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passengers***
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NEW WALKING INITIATIVE LAUNCHED BY THE HEALTH DIRECTORATE STEP ON IT, ST HELENA – ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM!

The St Helena Government (SHG) Health Directorate has worked with a range of partners to provide a resource to encourage community members to fit short walks or other lower level activities into day-to-day life to help people keep well and reduce their risk of the chronic illnesses that affect people on-Island.

In the St Helena Health and Lifestyle Survey 2018, nearly 50% of the people surveyed said they walked less than an hour per week and don't do any other moderate physical activity. The encouragement to fit in a short walk or other activity that you can do at your own pace, like swimming, is based on the strongest kind of public health evidence which shows that it doesn't take a lot to make a big difference – it just needs to be regular.

"Half an hour a day of moderate activity can reduce the risk of dying from cardiovascular disease by 24%. You can greatly cut your risk of a heart attack or stroke by doing half an hour of activity like a walk or swim several days weekly."

A series of shorter, 'easier to fit in' walks have been identified in each Island district with the help of members of the public and St Helena Tourism. The idea is that these short routes provide a range of options for people to fit in as suits them - at lunchtime, part way to work, or at home, or as a trip at the weekend. Although people may know some walks, there may be others they are less familiar with and basic route maps have been developed with the help of the Environment & Natural Resources Directorate GIS team, and are available on the



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SHG website via: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/step-on-it-st-helena/> and on Facebook by searching 'Step On It, St Helena – Enjoy Your Freedom!'. Printed versions will also be available from the Public Library in Jamestown.

The 'Step On It, St Helena – Enjoy Your Freedom!' Facebook page also offers a way for community members who would like to start walking to find others in their area who also would like a buddy or buddies to walk with on certain days / times. Chair of the Public Health Committee, Councillor Derek Thomas, commented:

"This initiative is not about being fit, it's about our community members being well. These simple tools can help people get started and find something that they can fit around work, family life and other commitments. Being active is one of the important things we can all do a little more of to keep well."

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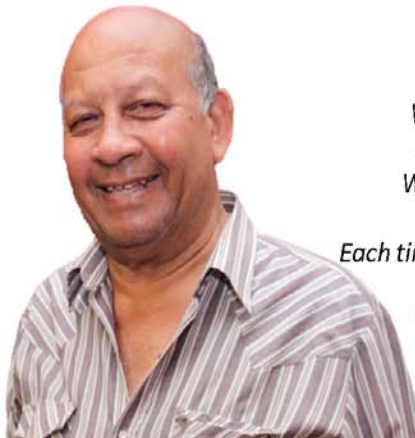
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Thank you

The family of the late Wilson Scipio would like thank the staff at the General Hospital for their care, attention and support to both Wilson and the family during his time in hospital. Thank you to the Staff at Deasons Centre for your care, support and attention during his short but memorable time there.

Special thanks to Vincent March and Nicky Williams for conducting the funeral service, to the musicians for the music, and to Lt Coral Yon for reading the eulogy. Thanks are also extended to Roy Williams and his team, Davina and Colin for the wreath making, Solomon & Co Plc for the funeral service sheets and to all whom contributed flowers.

To all who assisted, attended the funeral, called or sent messages of condolences please know that your kindness and support to us all during a very difficult time is very much appreciated; May God richly bless you all!



*If tears could build a stairway,
And memories were a lane,
We would walk right up to heaven
To bring you down again.
No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say good-bye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow,
What it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.
When we are sad and lonely,
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper
"Cheer up and carry on."
Each time we look at your pictures,
You seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm only sleeping,
We'll meet again someday."*

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

I write on behalf of the St. Helena Bee Keepers Association in disappointment to an item that featured in the Sentinel dated 18th October 2018 under the heading, RESTORING ST. HELENA'S FORESTS. There is nothing wrong in restoring St. Helena's forests, but the way in which it is done is the point. The Bee Keepers Association, and the Agricultural & Natural Resources Department, are working together to try and save the welfare of the honey bee and to read the attached, "DID YOU KNOW?" Written in dark grey that said "Certain types of trees like Eucalyptus are useful only for firewood and are therefore being replaced by trees that can be used as both firewood and timber- such as Blackwood and Pine.....Eucalyptus plantations cleared will be replaced with other species." The Bee Keepers Association would like to point out that all bee keep-

