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Open Letter to the Governor in Council



Future of Overseas Territories in the Foreign Affairs Committee Enthronement of Father Dale at the Cathedral live on Saint FM on Sunday at 3pm

Major Incident Exercise at the St Helena Airport





From the Foreign Affairs Committee

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Commons is currently undertaking an inquiry into the resilience of the Overseas Territories (OTs), how effectively the FCO manages its responsibilities towards them, and how it envisages their future.

The time for written submissions to the inquiry expired in September this year and they were published in Tuesday of this week. In all 83 written submissions were received by the Committee from all the overseas territories, six of the submissions came from St Helena.

St Helena Chamber of Commerce said that "A vibrant private sector is an essential prerequisite for resilience and sustainable economic development. However, far from experiencing the anticipated boom following commencement of scheduled air access, St Helena is currently in decline both in terms of its economy and the morale of its people. Air access has brought benefits - for example, life- saving medical evacuations - but most are not of assistance to businesses.

Raised expectations and a willingness on the part of many local enterprises to undertake significant investment in order to make a difference and be 'air access ready' - in an attempt to grow St Helena's economy and reduce our reliance upon aid - have turned to ashes, leaving many businesses in debt, or facing severe cash flow problems and, in some instances, both.

The private sector on St Helena is in a very precarious position at present. It is extremely important that this is recognised fully by Her Majesty's Government (HMG) in order to ensure that future actions do not worsen the situation and that the level of support necessary to see St Helena through the critical period until the financial benefits of air access can be realised is forthcoming. Otherwise, St Helena will decline further instead of being able to prosper when the opportunities to do so eventually present themselves. This would not be in the best interests of any of the parties concerned and would negate any possibility of reduced dependence upon aid and of sustainable economic and social growth.

In order to enable St Helena to overcome the current challenges that it is facing; enhance its resilience and enjoy a more self-sufficient future, it is crucial that HMG recognises and supports the role of the very private sector that it rightly insisted must be grown and strengthened to reduce public sector dominance and assist St Helena's sustainable economic development. As the House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts concluded:- "Government has an obligation to support and sustain the people of St Helena.""

The St Helena Tourism Association argued that "From the perspective of the St Helena Tourism Association the process of decision-making should also be clearly focussed, well informed and well executed. Badly focussed and informationally flawed decisions which are poorly executed often have a severely adverse impact on the businesses of the Overseas Territories and their employees. Bearing in mind the Overseas Territories are described on page 8 of the 2012 Overseas Territories white paper "Security, Success and Sustainability" as "highly diverse and each has its own relationship with the UK" the Inquiry is asked to consider whether the current process of decision-making by HMG in relation to Overseas Territories is the best available to achieve the aim of clearly focussed, well informed and well executed decisions for Overseas Territories which have many and varied diversities." The St Helena Equality and Human Rights Commission took a firm stance in their submission. they said that evidence show that The mode of governance is outdated;

The Government sometimes acts with impunity and disregards the views of the local people, and does not adopt a policy of transparency;

The EHRC is being subjected to a strategy by the St Helena Government to undermine its ability to carry out its role;

The business case presented by the Department for International Development (DfID) on tourist numbers has been shown to have been grossly exaggerated; and

The Island has a number of examples of untapped potential. The EHRC would like to see action taken on: Changes to our Constitution including the addition of the right to self-determination; measures promoting more open, transparent and accountable government; improving the effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and impartiality of the public service; review of the Police Service with a view to reducing the size and the cost of the service and overcoming cultural differences; the removal of the prison from the direct management of the police and under political oversight; The extension of the Optional Protocol on the Convention Against Torture to all the Territories; the promotion of representative and participative government; freedom of speech and information (St Helena still does not have any Freedom of Information or Data Protection legislation in place); adoption of modern standards of respect for human rights; investigation into St Helena Government spending and profit-making monopolies owned by St Helena Government including Connect St Helena Ltd, The Bank of St Helena and Solomon & Company PLC and the Mantis Hotel; tackling the high levels of obesity, diabetes and alcohol abuse; and meeting the people's basic needs including, for example: affordable and reliable energy and affordable and reliable internet access.

St Helena Government also made a submission to the Committee and likewise did the Elected Members of Legislative Council. It is a bit difficult to understand why the Councillors made their own submission as five of them are deemed to form the St Helena Government.

AIRPORT OPERATIONS ROADSHOWS POSTPONED

Due to the temporary absence of the Senior Meteorological Forecaster at St Helena Airport, Dr Tim Baker, the planned Airport Roadshows have been postponed until January 2019 after Tim has returned and the build up to Christmas and the New Year festivities are complete. Tim is temporarily returning to the UK for some well-earned rest and has been replaced by Karl Shepherdson. Karl will provide meteorological services to St Helena Airport until Tim's return to St Helena.

Given Tim's involvement in the roadshows and the relevance of inclement weather to air service disruption, it is felt worthwhile to wait for Tim's return in a couple of months before proceeding with the roadshows.

The public will be kept informed as to when the Roadshows will recommence. SHG

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St Helena Tourism and Saint FM Community Radio are pleased to present:

Green Renaissance Film Night

At Rosie's on Monday 19th November at 7pm

Showcasing films featuring local Saints and their stories.

Take this opportunity to view all 10 films on the big screen

Foreword by the Founder and Director Michael Raimondo

All are welcome

"Sharing ideas inspiring change" (Green Renaissance)









FOLLOW UP ADVICE ON REARING LAYING HENS

The Veterinary Section of ANRD wishes to make poultry keepers aware of the following important information regarding rearing laying hens:

We wish to emphasise the importance of ensuring hens, both layers and youngstock, have food available at all times. Both the Lohmann Brown and the new Dekalb-Amberlink breeds are high-performance production layers which need constant energy and nutrients to lay as expected. It has come to our notice that although producers may "feed up" twice a day, the amount may not always be sufficient to last through the day/night.

In addition, it is healthy to supplement the diet with greens and kitchen waste, especially if fully housed. Greens improve the eggs and add fresh vitamins and minerals, as well as keeping the hens occupied and happy. Also provide some grit, both true hard grit such as fine gravel (4-6mm) and shell grit if available – it is vital for proper digestion and strong shells and is used in the gizzard to make a grinding mill. Clean water should always be available.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INFORMATION SHEET PROVIDED WHEN CHICKS WERE SOLD.

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There is a lot of interesting reading in the Independent this week. There is no question about that the St Helena Corporation's purchase of a majority share in SHELCO and that Paul O'Sullivan is the new Chairman in SHELCO is the biggest news for quite some time. SHELCO stalled over the last few years. All the problems with airport delays and other problems led to the main investors losing interest and it all ground to a halt. The former Chairman of SHELCO, Sir Nigel Thompson, who I have known for the last 15 years, did his best but got overwhelmed by all the problems on St Helena. We will see how it pans out for Mr O'Sullivan.

The open letter to the Governor in Council from the 'Unified Saints Group' came as a bit of a surprise, mainly because we have not heard from them for a while, but also the angle used.

I do not disagree with the Group but I think that the fundamental problem with the cost of utilities lies on a higher level. DfID doctrine that a small poor Island with maybe 4,500 people should fund its own infrastructure is completely absurd. Full cost recovery on water, electricity, roads and maybe even telecommunications has already crippled the Island to a degree where there cannot be any private sector development. All the money is going to pay for decrepit services and the Island and its people have nothing left to spend. Who can build up a private sector driven economy in a place people have zero spending power? Not even a DfID consultant can answer that question.

Finally, I encourage you to read from submissions to the Common Affirs Committee on page two. It looks a bit dry but it is really interesting and thought provoking. *Mike*



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend.

Friday open from 4.00pm till late mixed tunes by Kimmy Boom Bang .

Saturday open from 5.00pm till late mix sounds from the bar.

Sunday open from 5.00 to 8.00pm.



Happy 70th Birthday for the 13th November to our dearest Mother Myrtle Bennett of New Bridge Wishing we could be there with you, but have a very nice day. See you soon With lots of love & hugs From Patsy, Belinda, Gavin, Cheryl, Andreas,

Rebekka, Jan & Kieran.



Thank You Shirley Caroline Benjamin 05/05/1940 – 17/10/2018



The husband, daughter and son of the late Shirley Benjamin together with their families would like to express their sincere thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of the General Hospital for their care and attention during her underlying illnesses and especially at the time of her sudden death.

Thanks are extended to Bishop Elect Father Dale, Cannon Clive, Father Jack and Lay Minister Johnny Green for conducting the funeral service, Joy George the organist, Roy Williams and his team and Davina and Colin Lawrence for the wreaths.

Special thanks to Hayward Benjamin for his invaluable support, colleagues in the Police and Education Directorates and all other family and friends who gave support, attended the funeral, paid floral tributes and sent messages of condolence. This was very much appreciated at this difficult time. God bless you all.

Shirley has gone from our lives but will live on in our hearts forever.

ST HELENA AIRPORT LIMITED GRANTED OPEN-ENDEND AERODROME CERTIFICATE

On Monday, 5 November 2018, the regulator for St Helena Airport granted an open-ended aerodrome certificate to St Helena Airport Limited (SHAL).

A series of planned audits and checks were conducted by Air Safety Support International (ASSI) at the end of October 2018, and as a result, an open-ended aerodrome certificate was issued. The audits covered Aerodrome Operations, Rescue and Firefighting, Security, Air Traffic Services, Meteorology & Communication, and Navigation & Surveillance. Upon the conclusion of those audits, ASSI indicated their satisfaction with the levels of safety and security maintained at the Airport.

Separately, SA Airlink recently conducted a planned audit of the security arrangements at the Airport and were satisfied with the results.

