders always cultivate

new leaders.

These twelve responsibilities were taken from a published source, however when reading, it made me reflect on all the turmoil that our little island is currently facing. Is it ever possible, that the reason for our current state of affairs is the lack of anyone of these virtues and responsibilities in our leaders or worst still, all? Is this the root of the problem? Have we planted seeds that do not produce good crop? If this is indeed the case, is it possible that we are now paying for these bad decisions? Remember the old adage; we reap what we sow. Are we guilty of leaving these roots and seeds unattended for far too long, and are we now experiencing the first fruits, fruits that are not desirable? If we do not take stock and exterminate these bad crops (bad habits), these crops will continue to reproduce and our current situation will only worsen.

I therefore plead with our leaders to act responsibly, take stock and consider the future of those who placed their faith and trust in you, to lead St Helena into a brighter future, not into the depths of depression.

Concerned Constituent

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The Companion fare is offered at a special rate of £584.20 including taxes (approximately ZAR 10,247) for the round trip irrespective of the price of the primary traveller's ticket. Please note that these rates, originating in both St Helena and South Africa are subject to tax and currency fluctuations. These special fares are available for passengers with confirmed reservations or for new bookings. Please refer to the attached Question & Answer document for more details.

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The Airlink Head Office can be contacted via tel: +27 11 451 7300 or Airlink's Agent Helpline on +27 11 451 7350.

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Editorial

We have more unwelcome news this week and all of it will affect all of us to some degree, depending on personal circumstances. The latest is new developments with the Basil Read business rescue. It seems the word 'rescue' is becoming increasingly not the right word to use. There is a detailed report inside this edition of the *Independent* but just to say here, the original idea was to salvage those bits of Basil Read which were profitable and do the best that can be done with the bits that lose money. Now, we have to wonder if the best bits can be saved and hope St Helena is not affected anymore than it already has been if Basil Read is liquidated.

The report on the budget debate at Legislative Council makes grim reading. Councillors complained bitterly about DFID virtually ignoring them when they made a detailed case for a further £1.4million in aid. Some of that extra money was to be for roads maintenance but DFID in their wisdom told us we don't need the roads improved. As a result, in the budget there is just £3,000 for roads maintenance; there is £4,000 budgeted for photo-copying ink! We can only hope some of the £1,855,000 allocated for Contractors under the heading 'other contracts' will find its way to a contract for roads maintenance. Funds for the Community Grants Scheme have been sliced in half, from £50,000 to £25,000 and the National Trust, SHAPE and Community Development have all been squeezed. On the other hand, New Horizons and Creative St Helena have been given a little bit more than last year. The numbers against each item in the detailed budget show clear signs the officials and councillors have been through it all in some detail on a case-by-case basis looking for savings where they can be made but increasing grants and spending limits where it is either unavoidable or unwise not to.

The reserves in the Consolidate Fund, or 'safety net', now stand at £2.4mil-

lion. I think it was about twice that much a few years ago. With extra and unplanned expense arising from the Basil Read problem and the loans and guarantees lined up for St Helena Hotel Development Ltd the reserves are under pressure for at least the rest of this year. They say it's an ill wind that blows nobody any good and that can certainly be said about our wind shear.

You may notice I mention St Helena Hotel Development Ltd (SHHD) NOT the Mantis Hotel when referring to the loans and guarantees propping up the SHHD project. A couple of weeks ago I decided to make a distinction between the two. The hotel, what it offers and the high standard of service consistently maintained should be kept separate from the management of the project which lies firmly with SHHD Ltd. There is a letter this week about the Mantis Hotel which says we should stop "slating" one of our few existing excellent tourism businesses. The fact is, I don't think we do. The fact is, we vote with our feet. Tomorrow will be another busy Saturday night at the Mantis Hotel; the bookings clearly confirm that. The BBQs are always popular and the hotel has hosted birthday parties, all kinds of parties and a wedding. There are quiet days and nights as there are everywhere but the Mantis has established itself as a popular night spot and day spot for most of us. To be sure, we would all miss it if it followed the Basil Read route. The financial decisions of SHG and their offspring SHHD are, in my view, a totally different kettle of fish – or can of worms.

And now, back to road maintenance; I leave you with bits of a recent report about the state of the roads in the UK.

The number of drivers breaking down after hitting potholes reached a three-year high between April and June, according to the RAC.

The Royal Automobile Club (RAC – a car emergency help service) reported a 15% rise from last year's second quarter in breakdowns caused by poor quality roads. The motoring body said roads had not recovered from February and

March's severe weather and councils were "not winning the battle" against potholes.

The government said it was spending £6bn to improve England's roads. The RAC was called to 4,091 pothole-related breakdowns between April and June in 2018, compared with 3,565 in the same period last year - and the most since 2015 (4,436). Incidents included broken suspension springs, damaged shock absorbers and distorted wheels. RAC chief engineer David Bizley said the figures meant the safety of road users was "being put at risk".

The Local Government Association said a pothole was being fixed by councils "every 21 seconds".

But it said only "long-term, consistent and fairer government investment" would allow local authorities to embark on the widespread improvement of our roads that was "desperately needed".

There are several songs which include the word 'pothole' in the lyrics. Trouble is I've never heard of any of the people who sing these songs. One by B J Thomas includes this verse,

"You call that a canyon?

It's nothing but a pothole in the yard

If you want to see a canyon

You should see the hole she left here in my heart"

We need a good pothole song, that one isn't it, and when we've found it make it the Island's most popular song on Saint FM – and request it for DFID. Let's have a competition for the best St Helena pothole song.

**Have a laughing weekend
Vince**

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Your Opinion Counts

Open Letter to Elected Members

Dear Elected Members,

We thank you for your letter of 28 June 2018 and also for your attendance at the public meeting on Wednesday, 4 July 2018.

We now seek clarification on the issues raised and would be grateful for your further consideration.

- You had advised that Connect St Helena is a private sector company; and have the ability to set prices for the services that they provide. You, as Elected Members, have no remit to be involved in this process. You stated that the only involvement you have in this, is in regard to the level of subsidy paid annually to Connect St Helena during the budget process. At the public meeting held on 4 July 2018, the attendees were appalled that St Helena Government had no political oversight of Connect St Helena knowing that they have received a vast amount of funding over the last few years and highlighted the importance of ensuring this is rectified immediately. The attendees considered it to be an essential routine process for SHG to question and scrutinise the operation and profitability of a company that they continually subsidise. Moreover, the published financial statement of Connect St Helena Ltd and the Utilities Regulatory Authority report categorically states that Connect St Helena Ltd is 100% owned by St Helena Government. This poses the question "Who is St Helena Government?" Please advise what action has been taken since the date of the Public Meeting to ensure that political oversight is gained? It is evident from the information placed in the public domain that we are far from achieving full cost recovery and Connect St Helena are far from providing answers to the majority of questions being put to them by the public at the meeting of 4 July. The public still waits for some of the answers to be published by yourself and Connect St Helena. Also, it

appears that there is inconsistency with the reporting of the Capital Programme project funding as stated by the recent SHG press release and the Utility Regulatory Authority report; appreciate if this could be clarified.

- We find it nonsensical that you would ensure responsibility of fair price increases by the Utilities Regulatory Authority when you do not have any influence over their decision. We have read the Utilities Regulatory Authority report which raises further concern about the information that is contained within it, as the information that was poorly provided by Connect St Helena at the public meeting on 4 July 2018 is verbatim. We would like to remind you that these responses were challenged successfully at this meeting and Connect St Helena was unable or unwilling to provide satisfactory answers. The letter accompanying a petition of 2,549 signatures and the submission presented by the Chamber of Commerce to the URA suggests that the URA's evaluation was minimal. Please advise what process was followed when the URA conducted its evaluations of the price increases. At this present time reviewing the legislation and/or regulations that guides this body, would be a step in the right direction.

- It is appreciated that concessions were made by Elected Members to protect the most vulnerable. However we draw to your attention that the majority of residents on this Island are becoming increasingly vulnerable by the ever-increasing rise in living costs. Adjusting the Minimum Income Standard, creates a vicious circle for SHG as it is another additional burden on our state, which could potentially be avoided if price increases by a subsidised organisation such as Connect were required to be justified and scrutinised. SHG are already paying a generous subsidy of £595,000 to Connect, and are now making reallocations to its budget to accommodate a further £108,000 to offset 20% of the required increase without first establishing if this cost could be provided for in-house. Furthermore, the Minimum Income Standard is now being adjusted, for which no cost was indicated, but whatever the cost, it will now be viewed as a direct reaction to the increases created by Connect. Reference is also made in your letter of a social fund that Connect has for those who have difficulty in making payments. Can you advise if

this support is also funded by SHG? What is the total amount of this fund and how much has been allocated to individuals within the last year and if possible how many people does this refer to?

- Your letter directs persons to the Benefits Office if they wish to determine whether they are eligible to IRB or BIP. We would like to draw to your attention that our Island benefits system will only provide to those eligible to receive it, and the amount is variable depending on any employment related income received (i.e. you will receive less in benefits if you are receiving any payment for employment such as part-time or casual work). Also, the information that is being provided by the Benefits Office is extremely vague and it is hoped that this can be addressed soonest. We are requesting that it be explained how a 'private sector company' namely Connect St Helena in this instance, is able to receive the level of subsidy that it does, is able to increase employee costs by £100,000, to pay 'Key Management Compensation' to the amount of £493,017 (reference Connect St Helena's Financial Statements 31 March 2017) and SHG, it would appear, is prepared to increase its subsidy in order to support these increases? Can you please advise whether you, as Elected Members scrutinised the financial statements of Connect St Helena and based on your findings suggest that no further subsidy would be given, requesting that they find these savings within their operations? Could you publish the information that was presented to yourselves by Connect St Helena during the budget process?

In the public meeting held on 4 July 2018, numerous questions were raised that clearly highlighted the need to scrutinise Connect St Helena's current operations. It was strongly suggested that potential savings could be made within the organisation, which would rival the level of annual subsidy provided by SHG **before** considering the need for any additional subsidy and the introduction of price increases.

We would also like to make reference to the confirmation given during the public meeting on 4 July 2018 that an independent review of Connect St Helena will now be brought forward as a matter of urgency and that the Terms of Reference

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Councillors give reluctant support to the budget

The Council Chamber was a gloomy place on Monday as councillors debated the long awaited budget. Financial Secretary Dax Richards had given his budget speech on Friday, leaving the weekend for councillors to put the finish touches to their speeches; all expressed deep discontent with the settlement reached with DFID.