ers look forward to spring when the Eucalyptus trees, wherever they are growing, to blossom abundantly so that the bees can feed and produce honey. If Eucalyptus forests are destroyed and planted with other none flowering species, not only will there be no honey (or very little of it) but the bees will also die. The Association and the ANRD representative Andrea Timm have had many discussions on how there should be pockets of flowering shrubs and trees planted in various areas throughout St. Helena to beautify the island as well as helping to sustain the honey bee. Eucalypts trees are fast growing trees and sucks up a tremendous amount of water. **IF** they come in contact with the domestic water source/table then control measures need to be in place, but we would ask that careful thought goes into planning the future. I have just recently read an item in the **South African Bee Journal**, and the item talks about the effect that the drought had on the Bee Industry in South and East Africa, but bee farmers were hoping for an abundant blossoming season of the Eucalyptus/Gum trees. The Eucalyptus tree is the only tree that blossoms abundantly in spring for a few weeks, much longer than any other

tree. The bees will forage on Eucalyptus from dawn to dusk collecting nectar and pollen while it lasts. So the Bee Keepers Association asks, to think about the honey bee and support the rest of the world in preserving the environment and habit for the Honey Bee.

Anthony Leo. (Secretary to the St. Helena Bee Keepers Association)

The Editor,

It is with concern that I noticed Elected Members have agreed to increase the vehicle road tax and the only justification is that it has not been increase for a number of years. Obviously feedback from the recent constituent meetings and the comments on the state of roads in general have not been tabled for a discussion prior to this decision.

Motorists are replacing wheel bearings, shock absorbers, bushes etc which is now almost un-obtainable. Surely what is considered for increase has to have some level of improvement.

Whatever happen to the opposition within Government—obviously there isn't any.

Lionel Williams

CHANGE TO THE MARITIME SHIP TO SHORE RADIO SERVICE ON ST HELENA AND ASCENSION ISLAND

The current maritime radio service 'St Helena Radio', provided by Sure South Atlantic Ltd, will be handed over to St Helena Police Directorate on Thursday, 29 November 2018.

There will be no change to the current procedures for the maritime community when using the service both here and on Ascension Island.

Provision of the radio service is part of the Police Directorate's Strategic Plan to move to providing a 24/7 fully staffed control / contact centre for all the Islands Emergency Services and SHG departments. This is in conjunction with establishing a new digital secure emergency services radio network in partnership with Sure South Atlantic Ltd.

Operations and Civil Contingencies Manager, Ian Johnson, said:

"On behalf of SHG, we would like to take the opportunity to thank Sure South Atlantic Ltd for their provision over the years of the radio service as a voluntary commitment from the company in support of the maritime communities here and on Ascension Island."

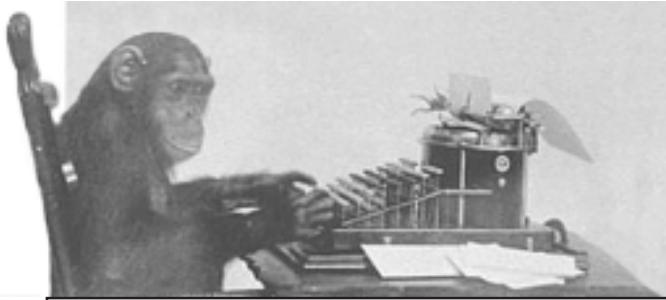
Further information can be provided by Operations and Civil Contingencies Manager, Ian Johnson, via email: ian.johnson@helanta.co.sh or by tel: 25052.

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Editorial

It has been quite a miserable week. Last weekend the wind gusts reached gale force and trees and branches were falling down all over the place. On top of this, it has been cloudy and rainy. It is not what you expect from the weather in St Helena at the end of November. The consequences if the bad weather have been even more severe. Last Saturday the plane from Johannesburg had to be cancelled due to the weather over St Helena and when a new attempt was made on Tuesday, the luck ran out in Windhoek and the plane had to go back to Johannesburg after weather forecasts from St Helena told the pilot that the cloud base was too low for landing. A new attempt to get the passengers stranded in Johannesburg back to the Island and the ones stranded here back to Johannesburg. Read Vince's article about the ordeals in Johannesburg on page six to eight.

The weather problems are a real headache for the Island and it is no exaggeration to say that it is disastrous for both individuals and our fledgling tourism industry. All short term tourists destined for St Helena last Saturday went back to their homes without ever close to the Island. I don't think it is very likely that they ever will come back.