Both sets of audits had been planned for a number of months, and whilst the Airport Operator has changed in the intervening period, the results demonstrate the Airport's continued commitment to maintaining international standards relating to safety

Major Incident Exercise at the St Helena Airport Wednesday 7th November saw the Emergency Planning De-

Wednesday 7th November saw the Emergency Planning Department of the Police Directorate and the Airport Directorate organise a multi-agency Major Incident Exercise at the St Helena Airport.

Simon Wade, Emergency Planning Manager said the scenario was to test the airports emergency rescue and response plan in respect of airport accreditation.

He said that the St Helena Airport needs to do a certain amount of Major Incident Exercises within the year and this one was to reaffirm and make sure all the processes are in place and still fit for purpose for the St Helena Airport to maintain operations.

Preparation for the exercise took three months to plan as they needed to come up with a scenario that met the objectives they wanted to achieve and Simon confirmed that it was fit for purpose and the day's exercise went very well with a few teething problems that Simon said will be a learning curve for them.

The day's exercise started with the sirens sounding at 10:15 am to alert personnel that a plane had crashed at Saint Helena Airport.

The plane was carrying 32 passengers to include 3 air crew, 4 models and 25 volunteers.

On landing the plane swerved off the runway crashed and caught fire and within minutes the fire service were on scene to extinguish the fire and rescue the 32 casualties onboard.

Many casualties had minor injuries but fair amounts were T1 and T2 casualties who needed immediate medical assistance and 4 deceased. Passengers received medical assistance from health personnel and police secured the scene.

Volunteers included school children from PAS and clients from SHAPE played roles of passengers waiting to depart and family and friends awaiting arriving passengers.

Following the end of the exercise, a de-briefing was held where all involved gave their feedback.

Simon concluded in thanking all volunteers who helped to set the scene and achieve their objective of making it like a flight day and the entire emergency and flight day operations personnel who made it a successful day.

and security. Indeed both ASSI and SA Airlink complimented the Airport team on their professionalism.

CEO and Accountable Manager for SHAL, Gwyneth Howell, said:

"The two audits are a clear indication that SHAL's management team, employees and support services are all committed to supporting, developing and continuously improving upon our safety management system and upholding the highest safety standards."

Gwyneth, her team, and all involved with the operations at St Helena Airport, are to be warmly congratulated on their recent achievements.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2018 DIVINE SERVICE, THANKSGIVING AND BEACON LIGHTING CEREMONY

This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on the 11 November 2018 and on that day, The Most Reverend Dr Thabo Cecil Makgoba – Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, will conduct a Divine Service at the Cenotaph in Jamestown.

Her Excellency the Governor will attend and the public are invited to join as we mark the end of World War One (WW1) centenary by saying thank you to all who served, sacrificed and changed our world.

A special place will be reserved at the Cenotaph for serving and ex-servicemen and women and also St Helenians who served on the old RMS St Helena during the 1982 Falklands War.

All persons wishing to take part in the Divine Service are asked to assemble at the Cenotaph by no later than 10.40am. The public is also informed that whilst the Gettogethers and Salvation Army Bands will provide music for the Service at the Cenotaph, they will not, on this occasion, be marching or providing music at the Grand Parade following the Service.

Please note that the Island wide ringing of bells of all kinds or other acoustic signals on the day, should start at 12.30pm GMT and may continue ringing for two minutes.

The Consecration and Enthronement of Bishop-Elect Dale Arthur Bowers as 16th Bishop of St Helena by the Most Revd Dr Thano Cecil Makgoba, Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa will take place at St Paul's Cathedral 3pm on Sunday.

All persons wishing to attend the Beacon Lighting Ceremony on the evening of Sunday, 11 November are asked to assemble at Kingshurst Community Centre by no later than 18.45pm.

Comments from the Police on Sentencing in Supreme Court SENTENCING OF SHAVON LEO SENTENCING OF BRANDON BONE

On Tuesday, 30 October 2018, a jury found Shavon Leo guilty of causing the death of Eugene Henry through dangerous driving, Leo having already pled guilty to driving two times over the prescribed limit at the time of the crash.

The Court has on Friday, 2 November 2018, handed down to Shavon Leo an immediate custodial sentence of 18 months. This sentence reflects the seriousness of his actions, though was noted by the Chief Justice as being 'lenient' due to reasons laid out in the Supreme Court session.

Detective Sergeant, David Honan, said on Friday:

"Today is about loss. The Henry family, Sandra, Patrick, Leanne, Madonna, and Kacy, have lost a son and a brother. Shavon Leo, as a result of his actions, has lost a childhood friend and, this afternoon, his liberty.

"I do not want the community on St Helena to suffer a further loss like this. Eugene's death was directly attributable to a driver driving in excess of the speed limit on a road at night and whilst under the influence of alcohol. I would therefore appeal to people to take care when driving, not to drive whilst drunk, and drive as per the speed limit. You have a responsibility to those passengers in your car and to other road users. This conviction shows that you will be held to that responsibility.

"I wish to pay tribute to the Henry family. Since they received that dreadful news on 12 August 2017, they have shown immense courage and fortitude throughout what has been a very difficult time.

"I would like to thank my colleagues in the Attorney Generals Chambers for their advice and guidance during the lengthy and complex police investigation - the first of its type on-Island. Also to the members of the emergency services that attended the scene, this was a very harrowing task made more so by the closeness of our community.

"I wish to repeat my plea to anyone considering getting behind the steering wheel of a car having consumed alcohol -DON'T. Your actions could have life changing implications." SHG

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On Monday, 26 October 2018, Brandon Bone of Cow Path was sentenced at the Supreme Court for the offence of assault with intent to rob. A custodial sentence of six years and eight months was imposed.

Detective Sergeant, David Honan, said:

"The length of the sentence handed down reflected the seriousness of Brandon Bones' actions. He offended against a lone young woman making her way home, having enjoyed a night out with friends. Bone attacked the women as she walked past the entrance to the Mule Yard, dragging her in and onto the grass. He was prevented from causing further harm by the actions of a passing member of the public who intervened.

"Whilst what happened to this young woman reflects the worst in us, the actions of this brave passer-by demonstrates to me that, on the whole, this community looks out for one another. This man potentially put himself in harm's way to help someone else.

"What happened on that March night is a mercifully rare occurrence on St Helena. This remains a peaceful and safe place to both live and visit."

A further six months was added to the custodial sentence with regards to previous offences committed by Brandon Bone, for which a Community Service Order that was previously imposed was revoked by the Chief Justice. The total sentence is therefore seven years and two months.

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Casio full size keyboard and 2 amplifiers in excellent condition Price £200.00 Or nearest offer

Dehumidifier 20 litre brand new - £137.00 Panasonic DVD recorder - £ 60.00 If interested contact Mobile number 61590

Visiting Bishops - Short Profiles

The Most Revd Dr Thabo Cecil Makgoba

The Most Revd Dr Thabo Cecil Makgoba is the Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

He was born and spent his early years in Alexandra Township, Johannesburg, and then – after his family was forcibly removed – spent the rest of his childhood in Pimville, Soweto. After his schooling at Orlando High, he studied for a BSc at the University of the Witwatersrand, then trained as a priest at St. Paul's College in Grahamstown, where he earned a Diploma in Theology.

After ordination, he served in various positions in Johannesburg Anglican Diocese, including at St Mary's Cathedral and the Church of Christ the King in Sophiatown, and as Anglican chaplain at Wits. During this time he also graduated at Wits with a BA (Honours) in Applied

Psychology and an MEd in Educational Psychology and lectured at Wits, in the Division of Specialised Education and at the Wits College of Education, where he was Dean of Knockando Residence.

He was elected Bishop Suffragan of Grahamstown in 2002 – serving as Bishop of Queenstown, then as Bishop of Grahamstown in 2004 and as Archbishop in 2008. He pioneered the concept of *indaba* in the worldwide Anglican Communion as a means of getting to grips with difference, and was decorated by the Archbishop of Canterbury with the Cross of St Augustine for his role in the Communion. He currently chairs the Anglican Communion Environmental

Network. He has and continues to serve as a Board Member in a number of NGO's and both Ecumenical and Interfaith Bodies.

Since moving to Cape Town, he has earned a PhD from the University of Cape Town, for a thesis on Spirituality in the South African Mining Workplace. He has also received degrees of Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) from the General Theological Seminary in New York and from Huron University

Bishop Stephen Diseko

The Right Reverend Stephen Molopi Diseko was born on 03 May 1967. Completed matric in 1986, 1988 to 1990 was at Lelapa la Jesu Seminary in Lesotho. Was ordained to the Diaconate and Priesthood in 1990 and 1991 respectively. Married to Brenda Diseko, blessed with 3 children; Letlotlo 20 years doing second year in Psychology, Leruo 16 years

doing Grade 10 and Ngata 14 years doing Grade 8. He did further studies with the College of the Resurrection – Mirfield (UK), and later did BA Hons with North West Univer-

sity, and currently doing Masters.

Became the first Dean of the Diocese of Matlosane in 2004, and in 2007 was elected second Bishop of the same Diocese. In 2017 he was appointed Dean of the Province of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.





College in Canada, University of the South (Sewanne, Tennessee).

He has in recent years taught MBA students at the University of Cape Town on Ethical Leadership and Stewardship, and is also an Executive in Residence at the Wits Business School. He served as a commissioner for the Press Freedom Commission under Justice Pius Langa and has been a panellist and discussion leader at various World Economic Forum meetings in Davos. He is currently the Chancellor of the University of the Western Cape. He has published two books, a short autobiographical account, Connectedness, 2005, Workplace Spirituality in a Mine Context, 2012 and Faith and Courage – Praying with Mandela, 2017.

He is married to Lungi Manona and they have two children, Nyakallo and Paballo. He loves walking, nature and reading.

The Right Reverend Allan John Kannemeyer

Bishop Allan was born in the coastal town of Mossel Bay where his father earned a living from working as a fisherman on a trawler.

Bishop Allan is the Bishop of the Diocese of Pretoria (capital city of South Africa).