In his budget speech the Financial Secretary explained the original budget presented to the UK Government “requested financial aid of £30.1million to support local revenues in order to deliver a number of key priorities during this transition period. The UK Government was unable to support the full request and instead made available £27.1million which left us with a budget deficit of circa £3.0million.” This meant the entire budget had to be reviewed in a search for spending reductions. A second attempt was made to secure extra financial aid from DFID. In his speech Dax said, “a further request was made to the UK Government to provide an additional £1.4m to support some of the unfunded priorities for the Island such as additional road maintenance.” This request was not successful. However DFID did concede they will consider, “helping St Helena in managing any unforeseen budget pressures should this arise within this financial year.” While the Financial Secretary described this as welcome news others will point out it is the responsibility of the British Government to do just that where British Overseas Territories are concerned. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office chipped in with £200,000 which is allocated to “address specific areas of security including immigration which has been highlighted as a significant risk area for SHG with the air service now fully operational.”

The Financial Secretary summarised by saying, “I have talked a lot today about the challenges we face as an Island- rising costs, increased freight, delayed flights and low tourist numbers to name a few” and then referred to future prospects which he described as “light at the end of the tunnel”. These include the fibre-optic cable connection, the introduction of the second weekly flight and the renewable energy project. Dax Richards followed this by announcing, “I’m pleased to also advise that SHG has recently appointed an External Funding Coordinator to work alongside key stakeholders on St Helena to develop a funding strategy which will look to explore other possible funding opportunities for the Island. This is especially important given the likely impacts of the UK’s decision to leave the EU. The consultant will be actively exploring all leads and funding sources to maximise the possible external donors for the Island. The Consultant will be on Island from 4 August for two weeks and will be keen to meet with the key stakeholders to understand the needs particularly that of NGOs and where he might be able to help. Further details of the visit will follow shortly”.

A further announcement followed, “Whilst there has been no additional Capital Programme funding from HMG for some time, there has however been good news recently and there is a firm commitment from HMG to consider funding for a Capital Programme as was outlined in the letter confirming the budget settlement.” Dax emphasised the need for ‘new



money’ saying, “we need more investment into the Island, investment creates stimulus for the economy, it brings in new money, creates jobs which increases taxes, increases spending power and provides many positive spin-offs for the rest of the community. The stimulus provided by the Airport project for example was the basis of significant economic growth since the start in 2012. We need more investment and new money coming into the economy - we must and will do more to encourage investment.”

Dax finished his budget speech with, “we are all going through a very challenging period on-Island at this time but there is hope for our economy and opportunities for our people with some of the projects and activities on the horizon. We cannot know good times without knowing difficult times so let us unite in striving towards inclusive prosperity for St Helena and its people.”

Lawson Henry was the first of the councillors to offer his view of the general financial situation facing St Helena. After pointing out the need for a re-instatement of the Cape Town connection in the air service and for air fares to be less expensive he observed, “St Helena played no part in the situation we find ourselves yet it would seem we have to pay for someone else’s mistakes. DFID therefore, needs to accept their shortcomings and do the right thing. If not we will be here next year talking about low tourist numbers, surely it is better to fill the plane with lower cost fares than to continue as we are now. This is not rocket science but simple common sense. More importantly it is the right thing for us here on St Helena if we are to have a future in air access.” Lawson added, “I would also like to remind the house that the service we have is supposed to be an interim one and we should never forget this. St Helena will not be able to reap the much hoped more benefits from air access if these two fundamental issues is not addressed.”

Turning to the wider issues surrounding the shortcomings with the air service Lawson said, “The Island have likewise had to bear the impacts of HMG not honouring their promise to support the island in the transitional stages from sea to air access nor have they taken into account we have a very different air service to one that the Business Case for the Airport was predicated upon and it seems to me that St Helena have to suffer because of this. I hoped therefore, that in going for-

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ward these issues will be addressed.”

Corinda Essex rose to speak next. She opened by pointing out, “we are left with a budget that will do little more holistically than maintain the status quo, as gains in some areas are largely offset by reductions elsewhere.” Referring to the tragic negotiations with DFID on this year’s aid package she said, “This situation is extremely undesirable in the current critical transition period between the commencement of air access and realisation of the economic benefits that should result. I understand the financial constraints of the British Government which are causing austerity measures to be applied within Britain itself, but nonetheless question the wisdom of withholding relatively small amounts of financial support which would protect its previous investments; reduce the level of funding required in subsequent years and help St Helena’s economy to grow, which in due course would enable the island to become less aid dependent which is the goal of both the British and St Helena Governments.”

Councillor Essex then went back to the start of the negotiations with DFID when a group of officials calling themselves the Financial Aid Mission visited the Island in late January this year. “The 2018/19 Budget process appears to have been seriously flawed almost from the start. DFID and St Helena Government must work together to ensure that this does not reoccur. The Financial Aid Mission (FAM) visited late and thus its submission regarding a proposed financial settlement was also late. As a direct result, a roll-over budget was again necessary although St Helena had made strong representations regarding the undesirability of this when it occurred in 2017/18.

In addition, whilst Elected Members and officials endeavoured to put forward the best possible case for St Helena, there were some worrying indications from some of the visiting team that DFID had already come to a conclusion as to what it would support and at what level and that the visit was primarily a monitoring exercise rather than an opportunity for negotiation, re-assessment and collaborative working.”

Further instances of lack of communication and absence of the much publicised ‘partnership’ between the UK and its Overseas Territories were listed by Corinda. “St Helena Government was not made aware of the level or conditions relating to the settlement recommended by DFID officials and so when Elected Members requested a teleconference with the Minister of State for International Development to stress the importance of adequate financial support during this phase of transition, we were unsighted regarding the stance of DFID officials on this matter. This undermined the possibility of meaningful dialogue, let alone negotiation.”

Referring to the aid package being based on a one year budget rather than a three year budget plan Corinda continued her scathing assessment of DFID’s management of the budgetary process, “The only early decision that was shared with us was that the settlement would be for one year only once again. This confirmed that all the concerns raised by Elected Members and Officials both in 2016/17 and 2017/18 had not been

heeded. Again, I question the wisdom of the British Government as forward planning and the achievement of St Helena’s strategic objectives are negatively impacted which is contrary to the best interests of St Helena and impedes the very growth in self-sufficiency that the British Government is always so keen to state is necessary.”

Turning to Lord Bates’ last minute offer to ‘consider’ reinstating the Capital Programme and move back to three year budgets Corinda expressed her reservations, “it is pleasing to note that Ministers have agreed to consider moving to a multi-year settlement going forward. This is not the first time that our expectations have been raised on this issue only to be dashed later. We will need to work together to ensure that the promised consideration translates into formal approval.”

Making a general assessment of the budget Corinda said, “When the proposed financial settlement for 2018/19 was finally made known to St Helena Government, which did not occur until towards the end of April, it was encouraging that provision had been made to meet the likely cost of known litigation for which the British Government has a contingent liability, but that was about all that was really good news, as almost all of the uplift of £1.1m has to absorb air access related costs previously borne by the Airport Project and also cover the on-going costs of transporting cargo from Rupert’s Bay to Jamestown by sea because the capital funding required to make cargo discharge at Rupert’s safe and viable has not been forthcoming.” Councillors and officials were then faced with “a damage limitation exercise in order to try to make sure that St Helena gets the best value from the inadequate resources available.”

The attempts at damage limitation included a further bid for £1.4million in addition to the £27.1million given. Once more there was no negotiation and no discussion, “a pressing need for an additional £1.4m became evident and a bid was made that was rejected by DFID without any explanation – let alone justification – being provided for its action” observed a clearly less than happy Councillor Essex who continued, “the end result is that we have a budget before us today that is the output of dozens of meetings and hours of work on the part of Elected Members and officials, but which is still far from satisfactory in many respects because we cannot access the

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additional funding required. What makes this situation even worse is that we were only able to achieve a balanced budget by delaying some key activities until the next financial year, beyond which further delay would cause serious challenges and some unacceptably high risks."

When turning her fire to the absence of a Capital Programme Corinda concluded, "As my constituents know, when I campaigned for election I have never been one for making many promises, but I promise this Honourable House and the people of St Helena that I will do all that is legal and within my power to ensure that an adequate and appropriate capital programme gets approved as speedily as possible."

Asserting that the budget process was "an extremely difficult and frustrating task", Corinda finished her speech saying, "We fought hard to achieve the best result we could and were united in our determination to challenge, probe and press forcefully when necessary. The outcome is not really what we would have liked, but it certainly could have been a lot worse without the efforts of all involved and will at least enable some improvements. Under these circumstances, I will reluctantly support the Bill."

Reluctant support for the budget was the stance taken by every councillor as it was considered the best had been got from a difficult several months with DFID on the financial aid package. Cllr Scipio O'Dean said a crisis point had been

reached and everyone needed to face what is happening. People and family should be at the centre of development but were faced with a huge tax burden and the cost of house building now started at £100,000.

O'Dean also said Civil Society organisations made a vital contribution to community services and the economy. She cited the St Helena Yacht Club and the efforts being made to promote St Helena and tourism through the Governor's Cup and the Cape the St Helena Yacht Race. She said the Memorandum of Understanding agreed in 2010 needed to be renegotiated because the airport we have is not the one promised but the reductions in subsidies continue as if it did. Cllr Scipio O'Dean also complained that St Helena too often finds itself in the position of picking up the pieces of things we did not break.

Cllr Brian Isaac spoke of the often mentioned partnership with the UK Government being a one-way street and the private sector struggling to survive. We are a long way from where we want to be, he said with low tourism numbers and a high cost of living. We will be on a downward spiral until the UK seriously listens.

Cllr Kylie Hercules spoke of today's school-leavers still thinking of going for jobs on the Falklands and Ascension and this will continue until there is a strong need to people to take extra jobs in St Helena.

After all councillors had expressed their deep dissatisfaction with many aspects of the budget it was grudgingly passed.

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uses, such as watering
houseplants.

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Sir,

I read with some concern your articles on the following subjects: The Status of the Mantis Hotel and the misaligned runway at your airport

With reference to the never ending saga of the airport at St Helena, it is common knowledge around the globe that the runway at St Helena Airport was placed in the wrong place. Ostensibly to protect the funnel web spiders at spider hill, which are now nowhere to be seen. Anyone who has been to St Helena and sat in the rear of the aircraft knows that the terminal is a disgrace. It is too small to accommodate the passengers of an Embraer in the immigration hall, let alone the Dreamliner it was supposedly designed for. Anyone who surfs the internet will find numerous comments about the lack of friendliness of the officials.

Flight operations are limited and to put it bluntly, less than ideal. However, now is not the time to keep on complaining about it. We have to work with what we have, and we need to be positive. An open airport is better than no airport.

With reference to the Mantis hotel, every island has to have an accommodation standard bearer. The Mantis is your standard bearer. Indeed it should be the aim of every hostelry in Jamestown to maintain the same standard of consistency of the Mantis. Air conditioned, extremely clean, working complimentary wifi, a restaurant and bar open every day and every night, good wholesome food- someone to open the door at night when guests come back etc etc). The Mantis group have expended huge effort in creating a world class hostelry in Jamestown. St Helena needs the Mantis Hotel; the tourists require hotels to the Mantis standard. We the international tour operators need the Mantis Hotel, or we simply cannot send certain tourists to you. We understand the airport is less than ideal, but until enough guests walk through its doors, you the Saints need to do everything you can to keep the Mantis open. While I am no fan of government

interference in tourism, I have to congratulate SHG for having the foresight to commission a hotel such as the Mantis. There will come a time when St Helena will need more hotels such as the Mantis.

