

What is a crisis and how do you know when you face one?

The definition of a crisis given in one dictionary is, "a time of intense difficulty or danger" and "a time when a difficult or important decision must be made". This seems accurate; is St Helena facing a time of intense difficulty when difficult and important decisions need to be made. The answer must be a resounding YES!

Cllr Lawson Henry said on Saint FM we are not in crisis, we still live in a very safe environment, the community spirit on this small, remote island remains strong. There are, Lawson said, many other places in the world much worse off. All this is true but does it give the best assessment of the situation St Helena finds itself in since air services started last October. The kind of community we have and the safe environment has been with us ever since and has everything to do with the people living here and very little to do with the people who govern us, whether it be DFID, the Governor and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office or SHG. Some will say the community and the safe environment remain more or less intact despite the initiatives, flavours of the month and complete lack of communication with DFID and other distant rulers.

The intense difficulties we are experiencing which urgently require difficult and important decisions are rooted in the switch from the RMS to the air service. In the scare about wind shear even though it's low cloud that usually causes problems at the airport; in the non-appearance of even a barely noticeable increase in the number of tourists stepping down from the planes; in the financial hardship suffered by local investors who have put considerable sums of money into tourism services and find the services they have provided are severely underused; in the absence of any overseas investment and the unwillingness of our distant rulers to do one or two simple things to encourage investment from overseas sources; in the inflationary effect of withdrawal of the shipping subsidy as Saints struggle with the effects of flat-lining economic activity; in the diminished government services due to restricted DFID aid to St Helena despite the DFID airport project not producing the beneficial effect anticipated for St Helena's economy.

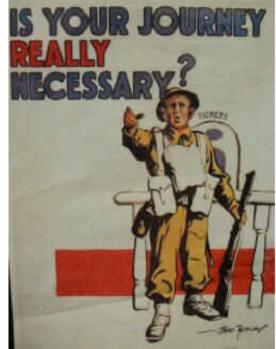
INCOME TAX	2016/17 Budget £000	2017/18 Budget £000	2018/19 Budget £000
Taxes - PAYE	3,488	3,652	3,452
Taxes - Self Employed	188	406	351
Taxes - Corporation Tax	962	600	677
Taxes - Service Tax	411	466	490
Taxes - Withholding Tax	73	45	42
Total Taxes	5,122	5,169	5,012

Lack of economic expansion is reflected in reduced tax revenues

The problems which need to be faced are deep-seated and complex. It is now normal to expect planes to be cancelled during the winter due to either high winds or low cloud. With just one flight a week each cancellation has a devastating effect on everyone affected. For incoming passengers it means waiting around in an airport hotel for a week or giving up and returning home. Reports of some having the contents of their baggage stolen are well known. For outgoing passengers it means a considerable amount of money lost when connections to planes for on-ward travel from Johannesburg are lost. Recent horror stories about passengers who waited five days for the plane to take them from St Helena being asked to pay in cash, in advance, around £4,000 and £5,000 for the re-

booked flights were common. It had to be cash because credit card and debit cards were not accepted and if the cash could not be produced the only 'choice' for hapless passengers was to remain in St Helena for at least a further week. Apart from the chaos and cost caused to plane passengers the nightmare scenario they had to endure means they will never want to even hear the name St Helena again and they will doubtless dissuade anyone and everyone they come in contact with from ever thinking of coming within a thousand miles of St Helena. Another nail is driven into the coffin wherein St Helena's economic resurgence lies.

The customer experience when planes are delayed, whether it be Saints or tourists, gives the impression of a St Helena which is backward, intransigent, unable to adapt and uncaring. We have the low cloud and the wind but lack the facilities required to deal with the situations they cause. Does any strategy or action plan emphasise the need to be able to provide basic and reasonable services to customers when a cancelled plane turns people's lives upside down. Probably not.



St Helena going back in time – a poster common in the UK during the 2nd World War

As things stand it seems the best thing to do is not just to discourage people to fly here in winter but warn them against doing so. Is your journey really necessary? All of us here who are booked on a flight have our hearts in our mouths when the wind gets up or the mist comes down during the week before the flight is due. Surely no-one can deny that at this time of year there is a weekly personal crisis just waiting to happen for every passenger booked on a plane. This is our first experience of the air service during winter and next winter just about everything connected with air travel to and from St Helena will need to be treated differently; not a word has been said on what needs to be changed or how anything can be changed. It is anybody's guess whether anything is being done in preparation for next winter; it's a choice between nothing and the usual silence about what they are doing from those who govern us. If doing nothing is what's happening then its suicidal incompetence, if it's silence then it is the

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administrators, especially the ones overseas.

The Cape Town International or Johannesburg OR Tambo airport debate continues. OR Tambo airport is 5,500 feet above sea level and for seven months of the year the temperature can reach 30 degrees or more. The air is thin and hot. Aircraft need to reduce weight by restricting the number of passengers or reducing the fuel load. One of the two runways, at 4,400 metres long, is one of the longest runways in the world because planes need the extra distance to get airborne as the engines build up the thrust required from the thin, hot air. We have been told many times the short braking distance on the St Helena airport runway means weight restrictions on planes have to be considered but there are weight problem also at Johannesburg.

Cape Town International is 151 feet above sea level and the usual temperature for the warmest four months of the year reaches the mid-twenties. Weight restrictions and limits on fuel loads do not apply. In February this year it was announced Cape Town International is to have a new runway 3,500 metres long. This is to allow larger planes with more passengers to use the airport. As reported elsewhere in this newspaper this week, Cape Town International is attracting an ever growing number of airlines and long haul and regional flights. The new runway will help to increase this trend. Construction of the new runway is scheduled for next year.



Cape Town Waterfront - a much better place to be Non-stop flights from Cape Town to St Helena are widely recognised as more attractive to travellers than OR Tambo which is perceived by many to be in the middle of bandit country. Why than was OR Tambo chosen? Some people say ask DFID that question but DFID never publicly says anything to anyone. Cllr Derek Thomas told a public meeting last week that the Cape Town option was being investigated. Can we know more on this? Not everything about this investigation can be confidential but it is very possible we are told that it is. How about telling us now when the decision will be made to move the destination for the St Helena air service to Cape Town.

As reported last week, the Health Directorate has moved overseas medical referrals to Pretoria in response, they say, to regular complaints about difficulties travelling to Cape Town. However, if flights are switched from Johannesburg to Cape Town the Health Directorate are able to switch back to Cape Town. A direct flight to Cape Town and specialist medical

usual arrogance we have come to expect from government treatment in Cape Town is the ideal solution. After many decades, even centuries, using Cape Town as the first port of call a well established support network exists there and medical referrals are much happier going there than anywhere else. It's the same as needing better support arrangements for stranded airline passengers, let's just do it. We need better customer service in many areas and here are two of them. In addition we need more flights and larger planes if tourism is to become a meaningful income earner for business owners and their employees. Even if it's just two flights a week stranded passengers may not be stranded for as long as they are now. But, how can larger planes and more flights be justified when too frequently a flight is cancelled because it cannot land at St Helena due to low cloud or high winds. October to June might work but July to September is a big problem (of crisis proportions) and has to be treated differently if St Helena is to salvage anything at all from the aspirations the DFID airport project encouraged for a growing economy based on tourism. If nothing can be salvaged then we do have a mega-crisis ad no-one can deny that.

Babcock sells media services wing to Encompass

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Babcock International Group has agreed to sell its media services business to Encompass Digital Media.

US-based playout and distribution firm Encompass said the deal expands its scale in EMEA and will extend its channel playout, transmission and digital products portfolio. The deal also adds international radio distribution to Encompass' suite of services. Encompass has existing facilities in the UK, US, Singapore, Argentina, Latvia and India. Babcock Media Services has operations in the UK, Singapore, Oman and Ascension Island.

"Acquiring Babcock's Media Services business increases our presence in the EMEA region, expands our video services offering, specifically in the live streaming sports arena, and bolsters our collective relationships with some of the most important media companies and public service broadcasters around the world," said Encompass CEO Chris Walters.

"I am delighted that Babcock's Media Services business is becoming a part of one of the leading global providers of managed video services," said Nick Thompson, managing director of Babcock's Media Services business.

Babcock International traces its history back to 1891 when Babcock Wilcox Ltd was established in the UK. In 1936, it designed and built the famous Alexandra Palace transmitter in London. Broadcasting union Bectu said it is supporting workers affected by the sale.

Bectu noted that, to make the sale possible, Babcock is proposing to transfer a number of staff members from Babcock Communications to Babcock Media services.