He trained as a priest in the Anglican Seminary in Grahamstown in the early 1980's and has served as a priest in George and Mossel Bay (Western Cape) after which he moved to Pretoria in 2001.

Bishop Allan has served as the Provincial Executive Officer of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa for three years (2010 to 2013), after which he was appointed Dean of Pretoria.

Bishop Allan was elected to serve as Bishop in February 2016 and was consecrated as the 11th Bishop of Pretoria on 14 May 2016. Bishop Allan has been married to Connie for 28 years and they have been blessed with three boys: Fabian (26), Alban (23), and Kamogelo (13).

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PRESS RELEASE : St Helena Conference 2019

Nature's Benefits: Natural Capital in the South Atlantic.



We are delighted to announce that registration is now open for the second St Helena Conference. It will be held from Monday 11 to Friday 15 March 2019 and the theme of the conference will be *Nature's Benefits, natural capital in the South Atlantic*. This event follows on from the success of the first St Helena Conference held in 2018.

For the last two years, the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI) has been implementing a Natural Capital Assessment project across the UK's Overseas Territories (UKOTs) in the South Atlantic, funded by UK Government. It is established and supported by experts/scientists from the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC). Partnerships have been built with the UKOT governments in the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, Tristan da Cunha, Ascension and St. Helena, and a number of other on and off-island organisations.

In March 2019, participants from across the region and across the world will travel to St. Helena to consolidate the final outputs of the project, and given presentations on Natural Capital from their islands. Three days of talks will be combined with two days of field trips so that participants can experience what makes St Helena's environment so special.

It is anticipated that participants will include representatives from St Helena, the Falkland Islands, Ascension, South Georgia and Tristan da Cunha. Talks will cover a range of topics about nature's benefits from cloud forest to the value of the deep sea. There will be a number of speakers from the Overseas Territories including St.Helena, and from UK and other international organisations and Universities who have been connected to the project. The conference will also be a platform for our local researchers and students to share the outcomes of related research that they are doing on island. As well as talks, a poster session will be hosted at the St Helena Museum.

Fieldtrips will include boat trips to see the islands marine life, inland tours to see native and endemic species and habitats, visits to sites of historic interest, and overviews of renewable and recycling iniatives.,

The conference is funded by the UK Government and is organised by SAERI in partnership with the St. Helena Government, St. Helena Tourism and the JNCC. The event will be hosted at Anne's Place. Registration is now open to all on the conference website <u>https://st-helena-conference.com/</u> and through the Tourist Office. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.



Open Letter to the Governor in Council

Dear Governor in Council,

We received a letter of 10 August 2018 from Elected Members in response to an earlier letter from us, but we are disappointed that they were selective with their response:

1. HE the Governor has stated via Facebook that EXCO makes up part of the St Helena Government therefore the five elected members of Exco together with officials collectively own Connect St Helena Ltd but are not accountable for the actions/ inefficiencies of the Company! How can this be?? Section 1(2) of the Utility Services Ordinance 2013 allows that any grant may be subject to conditions that the Governor in Council considers necessary when making a grant. Given that staff costs published in the accounts are a bone of contention, especially in relation to expatriate contract officers in receipt of rates equivalent

to TCO rates. It must be understood, that Connect St Helena is a local company providing utility services to the residents of the island of St Helena, who receive and average salary/ wage of £8130? Pa (SHG statistics section), so why do the CEO/Senior Management receive salaries in line with UK rates/bonuses? We believe that this topic is within SHG'sgrasp to deal wifft as an urgent matter and there is no need to await the proposed review? Just review Contracts! !

2. Who carried out the Social Impact Assessment and at what costs to SHG? The impact assessment quotes the allowance of 70 litres per person/per day in line with WHO standardsl What sanitation/waste disposal method is used consuming only 10 litres of water per day? We would like to point out that average full flush WC uses 9 litres of water per flush and an average of three flushes per day is not considered excessive. Also with areas becoming more densely populated earth/bucket latrines are no longer an option. To suggest that it is not necessary to flush every time when urinating is counterproductive due to staining of the bowl which has to be cleaned by bleaching agents which is not conducive to septic tank microbial action. Where is the evidence that the average household has two incomes as quoted by the assessor? Reference is also made in the assessment that Ascension Island has higher tariffs, but there is no mention of the fact that there is a daily free allowance before the high tariffs apply? This assessment has been flaunted as gospel by SHG, Connect St Helena and the URA, which is flawed? Should it be Government policy to use factual data rather than hearsay?

3. We would also like to point out that the "Social Impact assessment" was requested and we assume was paid for by SHG, thus SHG ownership!

4. Having been advised by Councillor Derek Thomas at the HTH Constituency meeting on Monday 8*h October, that it was agreed by Exco that the TOR's for the review of Connect St Helena should NOT be shared with the Unified Saints Group as agreed/promised by Elected Members at the Public Meeting held at HTH Community Centre on the 4th July 2018; Will Her Excellency say why SHG saw fit to review the subject and NOT to inform the group of the decision? And we understand the rest of legislative council! There was mention during the last sitting of Legislative Council that the turnout to the last round of constituency meetings were very low; we

wonder WHY?

Is St Helena Government **OPEN and TRANSPARENT**? Does the **Administration always know best**? **Do we have a democracy that ignores the voice of its people**? We would be most grateful if you could enlighten us to the contrary.

Yours faithfully,

Jeffrey Ellick, Half Tree Hollow Cyril George, Sapper Way Robert Ellick, Upper Jamestown Mark Brooks, Upper Jamestown Earl Henry, Thompson's Hill Julie Thomas (Mrs), Gordon's Post Nicola Essex, Sea View

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Saint Helena Donkey Home NOTICE OF AGM

Date: Wednesday 28th November 2018 Venue: Museum of St Helena Time: 5.30 p.m

All welcome



Contacts: Chair: Teeny Lucy 23988 Secretary: Catherine Turner 22133 Treasurer: Jessica Harper 22470

Facebook: Saint Helena Donkey Home

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE SAINT HELENA CORPORATION ACQUIRES SHELCO

Saint Helena Corporations PLC **(SHCPLC)** and St Helena Leisure Corporation Limited **(SHELCO)**, are pleased to announce the acquisition of a controlling stake in SHELCO by SHCPLC.

DEAL PARTICULARS Acquisition: By SHCPLC of 75.1% of the issued shares in SHELCO Consideration: GBP1,000,000 settled in cash, with a total project value of >GBP150m over the next five to seven years

SHELCO's only asset is an option to acquire approximately 400 acres (162 hectares) of land on the tropical island of St Helena. The 162 hectare site has been granted planning permission for a world-class 6,378 yards 71 par golf estate designed by renowned golf course designers Mackenzie & Ebert. Mackenzie & Ebert have designed well known courses in Europe, Middle East, Asia, North America including the Bahamas. The architect for the resort and residential development is well-known London firm, Purcell whose UK partner Jeremy Blake said "having had several meetings with Paul O'Sullivan of SHCPLC, it is clear that he shares our vision and wants to make this project happen as soon as possible. He's made it clear that he will keep all the professional consultants on to make sure he does not lose any institutional knowledge."

Outgoing Chairman of SHELCO, Sir Nigel Thompson said "We are delighted to have been able to tie up this deal. Paul O'Sullivan has a long career in property development around the world. Being a British national and having previously served the Crown as a young man, he is ideally placed to take on the task of finishing what we have started. I am particularly pleased that having analysed SHELCO's development strategy for delivering Broad Bottom Estate as part of St. Helena's overall plans for creating a self sustaining, environmentally friendly economy, Paul O'Sullivan is completely in accord with our development proposals and has agreed to exercise the Option before the end of 2020. Paul O'Sullivan has a long and distinguished presence in property development, some of it high-risk, and has proven his mettle in that arena. Apart from his development skills, I admire his obvious determination and staying power which will be required to complete this significant challenge. Although we have relinquished control of our company, the existing shareholders of SHELCO have acquired through the process a minority interest as we all share the aspiration to see St. Helena succeed ."

He further said: "When SHELCO tied up the original option agreement just after the turn of the century, they didn't realise they had embarked on a two decade endeavour to help create a sustainable economy for St. Helena to introduce high value, low volume tourism to St Helena Island which would protect its environment whilst bringing real economic benefits to the Saints."

New Chairman of SHELCO and currently the CEO and share-



holder of SHCPLC Paul O'Sullivan said "This deal brings us a step further to realising our goal of being the principal catalyst to create a sustainable economy for St. Helena on their picturesque island. We are already the single largest nongovernment investor on the island and this will place us in a position to develop an eco-resort with a world class golf course, which will not be matched anywhere. Having paid the GBP1m to acquire SHELCO, we have also provided for the GBP2.3m required to exercise the option before the end of 2020, with a view to starting work on site and completing the development, within a further five years. I already have keen interest being shown by two well-known 5 star hotel brands, subject to resolving the direct air access from Europe. "

O'Sullivan went on to say; "There has been a lot of negativity surrounding the opening of the airport, which was claimed by some to be a complete failure in the first instance. However the St Helena Government and DFID agencies persevered and what we have today is an airport capable of meeting the tourism needs of the island well into the future. I am confident in our investment and expect to see profits flowing in about 5 years' time. I am also confident in the Government and people of St Helena and hope they will see this as a further demonstration of our belief in them. Whilst everyone was turning their backs on the island, we were buying land and signing construction contracts. Although we are also pursuing other opportunities on the island, we intend to make this eco-resort with its world class 18-hole golf course our priority. We have already built a luxury three bedroom villa, as a show-house, to demonstrate what we are capable of and this will benchmark our quality standards for future buyers."

Saint Helena Corporation PLC

Saint Helena Corporation PLC was formed in 2015, with a view to create an investment platform for development projects on the Island of St Helena. Due to slow progress on getting projects off the ground on the Island, SHCPLC formed subsidiary companies in South Africa and the UK and acquired various properties and other related investments. It has also acquired three holiday lodges in the UK. The company now

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has assets of more than GBP3m, which have been shareholder funded.