As it stands, there is no short term solution to the problem. As long as we have to rely on visual landing only, these situations will continue to occur without anybody able to do anything about it. As long as the regulator, ASSI, does not allow us to rely on instrument landing systems, we are at a standstill. ASSI are not likely to be persuaded by any arguments to lower the safety levels at St Helena Airport and rightly so. It can be argued that the airport is built in the wrong place or at least has the wrong alignment but it is doubtful that DfID the 10's or maybe 100's of millions to rectify this problem, even it was their fault in the first place.

It is understandable that people get frustrated and angry but who has a solution to the problem?

What we can improve is the information to passengers when it comes to the unreliability of the flight, undoubtedly this will

damage our possibilities to build up a viable tourism industry but it is still better than letting people down in the last minute. Next week the St Helena Independent will write more about the different possibilities available to the Island. Your input is greatly appreciated.

Tammy Williams had a lot of input in her radio show about the flight delays on Wednesday morning. Some of the comments you can see on page 5.

WE hope for better luck with the plans today and tomorrow.
Mike

LINDSAY SHANKLAND APPOINTED AS NEW DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Lindsay Shankland recently arrived on-Island and has been appointed as the new Director of HR and Organisational Development for SHG on a two-year contract.

Chief Secretary Susan O'Bey said:

"We recently broadened the HR remit to include Organisational Development as part of our continued commitment to modernise the St Helena Public Service. Lindsay will be leading this work and we are really pleased that she has joined our team. Barbara George, our current Head of HR, will be retiring at the end of this year and is working closely with Lindsay as a part of her handover." Lindsay has 14 years' HR experience across the public sector in the UK, in organisations that have strived to make a difference to the lives of the people they serve, with the last five years being in a senior leadership role.

Her last role was as the Director of HR for Norfolk and Suffolk Police where she was responsible for all aspects of Human Resources, Learning & Development, Workplace Wellbeing and Health & Safety. She was previously the Deputy Director of HR and Organisational Development for Essex County Fire and Rescue Service. As well as her experience with Police and Fire, she has also worked across Local Government, including in Adult Social Care, Children's Social Care, Education, Housing and Health.

Originally from Scotland, Lindsay grew up in Cumbria, went to university in Manchester, and has lived in Essex since 2003. Before coming to St Helena, she took a short break travelling through Australia and New Zealand for three months where she tried snorkelling and sailing for the first time.

Lindsay enjoys meeting new people, travelling, walking, reading and attending festivals and events. Since arriving on St Helena, she is determined to become a stronger swimmer and hopes to try diving while on-Island.



Gary Michael Corker 1 June 1968 – 26 October 2018

The family would like to thank the doctors and nursing staff for the care given to Gary and everyone for their assistance following his passing.

Thanks also for your messages of condolence, tributes paid and invaluable support at this difficult time.

Losing Gary has left a void that will not be easy to fill but the memories we shared will be with us forever.

Have Your Say

Comments from a radio discussion held at Saint FM on Wednesday morning this week as a result of the delayed flights: All of the comments included here were received via email:

1. "Give this all the publicity you can. It's a terrible situation. If you want, you can quote me saying: 'The cancellation of the flight to St Helena twice in one week is a terrible disappointment and it raises serious questions over the future of tourism on the island. It also shows the huge cost of siting the airport in the wrong place. Our tourist group was resilient and cheerful but bitterly sorry not to reach the island, and surprised that no plane was available the next day and that we were not able to remain some time at Windhoek to see if the weather cleared. The travel agents did a great job, but we all felt sorry for the many Saints who did not have anyone to find them decent accommodation.' I'm sure there will be repercussions. Keep me posted. Most of the group will probably fly back to London today. We will have to look seriously at the situation for the much bigger group due to come out in early February, all best wishes"

Michael Binyon, The Times

2. "The adage 'safety first' is beginning to work on the nerves of those affected by these delays and I think it is fair to say that anyone in their right mind understands that safety must come first, BUT, for how long is St Helena going to allow these prolonged delays to continue before someone speaks out about what plans are in place to address these issues. This particular delay as it stands now equates to six days, which is costing each passenger time, additional costs and inconvenience and no doubt they are being told that you can get these costs reimbursed by insurance. This is not the solution, as you need funds up front to continue paying for flights, accommodation and any other associated costs, whilst the delay continues. Insurance will not pay out until after the effect. Right now, air travel is less attractive than sea travel. When you booked on the dear ole RMS you knew it would take five days to travel from Cape Town so this was factored in, but when you expect to reach your destination in hours and you are then delayed for 6 days it becomes a nightmare, which I don't think is being considered by those in authority. Where are the voices of our leaders? Where is the compensation for the loss of earnings to businesses? What is our government doing to address these problems?"