Bectu said the staff affected, by the transfer and/or the sale, are those working at Wyvil Court in London and at Woofferton transmitter station. Babcock's Skelton transmitter is operated by another Babcock subsidiary, Babcock Marine, and will not be transferring or sold.



Theresa May's skip across Africa, visiting three countries in three days leaves those of us observing from the middle of the South Atlantic to peer through the smoke, around the mirrors and wonder where this small island fits in the overall scheme of things where the UK Government is concerned.

When in Cape Town, cosying up to Cyril Ramaphosa, May promised an extra £4billion will be made available to countries across the African continent from UK Government investment. For what purpose that money will be made available is not clear because the UK Government has a strange idea about what an investment is. The UK Government hope the £4billion they put up will encourage at least another £4billion to be invested by the British private sector. Again, how that might happen was not explained.

I wondered where the £4billion in UK Government 'investment' was coming from. My first thought was that DFID will be producing the cash from their bulging wallet and I was right. A DFID press release issued on Tuesday proclaimed the Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) will invest "up to £3.5 billion (not £4billion?) in Africa, supporting thousands of jobs." The CDC is fully funded by DFID and is a Development Finance Institution. As such the CDC offers loans at reasonable rates to start-ups and expanding businesses in developing areas with the aim of lifting the economic activity of the areas to sustainable levels – that is, out of the need for asking for aid and subsidy.

DFID has, in the past, said that is exactly what it would like to see achieved for St Helena and some well placed people have said more than once or twice that the CDC is an ideal institution to provide the finance to enable this to be achieved in St Helena. DFID have either ignored or refused to accept this suggestion; it's difficult to know exactly which because DFID don't communicate with the public.

The African charm offensive continued yesterday when DFID announced a new aid programme aimed at enabling about 5,000 girls to start or continue their school education. They call it the Leave No Girl Behind programme and it will run in Kenya, one of the three countries May visited this week to offer money and promote trade.

Among all the smiles, hugs, hand-shaking and dancing Theresa May said she wanted Britain to be the number one investor in Africa by 2022. UK direct investment in Africa was £42.7bn in 2016, compared with £44.3bn from the US, £38bn from France and £31bn from China, according to data from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. All the main trading nations are piling increasing amounts of money into Africa but Britain is in second place behind the United States and a close second at that. Throwing a possible £8billion into Africa should secure first place for Theresa May. While all these billions are being promised we happy few on this small speck of land are denied access to the megamillions administered by the CDC and have to beg and plead for every extra urgently needed few thousand quid not allocated by DFID for our basic government services.

I recall a few weeks ago when I contacted DFID about a possible St Helena visit from Lord Bates, the DFID Minister with responsibility for the Overseas Territories, the DFID press office passed on the message that Lord Bates will be happy to answer written questions sent to him and arrange for a letter from him addressed to the people of St Helena to be published in the Independent. He also said if and when he ever flew into St Helena he would be happy to be interviewed on Saint FM. Written questions were sent for Lord Bates to answer and his offer of a letter for publication was happily accepted.

Nothing happened. No responses to the questions, no letter, no flying visit and no radio interview. If anyone cannot keep their word on such simple matters how can they possibly be trusted with far more important and difficult to achieve promises?

The weekend Lord Bates was said to be arriving was the weekend in July when the plane does the Ascension shuttle. That Saturday the plane was cancelled. I really do wish Lord Bates had been at OR Tambo waiting for the plane to take him to St Helena. Of course he would have just turned around and flown back to Heathrow but it would have been an embarrassing moment; one to remember, along with the Governor who slipped on the landing steps and got his feet wet when arriving to take up his duties – complete with uniform, pointed hat, medals and sash.

But, I'll leave you with photo of someone who is incapable of being embarrassed. It must be a case of where there is no sense there is no feeling.



I prefer the one on the right - it's more useful, you can eat it

"Dottie Comes Home on the Plane"

The cast of "Dottie comes home on the plane" began their roadshow across the community centres on the island. It premiered at the Jamestown Community Centre on Friday

17th August to an almost packed group of audience. Ivy Ellick, the producer and cast member "Trazer" welcome the audience and spoke about the history behind the show.

Ivy said "she wanted to say thank you to Anthony Hopkins "Henry" and Deborah Knipe "Maudie" who helped and supported her to finish the play.

The play was broken into seven scenes based around a St Helenian household preparing for the visit of their daughter Natalie Lawrence "Dottie", her British English husband Nicholas Yon "George" and their two children Alaina Crowie "Sebastain" and Jamie-Grace Lawrence "Lisa".

Gavin 'Jack' Thomas "Granny" made a regular appearance and had her say all the way throughout.

After the arrival of the family from England, discussion then commenced on where the family was going to stay as they had arranged rooms at Farm Lodge, so this caused some disagreement in the household.

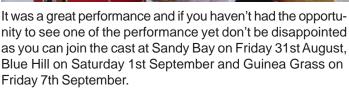
The family thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the island and following their departure George talked about returning to the island to live.

Other casts in the play were Gilly Brookes "Peggy" the nosey neighbour, Emerald Newman "Mama Lizzie", the three fishmongers, along with Ivy were Rosie Mittens "Lily" and Winnie Thomas "Reenie", Maudie and Henry's children Venus Williams "Jack" and Marcella Mittens "Jill".

The St Helenian dialect was used throughout, which was greatly enthused and enjoyed by the audience.









A baby seabird was rescued by Mark 'Ducky' Simon and his daughter Alicia on Thursday of this week and brought to Saint FM studios

The seabird named 'Ducky' FM has been adopted by a local fisherman's daughter, Erin Thomas, re-known for nursing seabirds

Good luck Ducky FM



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NEW PUBLIC SOLICITOR SET TO 'HIT THE GROUND RUNNING'!

Sharon Wade

On the first day of September, (which is tomorrow) providing all goes as scheduled with the weekly flight, St. Helena will be extending a first welcome to a new Public Solicitor Mr Duncan Cooke. The post at the Public Solicitor's Office at Ladder Hill has been vacant for quite some time, even though there have been several visits from Solicitors in the interim.

The Independent spoke to Mr Cooke on Wednesday when he said that he is really looking forward to his posting on St Helena and he plans to hit the ground running. He has appeared before the local Magistrates Court via a phone link already and he is expecting to be working very hard.

After seeing an advert for the post, Mr Cooke said that two things intrigued and interested him and that was the location and the job role itself, being an important post on the Island. When asked why he is re-locating, he said most of all he is looking forward to doing the job. Mr Cooke spoke about promoting the Public Solicitor's Office and making sure that people on the Island know that they can go to him or the Office in general because they are there to promote the people's interest and he would like to make sure that people have a voice on the Island, certainly within the legal system. He is keen to ensure that this applies to everyone on the Island, especially those with disabilities or who are vulnerable, as he said they have the same rights as anyone else with regard to access to the Justice System.

Mr Cooke went on to say that he understands there is a lot of work for him on St Helena and he is looking forward to doing that work to the best of his abilities. He feels the biggest differences between his current job and coming to the Island would be the number of people in the community and the type of crimes. He is hoping for a lot of positives, one being that he will be living within a small community where everyone knows one another and he hopes that alone will make it a much nicer place to do business than where he is currently working.

Mr Cooke's background is in criminal law - he is a Barrister by profession; dealing with criminal law mainly concerns defending people. On occasion he has prosecuted in the UK. He is aware that he will not be prosecuting on St Helena, but simply representing the Island via the cases brought before him.

Mr Cooke is a highly experienced Criminal Advocate. He was admitted as a Solicitor in 1994 and in the ten years before his call to the Bar, was a partner in a large criminal defence practice. Having practised as a Solicitor Advocate for seven years he then joined the Bar.

Mr Cooke has significant experience in representing those charged with serious crime including murder, attempted murder, rape, kidnapping, some GBH as well as others charged with offences of serious violence, serious sexual offences (including a number of historic rape matters), drug importation, firearms, money laundering, fraud and drug supply. He also has substantial experience in ancillary proceedings of crime matters, sexual harm prevention orders and restraining orders. In addition, he has experience in dealing with expert witnesses regarding such matters as cell-site analysis*, DNA evidence, blood distribution, footwear mark interpretation and psychiatric evidence.



He does not expect cases on St Helena to be of the magnitude of his previous work, but he is aware of historic cases as he feels that most communities have them, where they are investigating things that went on a long time ago, before being reported. He said that back then, people might have felt that they were not able to report matters or they would not have been believed at the time. He doesn't think that there will be more cases just because there will be a Public Solicitor in office for people to place their faith in, at least not to the extent of the work, as this will be about those who wish to report matters to the Police and the Attorney-General's office.