Sir Nigel Thompson KCMB, CBE, CEng

Sir Nigel Thompson is a renowned engineer, who was knighted in 2002, for his work in helping to rebuild war-ravaged Kosovo. He was made a CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) in 1996 for his services to the construction industry having previously been a main board director of ARUP and Deputy Chairman of Ove Arup & Partners who were the engineers responsible for building the Sydney Opera House.

Paul O'Sullivan CFE, FloD (SA)

Paul O'Sullivan, apart from being an engineer, is a Fellow of the Institute of Directors and a Certified Fraud Examiner. In the 1980's Paul O'Sullivan carried out numerous property developments in London and the home-counties. Although a British citizen, between 1994 and 2001, he was a director of Johannesburg Tourism and the Tourism Business Council of South Africa. In 2000 he was recognised for his contribution in setting up the first formal tourism bus-trips into Soweto. He is also known for his charitable work, as founder of Forensics for Justice, a South African charity which has consistently exposed corruption and abuse of tax-payer funds in South Africa. In 2011 he was made a 'Paul Harris Fellow' by the Rotary Foundation for his work in the 'furtherance and better understanding of the peoples of the world.' He has been involved in property development for more than 35 years, in the UK, South Africa, Cote d'Ivoire, Australia, India and now St Helena Island.

Anthony Fitzhenry

Anthony Fitzhenry is a founding director and shareholder of SHCPLC. He is also the founder of Qhubeka, a South African and London based Charity. Anthony founded Qhubeka in 2005 with the goal of changing one million people's lives in Africa, using bicycles. Anthony is also the founder of Axiz (Pty) Limited. From its founding in 1989, it grew to become the largest IT distribution company in Africa. In 2006, Anthony was named ICT Personality of the Year by the Computer Society of South Africa, and in 2009, the South African State Information Technology Agency named Anthony one of its fifteen ICT Legends, for his contribution to the development of ICT in South Africa.



Paul O'Sullivan

TIP OF THE WEEK Clean your light fittings and lampshades. This may give you more light so you can use fewer

fittings.

Use lower wattage of light bulbs where possible or low energy bulbs.

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Dear Editor,

I sincerely congratulate Michel Dancoisne-Martinaneu in becoming a Member of the British Empire (MBE). It is thoroughly deserved. However, I question if it was actually awarded, as stated in the St. Helena Independent 26th Oct, by Her Excellency, Governor Lisa Honan. Surely these awards, even honorary ones to foreign nationals, are made by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth 2nd, albeit on recommendation from the Governor. The Governor may have presented it but I doubt if she awarded it. None the less, it is a fitting recognition of Michel's work for the island and tourism.

Yours sincerely, Jack Horner

Dear Editor.

Further to SURE's notice on Thursday, 1 November advising customers the increase in the cost of television services by 20% and 21% respectively from 1 December 2018 is alarming. Recently the Premium TV package was introduced offering 30 Channels. As time has gone by notably;

- M-Net and M-Net Action showing same programmes
- Sony channel last week and still now is a blank screen. TV Guide advertising 'Important information' not sure what that is though.
- At times the movie channels are showing kids programmes mainly on a weekend
- Lots of programmes are repeated throughout the year
- TV Guide don't always show information

SURE have said they only 'rebroadcast' but from a customer's standpoint we sign up to an agreement with SURE. Being a small place, St Helena is disadvantaged with absence of competition coupled with 'a take it or leave it' mind-set.

At the same time the Premium package was offered SURE also advertised Multi-View which naturally one would think it would be one set-top box allowing one to view different channels on two different TV's. Unfortunately this was not the case as you'd actually have to buy another set-top box to be able to do that. How can we stay positive on St Helena when we're continuously been beaten down by increases and in the case of SURE a sizeable unexpected increase. Was enough done to inform customers prior to offering the Premium TV package? At the time it was advertised it seemed like an attractive and exciting idea but just months later SURE has burst its customers bubble!

The Directory enquiries service reduced to working hours. Everyone doesn't have access to the internet and the local directory hasn't been updated since 2016. If there is a necessity for someone to contact another person urgently after hours on Ascension and they don't have the telephone number when you ring SURE it says closed then what does one do? This essential service has now become an inadequate service. When can customers expect a new updated printed directory?

One wonders if the changes are in preparation for the unknown when fibre optic cable reaches St Helena. The internet service is currently a sustainable part of SURE's operations. In addition, allegedly SURE on the Falklands will become the main hub for the three islands managing the central services from there e.g. ordering equipment/goods for the three islands.

Are we currently getting a **S**o **U**nreliable and Really Expensive service - you decide and voice your opinion.

We are told to look up but we're getting worn-out waiting for prosperity to rain on St Helena. The end is not yet in sight as the outcome of Brexit is yet to come and will affect St Helena good and bad whether we like it or not.

Yours sincerely

FC.

Dear Sir,

I believe it is official a CONSTUCTION COMPANY has been awarded the SHG Cleaning Contract WOW.

There are 2 very successful cleaning services on this very small island who are very good & has invested a lot of money into their businesses. HOW can a CONSTRUCTION COMPANY be the preferred bidder?????

I have spoke to some of their customers & SHG personal who are just as shocked as I am & have nothing about good things to say about both Cleaning Services.

Another thing that puzzles me, WHY

would someone invest a loads of money on cleaning materials, Hoovers, etc MONTHS in advance BEFORE the contract was awarded???AND ask people to work for them for £700 per month??? DID THEY HAD THE HEADS UP & knew something the others didn't, & knew the other bidders were only wasting their time & money??? Guess it pays to have family & friends

in the right places.

We are always encouraging saints "come back home set up your business & invest" ONE DID. How can we expect them to do this if this is the way SHG operates? My advice to anyone who's thinking of investing in St Helena, DON'T. STAY AWAY.

I believe in the specifications of the contract, there was a mention of negotiations & discount. Was there any negotiating???lf not WHY????

My opinion!! To those people concerned who made this decision, I think this contract MUST be reviewed. You are trying very hard to keep certain businesses down & give support only to XXXXXXX To the Cleaning Companies, next time a construction contract comes out APPLY you never know with the decisions SHG make you might just get it.

ANGRY ST HELENIAN



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Dear Electorate,

With some urgency, special efforts are ongoing, at different levels and in various areas, to progress social, economic and infrastructure development for the people of St Helena. On Thursday 25th October, elected representatives received a presentation and feedback from the visiting Independent Economic Review consultant, Mr David Marlow; the consultant is working independently of DFID. There is no doubt that in such a short time, the consultant clearly had acquired an in-depth and far-reaching understanding of the island's needs. We wait to have sight of his final report with recommendations for the DFID Minister, Lord Bates.

During the formal Legislative Council meeting held on Friday 26th October,

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elected members asked the Financial Secretary two formal questions on future financial aid from the United Kingdom.

The Hon Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Hon Financial Secretary tell this House what are the key milestones and expected time line for reaching the next agreed aid settlement with the Department for International Development?

The Hon Financial Secretary:

"Mr Deputy Speaker

I would like to thank the honourable member for her question.

Mr Deputy Speaker this year's Medium Term Expenditure Framework process has been somewhat shortened given the late approval of the 2018/19 budget in July this year.

Therefore the normal process which usually starts in May of each year has been shortened considerably. The key milestones are the production of first draft strategic plans and budgets, DFID sector advisor visits and the finalization of Strategic Plans and Budgets to DFID. Directorates have just submitted their three year plans and budgets and these are now going through the initial internal challenge process, with a view to revised plans and budgets being submitted within the next two weeks. There will then be further reviews by the respective council committees during November with a view to submitting an initial 3 year budget to DFID in December.

Unlike previous years we have already received a visit from all but one of the DFID sector advisors and these visits have so far proved valuable in the preparation of our overarching strategy for SHG over the next three years and also when developing directorate strategic plans. We are expecting a further visit from the Governance Advisor and the Programme Manager to be followed shortly after by a visit by the Deputy Head of OTD and the Senior Economist. This will see a change in the normal process of a full FAM team visit. It is envisaged that a new 3 year business case will be completed and presented to the DFID minister early in the new year, we are hopeful that we will get notification of a settlement in February 2019 to allow SHG to finalise a 3 year budget which can then be taken through the process in time for Legislative council approval prior to the start of the new financial year."

The Hon Cyril Leo to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Hon Financial Secretary tell this House what progress has been made by DFID and SHG in respect of a Capital Programme for St Helena?

The Hon Financial Secretary: "Mr Deputy Speaker

I would like to thank the honourable member for his question

The honourable member will be aware of a letter of commitment given by the DFID minister earlier this year that DFID will consider a capital programme which supports economic development and that DFID officials would work alongside SHG to build a case for a capital investment programme. DFID's infrastructure advisor has since visited the Island to prepare the way forward for a new capital programme – during his visit he met with a number of key stakeholders including the private sector, elected mem-

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If you are the person(s) responsible for continually breaking the windows of the toilet facilities at the top of Jacob's Ladder, then this simple wake-up call is especially for you.

You, your family, your community, your island and the island's struggling economy desperately needs visitors to come to St Helena. We need our visitors to enjoy the St Helena experience and spread the word around the world of your beautiful Island.

A passenger travelling on the Cruise Ship MS Europa arrived in St Helena on Sunday. Just visiting the Island for a day, the lady was determined to climb Jacob's Ladder, one of St Helena's few icons, and have the most memorable unique experience of her visit to St Helena. It would be a life-long special memory to share with her family and friends.

After reaching the top of the Ladder, the lady needed to use the toilet. Having such an essential facility at that particular location is a welcomed necessity for locals, especially our children, and tourists alike. The visitor returned to the top

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bers and officials.