3. "Now that Airlink has been operating for over a year. Could someone from SHG tell us if Airlink have made a profit or loss? And how much this profit or loss is? And if there is a profit will it be split 50/50 as Dax Richards financial Secretary said? If it's a loss will DIFD's payment to Airlink affect SHG financial budgets?"

4. "Sponsor me to demo a digital solution to fix the communication issues with the flight delays. Weather you cannot fix but communication you can. SHG can say what they like about negativity from the public but the communication is a low cost solution. Let's learn from feedback negative and positive - do baby steps fix the communication first. I will create an easy to use centrally located application that will collate live passenger information with live airline updates. We can bolt on tourism updates etc. also later. I will Taylor it, Demo it

prove fit for purpose and get it tested and approved it for use, something identically with what Virgin Atlantic, Emirates and all other domestic airlines use. No one will complain about bad communications ever again!"

Jonathan Clingham, Web master

5. "I would just to like express how utterly disgusted I am with the ground handling staff from Airlink in South Africa that the St Helena Cricket team had to deal with yesterday, here on Island in the event of a flight delay I personally know that the Solomon Shipping & Travel Office take exceptionally good care of their passengers by accommodating them in various upmarket hotels such as Mantis, Consulate & Blue lantern. I do not think that the Saints or any person for that matter deserved to still be sitting outside of OR Tambo International Airport for hours trying to find accommodation to their satisfactory and a decent meal. I fully appreciate that the flight could not come in due to adverse weather conditions as safety is paramount however in the event of a flight delay the least they can do for their paying passengers is to make them as comfortable as possible in a reasonable located hotel with the necessary facilities to get you by until you can come home. Airlink South Africa should seriously shape up, what's good for one is good for all"

6. "How is it when flights are delayed that tourists are taken from their places of booking and placed into Mantis Hotel? Is it not possible for these tourists to remain in their original places of booking and either St Helena Government or ESH pay the landlords? In this way the private sector is also benefiting. After all, it was ESH who encouraged these landlords to build for the 30,000 tourists who were expected to visit the island. Why is there no comment from St Helena Government when delays are experienced? I know we cannot do anything about the weather but it seems ST H Government lacks communication skills"

7. "The airport as built by Nigel Kirby and DFID is clearly not fit for purpose. Plenty of other islands in exposed maritime locations operate with DAILY flight schedules (Faroe Islands, Azores, Madeira) and they don't ever contemplate 3-day cancellations. Airlink and the SH Airport Management are too keen to hide behind the 'weather excuse' as it damps down any discussion of technical alternatives and their own policies regarding the rescheduled flights. SHG and DFID should forget giving so much money to ESH to spend on propping up businesses run by Government proxies or by over-ambitious Saints with limited business experience. That money should be spent on commissioning an urgent technical review by properly qualified experts to look at what needs to be done, or installed, to make St Helena Airport a 365-day facility, like hundreds of thousands of other airports manage to be world-wide. At the moment we are being BS'd about what is possible and what is not"

8. "The Airport is in the wrong place and regardless of whatever solutions might be proposed to solve the current problems the weather patterns will not change. I can see a big headache ahead for DIFID who will have to find more millions to get us out of this impasse"

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At around 4:30pm on Thursday 15th November I was in a car travelling to Heathrow Airport. At the same time Virgin Atlantic emailed me to tell me my 6:55pm flight that evening from Heathrow to Johannesburg would now leave at 7:25pm and they were very sorry about it. They also gave phone numbers and website addresses with hyperlinks so I could get up to the minute information on any further changes. The plane did in fact leave Heathrow a little over an hour late but at least I knew what the hell was going on. After arriving at Johannesburg from overnight flights, 80 weary souls heading for St Helena were subjected to a succession of "flight times changes" as Virgin Atlantic like to put it but none of us knew what the hell was going on.

Arrival at Johannesburg

Passengers from overnight flights arrived to welcoming weather in Johannesburg; blue sky with a few wisps of white cloud and comfortably warm for the refugees from the northern hemisphere. The comforting feeling was soon shattered when Mike Olsson sent me an email headed 'Be Aware'. It was a summary of the weather forecast for the weekend. "Seas increasing with winds remaining very strong with gale force gusts throughout the weekend; remaining dry with hazy sunshine for most with patchy low cloud over high ground." An SHG press release issued later on Friday also warned of high winds and heavy swells and a warning that conditions are expected to get worse with "with a north westerly swell building up to three meters on Tuesday, 20 November."