Mr Cooke currently lives in Brighton and he travels daily to the London Courts where he works. He will be coming to St Helena alone as he said his wife is a Solicitor also, with her own practice which she will be continuing and his daughter has just started University and will be living in Amsterdam. It is hoped that the people of St Helena will warmly welcome Mr Duncan Cooke to his new job, the Island and help him to settle into the community we live in.

* Cell Site Analysis is the process through which the Call Data Records (CDRs) for a phone are used to identify the potential location of the phone. Call Data Records detail phone information such as the date, time, duration and origin of a call.



IT Costs to St Helena Government

The recent public pressure to examine costs have focused on SHG wholly-owned companies, but the same diligence should be afforded to the examination of SHG costs as well. So, I went to look at the Rolling Procurement Plan and the Contract Register to see where the big money is being spent. The fact that the latest published editions of these documents are dated 16 May 2018 and 15 March 2018 respectively shows you how important SHG feel that this information be kept from the public eye. As an aside, it is worth noting that the Rolling Procurement Plan shows only 9 new contract requests for proposals (the rest being business as usual with the current contractor), and in all cases, the submission date is in the past (that is, in the past when the document was published nearly three months ago) so what use is it to local contractors looking for opportunities with SHG? But that is another story I guess.

Looking at the Contract Register, what caught my eye was the amount of money we (i.e. SHG) are spending on IT – and that is in addition to the ongoing costs of running the IT department. Let me list what I have found:

Corporate Services	
Fibre Optic LAN	£307,809 pa for 3 years
Audit Services	
Caseware software	£14,471
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Equipment & Services	£150,000 pa for 5 years (renewed)
ESET (antivirus)	£2,200 pa for 3 years
E-Document server	£4,713 pa for 3 years (renewed)
Consultancy	£9,000
SPPU	
Data source review	£20,400 pa for 2 years
Education	
SHCC database	£33,894 pa for 5 years
Safeguarding	
Case Management software	£33,224 pa for 5 years
Police	
E-visa system	£7,000 pa for 3 years
Crime database access	£20,000 pa for 3 years
Crime database environment	£16,000 pa for 2 years
Mobile phone examination	£8,500 pa for 2 years
	£ 627,211

Interestingly, the list doesn't include any contracts for accounting software which is notoriously expensive, Why not? I suspect that the list is far from complete.

Note – only one of these contracts results in any payment to local service providers – it ALL goes to Sure South Atlantic or off-shore.

(There's also quite a lot connected with the airport, but for the time being, it's worth separating this out - for how long, though?)

While the argument might be that these are one-off contracts (some are) and so the overall expenditure will fall in the future, there is no reason to believe that others won't be added to the list as these expire, so the total expenditure per annum is probably not exceptional. In fact, history probably teaches us that this figure is likely to rise!

What I don't understand is how such expenditure can, in some cases, be justified – the systems and software may well be

necessary (although you do have to wonder why the Police find it necessary to spend £17,000 and possibly more to give them the ability to examine a mobile phone during an interview!), but the prices just seem unjustifiably high. The SHCC database will cost us nearly £170,000 and probably more after 2022 when the contract expires, for ongoing maintenance. Yet the database is hardly cutting edge (the supplier, by the way, can't even complete their own website properly!)

Pretty much the same goes for the Safeguarding's Case Management software – but then, since SHG were forced to create a Safeguarding Directorate, money seems to be no object!

Do we get £627,000 worth of benefit from these expenditures? Discuss.



Basil Read rescue plan 'still on track'

Basil Read and other construction companies have struggled since government slowed infrastructure spending

Basil Read CEO Khathutshelo "K2" Mapasa says the plan to save the construction company is on track despite the resignation of its CFO.

Pieter van Buuren will leave his role as CFO with effect from September 21, the 66-year-old company said on Monday.

Mapasa said a replacement will be "found soon" and Basil Read still has "a strong financial management team" that is capable of carrying out their portion of a business rescue plan that was released last week.

"Our CFO has left to pursue other opportunities. He is not leaving for any untoward reason and his exit does not affect the turnaround plan at Basil Read," Mapasa said.

Basil Read and other construction companies that have been household names for decades have struggled after government spending on infrastructure slowed markedly following a boom in anticipation of the 2010 World Cup. Some, including WBHO, Group Five and Murray & Roberts, have found work offshore. Road builder Raubex is growing a home construction business.

Keeping Afloat

Basil Read's rescue plan was published last week to give creditors some idea of how much money owed by the com-



pany they could expect to receive and when.

The company entered a business rescue process in June so rescue practitioners Adamantem, and Matuson & Associates could develop the plan, which would keep the construction company afloat while ensuring that its creditors are better rewarded than if Basil Read were liquidated.

The practitioners said in the conclusion section of the plan that "notwithstanding the inevitable risks and challenges" there is a "reasonable prospect of a successful business rescue, that balances the rights and interests of all relevant stakeholders".

The plan stressed that Basil Read Mining, which provides services for mining companies, has long-term growth potential.

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Falklands approves application to register a new build trawler MercoPress

The Falkland Islands Executive Council on Wednesday granted the application by Jupiter Fishing Company to register a new build fishing trawler. The agreed name of the new vessel is Argos Cies, which reflects the 50:50 partnership in Jupiter between Argos Group Ltd of Stanley, Falkland Islands and Armadora Pereira SA of Vigo, Spain.

The Cies Islands are an archipelago which protects the entrance to the Bay of Vigo in Galicia, Spain.

The vessel will be 75 metres long, have a Gross Registered Tonnage of 1,998 tonnes and will carry up to 50 crew members. Argos Cies is in the process of being built at the Nodosa shipyard in Marin, Galicia at a cost of €1 million.

Portfolio holder for Natural Resources, MLA Teslyn Barkman said: "I'm delighted that ExCo has approved this application as it reflects the success of the Falkland Islands' growing fishing industry. This is a positive step towards ensuring that this industry remains sustainable and is a perfect example of a local company investing in their future and in the future of the fishing trade. I look forward to seeing the vessel in Falkland Islands waters once she has been launched."

Director of Argos Group Ltd, Shelia Stewart said: "We are really looking forward to the launch of our new vessel, which is a significant joint investment in the future of the fishery. The name Argos Cies reinforces the connection between the Falkland Islands and Spain – one of the biggest importers of



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Falklands' fish. Jupiter Fishing Company is a well-established Falkland Islands joint venture company and Argos has been involved in fishing around the Falkland Islands since 1988."

"With the number of new technical innovations that will be included in the ship's design we aim to have one of the most modern vessels in terms of crew safety and a reduced environmental impact. We are looking forward to the completion of the vessel and welcoming her into our existing fleet."

Tristan da Cunha Conservation News Gough Island Mice Eradication Project to take place in 2020

Tristan Government and RSPB agree a one year delay to properly organise major conservation project.

Tristan da Cunha has been working closely with the RSPB on plans to restore Gough Island by eradicating the invasive non-native mice. This is an incredibly complex operation, and with the ultimate goal of saving species firmly in our minds, the RSPB, with support from Tristan da Cunha Government, have made the difficult decision to delay the operation until 2020.

We did not make this decision easily. It is important to note that the commitment and partnership of the RSPB and Tristan da Cunha Government to eradicating the mice and saving the Tristan albatross, Gough bunting and other endangered species remains as strong as ever.

A successful operation would stop the ongoing population declines in its tracks. However, the complexity of the operation cannot be underestimated. This additional year of preparation is an opportunity to ensure our planning will deliver the best possible outcomes for Gough and its wildlife.

The opportunity to eradicate the mice is fixed to between June and August each year, if we delay, we must delay by a minimum of 12 months. June 2020 is then the soonest feasible date that we can carry out the operation.



Tristan Albatross in a courting display How will we maximise use of this additional year?

To take full advantage of this opportunity, we have a plan of key areas that we will focus on during this time:

Avicultural work

This is one of the most important elements of the operation, and with birds as our focus, we will use this additional time to perfect the design, materials, and approach to the birds care.

To safeguard two of the islands endemic species (the Gough bunting and Gough moorhen) during the operation we will house a proportion of them in temporary aviaries on Gough. Once the operation is complete and possible risks passed, the re-released individuals will re-join the wild population, ready to thrive on the mouse-free island.



A helicopter transporting a bait station to site in a trial The aviaries will be purpose built for each species and the conditions on Gough, based on a trial by this year's Gough 63 team and guidance from expert aviculturalists.