In addition we currently have a consultant on Island who has been contracted by DFID to carry out an independent assessment of the current economic climate on St Helena. His TOR has been shared with members and other stakeholders with whom he has met over this week. The consultant's assessment along with an SHG prioritised list of the capital requirements will help to inform the basis of a new business case for a capital programme which DFID will present to the Minister over the coming months.

SHG officials have been compiling the necessary business cases for projects that could potentially form part of the Capital Programme through the strategic planning process which will then be prioritized and put forward to DFID to form part of the business case. SHG will work with DFID officials to develop a compelling narrative to accompany a capital programme which supports the Island's economic development agenda. It is hoped that any new capital programme will be multi-year.

It is hoped that the necessary prioritised capital programme will be presented to DFID before the end of this calendar year."

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of the Ladder from the toilet area, shaking her head, and openly expressed her appalled disbelief with one word: "Disgusting!" Clearly you, the culprit(s), urgently need to change your mindset. Your stupidity and senseless behaviour are undermining the special efforts and good works of so many people working in the best interests of the island. You can have no excuse for carrying out your selfish foolish acts of vandalism and disfiguring the face of St Helena.

C Leo (LegCo)





 Customers are reminded that with effect from luesday, 01 January 2019, Bank of St Helena will no longer process Account Transfers which are accepted as a payment method outside of the Bank. Account Transfer Forms used within Bank Branches and Kiosks, to transfer funds to other accounts, or to make bill payments, will remain in effect. Head office: Market Street · Jamestown · St Helena Island · STHL 1ZZ T. + 290 22390 · F. + 200 22553 · email. <u>info@sainthelenabank.com</u> · web <u>www.sainthelenabank.com</u> 	WITHDRAWAL OF ACCOUNT TRANSFERS WITH EFFECT FROM 01 JANUARY 2019
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SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR COOK - COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE (CCC)

The Safeguarding Directorate is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the post of Cook at the Community Care Centre. The successful applicant will be responsible to the Domestic Services Supervisor for the provision of nourishing and appetising meals which are well presented for the residents of the CCC.

Some duties of the post include:

- To cook nutritious and appetising meals for large numbers of people whilst minimising waste.
- To be involved in meal planning with other cooks, Domestic Service Supervisor and care staff.
- To plate individual meals from the kitchen.
- To work early and late shifts over a 7 day rota and to undertake any training that may be required.

• To be responsible for high standards of cleanliness within the kitchen in accordance with an agreed cleaning/maintenance schedule and to be aware of and work within all policies and procedures relating to the work place and participate in reviewing and formulating such policies and procedures

The salary for the post is at Grade A1 commencing at £5,572 per annum.

Applicants should be able to work well in a team and should have knowledge of menu planning, cooking, have experience in cooking for large numbers of people and should have knowledge of Health and Safety relevant to a kitchen environment.

For further information about the post please contact Mr Brian Ellick, Domestic Services Supervisor, on 23090 or email brian.ellick@sainthelena.gov.sh For a copy of the job profile or an application form please contact Sasha Osborne sasha.osborne@sainthelena.gov.sh or call her on 22713

Application forms should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Miss Sherrilee Phillips, Human Resources and Administration Officer, Brick House or via email address sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh no later than 4pm on Friday, 16th November 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. **Stephanie Jones (Ms), Director, 18th October 2018, Safeguarding Directorate**

VACANCY FOR TRAINEE SHELTER ACCOMMODATION AND HOME CARE MANAGER

We are looking for an enthusiastic, passionate and driven leader to join our team to help us deliver upon our vision of: Working together to promote the wellbeing and safety of vulnerable children and adults in the community of St Helena."

The role of **Trainee Sheltered Accommodation and Home Care Manager** is a key role within the directorate. You will be a part of the directorate's leadership team and work with the Assistant Director on all aspects of Safeguarding with a lead focus upon delivering effective and safe Sheltered Accommodation services and take the lead on reviewing and implementing a sustainable and cost effective Home Care Service. This will be a supportive and learning opportunity so you feel empowered and prepared to take the service forward in a full management capacity within the next 6 - 12 months.

A background and experience in either residential settings and or Adult Community Health or Social Care Services setting is desirable alongside the ability to work in a flexible and supportive manner. Strong communication skills is an essential part of this role, as you will work closely with other directorates, the community and our political leaders to ensure that we are delivering the best possible care for vulnerable people in our community.

We need somebody who is committed to supporting inclusion for people at every level in society, someone who will work with their staff to ensure that people achieve their potential and have purposeful and fulfilling lives within the community.

The successful candidate will possess the following experience and qualifications: • GCSE Maths and English Language at grade C or above

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 Valid Driving Licence Class A essential
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- At least 1 year's middle management experience in health and social care field of work, preferably with older people
 Good financial management skills

Salary for this post commences at Grade D10, £13, 517.00 per annum.

If this person sounds like you then we would like to hear from you. If you would like an informal discussion about the role please call Stephanie Jones (Director) on 22713. For an application form please contact Sasha Osborne on sasha.osborne@sainthelena.gov.sh or call her at Brick House on 22713.

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INITIAL POLICE TRAINING WEEK TWO

After a much deserved rest, week two of the Initial Police Training began in earnest with a detailed recap of what was covered in week one.

On Monday, the students put into practise what they had learnt - undergoing their first practical scenario of making an arrest. This was done in a safe learning environment with each student being given detailed feedback on their performance, enabling them to improve as the training progresses. The life of a Police Officer isn't all glamour and the students found out that after making the arrest. There is a lot of paperwork, pocket notebooks, and statements to complete, to name just a few.

Tuesday was a long day of theory with students learning about burglary, criminal damage, mens rea and actus reus.

Police Officers have to be able to protect themselves if they are to protect the public, so on Wednesday students began personal safety training. This involved the correct use of the extendable baton and handcuffing. The students were taught how to handcuff suspects and the correct usage of the baton. This was followed by the completion of the appropriate paperwork relating to the use of force and the National Decision Model.

An outside speaker from the Health Directorate came in on Thursday to teach the students about triage, which was very well received. Students are beginning to understand the importance of multiagency working.

Lessons were disrupted when all students assisted in the search of a suspected missing person. This was the first time the new recruits had been on the streets in uniform. They aided in locating the person, and it was then time to go back to the classroom.



PC Williams and PC Coleman during a training exercise



Personal Safety & Self Defence Training with Sgt Mark Coombe

After the eventful morning, it was back to scenarios, this time with a little twist. The students had to complete scenarios within the public domain. This meant having to deal with traffic, members of the public, all while dealing with the incident. They found that this added to the pressure but also made the scenario much more realistic.

Learning & Development Sergeant, Mark Coombe, said:

"There are two elements to training - theory and the application of that theory. Scenario-based training in the public domain allows the students to contextualise the theory, letting them reflect on how they performed and where they can improve. It allows them to meet the public in a safe and controlled environment. I would like to thank the public for their understanding and patience when they see the students in these stressful, yet educational, situations."

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Police Constable Martin Franconi Student Profile

Police Constable Martin Franconi is a new officer within St Helena Police and is currently carrying out his Initial Police Training seven-week course. Get to know your officer through his profile below:



Where is your favourite place to be on St Helena?

I love walking up on to the Peaks with my wife Robyn and kids, or at the water's edge down at Sharks Valley.

What is your favourite food?

My favourite food is Pizza, but a braai/barbeque takes a close second.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

It would have to be walks with the family, or if there's time then definitely fishing, either round at Rupert's or again, down at Sharks Valley.

Why did you decide to join the St Helena Police Service?

I have always been interested in policing and serving the community and saw the St Helena Police Service as a great opportunity to do just that.

What has been your favourite part of the Initial Police Training course so far?

I would say the really interesting debates, where we have been discussing the different view points we all have on solving problems. A bit of banter makes it all a lot more fun.

What is your advice to others who might be thinking of joining the St Helena Police Service?

If you are honest, you care for your community and have a passion for their welfare, have strong ethics and enjoy a team environment, you should really give it some thought.

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Do you have what it takes? Good communicator Able to listen Integrity Confidence	If so why not come and join the dynamic team at Her Majesty's Prison Service where we have vacancies for <u>Prison Officers</u> .		For further details please contact Heidi Murray, Prison Manager, on telephone number 22541 / <u>heidi.murray@sainthelena.gov.sh</u> Application packs are available from the Police Directorate. Completed forms should be completed and submitted through Direc- tors where applicable, to Anya Richards, HR and Admin Officer at Coleman House or email <u>anva.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh</u> by no later than <u>16:00hrs on Tuesday 27 November 2018</u> 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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VACANCIES WITHIN THE ST HELENA POLICE DIRECTORATE

IMMIGRTION CONTROL BOARD SECRETARY/ AUXILIARY IMMIGRATION OFFICER: The main

duties of the post are as follows:

Provide secretarial support to the ICB which will include:

- Arranging and attending ICB meetings, ensuring minutes are produced and follow up actions carried out, all within set timeframes.
- Ensure all relevant documentation is distributed to members in a timely manner ahead of the monthly meetings
- Maintain absolute discretion in dealing with sensitive matters including the appropriate storage of personal information

Provide operational support to the immigration team:

- Assist in processing passenger arrivals and departures at the airport and sea port which will include boarding vessels and examining all passports and associated documents on arrival
- Assist with processing applications for both British and BOTC passports
- Provide cover to accommodate leave and time off in lieu for officers within the immigration team
- Any other duties as may be required by the Chief Immigration Officer or person acting under their authority and assist with other administration duties as and when required within the administration support team

Applicants must demonstrate the following essential requirements:

- Have at least one years' experience working in an administrative role including minute taking
- be 18 years of age or over
- have GCSEs in English, Maths and IT at grade C or above or an equivalent qualification.
- be in possession of a clean driving license in class A
- NVQ in Customer Service L2

The salary for the post is at Grade C.3 commencing at £9,043 per annum

It is anticipated that weekend working will be required regularly although the Immigration Service will seek to be flexible around hours not related to time specific operational duties.