The press release was issued as a warning to boat owners and people using the wharf, no mention was made of conditions specific to the airport. Nobody else mentioned conditions at the airport and how the prevailing weather will, or may, affect Saturday's flight – apart from Mike Olsson's emails to me. Just after 5pm on Friday the inevitable happened; an email from Mike announced the following morning's flight was cancelled.

It's cancelled – what now?

I had bumped into Matt Joshua at the Southern Sun on Friday morning; he arrived on a later overnight flight. I emailed him the emails that went back and forth between Mike and me throughout the day about decisions made or to be made based on the weather at Prosperous Bay Plain. After the flight was cancelled I met with Matt Joshua and gathered all available information (which was not much) and Matt emailed what was known to others known to be affected by the flight cancellation. The group travelling to St Helena as a result of a readers offer in the Times newspaper was one of the contacts. Times journalist Michael Binyon who has visited St Helena previously was the group leader. Discussions with the helpful staff at the Southern Sun reception desk provided a little more information but Airlink had so far done nothing to inform passengers about the cancellation and what was to happen as a result. Where do I sleep tonight?

The main consequence of the cancellation for every affected passenger was 'where to I sleep tonight?' Very soon after Mike Olsson confirmed the flight was cancelled I checked with the hotel reception about booking extra nights and keeping



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the same room. I was told I could do both but the rate charged would be 'different' (higher) because the one night reservation I had made on-line offered a lower rate. Obviously I went back to the hotel room booked three extra nights at the better on-line rate and the went back to the hotel reception with the booking reference number and asked them to give me the same room against the reservation I had just made.

Later I discussed with Matt the length of delay likely to be afflicted upon us before the cancelled flight was rescheduled. I pointed out the government press release mentioned bad weather all weekend so Sunday was pretty much out of the reckoning. Airlink never reschedule a flight for a Monday, probably because it's impossible to get either a plane or the crew, or both, in place for a St Helena trip. So the first available day is likely to be Tuesday. On the basis of this guess work we decided a delay until Tuesday was the most likely. Matt Joshua however hung back from reserving his room at the Southern Sun for three extra nights because, he told me, there was some sort of 'voucher system' in place whereby the cost of the hotel room and hotel meals for delayed passengers were paid for by Airlink. No doubt Airlink then bill SHG for the total cost and I expect SHG add it to the cost of running the air service and include it when they settle up with DFID at the end of the year.

What does Airlink Pay for?

The voucher system Matt talked about was news to me but I was not going to change my arrangements because keeping the same room was the highest priority; April had recently undergone surgery and was in no condition to indulge in hotel hopping. At about 8pm on Friday Matt Joshua emailed someone called Innes Bester at Airlink to inform him the three of us were remaining at the Southern Sun and to alert him to the group led by Michael Binyon who were in the same difficult position but staying at a different hotel. Innes Bester replied to Matt's email early on Saturday morning saying we should stay at the Southern Sun and that there would be another check on the St Helena weather later that morning. He added he was in contact with the Duty Manager at the Southern Sun. Innes Bester did not say he would get back to us and he offered no further information until I emailed him on Satur-

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day afternoon to ask how the voucher system worked and what it covered.

Move hotels? – not likely!

We had also been informed by staff at the Southern Sun reception that Airlink wanted to move us out of the Southern Sun on Sunday night to another hotel – name of hotel not given. I immediately told the hotel reception staff they could count me out of any hotel move because my wife's recent surgery meant the upheaval involved could not be contemplated. The name of the hotel remained unknown until the last minute. Airlink had to make the arrangements but either did so at the last minute or kept the information under wraps because the accommodation delayed passengers were sent to could not offer meals and the rooms were described as definitely 'budget'. To eat, the moved Airlink passengers had to take a complimentary bus service to another hotel. The bus could carry seven passengers and there were thirty-eight hungry people to be fed. Matt Joshua discovered that meals could be delivered to the room and decided to do that instead of waiting all evening for a seat on a seven seater bus. But the room service option was not made widely known to the Airlink passengers who were now becoming a band of nomadic wanderers.