In the last six months, we have welcomed staff with invaluable experience to the Gough Island team. They bring knowledge and expertise from island restorations including the successful Desecheo and South Georgia projects.* It is the skills and experience of our team that will ensure our plans are robust and that no stone is left unturned, and we will spend the next two years utilising that knowledge for the benefit of Gough's species. Again, this all plays its part in ensuring a successful operation.

Our commitment to restoring Gough Island and preventing the extinction of Goughs species alongside Tristan da Cunha remains firm. From the outset, we committed to delivering a plan that would maximise the probability of success, and we believe delaying by a year will do just that.

A close observer of Tristan affairs commented, "The threat posed by 'killer mice' was first confirmed by ornithologist Richard Cuthbert in 2004. 14 years of surveys and planning have now been determined to be insufficient. I'm not ungrateful to RSPB, who have undertaken a project that I believe should have been funded by the UK government many years ago.



Kate Lawrence's photo shows the unique and beautiful Gough Island. Together with Inaccessible Island it forms a special World Heritage Site.

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

I would be grateful if the following letter could be publish in your Independent. I run a small parttime Taxis Service Business, I only make myself available for business from calls for my service through requests from my home. Therefore I was very taken back to receive a letter from Mr. Russell Yon Chairman of the Highway Authority, Environmental & Natural Resources Committee, accusing me of parking my taxis behind the Canister and not applying my said taxis for trade. On no occasion I have parked my taxis on the taxis park behind the Canister and it has not been available for hire.

I would suggest that Mr. Russell Yon get his facts straight and deal with those persons concern who abuse the said parks. Furthermore I query under what authority Mr. Yon has to write such letters, I am of the view that not complying with the conditions of car parks is the responsibility of the Police and not the Chairman of the Environmental & Natural Resources Committee, perhaps Mr. Yon should consider writing me an apology for accusing me for something I have not done.

Cecil George Cow Path Half Tree Hollow

Dear Editor, THE CONSTITUENT

When constituents ask me if I am enioving my work on Council. I always reply that for me it is challenging and demanding but very, very interesting. The valuable experience I gained from serving the constituents on Ascension Island has proved very useful, but the learning process on St Helena is steep, ongoing and much more far-reaching. Essential to helping me get to grips with the political world on St Helena and how the St Helena Government operates, has been the assistance received from my fellow Councillors and SHG officers. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude.

It is important that each elected representative maintains their individuality on Council as this contributes to healthy discussions and healthy debates that will consequently maximise analytical decision-making. Equally important is teamwork as Elected Members collectively work in the very best interests of the people of St Helena.

We are now one month into the second year of this Council. In my humble opinion, St Helena is fortunate to have twelve councillors who are willing to challenge and question each other, SHG officials, DFID and the status quo. The passion to deliver on all that is in the best interests of the people of St Helena, against many odds, cannot be over emphasised. There is a combined determination to restore confidence in a better future for all the people of St Helena. Yes, one of us is currently in custody, and it is disappointing as I had come to see my young colleague as a developing political asset to the future of St Helena.

If we do not learn from our mistakes of the past, going forward St Helena will continue to struggle both economically and socially. Councillors are currently addressing the flaws and gaps in the way business is conducted between DFID and the St Helena Government. It is imperative that we address and correct the current process of how decisions are arrived at and how they consequently prove detrimental to the people of St Helena because the very best outcomes are not being achieved.

Constituents will be encouraged by the last message from DFID: 'We have been informed that the DFID Minister very much agrees that we should establish a new capital programme in St Helena, and he is content for the financial aid negotiation process between DFID and the St Helena Government to be refined as needed.'

As we as a community move the island forward it is important that each one of us feel free to make a positive, constructive contribution and not be reluctant to 'think outside the box'. However, there will be times when we will need to step back and question if our individual input is positive and constructive.

The Constituent is a new heading that will hopefully become easy to identify when elected representatives, individually or collectively, wish to publish any form of open communication to constituents.

The creation of *The Constituent* is in direct response to the following request and a very constructive meeting with the Group:

'Dear Elected Members,

The Group who facilitated the petition and Demonstration on behalf of the community would like to arrange a meeting with all elected members on Wednesday 25th July 2018, 7:30pm at the Half Tree Hollow Community Centre. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss communication and relationship with the community.'

C Leo (MLC)





Interested persons please contact Rosie Bargo on 23663 or email rosie.bargo@gmail.com

Everyone knows Cape Town is a better hub than Johannesburg

There is ever-growing evidence Cape Town International Airport is the preferred destination and changing point for most airline passengers. Last week Cllr Derek Thomas mentioned SHG was investigation Cape Town as the destination for planes from St Helena in preference to Johannesburg. Tour operators have repeatedly said using Cape Town would help increase tourist numbers for St Helena and Saints have been saying the same thing for years. Airlines and business organisations in South Africa also support this view. It has never been clear why Johannesburg was ever chosen although many think DFID insisted on it from the start and refused to listen to reasons given for using Cape Town instead. As Airlink is cited as one of the top five airlines using Cape Town, adding St Helena to Airlink's list of destinations for direct flights must be possible.

Five months ago the South African *Tourism Update* website reported South African Airlines (SAA) was reviewing its use of Johannesburg as the hub for it flights. After explaining SAA's competitors were bypassing OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg and were flying directly to Cape Town or Durban, the SAA Chief Executive said he had not expected Cape Town to grow to be such an important destination or changing point; its importance now meant Cape Town could not be ignored. The SAA Chief Executive is quoted saying, "We need to find ways of adding it (Cape Town) to our network plan," in the past SAA flew directly from Cape Town to London, Munich and Atlanta but gradually transferred these direct long haul flights to Johannesburg and made OR Tambo Airport the main hub and interchange point for most of its flights.

Wesgro, the tourism, trade and investment promotion agency for Cape Town and Western Cape said SAA were right to back-track on using OR Tambo as the main hub for their flights in South Africa. Wesgro's Chief Executive pointed to 13 new non-stop flights and 15 other flights were passenger numbers had grown in the last 30 months and Cape Town's growing appeal as a business centre and tourist destination. Also, he said, plane passengers are demanding direct pointto-point flights and turning their backs on flying to an airline's hub airport and changing planes to get to their final destination.

Alan Winde, a member of the Western Cape Government Executive Council and Minister for Economic Opportunities added, "Cape Town International Airport has seen a tremendous increase in the number of direct flights and new routes in the past few years. Most of this is as a direct result of concerted efforts through Project Khulisa and the multistakeholder Cape Town Air Access project team to increase the number of inward-bound seats into Cape Town. Additionally, Cape Town International Airport has now won Africa's best airport award three years in a row, making it an attractive destination for a number of airlines. This growth in numbers is also reflective of the growing attractiveness of our destination, which is helping to create jobs in this important

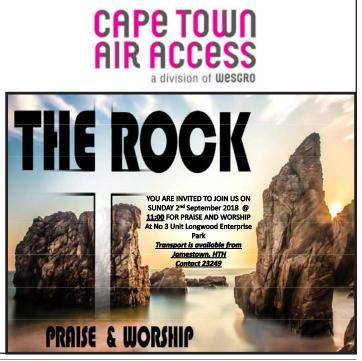




sector of our economy."

Comments from readers of the on-line report about SAA acknowledging Cape Town's importance to South Africa's tourism and general economy included, "Anyone with half a brain could see that dropping Cape Town was a mistake. All they have done is give the other airlines more business" and "Took a while for THAT penny to drop!" Also, "Johannesburg is a nightmare for every flyer, especially if you have to change terminal, are being challenged by aggressive "helpers" in red overalls who demand more than R 200 for pushing the cart nobody has asked for" and "It is more convenient to take a direct flight from Europe to Cape Town, even 1000% better to change plane in Windhoek with Air Namibia."

Airlink is listed as one of the top five airlines to Cape Town and enhanced its air service from Cape Town to Botswana in June and in July to Victoria Falls on the Zambia/Zimbabwe border. However Airlink have cancelled their Cape Town to Pietermartizburg service after 17 months of operation due to the service "not developing". "This was not a decision taken lightly" said Karin Murray, senior manager at Airlink. Also the Cape Town – Pretoria service was suspended in March this year by Airlink after three years of operation. CEO Rodger Foster said in a statement it was not a decision taken lightly.



SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE 'CARE' CAMPAIGN

The public is reminded that the Safeguarding Directorate has launched their 'CARE': **C**aring **A**nd **R**especting **E**veryone Campaign.

There are various vacancies within the Safeguarding Directorate, including: Carers, Senior Carers and Heads of Care across all residential services supporting older people and adults with additional needs. This campaign aims to recruit local carers for individuals requiring support in maintaining a degree of independence and quality of life.