For further details regarding other duties of the above posts interested persons can contact Fiyanna Henry, Immigration Officer on telephone number 22626 or e-mail <u>fiyanna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh</u>.

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If you are looking for a <u>rewarding</u> but <u>challenging</u> career come and join us in the Police Directorate.

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David Lynch Director of Policing 07 November 2018



Are you looking for a change?



We are looking for a Personal Assistant to the Director of Operations on Ascension Island (Package worth up to £18,000)

The Ascension Island Government is currently looking for a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill the position of Personal Assistant to the Director of Operations. This is a new and challenging role that will require an experienced administrator.

Ascension is a small volcanic island situated in the sub-tropical South Atlantic with a warm stable climate (26-34°C), excellent beaches and unique biodiversity. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to our future success and to be part of a welcoming and friendly island community.

To be successful in this role you must have excellent administration and time management skills. You will need to be able to use your own initiative and ensure the smooth running of the Operations Directorate Office. Proficient skills in IT are a must, a willingness to learn and take part will be incredibly useful.

We are offering a two year, single status, contract with a package worth £18,00 (a salary of £8,000 per year taxable in Ascension Island). You will also receive benefits worth up to \pm 10,000 per year:

- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays).
- 37.5 hour working week.
- Rent free accommodation (with electricity and water allowances).
- Food allowance £3,089).
- Relocation package.
- Free primary dental and medical care.
- One return flight during the contract duration and single fare at the end of contract.
- End of contract bonus on completion of 2 years.

This appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory Employment References
- Medical Clearance
- Basic Criminal Records Check

Closing Date:25th of November 2018 (midnight)Interviews:Week commencing 3rd of December 2018

If you wish to arrange an informal discussion about the role please contact <u>recruitment@ascension.gov.ac</u>

For more information and to apply visit: www.ascension-island.gov.ac/working-here/

Interviews may be carried out via Skype or teleconference



We are looking for a Plant Operator (£10,000 per annum plus package)

The Ascension Island Government (AIG) is currently looking for a suitably experienced, and qualified, Plant Operator to replace a member of staff leaving us in December. The role is within the Plant Team and will report to the Plant Team Leader.

You will be required to operate plant such as, but not limited to, wheeled loader (including JCB backhoe) ,forklift de-mountable lorry, bulldozer, road roller, cranes, tracked excavators, graders, lifting equipment, Merlo cement mixer and 6 tonne tipper truck. The role is incredibly varied and the job description should be read in order to gain an understanding of the ranges of tasks you will be required to undertake.

You are required to be a member of the Plant Team but you must also be able to work independently with little supervision.

We are offering a two year contract with a salary of £10,000 per year (taxable in Ascension). You will also receive the following benefits:

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- Rent free accommodation (with electricity and water allowances)
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- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment for you and your family
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

If you wish to discuss the role please contact the Plant Team Leader (Damon Bowers) via <u>damon.bowers@ascension.gov.ac</u> or 66791. More information about working for AIG can be obtained from <u>recruitment@ascension.gov.ac</u> or +247 67000 ext 150

We are looking for the successful candidate to start as soon as possible.

Please visit www.ascension-island.gov.ac/working-here to apply

Closing Date: 2nd of December 2018 (midnight)

Interview Date: Week Commencing 10th of December.

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INTRODUCTION OF CHARGING FOR COMMERCIAL WASTE

The Environment & Natural Resources Committee (ENRC) has agreed to introduce charging for waste management services in line with the 'Polluter Pays Principle'.

The 'Polluter Pays Principle' aims to reduce volumes of waste and create a more sustainable waste management service through charging for the collection and disposal of waste. This in turn provides incentives for waste minimisation, reuse and recycling and supports the National Goal 'Altogether Greener' in the St Helena Island Ten Year Plan (2017 – 2027).

A charging scheme is applicable to commercial customers only and will commence on Tuesday, 1 January 2019.

Charging rates for commercial refuse collection and disposal are as follows:

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Wheelie Bin	Number	Cost per bin	Cost per
Туре	of bins	emptied once per	bin per
	in use	week	year
T	1	£0.00	£0.00
	2+	£0.50 (per bin or additional day of emptying)	£26.00 (per bin or additional day of emptying)
240 ltr			
······································	1	£2.00	£104
5 50	2+	£2.00 (per bin or additional day of emptying)	£104 (per bin or additional day of emptying)
1100 ltr			

Waste Management Services will monitor the emptying of bins. Bins found to be overfilled (whereby the lid does not close properly) or waste for collection is placed on the ground next to the bin may be subject to an additional charge.

Customers who wish to discuss reducing their bin quantity or frequency of emptying, or ways to minimise or recycle waste, are asked to contact Environmental Risk Manager, Mike Durnford on tel: 24724 or e-mail mike-durnford@enrd.gov.sh by Friday, 30 November 2018 in order to calculate accurate billing.

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NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will be having a meeting on Wednesday, 21 November 2018, at 9 am at the St Helena Community College Training Room 1, Jamestown.

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, 19 November 2018.

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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Contact Jean Fowler on Telephone 24044. Happy Shopping!!! Cutting Edge situated at ESH Business Park, Ladder Hill will be offering a new service with effect from Wednesday 7th November to include basic manicures and pedicures, eyebrow shaping and lots more also coming soon will be gel and acrylics nails....so watch this space. If you are interested in any of these services,

contact Sonja-Jane Peters on 67406 or Sandie Walters on 23826.

Cutting Edge would like to inform their customers that their opening hours are as follows Monday's to Saturday's from 10am to 7pm and from 1st December to 15th December they will be extending their opening hours to Sunday mornings. So book now to avoid disappointment.



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GOLF REPORT FOR SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2018

On Saturday 3rd November 2018 St Helena Golf Club witnessed The Open Championship 2018 Grande finale. The efforts of the best players since the beginning of the competition was finally going to be rewarded. Golf is an interesting sport. There are good days and not so good days. That's why golfers will always come back for more. The club was honoured to have the presence of Her Excellency Governor Honan who presented the prizes to the winners. Ladies and Gentlemen the winner for the Open 2018 is Mr.....PETER BAGLEY. In second position just three strokes behind Mr Martin Buckley aka Jackson who interestingly happened to be celebrating his birthday. The ladies flight winner Anita Robbertse, second place Anne George. In the A flight winner Gavin Crowie second place Johan Theron. B flight winner Stuart Moors followed by Roy Reynolds. A big thank you to all the golfers for taking part in the open. Without you there would no championship and to all our winners you deserve it. CONGRATULATIONS!

The next competition will be the Monthly Medal Turkey and Ham on Sunday 25th November 2018. Tee Off time 12:00, Format – Stroke Play. All interested golfers are invited to add their names to the list in the clubhouse notice board or register though inbox Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh or leave a message to the club phone number 24421.

Fun Fact; Did you know that playing 18 holes of golf without the use of a golf cart burns between 1500 and 2000 calories? *Report by;*

Bramwell Lumukwana Captain.



DASE

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE ST HELENA (BASH) WE WANT YOU!



BASH is a charity working with Year 9 students on St Helena. frequency of contact is agreed between the young person and the mentor. people make decisions leading to jobs, further education, ap-**Facilitators** deliver one-off group sessions with the BASH

young people. Topics will be linked to the areas in our mission statement.

'Supporters' contribute to the running of BASH. This could be financially, through the donation of goods or both. Previous examples have included a donation to assist the purchase of study guides!

BIG THANKS go to: Rose & Crown, Thorpes, Prince Andrew School staff, Noleen Fowler and Essence, National Trust Marine Team, the Enchanted Isle, SAMS Radio1, Saint FM, Jamestown CC, Half Tree Hollow CC, the Community Development Organisation, Plantation House staff, founders Esther John and Amira-Abdel Aziz and all of the BASH family.

If you are interested in getting involved in any way then please get in touch! Mentor applications will be required by **Monday**, **19 November 2018.** Please contact Fiona Campbell on tel: **65989/22374** or Nicola Brown on tel: **67468** or via e-mail bash@helanta.co.sh with any questions. *We look forward to hearing from you!*

people make decisions leading to jobs, further education, apprenticeships, friendships, and much more! Our mission statement is: 'to educate and inspire young people on St Helena to achieve positive personal, social and educational growth.' We do this through a combination of one to one mentoring with adults from the community and group activities. 13 young people completed the first round of BASH last year

13 young people completed the first round of BASH last year thanks to the support of the local community and the BASH family! This year BASH has doubled in size so we are hoping to recruit mentors, facilitators and supporters to help the future leaders of St Helena reach their goals.

Listen out for Louise Macmorran - BASH Champion and Head of Governor's Office along with Fiona Campbell - BASH Chair Person with more info on:

5pm, Monday 5 November - SAMS Radio 1 with Luke Bennett

9:30am, Tuesday 6 November - Saint FM on the SHINE show

'Mentoring' can fit around you. It is fun, informal, and the

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Manchester United survives a first half onslaught from Bourne- Despite late pressure from the newly promoted team Spurs mouth to beat them 2-1 with a late goal from Marcus Rashford. Bournemouth scored in the 11th minute and created a few more openings' only for Martial to equalised before half time. United went on to dominate the second half but the winner didn't arrive until the 92nd minute.

Leicester City players overcame their emotions after the death Liverpool. of their chairman to defeat Cardiff 1-0.

Everton bounce back from a defeat last weekend to beat Huddersfield scored their first home goal since April to pick up Brighton 3-1. Richarlison again was the stand out player for the 'Toffees' as he scored 2 goals.

Newcastle manager Rafa Benitez said his players "showed what they can do" as the Magpies obtain their first win of the season against Watford at St James' Park.

Perez headed Ki Sung-Yueng's in-swinging free-kick past Ben Foster in the second half to end the hosts' winless run and lift them out of the bottom 3.

Felipe Anderson scored twice as West Ham defeated Burnley 4-2.