What would be ideal?

The tourism study was based upon 600 visitors a week coming to St Helen and spending two weeks there. This was a ludicrous estimation. In order to have 600 visitors a week you would need two Dreamliners or 777-300s full of tourists every week.

From where were these tourists going to come? With little ingenious marketing and with two dive companies on the island, this is close to impossible to achieve now.

What would be ideal and realistic would be an Airport with a runway that could take a Boeing 747-400. In this manner a flight from Cape Town to London could make a weekly stop in St Helena (ideally operated by a prestigious legacy carrier) allowing people to ADD St Helena to their African itinerary, or simply dive St Helena for a week and return to their homes. As the island became more popular, the flights could be increased. But in order to do this, you the Saints also need to up your game. That means working shifts/weekends/working as waiters/cooks, opening restaurants every night of the week consistently, keeping snack bars open later than 2pm when there are tourists in Jamestown. Most important of all, not slating your few existing excellent tourism businesses.

To conclude

Tourism is the 5th biggest industry in the world. It is one of the few industries where a young person with no experience can start work and within his or her career rise up to be the chairman of the biggest tourism companies on earth. It will be tourism, not DFID or SHG or London which uplifts the people of St Helena, giving you more prosperity and more control over your lives. Tourism is the greatest trickle down industry on earth.

On our previous visit to St Helena, we wandered away from our mid range accommodation, and found a small bar (I won't mention where) and we sat having a beer with locals, we bought bread and food from some tiny shop, and we bought other items as far away as Sandy Bay.

My guests literally spent their money all over the island.

Having worked in Tourism and specifically dive tourism for the past 24 years I have found out the hard way, what it takes to have a successful tourist destination.

We single-handedly placed the Island of Pemba in Tanzania on the global tourist dive map. It took years, and much of my efforts benefited the other operators on the island, but I did not care, I did it for the island. We have now chosen to promote St Helena and we are trying to send as environmentally conscious clients as possible to your delightful Island our specialisation is in mid-priced, low impact tours. However this is an uphill battle. The flight is expensive and for the reasons above it arrives 20% less than full. In addition the starting point for your flight is in South Africa not Europe. (This necessitates yet another expensive flight to South Africa). St Helena is little known, and the Tourism facilities are severely limited to a small number of businesses run by some exceptional Saints. These are the circumstances in which we find ourselves and we need to work with them. Now is not the time to rehash the argument about the airport or slag off the Mantis Hotel. It is what we have to work with right now. We can only sell small numbers of seats, and you have to deal with low arrivals. We can only hope that in the future the collective efforts of the Saints will bear fruit and that passenger demand will increase. This in turn will bring pressure to bear on DFID to build a second, correctly sited, runway which allows for the correct size of aircraft to serve St Helena from London.

St Helena is truly special. It is home to truly unique scuba diving and a mind blowing ecosystem with history to boot. The time now is to promote your dreamlike island and fill the planes, no matter how small they may be, to benefit all of the Saints.

Yours Respectfully
M . Jah

Farhat "Raf" Jah
Director – The Oriental and African Travel Company



Big Push to Tag Tuna

The International Commission for Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT) is putting up about £150,000 for tuna to be tagged in St Helena waters for one year starting this month. SHG's Marine Conservation Section is leading the work and about 5,600 tags of various kinds will be used.

Marine Conservation Officer Rhys Hobbs told the Independent fish around 3 to 5kg (about 20 inches long) will be targeted and the tagging programme is already underway.

Fish of this size are usually thrown back anyway. They have little commercial value to fishermen who realise anyway that young fish need to grow and breed before they are caught. Rhys said the tagging takes up about two days of inshore work and four days of offshore work each month. The tagging schedule aims to avoid the most important fishing days, when fish are caught to be exported by plane as premium quality.

The information provided by tagging includes fish movements and behaviour and feeding depths. Rhys said the Marine Section has a good relationship with the fisherman and the information gained from tagging supports commercial fishing. The ICCAT tagging programme follows the similar Blue Belt programme which started in 2016.

Several species of tuna will be tagged mainly with the usual

dart tags but satellite and internet data storage tags will also be used. The information gained from tagging helps to assess growth rates, natural longevity, exploitation rates, migration patterns and populations.

Rewards are offered for returned tags; £10 for dart tags and £100 for satellite or internet tags. With dart tags, after the £10 reward has been collected for 500 tags the reward reduces to £5.



Pole and Line fishing – St Helena

Funding for Non-Government Organisations, Charities and Community Centres.

The Community Development Organisation (CDO) wishes to invite all interested persons and organisations to a discussion on exploring new funding opportunities, with James Bramble the newly appointed External Funding Coordinator for the St Helena Government.

Why should you come?

If you would like to explore new donor avenues for external funding, attendance is a must! Non-Government Organisations rely on money from a variety of sources and it is noted that funding such endeavours has become particularly challenging, in light of budget reductions and fundraising limitations on St Helena. This meeting is an opportunity for your organisation to highlight your funding requirements, and for James to explore and seek off-island international donors.

Who: James Bramble - External Funding Coordinator

When: Wednesday 15th August @ 5:00pm

Where: Museum of St Helena

We look forward to seeing you there. For further information please contact Kirsty Joshua on 23999 after 5:00pm or alternatively e-mail: community.sthelenag@gmail.com.

Community Development Organisation

✉ community.sthelenag@gmail.com

Expressions of Interest Translators

St Helena Tourism are continuously reaching out to new demographic regions and are developing material tailored to cater for the needs of international stakeholders, clients, tour operators, potential visitors and visitors on the island.

We are seeking expressions of interest from a French Translator to aid the Tourist Office in producing information brochures which will be distributed internationally and be made available in the visitor centre.

Expressions of interest including hourly rates and experience in translation work should be sent to Kimberley Peters by 17 August 2018.



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For more information please contact Kimberley Peters on telephone 22158 or email kimberley.peters@tourism.co.sh

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ST HELENA BEAT SURGERIES AUGUST 2018

As part of their Neighbourhood Policing Programme, St Helena Police Officers will continue their 'Beat Surgeries' in various places around the Island throughout August 2018.

These surgeries are designed to take place in busy areas where it is easier for more people to attend. Members of the public are encouraged to use these surgeries to raise any concerns or issues affecting them, or to report crimes or give information on any offences or offenders. Police will also be available for community engagement, consultation, help and advice.

Please see below the dates and times for August.

Beat Surgeries - Dates & Times

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 2 August	5pm - 7pm	Wicked Wahoo, Rupert's Valley
Thursday, 2 August	2pm - 4pm	Phillip John's Shop, St Paul's
Thursday, 9 August	9am - 11am	Post Office, Jamestown
Friday, 10 August	10am - 12pm	Yon's Shop, Blue Hill
Saturday, 11 August	11.30am - 2pm	St Helena Airport
Sunday, 12 August	1pm - 3pm	Green Hill, Sandy Bay
Friday, 17 August	4pm - 6pm	Briars Village
Sunday, 19 August	10am - 12pm	Francis Plain, St Paul's
Friday, 24 August	2pm - 4pm	MTB's Pick and Pay, Half Tree Hollow
Friday, 24 August	10am - 12pm	Baptist Chapel, Sandy Bay
Saturday, 25 August	2pm - 4pm	Alarm Forest bus shelter
Sunday, 26 August	5pm - 7pm	V2 Paradise, Longwood



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SHG, 30 July 2018



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St Helenian Account Holders

If you have an account with Bank of St Helena or have an old Government Savings Bank Account and you have not checked with the Bank recently if they hold your correct **Name, Date of Birth, Address, and Communication details**, please contact the Bank to provide the relevant information as soon as possible.

Where the Bank does not hold current information these accounts can be issued a dormant status and, where necessary, closed by the Bank.

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If you are a non-St Helenian resident, employed on contract on St Helena or Ascension Island, and your contract is soon to end or has ended, then you must notify the Bank, prior to your departure, as all accounts held in your name must be closed before you emigrate.

Executors to Estates

If you are an Executor to an Estate and you are in possession of the legal documentation authorising you to finalise banking arrangements, please contact the Bank to effect closure of the Estate’s account(s). If you are the legal representative of a deceased person and do not hold the required Legal Documentation you should contact the St Helena Judicial Services before contacting the Bank.

Where Accounts held in estate are not administered, a dormant status is implemented and, where necessary, these accounts will be closed by the Bank.

Should you feel the above circumstances applies to your account, or an account that you are responsible for, please contact the Compliance and Operations team on telephone 22390 or email compliance.supervisor@sainthelenabank.com or visit their offices at the Ark, above Thorpe’s Grocery, Market Street, Jamestown.

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BEST Project Nursery exchange visit – Sterile fern propagation training

The Nurseries for nature: Increasing capability at St Helena's endemic nurseries, a BEST 2.0 funded project, which aims to develop nursery facilities, collate and develop local skills in propagation techniques and raise awareness of St Helena's threatened native flora to increase production and having stronger, healthier plants being placed back into the wild. The BEST 2.0 programme funds small to medium scale field projects on European Overseas countries and territories.

As part of this project we are to organise nursery exchange visits among the three endemic nurseries (Peak nursery, Scotland nursery and Millennium Forest nursery), allowing the sharing of knowledge and techniques among staff and organisations (Government and non-government). Each of the nurseries have a different area of focus as the Peaks nursery caters for cloud forest (wetland) species, Millennium Forest focuses on dryland species and Scotland covers majority of habitats. A part of this project Scotland nursery is focusing on the micro-propagation of fern spores in a sterile environment. The native endangered ferns to be focused on are: Tree fern, Small Kidney fern and Brown Scale fern

Scotland nursery received a laminar flow cabinet which is essentially an enclosed bench which minimises the risk of contamination. It does this by pushing air out and away from the bench towards the user. The cabinet also has a UV-C germicidal lamp that sterilises the interior and its contents before usage, preventing contamination.

Marcella Corcoran from RBG Kew visited St Helena after a much delayed visit and with EMD Nursery Officer, Vanessa Thomas-Williams put together a short course on sterile fern propagation for staff from the three nurseries on Thursday 26th July 2018. During this training session she covered:

- How to separate out fern spores
- Identifying fern spores among the other debris
- Sterilising fern spores
- Media to use for growing fern spores – sterilising media if compost is being used
- Establishing spores in Agar using the Laminar Flow cabinet



Identifying and sorting fern spores from unwanted debris

All staff

were very interested and actively took part in the experiment, where they sorted, sterilised and propagated the fern spores in the Agar. Fern can take from a few days to a few months to germinate, the hardest part of which is keeping them from contamination. Contamination can be seen quite early in the process – a few days – if it is a fungus the growth will be dark and fluffy and if it is a bacteria it will be smooth and shiny. Sterilising them is an option, but if not then they can be destroyed.