The launch includes an open-door event at the Princess Royal Community Care Complex on Thursday, 13 September 2018.

As part of the 'CARE' campaign, Safeguarding Directorate staff will also conduct a Roadshow on Friday, 7 September 2018. Staff will be out and about in the community to meet with anyone wanting to know more about the Directorate and/ or considering a career in social care.

Confirmed times and venues are as follows:

Time

Venue

10am - 11.30amRose & Crown Supermarket, Longwood12.15pm - 1.30pmSilver Hill Bar, Levelwood2.15pm - 3.30pmFamily Store, Nr Bamboo Hedge, Sandy Bay



For more information, please contact:

Gavin (Jack) Thomas at Brick House on tel: 22713 or via email: gavin.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh Sherrilee Phillips at Brick House on tel: 22713 or via email: sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh Wendy Henry at Princess Royal Community Care Complex on tel: 23090 or via email: Wendy.Henry@sainthelena.gov.sh

#StHelena #Safeguarding #Campaign #CARE #Roadshow

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29 August 2018

NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROLAUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 12 September 2018, at 9 am at the St Helena Community College Jamestown. This is a week later than originally scheduled. Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors. Should you require a copy of the Agenda, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 22270. Agendas will be available on Monday, 10 September 2018. Applicants and objectors may speak at the meeting providing that a summary of the points to

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

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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.

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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.

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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 <u>compliance.supervisor@sainthelenabank.com</u> or visit their offices at the Ark, above Thorpe's Grocery, Market Street, Jamestown.

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Calling all farmers! Supply Local, Buy Local!

The 2018 Agriculture Programme was launched in April at an event held at Kingshurst which was followed with a Farmer's Market and Social at Harford Community Centre early this month.

The final event will be held on **27 October** on **Francis Plain** in the form of a **Country Fair** with an agriculture competition, categories for which are detailed below:

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

Flower Garden	1st	2nd	3rd		
1. Best flower garden	£50.00	£25.00	£15.00		
Arable Land	1st	2nd	3rd		
1. Open Fields					
1. Best food garden over 1 acre	£150.00	£75.00	£40.00		
2. Best food garden under 1 acre	£100.00	£50.00	£25.00		
2. Covered Production Units					
1. Best covered production unit – soil planting	£150.00	£75.00	n/a		
2. Best covered production unit- hydroponics	£150.00	£75.00	n/a		
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Stalls	1st	2nd	3rd
1. Individual Stalls			
1. Fresh flower arrangement	£15.00	n/a	n/a
2. Largest half dozen of chicken eggs	£15.00	n/a	n/a
3. Jams	£20.00	n/a	n/a
4. Preserves	£20.00	n/a	n/a
5. Confectionery	£20.00	n/a	n/a
6. Largest carrot	£20.00	n/a	n/a
7. Largest pumpkin	£20.00	n/a	n/a
8. Largest sweet potato	£20.00	n/a	n/a
9. Largest tomato	£20.00	n/a	n/a
10. Best broccolli	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
11. Best cauliflower	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
12. Best cabbage	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
13. Best carrot	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
14. Best pumpkin	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
15. Best sweet potato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
16. Best potato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
17. Best onion	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
18. Best tomato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
19. Best cucumber	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
20. Best hand of bananas	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
21. Best display for 5 a day of vegetables/fruit	£25.00	n/a	n/a
22. Honey	£30.00	n/a	n/a
23. Needle craft	£30.00	£20.00	£10.00
2. Best District Stalls – judged on the day	£300.00	£200.00	£100.00

ENTRY CLOSING DATE EXTENDED TO 31 AUGUST 2018 FOR LIVESTOCK, YOUTH FARMERS, FLOWER GARDENS, ARABLE & PASTURE LAND CATEGORIES



To enter categories please register with Delia Du Preez, Business Development Co-ordinator on telephone 22920 or on email delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh

Lucky draw winners from the Farmer's Market & Social on 14 July 2018: £50.00 Farmers Draw—won by Andrew Constantine, Sandy Bay / £10.00 Family Draw—won by Angela Peters, Guinea Grass

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Local inclusive package in range £32,600 to £40,900 dependent upon qualifications and experience. A non-taxable rental contribution may also be available.

The Saint Helena Audit Service is seeking to recruit an Audit Manager to join their external audit team. The Audit Manager's primary role is to manage and undertake the planning and delivery of financial audit engagements across government and other public entities in accordance with auditing standards.

Potential candidates will be CCAB (ACCA, ACA, CPFA etc) qualified accountants or equivalent (CA (SA), CA(Z) etc).

Potential candidates should have a minimum of three years' recent experience in external audit conforming to International Standards on Auditing, and at least two years in a supervisory/managerial capacity, together with knowledge of recognised financial reporting frameworks.

We are looking for a team player with good communication and people management skills who is able to plan, prioritise and project manage workflow and use their own judgement. Excellent analytical abilities and IT skills are also required. Working knowledge of Caseware is a strong advantage.

A copy of the job profile and application form can be obtained from the Saint Helena Audit Service, Post Office Building, Jamestown or email asita.obey@sainthelena.gov.sh Completed applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Anesu Makamure, Head of Audit Services or by email anesu.makamure@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on 7 September 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.



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This job will present the successful candidate with the opportunity to join a growing organisation doing great things for St Helena and the people. Work will be office based but the successful candidate will be strongly encouraged to spend time with our teams out in the field so as to gain a full understanding and appreciation of the Trust and our work. You will need to be exceptionally organized, highly motivated and have a proven track-record of leadership in a finance role. Applicants must also have significant experience working with SAGE Accounting Software and preparing accounts for annual audit.

The Trust is an independent non-governmental organisation driven by a passion for St Helena and our built, cultural and natural heritage. We have a strong emphasis on team-work and collaboration and believe that our staff are the greatest asset that we have.

If you feel you could contribute to the Trust and would like to join a team passionate about seeing good things happen on St Helena then we want to hear from you. The starting salary for the post is $\pounds 13,793$ per annum and the initial term will be 2 years.

A full job description can be obtained from Jeremy Harris at the St Helena National Trust office at Broadway House, Jamestown. Please feel free to call in to the main office, or contact Jeremy on 22197. Alternatively email jeremy.harris@trust.org.sh. Applications should be in the form of a CV and Cover letter.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday, 14 September 2018 @ 16:00



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<u>Vacancies for Communications Technicians or Trainee</u> <u>Communications Technicians</u>

Babcock has vacancies for two full-time **Communications Technicians or Trainee Communications Technicians** at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station, Ascension Island.

The post holders will form part of the Transmitting Station's engineering team, which is responsible for the maintenance of the transmitters and associated systems, to ensure that all scheduled programmes are transmitted to the agreed service level.

These posts are being offered as Single or Householded status, fixed-term contracts. 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:

- GCSE Maths, English and Science Grade C or above.
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing, with both internal and external customers.
- Ability to maintain accurate technical and administrative records.
- Strong self motivation and the ability to work with minimum supervision.
- IT Competent.
- Ability and willingness to carry out call-out/standby duties and to work flexible hours if required.

Desirable Qualifications / Experience

- Good knowledge of safe working practices and safety procedure.
- Qualified to BTEC National Certificate Level or equivalent credential in a relevant subject (Electrical, Electronics, Communications and/or Radio Frequency).
- Experience in Electrical, Electronics, Communications and/or Radio Frequency.
- Standard knowledge of HF propogation and Data Communications.
- Ability to analyse technical problems and undertake standard fault finding.
- Consistent and developed practical experience of a transmitting station's operation and maintenance work.
- Workshop skills including hand and power tools.
- High Voltage Authorisation or related experience.
- Class A driving licence.

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

Please contact the Administration Officer on +247 66800 (Extn 102) or email <u>glen.yon@babcock.co.ac</u> for a **Job Application Form**, **Job Description** and for further information regarding these posts.