In the late game on Saturday Arsenal fought back from 1-0 down to draw with Liverpool. Milner scored for the reds only for Lacezette to score a wonder equaliser in the 82nd minute. Liverpool fans can feel aggrieve as they had a good goal disallowed for offside. Arsenal's performs though deserve at least the point.

In the late; late game on Saturday Spurs went 3-0 up away at Wolves only for Wolves to fight back and scored 2 penalties.

held on for the win.

Chelsea picked up all 3 points as they defeated Crystal palace 3-1. This result put them in second place on goal difference ahead of Liverpool. Man City's 6-1 defeat of Southampton put them top of the table, two points ahead of Chelsea and

their first win of the season as they defeated Fulham 1-0. It had been 659 minutes since Huddersfield found the net on home soil - through Tom Ince's injury-time winner against Watford on 14 April.

The big match of the weekend is no doubt the Manchester Derby as City play United on Sunday at 16.30. In other matches Cardiff play Brighton at home at 12.30 in another relegation 6 pointer; Huddersfield will be looking to get more points as they face West Ham at home, Newcastle play Bournemouth and Southampton face Watford. In the late match on Saturday Crystal Palace play Spurs at 17.30.

On Sunday Liverpool should pick up all 3 points in their home match with Fulham at 12 noon; Chelsea play Everton at 14.15, Arsenal also will play at 16.30 as they face Wolves at home. In the Champions League Liverpool suffered a surprise defeat against Red Star Belgrade; Spurs came from behind to beat PSV Eindhoven, City trash Shaktar and against the odds United came from behind to beat Juventus 2-1. Do check on Ronaldo's volley in that match.



The story of the 1914 Christmas Day truce on the front lines, when German and Allied troops emerged from their trenches to kick footballs about in no-man's-land, before continuing shelling and shooting at each other the next morning, is one of the most widely known stories of the first world war. It turns the game of football into a symbol of unity and humanity among deadly enemies, and stands in stark contrast to the brutal fighting and massive death toll that were to follow in the next four years - about 8.5m military personnel worldwide perished between 1914 and 1918. 100 years on, Football is one sport that can unite the world

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

SHFA Results and Fixtures:

Wirebirds 3 v Chop Shop Boys 3

G/S Wirebirds: Alistar Buckley 1; Cody Harris 1 & Alex Young Harts 4 v Jungle Rangers 1 Osborne 1 G/S CSB: Clayton Yon 3 MOM: Clayton Yon

Wolves 9 v Saints 0

G/S Wolves: Cody O'Bey 1; Liam yon 3, Jace Williams 1, Cody Thomas 1, Jacob Duncan 1 & 1 own goal MOM: Liam Yon & YMOM: Cody O'Bey

Rovers 16 v Crusaders 1

G/S Rovers: Ronan Legg 9; Rico Benjamin 1, Trystan Thomas 1, Tyler Benjamin 4, Julian Henry 1 G/S Crusaders: Dane Wade 1 MOM: Ronan Legg & YMOM: Josh Benjamin

Axis 2 v Bellboys 2

G/S Axis: Rico Williams & Matthais Young G/S Bellboys: Tyler Brady 1 & Ryan Benjamin 1 MOM: Joe Navlaerts

Fixtures:

Sat 10th Nov

1.30pm Saints v Chop Shop Boys Organisers: Rovers 3.30pm Wolves v Axis Organisers: Crusaders

Sun 11th Nov

1.30pm Wirebirds v Rovers **Organisers: Bellboys** 3.30pm Crusaders v Harts Organisers: Bellboys

If both the Harts and the Rovers win their matches this weekend it will mean that playoff match will be needed to decide this season's League Champions. This match will take place on Sunday 18th November at 3.30pm. The Knock Out Cup preliminary match between Harts and Wirebirds will take place on Wednesday 21st November at 4.30pm.



For Sale

is a quad bike in good condition, with 4 new tyres.

However this quad bike is not in running order, it also has 4 alloy rims 13inch. If you are interested you can call telephone number 24708.

Junior Football

9 aside League

G/S Young Harts: 1 own goal; Jadee Caswell 1 & Micadean Crowlev 2 G/S Jungle Rangers: Toure Osborne

POM: Micadean Crowley & James Andrews

Dream team 17 v Yellow Devils 0

G/S Dream Team: Taylan Phillips 2; Blake Peters 5, Dodi Williams 1, 2 own goals, Lucio George 1, Lars Williams 2, Dominic Richards 3 and Tyler Anthony 1 POM: Blake Peters & Ephren Stroud

Allstars 25v Rangers 0

G/s Allstars: Joey Thomas 6; Aiden Yon-Stevens 6, Christo Crowie 2, Evan Constantine 2 & Blaine Joshua 1 POM: Joey Thomas

Please note there will NOT be any Junior Football this weekend





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20 Years of serving remote Island communities

The Great Saint Bake Off

It's the food you love. The food that transports you back to your childhood. The food that reminds you of your mum, your Nan and Papa, your Aunt's, and your friends. The food you will cook today. Saint food is the foundation of our community.

For the past 10 weeks Emma-Jane and Robin Richards of the Saint Cooks has been baking alongside the Great British Cake Off TV show. Posting short fun videos as they bake along. Each week on the show the constrantants are given a new baking challenge, like making bread, or a pasty, from which Emma-Jane and Robin would take that weeks challenge and put a St Helenian twist on it for their bake. They believe that we can overlook the ordinary and everyday act of sharing food. Because we all know, that we Saints like our food. They believe that by elevating what St Helenians across the world considers ordinary, we can celebrate what it means to be a Saint.

In baking along with the show, Emma-Jane and Robin baked some classic St Helenian dishes, and invented some new ones for each weeks challenges. They started in week one making some Coconut and Lemon biscuits from which they created High Knoll Fort, compete with some Coconut grass and rocks surrounding it. For the next week, it was a chocolate Eggless cake. Robin remembers making this together with his Mum, for what seems like every sunday. Which probably helps explain his love of chocolate a bit. For week three they decided that for the Bread challenge instead of just making 'Bread-ndance' to put on top of the bread, why not put the dance into the bread and created a tomato paste flavoured bread. Which they then shaped it into the living legend, Jonathan the Tortoise. Which then was eaten with more 'dance' on top as well. An Emerald Isle Trifle was next for dessert week. Most Saints like a good ole trifle, but this one was made extra special by including fruit found on the island, and having the cake layer made into the shape of the island. Now living in the UK, Emma-Jane and Robin spent days hunting african markets to find fresh Tungi's, Guava's and Figs to use. Also including Midnight Mist coffee liqueur in the cream. It turned out to be a massive trifle, which took Robin quite a few days of having trifle at lunch and dinner to finish eating it all.

They returned to a Saint classic for week six, making Curry Puffs. A stable of Saint party food everywhere. For week six they made something which Emma-Jane remembers a friends



Emma-Jane and Robin with their celebration cake

mum making when she was about 10, and she's been obsessed with them since. It doesn't really have a Saint name, Hertzoggies. From South Africa, they changed the recipe by adding making what they call Granny Hilda's Tamlet Jam. As kids they would 'split their tongue' eating Tamlets, the jam was a nod to that memory and the Tamlet tree that grew at Emma-Jane's Grannies.

Week seven proved one of the most difficult weeks for their baking as the challenge was to make something Vegan. Growing up on the island when they did, St Helena didn't really do Vegan food. There wasn't really something classic to bake. Therefore, they decided to make an upside down vegan cake, but include an Arum Lily on top. Celebrating the island's love of this flower, and a plant they have in their own garden. Week's eight and nine continued the challenges which St Helena doesn't really have traditional dishes for. So Emma-Jane and Robin had to create some new recipes inspired by classic ingredients. For week eight they baked a Stuffed Mackerel Danish. Inspired by Saint fishcakes, they used the same mixture and encased it in a fish shaped puff pastry. With some added 'bite' to remind Emma-Jane of her Nanny's fish soup that she made almost everyday for her papa's lunch. This proved to be one of Robin's favourite things they made, and he has plans to make them again, with a selection of different fillings.

The challenge for week nine was to make a Patisserie. It being a french bake, they of course made something Napoleon inspired. Creating a new recipe using Saint inspired favours of banana and Midnight Mist coffee liqueur as the base, they created a 'Napoleon's Delight' patisserie. It is a saint banana bread cake topped with Midnight Mist coffee liqueur mousse, topped with Napoleon's favourite snack almonds and his hat in chocolate form. Hopefully the Emperor would have approved.

For the last week, and show's finale they saved the best until last. Taking the jewel in St Helenian baking, the humble coconut finger, they made it the star of a three tier celebration cake. Included on the cake was a sugar paste Jonathan the Tortoise, Arum lilies, Tuna fish and even a Wirebird. At sixteen Coconut Fingers high, it stands tall and proud celebrating St Helena and its baking.

Over the ten weeks Emma-Jane said, "We have had so much of fun experimenting, inventing new twists on St Helenian classics. It was great having to eat

Napoleons Delight Cake

The Great Saint Bake Off

them as well"..."we'd love for you to give them a go."

There is no denying, St Helenian food is a heady melting pot of cultures, countries and peoples that make up the stock to our island's collective food histories. Recipes so much a part of life that we take for granted what diversity and versatility saint food can bring to the table. Emma-Jane and Robin started the Saint Cooks website (saintcooks.com) wanting to inspire food lovers everywhere to learn how to cook St Helenian food. To hopefully encourage Saints around the world to share their memories and stories associated with their favorite island dishes. They want to celebrate home cooking and how the same meal can differ from family to family, generation to gen-



Stuffed Mackeral Pastry



Emma-Jane and Robin with their Emerald Isle trifle

eration, town boy to country girl.

Although they now live in the UK, on cold winter nights, making a big pot of plo will transport you back to the sunshine down Lemon Valley or out Horse Pasture.