Propagating fern spores using laminar flow cabinet

Thank you Marcella for accommodating us given your limited time on island.

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ST HELENA AT TRAVEL SHOWS



One of the key areas in which St Helena Tourism promotes the island internationally is through engagement at travel events. The following shows were attended by St Helena Tourism between January to June 18, held in the United Kingdom, Germany and South Africa 2018.

Destinations (01 – 04 February 2018) Attended by Jane Roberts, Tourism Officer and Zedella Young, Communications Officer.

Held this year at Olympia, London, Destinations is the UK's biggest and longest running consumer travel show aimed at the general public, packed with hundreds of leading and independent tour operators and tourist boards from across the world.

2018 attendance: 50,093 | **Total visitors to St Helena stand:** 741



ITB Berlin (07 – 11 March 2018) Attended by Helena Bennett, Director of Tourism and Juliet Williams, Tourism Manager.

ITB Berlin is considered the biggest international travel trade show in the world. For 2018 it is estimated more than 10,000 exhibitors from 185 countries. ITB Berlin is a 5 day show, with 3 days as business to business (B2B) and 3 days as consumer.

2018 attendance: 109,000+ | **Meetings:** 47 | **Visitors to St Helena stand:** 227

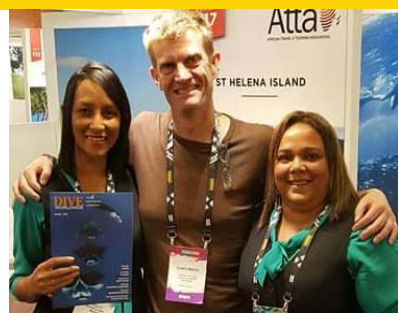


WE ARE AFRICA (13 – 16 May 2018) Attended by Melissa Fowler, Tourism Manager and Shelley Magellan-Wade, Tourism Officer.

WE ARE AFRICA is the continents gathering of high-end African Travel Brands, World-Class buyers and top international press.

St Helena Tourism attends as an exhibitor to engage with African Stakeholders and showcase our unique Island products. With Johannesburg also being the link for commercial flights to St Helena, it will also prove beneficial to remain linked to the African Market.

Appointments: 62 | **Visitors to St Helena stand:** 62



Experience Latin America (ELA) (11 – 13 June 2018) Attended by Helena Bennett, Director of Tourism and Kimberley Peters, Marketing Officer.

An invite only event, Experience Latin America (ELA) by LATA is a B2B Travel event bringing together key suppliers from Latin America with buyers from Europe, located in London.

St Helena Tourism met with potential tour operators, tour operators who are currently selling St Helena, visiting media and stakeholders.

2018 exhibitor attendance: 126 | **Visitors to St Helena stand:** 33



Experience Africa by African Travel & Tourism Association (ATTA)

(16 – 30 June 2018) Attended by Juliet Williams, Tourism Manager and Merrill Joshua, Tourism Projects Manager.

Experience Africa by African Travel & Tourism Association (ATTA) was the newest London based B2B travel event. Its purpose is to attract a wider range of key suppliers from Africa and unite them with active buyers from the UK and Europe at a central location in London.

St Helena Tourism booked a table where tour operators were able to enquire and evaluate St

Helena's Tourism Product.

2018 exhibitor attendance: 500 |

Appointments: 34 | **Visitors to St Helena stand:** 34



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Expressions of Interest for attendance at International Travel Shows

Enterprise St Helena (ESH) is providing exciting and unique opportunities for local Tourism related businesses to play a vital part in the promotion of our Island by accompanying the St Helena Tourism Team to various forthcoming International Travel Shows. Attendance at these travel shows will create an opportunity to network with leading international tour operators and buyers; and obtain an understanding of the international tourism industry. The forthcoming International Travel Shows are as follows:

- ⇒ The World Travel Market (WTM) Travel Show will be held 5 -7 November 2018 in London. It is a leading global business to business trade show.
- ⇒ Destinations Travel Show will be held 31 January - 3 February 2019 in London. It is the UK's biggest and longest running public based travel show packed with hundreds of leading and independent tour operators and tourist boards from around the world.
- ⇒ ITB Berlin Travel Show will be held 6 - 10 March 2019 in Berlin. It is the biggest international travel show in the world which is both a business to business and public based travel show.

Interested persons should be:

- ⇒ Registered with the St Helena Tourist Office and operating a Tourism Business of a high standard on St Helena
- ⇒ An ambassador for St Helena
- ⇒ Able to promote/sell St Helena (and their business)
- ⇒ Able to engage/communicate with the travel trade and travel media
- ⇒ Personable

Expressions of Interest should be submitted in writing to Juliet Williams, Tourism Manager, The Canister, Jamestown by no later than Friday, 17 August 2018.



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**For further information please contact: Juliet Williams, Tourism
Manager on telephone 22158 or email on
juliet.williams@tourism.co.sh**

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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has an exciting opportunity for a

Bakery Manager

For further information,
including the Company's
attractive benefits package,
please contact
Dean Okali,

General Manager (Production)
on telephone number: 22380
or via email address:
gm-productions@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 **9 August 2018**

As the Bakery Manager, you will lead the Bakery team to deliver a quality bakery service to meet local market needs.

For further information please see full Job Description

Interested Persons should:

- ✓ Have a qualification or professional competence in baking
- ✓ Be self-motivated, organized and innovative and able to motivate and lead the team
- ✓ Have experience of developing new products in the Pastry/Cake and Bread lines
 - ✓ Have 3 years' experience in a Management role
- ✓ Have certification in RSPH Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering or equivalent

Salary for the post will start at **£15,004.80** per annum (£1,250.40 per month),
depending on qualifications and experience

VACANCY - CARPENTER

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is seeking to recruit a Carpenter within their Building and Maintenance section to carry out the daily operations and services of carpentry, woodwork and other building related tasks. The candidate will need to be a team player who will work co-operatively with other Tradesmen within the team.

The applicant should have an NVQ Level II in Carpentry or equivalent, a drivers licence in classes A and C along with a minimum of 3 years carpentry experience.

The salary for this post is at Grade B commencing at £6,722 per annum.

If you are interested in finding out more about this post please contact the Superintendent of Works, Mr Gilbert Young or Foreman of Works, Mr Rex Young on telephone No 22054 (e-mail Gibby.Young@sainthelena.gov.sh or Rex.Young@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Application forms and copies of the job profile are available from the Receptionist Essex House. Completed application forms should be submitted to the Executive Manager ENRD, or e-mail wendy.j.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 8 August 2018.

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.

Derek Henry
Director of Environment and Natural Resources Division
1 August 2018



Vacancies

General Operatives (6)

Ref SS25963

Short Term Contracts - Ascension Island

Interserve Defence Ltd are recruiting 6 general operatives / labourers to work on the Ascension Island Base. The contracts will commence 13 October 2018 and end 14 April 2019. There will be an opportunity to return to St Helena for leave during Christmas/New Year, flight dates are 12 December 2018 and 12 January 2019.

Interserve will pay a competitive salary, monthly site allowance and an end of tour bonus. Unaccompanied accommodation, meals at the mess and work clothing will be provided.

The successful applicants will be responsible for providing labour support for all Work Area Packages of the contract, additional minor new works and project enabling works including working with sub-contractors, assisting skilled tradespersons, concrete, trenching works etc.

Secondary duties may include but not limited to pest control, grounds maintenance work, refuse collection, deep cleaning, plant and transport operations.

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

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

Closing date Friday 17 August 2018

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VACANCY – SKILLED WORKER

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is seeking to recruit a Skilled Worker within the Roads section.

The candidate should have a Literacy and Numeracy qualification Level 1 and have a Licence or site tested ability to operate dumper, roller, truck, JCB, sweeper truck, tractor & flail.

The salary for this post is at Grade B7 commencing at £7,730 per annum.

If you are interested in finding out more about this post please contact one of the Supervisors, Mr Peter Moyce or Mr Darin Francis on telephone No 23640 (e-mail roads.supervisor1@helanta.co.sh or roads.supervisor2@helanta.co.sh)

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Completed application forms should be submitted to the Executive Manager ENRD, or e-mail

wendy.j.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 8 August 2018.

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Derek Henry, Director of Environment and Natural Resources Division

24 July 2018



VACANCY FOR ASSISTANT COOK/PARLOUR MAID – PLANTATION HOUSE

The Corporate Services Directorate has a vacancy for an **Assistant Cook/Parlour Maid** to work at Plantation House.

The post holder will be directly responsible to the Plantation House Residence Manager for assisting in catering for the Governor on a day-to-day basis, as well as for official functions. Also assisting with all cleaning and laundry duties as required.

The successful applicant should have the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above,
- NVQ in Professional Cooking Level 2
- Food Handling Certificate
- Certificate in Health and Hygiene
- Valid Driving Licence Class A.
- Experience in silver service, table setting for different occasions, preparing floral arrangements and general housekeeping duties.



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

For further details regarding the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Mrs Deborah Yon, Residence Manager on telephone number 24453 or e-mail: ph.resmanager@helanta.co.sh

Application forms which are available from Corporate Human Resources should be submitted through directors, where applicable, to Gemma Lawrence, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle

or e-mail gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Monday 6 August 2018.

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Corporate Services,

20 July 2018



Vacancy for Shift Engineer – Power Station

Babcock has a vacancy for a full-time **Shift Engineer**

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.

The role includes the requirement to remotely monitor the Transmitting Station when unattended, and to cover shift for both the Shift Engineer or Shift Operator role as required.

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 and will be subject to a three month probationary period.

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 Plants, Fuel storage, Wind Turbines and HV distribution networks.
- 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 Administration 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 Babcock job application form, and must be received by the **31st August 2018**

St Helena's sea-faring family – part eight

Last week the Herne's were in Vanuatu with James fixing solar panels and TVs and getting loads of fruit in return because money is not used on some of the smaller islands in that group. Sadie learnt how to weave mats and they all learnt how to cook the laplap way – food wrapped in banana leaves, placed in a hole in the ground surrounded by hot stones. This week the Herne's get to Australia by a roundabout route.

Leaving the friendly people of Vanuatu behind the Herne's sailed south-west to New Caledonia. Captain Cook gave this island its name in 1774 when he became the first European to sight it; part of the coastline reminded him of Scotland. New Caledonia was not immediately colonised, as with St Helena it remained a calling point for sailors, until Emperor Napoleon ordered the island be colonised in the name of France in 1853. New Caledonia promptly became Nouvelle Calédonie and this island which had been home to Pacific Island peoples since at least 600 years Before Christ became a place to banish French criminals, in much the same way Brits sent criminals to Australia.