Applications to be sent to:

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

Applications should be submitted on a Babcock job application form, and must be received by the <u>21st September 2018.</u>

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DISPOSAL OF SHG VEHICLES

The Transport Section of the Environment & Natural Resources Directorate wishes to dispose of the following vehicles by public tender:

VEHICLE TYPE	FORMERLY REGISTERED	VEHICLE TYPE	FORMERLY REGISTERED
Land Rover Defender 110 Pick-up	179	Land Rover Freelander	54
Land Rover Defender 110 Hard Top	180	Vauxhall Brava Van	286
Land Rover Defender 110 Hard Top	32	LDV Convoy Bus	47
Land Rover Defender 110 Hard Top	99	Ford Focus Estate	31
Land Rover Defender 110 Hard Top	186	Ford Focus Estate	33
Land Rover Defender 110 Pick-up	62	Ford Focus Estate	111
Land Rover Freelander	49	Toyota Hilux D/Cab Pick-up	214
Land Rover Freelander	50	Dual Axle Trailer	217

These vehicles/items will be sold on an "as is" basis; viewing will be at the Garage Complex, Donkey Plain on Saturday 1st September 2018, between the hours of 11am and 2pm and also on Wednesday 5th September 2018 between 1.30 pm to 3.30pm. Tender forms will be available on the days of viewing.

All tenders must be submitted in a plain sealed envelope marked Tender Reference SHG Vehicles and placed in the Tender Box, at Essex House by no later than 4pm on Friday 7th September 2018.

Nicholas George Senior Transport Manager 20th August 2018

Arm Chair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

I think it is about time to resurrect the Arm Chair Supporters United's worse start to a Premier League season since the View feature. We are now 3 games into the 2018/2019 Premier League season and the table see Liverpool in pole position with rivals Manchester United lying in 13th place. This is

inaugural Season of 1992/1993. Liverpool is yet to pick up a Premier League title; could this be their year?

Premier	League winners list	since	1992	
Year	Winner	Points	Runners-up	Third place
2017–18	Manchester City[4] (5)	100	Manchester United	Tottenham Hotspur
2016–17	Chelsea (6)	93	Tottenham Hotspur	Manchester City
2015–16	Leicester City	81	Arsenal	Tottenham Hotspur
2014–15	Chelsea[4] (5)	87	Manchester City	Arsenal
2013–14	Manchester City[4] (4)	86	Liverpool	Chelsea
2012–13	Manchester United (20)	89	Manchester City	Chelsea
2011–12	Manchester City (3)	89	Manchester United	Arsenal
2010–11	Manchester United (19)	80	Chelsea	Manchester City
2009–10	Chelsea (4)	86	Manchester United	Arsenal
2008–09	Manchester United[4] (18)	90	Liverpool	Chelsea
2007–08	Manchester United[3] (17)	87	Chelsea	Arsenal
2006–07	Manchester United (16)	89	Chelsea	Liverpool
2005–06	Chelsea (3)	91	Manchester United	Liverpool
2004–05	Chelsea[4] (2)	95	Arsenal	Manchester United
2003–04	Arsenal[1] (13)	90	Chelsea	Manchester United
2002–03	Manchester United (15)	83	Arsenal	Newcastle United
2001–02	Arsenal (12)	87	Liverpool	Manchester United
2000–01	Manchester United (14)	80	Arsenal	Liverpool
1999–2000	Manchester United (13)	91	Arsenal	Leeds United
1998–99	Manchester United[7] (12)	79	Arsenal	Chelsea
1997–98	Arsenal (11)	78	Manchester United	Liverpool
1996–97	Manchester United (11)	75	Newcastle United	Arsenal
1995–96	Manchester United (10)	82	Newcastle United	Liverpool
1994–95	Blackburn Rovers (3)	89	Manchester United	Nottingham Forest
1993–94	Manchester United (9)	92	Blackburn Rovers	Newcastle United
1992–93	Manchester United (8)	84	Aston Villa	Norwich City

SHFA and Junior Football

It has been a frustrating couple of weeks for all our footballers as the continuous rain has meant that the pitches at Francis Plain were waterlogged and therefore football has been cancelled.

Weather permitting the fixtures for this weekend are:

Junior League	Fixtures: Saturday 1 st Se	ptember		
Pitch 1				
9.30am	Young Harts v Jungle Ra	angers		
10.15am	PPS Dolphins v Dream	PPS Dolphins v Dream Team		
Pitch 2		R12012		
9.30am	Allstars v Chop Shop	and the second		
10.30am	Rangers v Titans	J MM S		
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SHFA Fixtures:	Saturday 1 st September			
1.30pm	Harts v Bellboys			
	Organisers: Rovers			
3.30pm	Axis v Crusaders			
	Organisers: Saints	The second secon		
Sunday 2 nd Sep	otember	The second secon		
1.30pm	Saints v Wirebirds			
	Organisers: Chop Shop	E A		
3.30pm	Rovers v Wolves	AND NOTINAL 280 CM		
	Organisers: Chop Shop			

GOLF REPORT -Contributed by Deon Robbertse

The Committee of Management of the St Helena Golf Club would like to inform all Members that due to the recent rainfall, the Course is water logged hence it remains closed until further notice. All scheduled golf competitions for September are postponed.

The Half Yearly meeting is re-scheduled for Sunday 23 September at 5:30pm, followed by refreshments

Members are also reminded to return the raffle forms and donations, as the draw for the raffle will happen after the meeting.

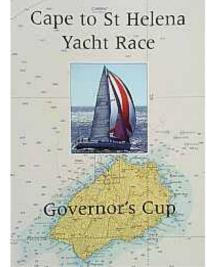
Any persons who would like to join the golf club are welcome to contact the club at 24421 or visit our Facebook page St Helena Golf Club.



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Royal Cape Yacht Club Welcomes St Helena Entry in Race for the Governor's Cup

James Herne, who will skipper the *Carpe Diem* and the young trainee sailors in the Cape to St Helena Yacht Race starting 26th December were made very welcome this week by the Royal Cape Yacht Club who are organising the event. After receiving and accepting the race entry application and details for the *Carpe Diem* John Levin, the Race Chairman, wrote a note of welcome to James Herne which was copied to several other Royal Cape Yacht Club officials, a couple of people at Enterprise St Helena and the *Independent*.



"Dear James,

On behalf of everyone involved in the organisation of the St Helena race at the end of the year, just a short note to let you know how delighted we are to have received your entry. Besides our delight at having an authentic all-Saints' entry, your entry has made the race a genuine international event!

Welcome on board and wishing you every success with the whole of your project, starting with the sail down to Cape Town and then of course the race itself. You and your team will certainly be made very welcome at Royal Cape Yacht Club, the facilities of which will be fully at your disposal.

Best regards John Levin Race Chairman"



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Oyster World Rally

Meanwhile the leading yachts in the Oyster World Rally have reached Bali in Indonesia where the third stage, the Asian Rally, ends and the last the last stage, The Passage Home, begins. The yachts in the fleet re-assemble at Bali before starting the 12,000 mile final stage in September to Antigua in the Caribbean where they are due to finish in April 2019. After crossing the Indian Ocean and skirting the coast of South Africa the yachts will then sail north-west across the South Atlantic, calling at St Helena and then Ascension, probably in early 2019.



World ARC Rally

The 2018-19 World Arc Rally, organised by the World Cruising Club, is due to leave Cape Town on 9th January next year with yachts expected to arrive here between 19th and 23rd January. After St Helena the World ARC Rally yachts set course for Salvador, Brazil. January is going to be a busy month for the St Helena Yacht Club which will participate strongly in welcoming ashore the crews of all three events.

2017 Souvenir Competition

Art & Crafts ran a souvenir competition last year which saw Eric Constantine winning with his wooden magnets a modern twist on traditional woodwork. Keira Francis took second place with her innovative Jonathan the tortoise turtles that are made from spoons.

And Chris Williams (Moonshine) took third place with the elegant and travel friendly tea light holders. The Art and Crafts Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Solomons again for supporting the souvenir competition.



'HEALTHY HOSPITAL FOOD' LAUNCHES HEALTH DIRECTORATE SHOWS HOW SMALL, LESS NOTICEABLE CHANGES CAN MAKE A BIG HEALTH DIFFERENCE

Food' from tomorrow Saturday, 1 September 2018.

The main idea of the 'Healthy Hospital Food' is that it remains based on cooking fresh popular local dishes with small changes to a few key ingredients or the way they are cooked. This makes the food and drinks healthier.

Hospital Cook, Dianna Chambers, explains:

"The important part about our Healthy Menu is that people won't notice a big difference. Simple changes like using low fat milk and low fat margarine, and grilling, baking and stewing tasty meals. We take pride in knowing that we are giving people food to help them be healthy."

Food and drinks brought to patients by their families and visitors is another important part of 'Healthy Hospital Food'. Under the principle of 'You don't have to come empty-handed', visitors who want to bring patients something will be given information with ideas and suggestions of healthier items to 31 August 2018 support the person's recovery and wellbeing.