Please visit saintcooks.com to share your story about cooking Saint food, and see recipes.

To watch the videos of them baking along each week, visit their blog on saintcooks.com or visit their facebook page (@thesaintcooks) or instagram (@saintcooks).

Festival Of Running 2018

Sunday, 4th November was the start of the Festival of Running 2018. Although the weather was overcast, this did not discourage the keen runners and spectators.

The event was well attended with participation from residents, and a few visitors who arrived on Saturday.

Shortly after 7am, a total of 7 keen runners set off on the challenging 42km marathon and 12 runners on the 21km marathon.

Once the marathon runners were on their way, other participants started to arrive for the start of the 10km and 3km Fun Runs at 9am. 20 participants completed the 10km and 51 participants participated in the 3km Fun Run.

Shelley Wade, Tourism Officer confirmed that the record of of 3 made the 5 teams participating in this event. 18m 19s which has being standing for 11 years was smashed by 13 year old Aiden Yon Stevens with a time of 16m 7s.

The second event on the programme was the Jacob's ladder Challenge which was held on Tuesday 6th November and started at 430pm with 20 participants.

Shelley confirmed that the record for this stands at 5m 16s which was set in the 2013 Festival of Running and the fastest participant Jack McShane came close with a time of 5m 52s. The third event was the Triathlon which involved participants swimming to the Papanui and back followed by cycling from the seafront, up to St John's Church and back twice and ended with a run from the mule yard, up side path road, down constitution road through Jamestown and back to the Mule Yard. 3 Participants chose to do this event in individually and 2 teams



Shelley confirmed that the individual winner was Dr Sergio and the team winners were Nicole Shamier, Joe Naulaerts and Jack McShane.

She said the record of 57m 47s which was set in 2016 by Colby Thomas, Anthony Thomas and Martin Collins were broken by Nicole, Joe and Jack with a time of 54m 36s.

The Festival of Running events will continue with the 15km Trail Run on Saturday starting at 9am which will be a run from the lowest point, Jamestown to the highest point Diana's Peak. Already 17 participants have signed up for this event.

Following the trail run the Festival of Running will conclude with a prize presentation and the closing ceremony at 5pm at Rosie's.

All are welcome to attend.

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE SKITTLES LEAGUE RESULTS

TEAM	POIN	ITS PINFALL		
Bandits	18	5181		
Parttimers	16	5170		
Extractors	12	4919		
Neverreadys	s 8	4864		
Guys and D		4679		
Rug Ratz	3	4518		
Gents High	est Score	Chris Furniss	81	
Ladies High		Stacey Williams	71	
-	est Average	David Reynolds	62.80	
Ladies Highest Average Stacey Williams 60.30			60.30	
Highest Average in Team				
Parttimers	David Reyn	olds 62.80		
Guys & Dolls Charlie Young 58.60				
Rug Ratz Michael Ellick 55.87				
Neverreadys Fabian Peters 58.50				
Bandits	Robert Be			
	Julian Ful	ler 60.00		
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Gents	Fabian Pete			
	Deon Thom			
Ladies	Stacey Willi	iams 10		
Highest Spare				
Gents	David Thom			
	David Reyno			
	Jason Thom			
Ladies	Pat Essex	17		
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NEW BLOOD TO CARRY ON OLD TRENDS.... Sharon Wade

The Guinea Grass Community Centre will be opening its doors for entertainment activities once again, under a newly-elected Committee.

The Committee line	e-up is	as follows:
Chairperson	-	Ingrid Fowler
Vice-Chairperson	-	Earl Henry
Secretary	-	Shinade Benjamin
Treasurer	-	Sharon Wade
Members	-	Andrew Robinson, Tris N
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Members - Andrew Robinson, Tris Moyce, Jeannie & Cheddy Lawrence, Sid Fowler, Darren Duncan, Craig Henry

St Paul's residents and the general public are very welcome to join in with activities that are being planned, starting with this Friday 9th November when the Bar will open at 6 pm and the Skittle Alley will be available for friendly matches and practise shots. This could be encouragement to get in the mood for 'Guinea Grass Skittles & Sundowners' on the 16th November. The bar will open that day from 6 pm and there will also be Hot Food on sale. The Committee are hoping that there will be sufficient interest for a St Paul's East vs West Skittles match and everyone are welcome to possibly challenge the rest..... Go along to brush up on those skittles techniques, meet with old friends and keep the community spirit alive!!!! The Community Centre at Guinea Grass has received quite a face-lift since earlier times, and to celebrate the efforts of bygone Committees, it would be wonderful to create and share the atmosphere with the rest of the island.

From St Helena Yacht Club

I hope you have had a great start to November? I have more information about up coming events for your diary.

A reminder about this Saturday 10th November. From 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm Wanda Isaac is holding a sponsored craft at the yacht club rooms. Following this the yacht club is hosting a curry night and an auction for some of the craft items. All donations will go to the St Helena Yacht Race Team. Curry night starts a 7pm. Please come along and support this event and the team!

Thank you to those members that have already offered to cook curry for this event. Any one else willing to do so please get in touch and of course your help on the night is always appreciated! We look forward to seeing you!

As you may be aware the St Helena Yacht Race Team will soon be departing for Cape Town. They leave our shores on Saturday 1st December. The team will be embarking on a three week sail from St Helena to Cape Town to enable them to enter the Cape to St Helena Yacht Race. This is a huge undertaking and we want to celebrate the team and their efforts so far! They will of course be off shore for Christmas so we want to give them a great send off party and show them our support! We are gunning for these guys and really wish them all the very best!

We are organising a celebration send off evening! This will be a BBQ buffet at Anne's Place on Saturday 24th November 2018 at 6.30 pm. (£15 for adults, £7.50 for 5yr to 10yr and under 5yr free) This will be a fun filled evening for everyone to enjoy. Please invite your friends and family to come along. During the evening you will see footage of the teams training on board sv Carpe Diem and of course meet the team and their family. We will be welcoming all those people who have previously done the yacht race to come and share their experiences and offer hints and tips to this years team! All the sponsors will be invited to attend. If you have anything to contribute to this event please get in touch.

(BBQ meal menu. Beef, Pork, Chicken, fish, burgers, sausages, chilli beans, coleslaw, potato salad, pasta salad and garlic bread. Desserts. Trifle and apple crumble).

There is a box ready to be filled at the yacht club and St FM! We need donations of tinned and dried foods for the team as they get ready to sail off into the horizon! Please offer what you can. All donations are greatly appreciated!!

We are looking for people to help during the busy season to keep the yacht club rooms open. This will be an opportunity to meet new people visiting St Helena and offer them your help and advice. It's nice to hear their stories too! Please come and chat to any of the committee if you are interested. (James Herne, Monica Constantine, Hannah Herne, Gillian Fowler and Craig Brown)

Thank you for all of your support for the club. We look forward to seeing you. You are always welcome. *Have a great month! Kind Regards Hannah Herne St Helena Yacht Club Secretary*

Family Night

A Family Night will be held at the Jamestown Community Centre on Friday 16 November 2018. The skittles knockout final between the Part-timers and Neverreadys will be played the same night starting at 7.30 pm. This will be followed by the presentation of trophies for both league and knockout winners.

Refreshments will be provided, cash bar and music by Colin Peters. All are welcomed.

Blue Hill Community Centre

The Chairperson and Committee of the Blue Hill Community Association would like to thank everyone who bought tickets for the Multi Raffle which was drawn at their Fish Fry event on Saturday, 3 November. Thanks are also extended to those who donated the prizes. A total of £513 were raised, out of which £128 (25%) will be donated to the Cancer Support and Awareness Charity.

The winners of the raffle were:

- 1st Prize Christmas Cake– Craig Williams, Upper Cowpath
- 2nd Prize electric iron Gloria Leo, Ben Masons
- 3rd Prize bottle of whiskey Kerry Johnson, c/o the Castle
- 4th Prize electric kettle Mavis O'Bey, Jamestown
- 5th Prize toaster- James Duncan, Putty Hill
- 6th Prize Sandwich Toaster- Gloria Leo, Ben Masons
- 7th Prize bottle of wine- Sandra Stevens, Half Tree Hollow
- 8th Prize Yoghurt Maker- Raylisha Piek, Blue Hill
- 9th Prize 6 pack Beer- Merle Thomas, Bluemans
- 10th Prize Vegetable Hamper- Paula Greentree, Cleugh's Plain
- 11th Prize Boiled Pudding- Rodney Braaf, Jamestown
- 12th Prize Toiletry Set- Daniel Stroud, Horse Pasture
- 13th Prize bottle of chamdor- Clare Stroud, Horse Pasture
- 14th Prize 6 pack cream soda Penny Buckley, Bushes Hollow

Sandy Bay Bonfire

Just a little from the Sandy Bay Bonfire - it was very well attended despite it being a Monday night and that the Rock Club had a huge fire the night before.... Great country music, hot food, drinks from the bar, fireworks from the lawn and a crisp chill in the air set the scene for an exciting night out in the Country to celebrate Guy Fawkes Day. An interesting comment from a member of the community who was watching the fire, said "isn't it funny that in memory of a man who had a gunpowder plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament hundreds of years ago, we are now celebrating with fire and the smell of gunpowder (from the fireworks) heavy in the the air...!" At Sandy Bay on Monday night, the festivities wound down with the burning of the embers...another successful Bonfire in good old St Helenian style!

ANNUAL WIND TASTING EVENT Saturday 24 November 2018 **7-9**pm



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Saturday 10th November – 5pm Festival of Running Closing Ceremony-Hosted by St Helena Tourism – the entertainment for the event will be Christian Castell, Marty Plato, Marico George and Friends with some Light Acoustic Sounds, whilst DJ Kimmy Boom-Bang will end the night with the latest Dance Hits.

Sunday 11th November – Remembrance Sunday Brunch from 9.30am then from 2pm our normal menu will commence





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