Despite its fascinating history the Herne's did not find much to keep them in New Caledonia and sailed on to Norfolk Island. Again, named by Captain Cook in 1774 the island was uninhabited and Norfolk Island pines and what is now known as New Zealand flax grew in abundance. The trees were used to make ship's masts and the flax was much needed as the raw material for making sails. In 1788 it was colonised by the Brits, mainly to keep the French out. Norfolk Island too became a penal colony. In 1856 Pitcairn Islanders emigrated to Norfolk Island as the population of Pitcairn was becoming too great in number to be sustained on the Pitcairn. In the 1960s fifty families from Britain decided to move there after seeing, it is said, a TV programme showing what a beautiful island it is. Norfolk Island has a population of less than 2,000 and an airport used by about 60,000 passengers each year flying in and out in more than 800 planes with nearly 90% of passengers being tourists. Air services fly between Norfolk Island, New Zealand and Australia five days a week using Airbus A320s, maximum capacity 180 passengers.

Once more the Herne's decided to only stay a day or two at Norfolk Island before continuing to New Zealand. The cyclone season was about to start and New Zealand was out of the path for cyclones. The yacht's engine had been showing signs of a problem and the day they left Norfolk Island the engine gave up completely. The pump for the cooling system had failed and it needed more than a quick fix to get it going again. They sailed the *Carpe Diem* right to the mooring at New Zealand using only the wind in the sails. At about the same time the engine failed a shout for help had been heard as they left Norfolk Island. It was thought someone was in distress in the sea. A grid search was made but nothing found. Six months was spent in New Zealand waiting out the cyclones. Cyclone Cook did come far enough south to touch the North Island of New Zealand but no damage was caused. Cyclone Debbie followed it and hit the Whit Sunday Islands just off the Australian Queensland coast; where the Herne's planned to sail next.

The Queensland coast has many islands between it and the Great Barrier Reef. Bundaberg was the first port of call. It is a town on the Queensland coast sheltered from Pacific storms by Fraser Island where the last of the wild dingoes can be

found. They are the purest strain of dingoes, the Queensland Government has a conservation plan for them.



A dingo on Fraser Island

Getting to the main part of Bundaberg town meant sailing six miles upriver. It was Hannah's birthday so they all went out for a restaurant meal in the evening. They got chatting with the people at the next table about the usual things and then they asked what they had planned for Hannah's birthday after the meal. Bread-making was the reply. The couple said nothing but left the restaurant before the Hernes and returned with a box of provisions, including bread. No bread-making for you tonight, the new friends instructed Hannah.

This incident reminded James of a time at Joss van Dyke, one of the British Virgin Islands in the Caribbean. They met up with some people there and it happened they were leaving the chartered yachts in the bay and flying home. It also happened the people they met were part of a group of 18 who had been sailing two catamarans. Because they were flying out they offered the Hernes all the provisions from the two yachts that remained. James said the left-over provisions included not just loads of food, including fresh meat, but things such as whisky and BIG bars of chocolate.



Where is it all going to go? In Sadie's tummy?

From Bundaberg the Hernes sailed 500 mile north, through

St Helena's sea-faring family – part eight

the Great Barrier Reef to Magnetic Island. Strange name for an island; it's Captain Cook again. When he sailed past in 1770 he noticed the island had a magnetic effect on the ship's compass so he gave the island its name as he sailed past. The Herne's met with several Maoris when they visited; they were celebrating someone's birthday and invited the Hernes to join in the festivities. There was plenty of traditional Maori dancing, singing and guitar playing.

Another island call was Whit Sunday Island, the target of Cyclone Debbie a few months earlier. The island is just 5 miles off the Queensland Coast. The nearest coast includes Airlie Beach where a couple live who the Herne's had met at San Blas, Panama, just before passing through the Panama Canal to start the voyage across the Pacific. After just talking for 20 minutes the couple were ready to lend the Hernes their spare phone with a promise it would be handed back 'when-ever they were in the area'. Four years later the Herne's were in the area so they met up once more and the phone was handed back. Arlie Beach suffered extensive damage when the cyclone hit but James did not stay to build a school this time.

Continuing north they came to Cairns, a town on the Queensland coast about 200 mile north of Magnetic Island. While there they met Michael George who had only moved to Cairns two weeks earlier. With Michael at the time was his mother Heather. It's a small world. The Hernes were just about to leave Cairns after stocking up on provisions and continue north but delayed their departure to go to a BBQ to see Michael. Michael George is a civil engineer and was offered Australian citizenship by the Australian Government so he could take a job they wanted him to have. After the BBQ they discovered there was another Aborigine festival with more traditional dancing and singing, so the Hernes stayed a further week.



Sadie and Jacob learning their sea-faring skills in a dingy

During that time they met some people who are Baha'is. James told them there are Baha'is in St Helena and one of them told James he had met Basil George in Leicester some years earlier. Unfortunately the name of this man is not remembered.

After Cairns the Carpe Diem set sail for Thursday Island at the northern tip of Queensland just 60 miles from Papua New Guinea. Thursday Island is not far from Wednesday Island and there is a Friday island as well. Captain Cook did not name any of these islands but Captain Bligh of the Bounty Mutiny may have had something to do with it but the origin of the name is not known. There were many yachts and yachties at Thursday Island gathering for an Indonesian Rally. Once more the Hernes met people they had met before as well as new friends who knew people they knew.

After Thursday Island the course was set for 780 miles west across the northern coast of Australia, to Darwin. After Darwin they would be in the Timor Sea and heading towards the Indian Ocean. But James could not leave Darwin before he had taken on the Skipper's Challenge. At the nearby Wessel Islands there is a long, narrow channel between two of the islands. At the western end the tide was 4 metres lower than at the eastern end. Starting at the eastern end the current gathers speed as yachts sail through what is known as 'The Hole in the Wall'. After calculating the tides and the volume of water rising behind the yacht the skipper prepares to run through 'the Hole'. James said the speed of the yacht at the start was just half a knot. By the time he reached the other end of the narrow channel it was 12 knots. At its narrowest point the channel was just 250 feet wide.



Jacob, Sadie, Hannah, James and Josh – wearing Secret of the South Atlantic T-shirts on the Percy Islands, another stop on the way up the East Australian coast



Sadie, learning to weave the Vanuatu way



MARATHON, HALF MARATHON AND FUN RUNS

Sunday 04 November

Starting at 07:00 and 09:00

Runners will journey through a total of 5 out of 7 districts for a marathon some have labelled as the most challenging in the world.

JACOB'S LADDER CHALLENGE

Tuesday 06 November

Starting at 16:30

Challenge the 699 steps from Jamestown to Ladder Hill.

TRIATHLON

Wednesday 07 November

Starting at 16:30

The Triathlon will challenge your swimming, cycling and running abilities along a route in and around Jamestown.

TRAIL RUN

Saturday 10 November

Starting at 09:00

A 15km race from the lowest point on the island, Jamestown, to the highest Peak, Diana's Peak.

Followed by the Closing Ceremony.



GET TRAINING ST HELENA!



For more information please contact Shelley Magellan-Wade on 22158 or email address shelley.magellan-wade@tourism.co.sh

**Expressions of
interest for
construction works
at the Canister,
Jamestown**

TOURIST OFFICE

Enterprise St Helena

Enterprise St Helena is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified businesses or individuals to carry out the following works at the Canister Building in Jamestown:

- Seal the flashing of the roof to stop water ingress and paint roofing sheets
- Scrape and paint the exterior walls
- Replace window sills on the first floor
- Create two rear disabled access doors in accordance with the approved design
- Remove existing air conditioning units

Expressions of Interest must be submitted by 15:00 on Friday 17 August by email to merrill.joshua@esh.co.sh or by letter addressed to Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill.



For further information please contact: Merrill Joshua, Tourism Projects Manager on telephone number 22920/ 22158 or email merrill.joshua@esh.co.sh

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VACANCY FOR LOGISTICS COORDINATOR

The Port Control Office is currently seeking a suitable person to fill the post of Logistics Coordinator.

Responsible to the Harbour Master, the post holder will be responsible for assisting with logistical support, by ensuring the safe movement of cargo and goods on the Jamestown Wharf and at Rupert's Jetty.

The main duties of the post will include:

- . Operating cranes, reach-stacker and fork lift truck to aid everyday port operations.
- . Ensuring that all Health and Safety measures are fully complied with.
- . Implementing mooring arrangements
- . Maintaining Ships' register and general navigational and chart plotting
- . Collecting all monies due for boat licenses, harbor dues, etc.

Applicants should at least have GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above, or equivalent, and should also have the following:

- . Driver's License in Classes A, B, C, D, H3, J3 and J4
 - . At least 5 years' experience of wharf management and harbor cargo handling operations
- Salary will be at Grade C, commencing £8,613 per annum.

For further details regarding the duties of the post and for a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact David Caswell on telephone number 22287 or email david.caswell@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and Corporate Finance and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Gemma Lawrence, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday 7 August 2018.

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 24 July 2018



Football Results Week Ending 28/29 July 2018

SHFA Results:

Saturday 28 July 2018

Wolves 8 v CSB 0

G/S Wolves: Liam Yon 2, Jacob Duncan 2, Jace Williams 2,
Cody Thomas, Greg Phillips
MOM: Jace Williams (Wolves)
YPOM: Brandon Harris (Wolves)

Saints 1 v Crusaders 1

G/S Saints: Phillip Isaac
G/S Crusaders: Josh Benjamin
MOM: Martin Henry (Saints)
YPOM: James Roberts (Saints)

Sunday 29 July 2018

Rovers 3 v Bellboys 0

G/S Rovers: Rico Benjamin 2, Ross O'Dean
MOM: Rico Benjamin (Rovers)
YPOM: Trystan Thomas (Rovers)

Harts 7 v Axis 0

G/S Harts: Clayton Benjamin 2, Shane Stroud 2, Sean-Lee
Thomas 2 (P), Chris Owen
MOM: Clayton Benjamin (Harts)
YPOM: Sean-Lee Thomas (Harts)

Fixtures

Sat 4th August

1.30pm Bellboys v Axis
Organisers: Harts
3.30pm Crusaders v Rovers
Organisers: Chop Shop Boys

Sun 5th August

1.30pm Wolves v Saints
Organisers: Axis
3.30pm Wirebirds v Chop Shop Boys
Organisers: Harts

Sun 12th Aug

1.30pm Saints v Harts
Organisers: Wirebirds
3.30pm Rovers v Axis
Organisers: Bellboys

Committee members and Captains are reminded to attend the next SHFA meeting which will be next Thursday 9th August at the New Horizons Centre starting at 7pm. It is essential that all Captains attend. Captains are reminded that entrance fee need to be paid by the end of the first Round. So far only 3 teams have paid in full. 3 teams haven't paid anything.

Small island Football Tournament

With less than a year to go for the start of the Small Island Football Tournament in Ynys Mon (Anglesey), things are progressing well in terms of preparation in Ynys Mon and on St Helena.

I received the following information from Gareth Parry who is Chairman of the organising committee over the past month.