As the Hospital provides three healthy meals and drinks and afternoon tea for patients, their visitors will be encouraged to bring non-food items and instead bring them items such as a book, magazine or hobby item to occupy the person and help them pass the time in hospital. If visitors want to bring additional food or drinks they will be asked to bring only smaller

SAINTS TOGETHER

MAKING SMART

FOOD AND DRINK SWAPS We serve a Healthy Hospital Menu – tasty local dishes made healthy

Small Changes can make a Big Difference – It's easy



The St Helena Health Directorate will launch 'Healthy Hospital items from the list of those recommended, which cover a wide range of popular items that are available locally.

> The menu and the recommendations on brought-in food and drinks provide practical examples that it is possible and practical to eat, drink and enjoy a wide range of popular items and dishes, using products that are commonly available on-Island, and fit budgets, helping people to make healthier choices.

> Chairman of the Public Health Committee, Councillor Derek Thomas, concluded:

"The Public Health Committee is pleased to see the approach more than frying all make the food healthier but people still get taken with the 'Healthy Hospital Food', making small changes that are realistic and easy to achieve as well as having a very positive impact on our community's health. It shows, in a very practical way, the kind of small adjustments our people can make at home. Together we can lessen the number of people with diabetes, high blood pressure, heart attacks and strokes." SHG



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You can do the same and reduce your family's risk of diabetes, heart disease, stroke and the cancers that affect our community

- Use pepper or herbs instead of salt
- 🐼 Swap to Low Fat or Fat-Free Milk
- 😵 Use Low Fat sunflower margarine
- Include small portions of veg or salad in each meal (Fresh, Frozen or Can)
- Swap to Brown Bread instead of white
- Srill, boil, steam, microwave, or roast (without fat)
- Only fry occasionally and use less oil
- Use tin fruit in juice & can veg and beans in water

- Note: Have at least a portion of fruit a day – tin or fresh
- S Fish, chicken and grilled fresh meat are better for you
- Remove the fat from your meat before cooking
- Nave boiled or baked potatoes, boiled rice or bread more than chips
- 🛇 Use sweetener in tea or coffee instead of sugar
- 🛇 Healthy puddings: Fruit, Custard with Low-Fat Milk, Flapjack, Rock cakes, Plain sponge with fruit, Low-Fat Yoghurt, Sugar-free jelly
- \bigcirc Use low-fat mayo on sandwiches or salad.

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Wet Reading Sports Day

Jonathan Clingham

Despite the not so favourable weather conditions at the Saint sports day this weekend hundreds of Saints/family and friends started to arrive at the Reading Abbey Rugby Club sports ground on Saturday around noon. By Saturday evening the Abbey rugby club ground had transformed itself into a lively St Helena Style Campsite. Unfortunately, the weather man was right for once as Sunday morning the rain poured down continuing throughout the day but despite the weather conditions people still drove for miles for the annual meet up. The normal sports activities that was planned never took place due to the constant rainfall as the main sports field had become waterlogged. The sports day committee soon changed their planned to plan B and other indoor events took place inside of the main club house instead.

The highlight of day was the raffle draw for two air tickets to win a trip to St Helena from Jo-burg the lucky winners were Tina and Simon Anderson who live in Wiltshire UK.

Despite the weather conditions, Saints from the Falklands, Germany, Canada, Ascension, and also a family from Florida had travelled to Reading for the event.

The lively evening continued with a disco in the main marquee and DJ Phillip Thompson and Colin Peters entertained in the main clubhouse"









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The Scout Group Council of the 1st Jamestown Scout Group would like to thank everyone including corporate who gave donations and supported their Fun Day event on Sunday, 26 August 2018 – the support of the old faithful's during the day was also very much appreciated .

Thanks are given to the young dancers for their dancing routines which were enjoyed by everyone, to Route 66 for taking us down memory lane and Johnny Carter, Barry Brooks and Alex for their variety of music which was enjoyed by all, with both bands turning out at very short notice.

Many thanks to Jeremy Johns for taking up the DJ's post for the whole period of the Fun Day and to Johnny Dillon for the let of the Mule Yard once again and the loan of his musical equipment set-up to ensure that we had live entertainment for the session.

Lastly we would like to thank the public for their support on the day especially during this period of inclement weather that we have been experiencing during this 'Scruffy August'.



Birthday Greetings for this month To a special Mum, Dad, Auntie & Uncle Hope you both have a great time From your two Sons and niece.

Thank You

The League of Friends Charity group held a very successful Bingo evening on Thursday 26th July 2018 at the Jamestown Community Centre. Thanks to the overwhelming support the charity raised an impressive GBP406.50 after expenses.

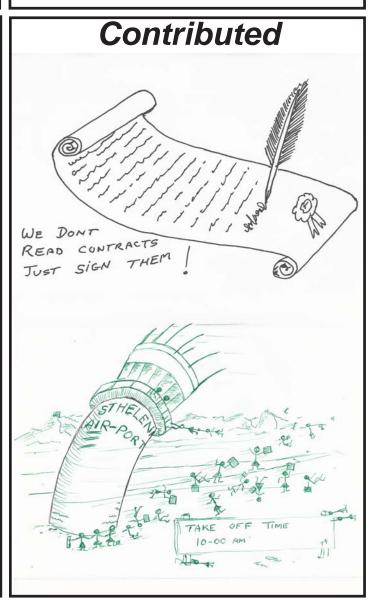
The League of Friends would like to thank all those who attended as well as the sponsors, without their support, this success would not have been possible.

Solomons Serena's Gift Shop Little Saints Shop Sure Rose and Crown **Olive Williams** The Inkwell Thorpes Grocery store Queen Mary The Mantis Rosie's ABIWANS Roddies **Browns Video** Hickling Audrey and Bert Constantine





Happy Birthday LeRoy Plato Have a Wonderful Day Love Mum & Dad



An amazing "family reunion" trip to island of Tristan da Cunha By Constance Scrafield, Orangeville Citizen, Canada

"We sailed on my 71st birthday in 2006," related Heather Broadbent, laughing as she told us, "Later they gave me a hard time for not telling them it was my birthday because we could have had a party."

She was bound off the southern most edge of the west coast of South Africa for the very remote Island of Tristan da Cunha aboard the RMS St Helena. To get that far, she had had to fly to London, England and then to Cape Town, South Africa, where she caught the ship.

Tristan da Cunha is the most remote island in the world, a volcanic island on the southern end of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the longest mountain range on the planet, running under the Atlantic Ocean. At the time of Ms Broadbent's visit, there were less than 300 residents on the island, as they are now. Many of them were friends of hers which is why she was visiting the place.

Here is how those friendships started. In 1961, the volcano on Tristan erupted and flowed down over the only settlement, population 270.

Ms Broadbent told the story. "They were brought to Britain and started looking for work right away. There was an RAF barracks and married quarters near where we livcd, where they were housed and right away, people around were coming with furniture, bedding, household goods, clothes to settle them in.

"We were all asked to go and knock on their doors and say hello, see what we could do for them. So, I went there and knocked on a door and there were Ned and Dolly Green.

"Contrary to the grumbles that these people would be a burden to the neighbourhood, They were very keen to work, not too bothered about what work, so long as they were contributing to the community. So, they cleaned the streets and did whatever jobs they could find."

While some of the Tristans had made connections in Britain and were committed to staying, many of them had reached the point where they had wearied of "civilization" in Britain and wanted to go home to their island. They began pressing the government to send them home and had met with resistance.

However, one evening, one of them, an older man who had been the chief of police on Tristan but had taken a job in security, was mugged on his way back to his home by a couple of young thugs, who stole his pay packet from him.

That was enough for the Tristans – an old man robbed of his pay by a couple of rough teenagers? It was enough. Facing the reluctance of the government, they made their own arrangements and returned to their home in the southern mid-Atlantic.

Thus, Ned and Dolly Green and their children and grandchildren continued the friendships they had made over all the years from 1961. After such a long time, Ms Broadbent went to see them, in 2006, for the 500th Anniversary of the discovery of the island. It was the Portuguese who happened upon it and named it after their Admiral of the fleet, Tristan da Cunha.

The voyage into the middle of the Atlantic was an adventure in itself, for the wildlife and the vistas of endless rolling ocean.

She commented, "We saw penguins and albatross. One night a female bird was confused by the lights of the ship and she landed on the deck. They're used to that so they have a box ready for her. They kept her in it all night. When they let her go in the morning, her mate was still flying with the ship, waiting for her."

Travelling to Cape Town was perhaps, the less challenging of the voyage, for after five and a half days on the ocean, their ship hauled up near Tristan but could not dock there. Being part of a mountain range, there is no deep water harbour possible on the island and so, small boats go out to meet the ships and bring in passengers, goods and mail.