1) 1 Year to go

'Without really realising, today is exactly 1-year away from the start of the Ynys Mon Inter Games Tournament. Plenty to do but we're all excited and looking forward to welcoming you all to our Island.

2) Ground Improvement Programme

On Thursday 28th June we have an open meeting arranged on the island where all football clubs have been invited to attend. The main purpose of this meeting is to share our plans for the 2019 tournament and gain interest from those clubs who want to be considered as venues for Games and Training. Once we have confirmed the venues for the Games we will then move ahead with a ground improvement programme where identified pitches will have a period of 6-weeks prior to the Games where they will be brought up to the best possible standard.

3) Football Association of Wales Partnership

We are happy to announce the FAW will work in partnership with us in delivering a community programme. This will see us having numerous football festivals in and around the Games, with some of these hopefully being played on a floating 7-a-side pitch. We are also very hopeful of having Wales' National Team Manager and Manchester United legend Ryan Giggs in attendance at the beginning or end of the week (dependent on dates of Euro 2020 qualifiers next June).'

I also received some more news from Gareth yesterday as seen below:

'We do have clubs playing close to Ynys Mon who will be preparing to compete in the Europa League and Champion's League and could arrange additional games for you should you wish?'

I really hope you can make it to the tournament. It would be great to have St Helena compete in football for the first time.

Just imagine St Helena v Liverpool or Manchester United in a pre-season friendly.

It will cost quite a large sum of money to send a large team off to the games but we have already secured 22% of our target. We are planning a special raffle; something of which the island hasn't seen before which we predict will cover a big part of our target.

We are hoping to send a team of 18 players to the tournament the most we can send is 20.

The Tournament will run from 15th June to 22nd June. St Helena will play a minimum of 4 games in that period.

Players are advised that the Registrations forms need to be

completed and handed in to committee by Thursday 9th August.

Criteria for entering as stated by the organising committee is that you must be firstly an island resident for 12 consecutive months prior to the start of the Tournament (same rules as Island Games) and that you have played in the local league prior to the start of the games.

Payment of Accreditation for Players and Officials need to be paid by the 30th September 2018.

We will be able to provide more details of the Tournament and fund raising ventures after next week's meeting.

Nick Stevens

SHFA

Junior Football Results 28th July

Junior Football Results and Fixtures sponsored by Solomons; Sure, Nigel George and Ian Williams

Jungle Rangers 10 v PPS Dolphins 0

G/S Jungle Rangers: Toure Osborne 2; Blaze Baldwin 6 and Riley Yon 2

POM: Blaze Baldwin and Sheldon Phillips

Yellow Devils 5 v Dream Team 4

G/s Yellow Devils: Harry Winfield 3; Aden Thomas-Stevens 1 & Zac Francis 1

G/S Dream Team: Blake Peters 3 & Taylon Phillips 1
POM: Ephren Stroud & Blake Peters

Allstars 31 v Rangers 0

G/S Allstars: Joey Thomas 13; Aiden Yon-Stevens 8, Christo Crowie 3, Courtney Green 5, Evan Constantine 1 & 1 own goal

POM: Joey Thomas

Allstars 25 v Chop Shop 1

G/S Allstars Joey Thomas 17; Aiden Yon-Stevens 5, Evan Constantine 1 & Christo Crowie 2

G/S Chop Shop: Callum Young 1

POM: Joey Thomas

Fixtures:

Saturday 4th August

Pitch 1

9.30am: Jungle Rangers v Yellow Devils

Referee: Tanisha Benjamin

10.15am Young Harts v Dream team

Referee: Nick Stevens

Pitch 2

9.30am: Chop Shop v Rangers

Referee: Rieedwaan Richards

10.30am: Allstars v new team (name to be decided)

Referee: Christian George



Football Flash Back - Nick Stevens



Vipers 2010

CHAIRPERSON'S AGM REPORT

Making Ends Meet (MEM) is a registered charity (no. C0033) and a registered company (No. 101) whose main goal is to alleviate financial struggle on St Helena.

MEM Remote Director Cilla McDaniel said this in the 2016 AGM, 'It is a myth that you should not give poor people money. The fact is that even the wealthy make poor spending decisions'. We are told that there is no absolute poverty in St Helena – this may be argued. It's reasonable to say that there are some, who live on the ridge of that fine divide.

There are still people within our community who do not believe that there are St Helenians living in dire circumstances. However we work with a number of individuals and families who struggle to put food on the table from day to day for various reasons.

From July 2017 to date approximately 353 food vouchers were issued which equates to £3500.00 and is an increase compared to the same period last year. This figure does not include the food that was purchased directly from the shops by MEM Directors when vouchers could not be issued.

One of the highlights of our activities each year, is the collection, purchase and distribution of annual Care for Christmas presents and Christmas food hampers for pensioners and the less privileged among us.

In addition contributions have been made to patients going abroad for medical reasons.

In summary, we have assisted with:

- The purchase of food, clothing and toiletries;
- Payments towards Utilities debt;
- Paying for medical prescriptions and lab tests;
- Assistance for medical referrals
- The cost of spectacles;
- Starter packs for moving into new homes.

Our audited financial report for the year ending 31st March 2018 is shown at the end of this report.

There are many people who are in great need of additional assistance in order to buy appropriate foods and essentials such as cooking appliances, beds, mattresses, blankets and clothing and also require assistance with utility and medical prescription payments etc.

Whilst numbers may not be great, sadly we are seeing an increase in the number of people who are struggling. Our records show only those who have built up the courage to come forward – Saints are proud people so this is a big step. MEM has built a good reputation over the years and people are feeling more at ease to come forward, it is assumed that there are others who continue to suffer in silence.

There is great need for high levels of confidentiality within the operations of Making Ends Meet. Recipients of our funding bare their souls, reveal their inner troubles in order to make their cases. Respectfully, we as the holders of the funding strive to maintain confidentiality in order to encourage the public to approach us.

With confidentiality in mind MEM has been in contact with SHG to enquire what support they have in place to assist people within our community who are struggling as MEM support is often minimal compared to what is actually required and it is SHG's responsibility to ensure the welfare of the community of St Helena.



MEM was set up to function on donations. We therefore would like to extend our heartfelt and sincere thanks to all businesses and individuals for their kind Donations whether it is money, goods, time etc. We would love to mention all of you by name but the list is endless. Be rest assured, we deeply appreciate your support and donations. In addition, several members of the public, both on-island and abroad have fundraised on behalf of MEM and for this we are grateful. All contributions are used to help fund everyday essentials required for an adequate standard of living.

MEM also hold giveaways of clothing, toys and household goods each year. To help with this, a storage container was kindly donated by Basil Read and is currently located at the HTH Container Park and is packed with household goods, furniture and clothing etc. in readiness for the next giveaway. We sincerely hope MEM will have the funding to withstand requests in the future. We have a few fundraising events lined up over the next few months and will be publicising them in the local media and on social media.

Making Ends Meet can be contacted through any of the members, via our email address makingendsmeetsth@gmail.com via the MEM Facebook page or mobile number 65834. If you would like to make monetary a donation, please use the following Bank of St Helena details:

Account Name: Making Ends Meet (Guarantee) Limited
Account Number: 23953002

To conclude I want to thank everyone who is involved directly and indirectly, for assisting us in looking after the most needy in our community.

I would personally like to thank the current Directors and Committee members for their hard work and dedication to making the charity work - each and every one of them has been tremendous – great teamwork!

The appreciation shown by all those we have helped makes us all realise that our efforts are worthwhile.

The following Directors were elected:

Tessa Roberts - Chairperson

Christine Thomas –Treasurer

Gift Sibanda – Secretary

Daryl Legg – Director

Loretta Coleman – Director

Alicia Thomas - Director

Cilla McDaniel – Remote Director



Making Ends Meet
P/E 31 March 2018

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income

Donations	£10,791.55
Art In the Island	£186.08
Care for Christmas	£0.00
Grants	£0.00
Other	£1,794.55
Bank Interest	£4.17
	£12,776.35

Expenditure

Utilities	£4,237.00
Medicals	£543.72
Advertising	£213.00
Printing, postage & s	£296.02
Vouchers	£4,696.33
Funeral Expenses	£0.00
Childcare	£330.81
Housing	£96.70
Food etc	£157.52
Household Goods	£1,115.87
Transport	£60.00
Christmas Gifts	£1,839.04
	£13,586.01

Net surplus **-£809.66**

Retained Profit **£6,263.83**

Total Profit **£5,454.17**

Represented by:

Petty Cash	£10.67
BOSH account	£5,443.50
	£5,454.17

Tessa Roberts - Chairperson

Your Opinion Counts

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(ToR's) for this review is currently being drafted. In view of openness and transparency, are you able to advise when these TOR's are likely to be readily available for viewing and consultation, taking into account that the public requested input into these TOR's? We would like to suggest that the review of Connect St Helena should be carried out by a three person team with finance, technical and local knowledge and that they consult various people, organisations and this group during the process. It is impera-

GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 29th JULY 2018

Sunday 29th July 2018 was one of those beautiful warm days that make you wonder whether it is really winter. It was beautiful weather for many things, but most importantly for Golf. It is no wonder that our monthly medal Stroke play competition attracted an impressive number of 21 Players. The competition kicked off at 09:00 a.m. The competition was tight. Every stroke counted. In second place after missing in action for quite a while Mr Peter Bagley was back and returned a net 67. Mr Pat Henry emerged tops on the leader board with a net 66. Two ball pool was shared between Larry Legg and Norman Thomas who both had birdies on the 7th Hole. Well done gentlemen. A big thank you to Mr. Tony Duncan for sponsoring the prizes.

After the tightly contested competition members settled in for a delectable fish fry kindly and generously sponsored by Jeffrey Stevens aka Foxy and Lawson Henry with the assistance of our Lady Captain Helena Stevens.

Next Sunday 5th August 2018 will be Four Ball Better Ball pick-your partner

competition. A number of members have already registered. If you haven't registered and would like to play please leave a message on 24421 Or drop a message to our Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh We look forward to seeing you on the course.

Happy golfing.....!

Contributed by;
Bramwell Lumukwana
Captain



To Grandson Kaiden
Glanville
Happy Birthday for
Saturday

Hugs & Kisses
From Nanny Rosie &
Papa Johnny

tive for the reputation of you as Elected Members that the public's request be acknowledged as this was specifically requested at the public meeting on 4 July 2018.

As stated in the local media, a social impact assessment was carried out for the proposed tariff increases. Please advise who carried out this assessment, what was the total cost for this assessment to be carried out, who financed this assessment and has this assessment been published. If not, we would request that it be published soonest, bearing in mind that this assessment we are told, suggests that the community will not be adversely impacted by these increases. Lastly, it is very disappointing that a vast number of locals and the rest of the world recognise that Johannesburg as the hub for St Helena's air service is doing us no favours but SHG and DfID are oblivious to the facts. We understand that Capetown hosted over 5 million visitors last year despite drought conditions; and with regular easy access to St Helena via Capetown could attract additional twenty to thirty visitors a week, which would go a long way to improving our arrival numbers, thus eliminating the need for additional subsidy and the need for SHG to allocate precious resources to organisations such as Connect and the Mantis Hotel at a time when we can ill-afford it.

At a time when we are constantly being told and reminded that SHG have limited resources, it comes as an utmost surprise to us and the community of this island that elected members have now recently taken the decision to offer additional funds to Connect and the Mantis Hotel. These acts once again, reinforce the need for SHG to have oversight into these organisations on a regular basis, so that assistance is fully justified or indeed scrutiny is undertaken on a regular basis. How can it be justified offering £350k to one entity because they are financially struggling, but not see how increasing essential services such as water will adversely impact everyone on island? The need for scrutiny and accountability during such times on St Helena is imperative, if we are ever to achieve self-sufficiency and a more viable economy.

We trust the above will be duly considered.

Yours sincerely
Nicola Essex, SHINE Representative
Cyril George
Robert Ellick
Julie Thomas
Earl Henry
Jeffrey Ellick
Mark Brooks

cc. HE Governor

John Burton, Chair of IPNLF & Martin Purves, Managing Director of IPNLF scheduled to visit St Helena

On Saturday, 11th August, we will be delighted to welcome John Burton & Martin Purves of IPNLF to St Helena for a brief, but enlightening visit. During their 24 hour stay, both men will meet with key stakeholders within the fishing industry to obtain a better understanding of the current circumstances, the plans for the future and how IPNLF can be an integral part of this exciting but challenging time.

IPNLF have recently been successful in securing its second year of funding for our proposed three year project on St Helena. We are keen to ensure that these funds are utilised to continue the important work being done on island to support and sustain the island's one-by-one tuna fishery project.

It is the vision of IPNLF "to see coastal tuna fisheries, and the communities and seas that they are part of, thrive"; focusing on both the social and environmental benefits. IPNLF has four major focuses of work that support one-by-one fisheries that include:

- Supporting sustainable fisheries to enhance supply
- Advancing policy to ensure sustainable management
- Building evidence to inform best practices and improvement initiatives
- Promoting environmental and social benefits of 1x1 fisheries.



During the first year of the project, IPNLF have been successful in making positive headway in respect of three of our four focus areas. Moving into Year 2 however, it is our aim to increase efforts to encourage the advancement of policies that are vital, if we are to ensure sustainable management of our unique fishery.

John & Martin will visit the SHFC complex; meet with SHFC Board, the Improvement Plan Working Group, the Fisheries Investment Group, Government Officials and Elected Members, the IPNLF Steering Committee and the commercial fishermen.

John Burton is the Chairman of IPNLF and has been involved in the UK food industry all of his working life. He first became involved with pole-and-line tuna in the Solomon Islands which followed him into his own company, Select Foods, which he founded in 1989.

In 2010, John founded World Wise Foods to focus his attention on fishery products. He has been instrumental in developing demand for pole-and-line tuna in the UK and has developed a close working relationship with the Maldives fishery.

During this career, John has worked on a number of sustainability initiatives and has good relationships with NGOs in the fisheries world.

Martin Purves, Managing Director of IPNLF brings a wealth of experience, having previously worked as a sea-going observer, fisheries scientist, resourcing manager as well as undertaking consulting work on numerous international fisheries projects. Before joining the IPNLF team as Fisheries Development Director in July 2015, Martin led the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Southern Africa Programme for 7 years.

Martin spent time on a range of research and commercial fishing vessels and gained valuable pole-and-line experience as a Cruise Leader in the Regional Tuna Tagging Project for Indian Ocean, managed by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC).

For more information pertaining to John and Martin, please visit www.ipnlf.org.

The Disabled Person's Aid Society (DPAS), a year in review

First though a look back on why the DPAS was formed.

The Society for Disabled Persons was founded in 1978 by a group comprising of trustees and a working committee. The trustees were: Mr Donald Thorpe, Mr John Beadon, Mr Eric Duncan, Mr Pennell Duncan and Miss Jenny Corker. The Working Committee at the time was Dr Harvey Burnham, Mrs May Young, Mr Basil George, Mr Clive Duncan, Mrs Isobel Burnham, Rev. Longstaff and Mrs Edith Timm.

One of the first major undertakings of the Society was to work with the Medical and Education Departments to provide schooling for children with disabilities. With the reorganisation of the education service, in 1988 provision was made in the Education Ordinance for disabled children to be educated in mainstream schools, except in the most severe cases that needed specialist medical attention.

The main objective of the Society over the years was to raise funds to provide aid by way of finance, services, equipment and materials and to provide care and welfare to disabled persons on the island.

The Society in 2018

Today the Society continues with its primary objective in providing financial assistance to disabled people.

In July 2017, a new committee took on the organisation of the Society; this being quite a challenge as many of the previous executive members had been very long standing. Challenge accepted, the committee continued its role in supporting people in the community and has this past year given approximately £3.5K in financial support to our disabled community. Support ranged from providing specialist bedding, shower and bath facilities to ensuring safety through hand rails for properties and the purchasing of parts for wheelchairs and other specialist equipment.

Most of the funding to support this much needed aid on island is collected through fundraising and donations and supplemented with a small token grant from SHG.

Living with a disability has many challenges and a crucial challenge is linked to financial implications, as often it is these people who are without jobs or have significantly lower incomes. Having the support of the DPAS is welcomed.

A huge thank you is extended to everyone who has supported the work of the Society this year:

To those of you who attended our Christmas Bingo at the Jamestown Community Centre, we raised a grand total of £608. A big thank you to everyone who gave so generously



towards prizes and came gambling their chances of a good win on the night.

Our Tea Dance, again held at the Jamestown Community Centre, brought in a total of £519.50. We are indebted to all those who donated the delicious cakes and wonderful prizes to this event. A special token of thanks must go to Alex Vanguard and Ray C for providing the afternoon's music.

Our Autism Awareness Campaign, in which so many people across the island chose to wear blue in support of Autism, boosted our funds by £927.17. A special thank you for giving your support to this complex and misunderstood condition.

A sincere thank you to all who have given generous monetary donations. To Miss Sandra Bennett, thank you for your £100 donation and to Mrs Olive Williams and your team for donating your £50 winnings from a quiz night. So many other people have given anonymously and for this we say thank you.

The DPAS is a charity with a huge local heart. Over the year, the committee undertakes the task of arranging fundraising events of which so many people come forward with generous contributions, whilst others turn up in support, bringing their money, time and presence. The committee in turn, use the monies raised to support a group of truly vulnerable people—those with disabilities.

On 9th August 2018, the Annual General Meeting of the DPAS will take place at 4:30pm at the CCC. The Society needs your support. If you can make it, we look forward to seeing you. If you can't, we hope we can rely on you to continue supporting our valuable work in the years ahead.

As the 40th year of the Disabled Person's Aid Society draws to a close, we would like to publicly thank all our donors and supporters for their help in keeping the Society alive and true to its original mission.

Thank you to everyone for your kindness.

**Committee Disabled Person's Aid Society
July 2018.**

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Happy 18th Birthday

Disabled Person's Aid Society



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NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at

the CCC on Thursday 9th August at 4:30pm

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM
- Matters arising
- Chairperson's report
- Treasurer's report
- Election of Committee
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You are all invited to attend an informal evening event on Saturday, 11th August from 6:30pm to officially meet John Burton & Martin Purves from IPNLF.

The venue is still to be confirmed, but plans are in place to host this event in Jamestown.

This occasion will provide the opportunity to have an open discussion with John & Martin to familiarise them with our commercial fishing industry and discuss subjects that are of significance to you.

Those interested in attending are asked to establish contact with Julie Thomas, IPNLF Project Manager, by no later than **Wednesday, 08th August 2018**, so that catering arrangement can be made.

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ST PAUL'S PRIMARY'S OPEN DAY WITH PRIZE PRESENTATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

Her Excellency Governor Honan, Director of Education, Assistant Director of Schools, Invited guests, parents, guardians and families attended St Paul's Primary School End of Year Entertainment and Prize Presentation Ceremony on Wednesday 1st August.

The morning began with KS1 followed by KS2, Mrs Pat Williams Headteacher; memorize what the school had been up to over the year, their successes and achievement also paying tribute to her staff that has work tremendously over the past year in short staff circumstances.

Following this after both KS1 and KS2 speeches, the children put on a fantastic programme of music, drama and dance which had everyone in laughter and proud.

The entertainment kicked off and ended for both KS1 and KS2 with a sterling performance by the St Paul's Primary School choir, the children sang two beautiful songs, 'One and a Million' and 'Be the Change' which had powerful messages about the importance of our children and our earth.

The choir showed off their skills by singing two part harmonies as well as accomplishing two key changes within one of the songs.

Nursery 1 presented a song 'This ole house' and Nursery 2 dis 2 songs 'Hello Mr Sun' and 'Music, Music, Music'.

Reception presented a Play/Song entitles 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

Year 1 presented a play 'Jack & the beanstalk'.

Year 2 presented a play entitled 'Short Pants'.

Year 3 presented a play 'Hakuna St Helena' followed by a song entitled 'Hakuna Matata'.

Year 4 presented a play entitled 'Life in ancient Greece, Rome and Egypt'.

Year 5 presented a song 'Reach for the stars' followed by a play 'Tales of O'Malley'.

Year 6 presented a rap.



The prize presentation followed and prizes were awarded to pupils in KS1 and 2 for Reading Champion of the year who were Erin Benjamin, Ellie Bedwell, Marley Thomas-Lawrence, Ephrem Stroud, Aisha John-Bagley, Ty Young and Leah Bedwell.

Outstanding overall performance throughout the year who were Danyl Muranganwa, Terriona Constantine, Paisley John, Ephrem Stroud, Maya Yon and Allie Fowler.

Best effort who were Machi Robinson, Tiana Benjamin, Marley Thomas-Lawrence, Zach Francis, Alona Yon, Brianna Henry and Taylan Phillips.

Pupil of the year went to Paisley John and Ella Riley.

Individual subject prizes were given to Year 6 children.

The Headteacher, teachers and children would like to say a big Thank You to all who attended their End of Year Entertainment, Prize Presentation and Open Day 2018.

Following the prize presentation invited guests, parents and friends were invited back to the school for tea and refreshments, after which the school was opened for viewing.

A great day for St Paul's Primary School!



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Cape to St Helena 2018

The concept of a Cape to St Helena yacht race, formerly known as 'The Governor's Cup Race', was the inspiration of Captain David Roberts of the St Helena Line and a Master of the Island's ship the *RMS St Helena*, known by Islanders and many travellers in the South Atlantic simply as the *RMS*. The idea came to him while he was on the bridge wing of the *RMS* in Cape Town's Duncan Dock watching the yachts participating in the 1996 Cape to Rio Race sail past from the yacht basin of the Royal Cape Yacht Club to the Race start point. "Why not have a Cape to St Helena yacht race?" he mused.