It is a process, whereby a passenger has to descend a rope ladder with wood slats and, as Ms Broadbent described it, "When the sailor tells you to let go of the rope – you let go!"

There was a call over the loudspeaker on the ship: "Would Heather Broadbent come to the master's office."

"I wondered what I had done," she recalled, "When I got there, there was Dolly's grandson, standing on the deck, smiling from ear to ear, he gave me the biggest hug. And instructions about the boat waiting to take me to the island."

At last, it was the moment for them to go down the rope ladder, a shout came up – "Heather first!" she began the climb down, ready to release that rope when she was told to do so, waiting and ready – when a strong arm wrapped itself around her waist and hauled her safely onto the small boat – "Hello, Heather!" said the arm's owner – another dear friend.

Finally on shore, greeted so warmly by Ned and Dolly and many others, she began to walk up the hill only to find the ground bouncing under her feet- it was she, in fact, who was bouncing, from being on board ship for nearly a week, the disorientation of motion sickness hit her.

They had a week together. Visiting, joining in with birthday parties, laughing, catching up on all those years. Remembering England and the time in between.

"Everyone was so nice and hospitable. I had taught the girls to jive and they got it pretty quickly but the boys were slower to pick it up."

The main settlement on Tristan is named Edinburgh of the Seven Seas. They had an entertainment room there, where parties and functions are held.

"The building are constructed of stone, of which there is plenty. They used to have roofs covered with rushes but that really didn't work well so now they import metal for the roofs and that's much better."

Only a week and Heather was back up the rope ladder and on her long return trip to Canada, with a stop over in Britain to visit family there. For the value, her time in Tristan da Cunha, it seemed much longer. Friendship can run so deeply that it ignores time and distance. When the distance is taken away, friendship rejoices.





7 DAYS A WEEK MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT LAST ORDER 11PM

18 - REGULAR FRIES - £1.50 19 - CHEESY FRIES - £2.50 20 - GARLIC PIZZA BREAD - £4 21 - BOSTON HOT DOG - £2.50 22 - 4 MEAT 12 INCH SUB - £5.95 23 - COLESLAW - £1.00 24 - BACON & BEAN POT - £1.00 25 - ONION RINGS - £2.50 26 - BOX OF CHICKEN 6 PC £5.95 27 - CHICKEN BUCKET (20) £15.00 28 - FAM CHICKEN BUCKET - £10 29 - RIB CHICKEN & CHIPS - £6 **30 - PARADISE SUB - 12 INCH** 31 - TUNA MELT 12 INCH - £6 32 - KING BURGER & FRIES - £6.50 33 - QUEEN BURGER & FRIES- £5.50 34 - PARADISE BURGER W/FRIES- £5 35 - CHEESE BURGER - £3.00 36 - CHEF SALAD - £2.50 37 - BIG BACON BURGER - £4.20 38 - DESSERT CUPS - £2.50 39 - ICECREAM - £1.50 40 -WATER - £1.00 41 - SOFT DRINK & WATER - £1.20 42 - SUGAR FREE DRINKS - £1.00 43 - BEER - £2.00 44 - BOT RED WINE - £12.00 45 - BOTWHITE WINE - £12.00 46 - CHAMPAGNE £15.00 47 - PIZZA & CHICKEN BOX £5.00 48 - CHICKEN STRIPS MEAL - £5.00 49 - BUFFALO WING MEAL - £7.50 50 - JERK CHICKEN MEAL - £7.50 51 - BIG BBQ BOX MEAL (2) - £9.50 52 - CIGERETTES - £6.50 53 - SPIRIT BOTTLES - from £26.00 54 - CRISPS - 80P 55 - CHOCOLATES - £1.00 56 - CIDERS/HUNTERS - £2.50 57 - (TUB) TOMATO PASTE - £2.50 58 - (TUB) TUNA MAYO - £2.50 59 - (TUB) CHICKEN SALAD - £2.50 60 - (TUB) EGG SALAD - £2.50 61 - ICE (SML - £2.50 LRG - £4.00)

V2 – PIZZA & GRILL MENU SIT IN, TAKE AWAY OR DELIVERY CALL 25544

MARGARITA PIZZA - 01	
Cheese & tomato	4.80
DELUXE PARADISE PIZZA - 02	1.00
Pepperoni, BBQ Chicken, Spicy Sausage, Onions, Peppers &	
Mushrooms & Jalapenos	9.95
DOUBLE DECKER - 03	
Chicken, ham, bacon, tomato, onions and DOUBLE cheese	8.50
MEATY FEAST - 04	
Chicken, Minced beef, pepperoni, ham, sweet corn & onions	8.50
HEAVENLY HAWAIIAN - 05	
Pepperoni, Ham, Pineapple and onions	7.95
SEAFOOD PIZZA - 06	
Calamari, Shrimp and prawns with onions and mushrooms	12.80
SPICY PIZZA W/GARLIC SAUSAGE & PEPPERONI - 07	
Spicy Garlic Sausage, Pepperoni, Onions, Peppers & Jalapeno's	7.95
MEXICAN CHILLI CHICKEN PIZZA - 08	
Chicken, Peppers, Onions, Mushrooms and Jalapeno's, Sweet corn	7.95
SPICY VEGETARIAN PIZZA - 09	
Mushroom, Green Peppers, Onions, Jalapeno's, tomato and olives	6.95
GO CANADIAN - 10	
Pepperoni, Mushrooms and Bacon with Canadian Salsa base	9.50
PEPPERONI PIZZA - 11	
Pepperoni, onions and Peppers	7.50
V2 DELUXE - 12	
Buffalo Chicken, Spicy Sausage, Pepperoni, Ham, Jalapeno, onions,	
sweet corn Peppers	8.95
TUNA & SWEETCORN PIZZA - 13	
Tuna, onions, sweet corn, peppers	7.50
BEST DEAL - 14	
¹ / ₂ Margarita and ¹ / ₂ Pineapple and Ham	6.00
SMOKIN' BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA - 15	
BBQ Chicken Onions and Peppers with mushrooms	7.95
MEAL DEAL PIZZA - 16	0.00
¹ / ₄ BBQ Sausage, ¹ / ₄ Ham & Pineapple and Half Pepperoni	8.00
HOT & SPICY BUFFALO CHICKEN & SWEET CHILLI- 17	10.00
Buffalo Chicken, Peppers, onions, mushrooms Sweet corn & Sweet Chilli Chicken, Jalapeno's plus Double Cheese	10.00

(TUB) CHICKEN SALAD - £2.50 (TUB) EGG SALAD - £2.50 ICE (SML - £2.50 LRG - £4.00) ICE (SML - £2.50 LRG - £4.00) ICE (SML - £2.50 LRG - £4.00) ICE OVER £25.00 FOR FREE DELIVERY EX SPIRITS MENU IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

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Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

Friday open from 4.00pm till late mix tunes from the bar.

Saturday open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm Country tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late Great sounds by Shavon .

Sunday open from 5.00 to 8.00pm..

Looking for a Saturday night of live musical entertainment, then **Colin's Bar in Sandy Bay** will provide your entertainment by Allie Stu, Freddie Crowie & Peter Francis.



FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST 2018

BAR OPENS AT 11AM

FRIDAY SUNDOWNER

Make yourself comfortable & forget all about the world outside and enjoy the fantastic sunset.

DJ TO ROSIE'S BUT A FAMILIAR DJ TO SAINT HELENA



PROVIDING A MIXTURE OF MUSIC FOR ALL!



The HTH Rifle Club would like to thank all those who supported them at the Family Fete on 29 July 2018. Special thanks to the Kingshurst Community Centre Committee for providing the venue, the chefs who took part in the Chilli Cook-Off, Colin Peters for the musical entertainment, Andre and Dulcie Herne and team for providing the delicious hot meals, to those who generously donated prizes for the raffle and various competitions, all stall holders and to all those to helped in the various stalls etc on the day. The total amount raised was £622.10. The winners of the multi-raffle were: Breakfast Hamper - Hazel Leo, HTH Iced Cake - Phillip Yon, Red Hill Ceramic Plant Pot – Joan Yon, Jamestown 3D Picture – Hazel Leo, HTH Wall Art Canvas - Simon Benjamin, HTH Ladies Bag - Dulcie Herne, New Ground Bottle of Whisky - Tracy Furniss, St Paul's Bottle of Chamdor - Sebastian Crowie Bottle of Sherry – Noleen Stevens, Sapper Wav



SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2018

ROUTE 66

6PM - 1

SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 18

FOLLOWED BY

MIX MUSIC