On the arrival of the *RMS* at James Bay on 11th January Capt. Roberts called, as custom had at the time dictated, on the Governor, then the experienced diplomat and Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order, David Smallman. Dave Roberts explained his vision of a few days earlier. Mr Smallman was immediately enthused. He was a seasoned sailor himself, having learnt to sail in the 1950s as a teenager in the Solent. In his overseas appointments he had sailed dinghies from the Royal Naval Base sailing club and crewed larger yachts from Changi, both in Singapore; raced dinghies as a member of the Rangoon Sailing Club; sailed for pleasure in the Caribbean; and more recently enjoyed holidays at sea with friends around the English Channel and Brittany.

The notion of an international yacht race appealed to him. If it could be developed into worthwhile event in its own right it could bring both publicity and visitors for the Island's nascent tourism. Thinking aloud he had recollected that there was an Admiral's Cup Race (a biennial event organised by the Royal Ocean Yacht Club), "So, why not a Governor's Cup?" The label stuck and the Governor's Discretionary Fund was the means to fund the purchase of the handsome crystal trophy.

The idea was worked on and at the time of the ship's call at Cape Town on 29th June, Mr Smallman and Capt. Roberts were able to give a presentation to the Royal Cape Yacht Club (RCYC) to promote the concept. The Commodore, Paul Maré, was enthusiastic as was the Committee, and introduced the two to a member who would help to source the trophy for the Race. The RCYC was very happy to be associated with running the Race. As it happened, Mr Smallman was *en route* for some leave in the United Kingdom, much of which was given over to making contact with yacht clubs in Britain and promoting the new event in the international sailing calendar, the Governor's Cup Race. Those contacts did have benefits in following years but the timing was not ideal for a Start in only a few months time. There was greater success locally in southern Africa, where Talk Radio 702, *The Cape Times* and Reuters had interviewed Mr Smallman about the Race. The concept of a Race 'open to all' classes of yacht was very welcome. It meant that ocean greyhounds were to race against family cruisers on handicap; and was able to make the first leg of those yachts on transit to the Caribbean even more interesting. The Race achieved early traction for such a new idea.

The Governor contacted the South African President, Nelson Mandela, with a request that he officiate at the Start of the Race. Unfortunately Mr Mandela was unable to do so, but he asked his Minister for Sport and fellow Robben Island pris-



oner, Steve Tshwete, to represent him. The *RMS* as the saying goes, 'pushed the boat out' for that first Start of the Race. Having arrived at 6a.m. on the morning of 8th December 1996. The passengers were disembarked and the crew fell readily and efficiently to making the *RMS* into the official Start Boat and venue for a lunch to promote the Race. The *RMS* was dressed overall with signal flags and the sundeck was transformed into an open-air restaurant with shaded tables – in all, a wonderfully colourful sight.

The Governor, in full uniform, and Mrs Smallman together with Dave Roberts welcomed the guests aboard in a manner somewhat reminiscent of the Reception for the Queen's Birthday at Planation House. Once all the 100 guests were on board the *RMS* set sail from Duncan Dock. A lunch was served and the Governor publicly welcomed the Sports Minister and the other guests aboard, wished the Race participants a safe passage and explained the hopes that were involved with achieving a successful Race.

As the Start Boat for the Race the *RMS* was manoeuvred into position off Sea Point and the yachts, which had earlier set sail from the Royal Cape Yacht Club and through Duncan Dock, jockeyed for position as 3p.m. approached. Captain Roberts accompanied Mr Tshwete and Mr & Mrs Smallman to the ship's bridge, where at precisely three in the afternoon the Minister sounded the ship's siren to signal the Start of that first race to St Helena for the Governor's Cup. On that occasion the *RMS* shadowed the fleet north-westwards up the channel between Robben Island and the coast for a while before bidding the yachts farewell: distance already separating the ocean racers from the slower family cruisers.

The *RMS* returned to Duncan Dock and resumed its more mundane and business-like life. The return journey was to be somewhat different to the norm as the ship was to fulfil the rôle of 'Guard Ship' for the Race keeping tabs, through regular radio contact with the fleet of yachts. There were also on board a large contingent of Race officials and families and friends of the participating crews. One of these was Nina MacLennan, Canadian by nationality, who had been married to a keen South African sailor She was later to play a prominent part in assisting in the launch of recreational sailing in St Helena.

Cape to St Helena 2018

Something was quite different in Jamestown when the *RMS* returned in the week leading up to Christmas. The South African visitors, swelling in numbers after 15th December, as succeeding yachts arrived at the Finish Line, created a festive atmosphere and filled the shops, pubs and eating-places, including the ever-popular yachties' haven, Anne's Place. Such an influx of visitors had not been seen for years. And so, the idea that tourism might after all be a good thing was subtly set in the Island's collective mind.

After all the yachts had arrived in James Bay, the Trophies were presented by the Governor on the steps of the Supreme Court building in Jamestown. The Line honours for the Race were taken by the yacht '*Merlin*'; with CP van der Merwe on his Farr 38 yacht, '*Freedom*', being the first winner of the Governor's Cup trophy on handicap. The presentation of the prizes and trophies was followed by a formal dinner and ball at Plantation House for the yachties, their friends and families and those involved locally with all the arrangements.

Subsequently, the yachties arranged a light-hearted race, which they billed as a Round the Island Race, and invited whomsoever wished to take part to join a crew. It proved very popular, especially with younger Saints; and after seeing the joy on the faces of those youngsters Nina MacLennan pledged £1,000 to the Governor if he could raise sufficient funds to purchase a couple of dinghies to start a training scheme to teach young people to sail. His efforts were realised in the later purchase of two Saldanha dinghies, which he arranged through the RCYC. Thus started the Governor's sail training scheme, managed by Graham Sim, which led directly to a number of young people crewing two yachts in the following Governor's Cup Race in 1998. In time many more became proficient sailors and, indeed, Yacht Masters in due course. The funds remaining in the Governor's sail training scheme were then rolled over into the establishment of the St Helena Yacht Club in 1999.

From small beginnings . . .

HARFORD PRIMARY'S OPEN DAY WITH PRIZE PRESENTATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

Harford Community Centre hall was packed to capacity on Friday, July 27th as Harford Primary School held their End of Year Entertainment and Prize Presentation Ceremony.

The morning began with an inspirational speech by the Headteacher, Mrs Carlean Crowie, in which she captured what the school had been about over the year. Following this, the children presented a fantastic programme of music, drama and dance which enthralled the audience from start to finish.

The programme kicked off with a narrative poetry recital with drama by Yr 4 /5; in the form of the Bogeys and the Trolls Next Door'. This Unit had been studied previously for Literacy. This was well executed.

Nursery did a wonderful rendition of the songs 'She'll be Coming Round the Mountains' and 'Stir up the Porridge' much to the delight of the audience.

Reception chose to sing a song about Bumble Bees in connection with their learning and Year 3 presented the drama, the 'Real Story of the Three Little Pigs' (as told by the wolf), with great aplomb!

Yr 5/6 presented the drama 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl with all pupils performing their parts beautifully.

Yr 1 /2 completed the programme by strutting their stuff in their performance of the dance 'Can't stop the Feeling'. This



signalled a great ending to a fabulous programme of entertainment!

The prize presentation followed. This was facilitated by the Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Stacey Benjamin.

Prizes were awarded to pupils in KS1 and 2 for best effort and highest achievement in English and Maths over the year. In addition to English and Maths, Yr 6 were awarded prizes in other subject areas as well. The Steve Mc Cabe Award for Highest Achievement at the end of KS2 for Maths went to Luke Ansell and the Literacy Award to Keira Brown.

This year the school won second and third places in the Inter Primary School, Jean Beadon Art Competition and these went to Keira Brown and Alannah Krige respectively.

The last award, the Pupil of the Year Award was awarded to Max Benjamin. This award is given to the pupil in Year 6 who has shown consistent commitment to their studies over the year, has displayed consistently good behaviour, has been willing and helpful and generally has been a good role model for the school over the course of the year. Well Done Max!

Following the prize presentation invited guests, parents and friends were invited back to the school for tea and refreshments, after which the school was opened for viewing until 5.30 pm.

A great day for Harford Primary School!



A Man with a Mission

On Monday James Herne had a headsail laid out in front of the Yacht Club and was carefully loosening the stitching so he could replace panels that had seen better days. On Tuesday he had to take the spinnaker inside the Yacht Club to repair it because it was pouring with rain outside.

Bringing used sails back up to scratch is part of James' Plan B for one of his many plans to get a St Helenian entry into the Cape to St Helena Yacht Race starting on 26th December.

He has already started a sponsorship campaign to raise funds for the St Helena entry. He has already started tuning up the *Carpe Diem* so it is in peak condition come December. Part of the sponsorship is for some new sails but if the sponsorship falls short the repaired used sails will be brought into service.

James is determined to continue the Governor's Cup tradition of having a crew of young Saints competing in the race. It is a tradition started in the first race back in 1996 when James was one of the young Saints among the crew of the Group 4 Security yacht.



The crew of the Group 4 Security including young Saints and Governor Smallman standing at the right of the helm

Sponsorship money has started to come in but only in a small way so far. One lady passing the Yacht Club saw James and gave him £100 towards the funds. Other small donations are being received with increasing regularity and one or two larger sponsorships look likely to be agreed soon. There is still a long way to go and James is always thinking up new ways of attracting the funds required. No doubt there will be more details on that later.

Apart from training six young Saints in sailing skills and giving them the experience of blue water racing James is determined (again) to skipper the yacht to a good position on the leader board. He is keen to see the whole community get behind the first St Helena entry in the Cape to St Helena Yacht Race and he is just as keen to give the community something to be proud of.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR PART TIME TUTORS

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking interest from those interested in offering a Contract for Service as Tutors for St Helena Community College.

Hours of work will be dependent on the courses and the rate of pay is £6.19 per hour and will be paid on a weekly/monthly basis.

For further information please contact Mrs Angela Benjamin, Acting Assistant Director, Lifelong Learning, at the Education Directorate on Telephone No. 22607 or email angela.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Expressions of interest should be submitted, to Santana Fowler, Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Monday, 06 August 2018.

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.

Mrs Shirley Wahler
Director
03 August 2018



SCHOOL SECRETARY – ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL

The successful person will be responsible to the Headteacher of St Pauls Primary School for providing effective and efficient administrative support.

Applicants must have GCSE's in Maths and English at Grade C or above or equivalent and be proficient in Microsoft applications (word, excel, outlook and publisher). The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, highly organised and have good interpersonal skills.

Salary for the post ranges at Grade A.1, £5,508 per annum to Grade A.5, £6,033 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Patricia Williams, Headteacher, St Pauls Primary School on telephone number 24737 or email patricia.williams@primary.edu.sh

A Job description and application forms are available from the Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources and should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Acting Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday, 10 August 2018.

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.

Mrs. Shirley Wahler,
Director of Education & Employment, 3 August 2018





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