For me and April we remained at the Southern Sun and awaited further developments. This meant checking with the helpful reception staff at the Southern Sun or them contacting us. It became very clear that Airlink off-load the customer relations work to hotel staff. In the back office at the Southern Sun reception the hotel staff were very busy contacting their hotel guests affected by the plane cancellation. Their job was made immeasurably more difficult because Airlink did not provide them with the information the delayed passengers wanted to know. One reason the sought after information was not provided was because Airlink did not know what information was asked for because they never made contact with their passengers; a viscous circle, a communications nightmare and a customer relations fiasco.

Next attempt to fly will be Tuesday

Innes Bester replied to my email about how the voucher system works on Sunday morning. Innes told me, "The vouchers that the hotel is talking about is merely an email from the airline stating that we will cover the hotel costs. No need to worry as I did email the duty manger and they will assist where possible." However his response did not tell me what was covered. After one evening meal I was told Airlink will pay for the meal but not the two glasses of wine April and me had. I paid cash for them. Later another passenger told me he had given his bar bill to the hotel staff and it had been accepted. Innes also mentioned the flight had been rescheduled for Tuesday; this is something I had mentioned to him in my previous email to him. The decision to fly on Tuesday had been made 24 hours earlier and Mike had already informed me. No communication from Airlink had been made to any of the passengers and I do not recall any of the Southern Sun hotel staff knowing about it. If it was not for the information flow from Mike we would have known nothing.



Put on a happy face

The Tuesday Flight

I woke up at 4am on Tuesday morning, 30 minutes before the wake-up call I arranged the previous evening. Past experience in attempting to catch the plane at Jo'burg for St Helena must have been the reason. This time it went smoothly, with minimum hassle going through the security procedure. While struggling down the aisle to row 42 on the plane my good friend Derek Richards recorded the moment with his mobile phone. He said he had posted the photo on Facebook so the world could know that this time I made it onto the plane. Little did Derek or any of us know what was waiting for us a little later.

The plane left about 20 minutes late but we got to Windhoek without incident. The ground staff at Hoseo Kutako International Airport filled the plane's fuel tanks and we happily awaited take-off. Then it happened. The plot announced the latest weather report from St Helena was not good and we will wait a little longer to see if the low cloud passes over. It didn't. The next message from the pilot told us we will have to return to OR Tambo Airport, there was no chance of landing at St Helena with the prevailing cloud conditions. First though, the airport ground staff who had filled the fuel tanks would need to come again to take some out as the plane was too heavy for a Jo'burg landing. The passengers waited, and waited some more. Another message from the pilot told us that Hoseo Kutako International Airport did not have the right equipment to take fuel from a plane. They were only equipped to re-fuel planes.

As a result, the unbowed and unbroken passengers will be treated to a scenic tour of Namibia; across deserts and skirting Walvis Bay. We would also increase altitude now and then. All this would be done to burn of unwanted fuel. Airlink's slogan is 'Freedom of the African Sky'. As we were about to take off on the circuitous journey back to Jo'burg the flight attendant asked us to fasten our seat belts and enjoy the freedom of the African sky. Passengers were good humoured enough to see the humour in this announcement. Earlier when chatting with one of the flight attendants it was mentioned by her that she was relieved this setback happened on a St Helena flight. If it happened on the usual Airlink

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domestic flights within South Africa the passengers would be banging on the walls and shouting at her. We told her, yes, we were very upset but there was no point in banging the walls and it would be very unfair to take our frustration out of her because the weather in St Helena was against us. Michael Binyon's group from the Times Readers Offer were of course frustrated but remained as calm as can be expected. However they did not expect to waste any further time attempting to get to St Helena and will return to the UK after arriving at OR Tambo. For Michael Binyon himself, any further attempts to help St Helena by bringing tourist groups appears doubtful and his opinion now is that tourism is dead in the water for St Helena. The damage has been done and it is at least the fifteenth time this damage has been done. Every time it happens the prospects for a tourism based economy for St Helena recede further into the distance.

The only notable thing for me on the return to Jo'burg was that I finished the book I was reading. The extra reading time available allowed for that. Once we got off the plane at OR Tambo, things changed.

Another night in Jo'burg

We were all wondering what chaos would prevail when we landed and had to find out what accommodation was arranged for us. A couple of ground staff were there to 'greet' us as we boarded the bus to take us from the plane to the airport terminal building. One of the 'greeters' told us we would all be taken to a hotel after going through immigration, customs and security for the second time on the same day at OR Tambo. This time the weary passengers were more wary. Which hotel? What facilities do they have? Does this 'hotel' have its own restaurant? The answers clearly indicated the accommodation offered was definitely budget – maybe one level above a youth hostel. By the time we got to the carousel to reclaim our luggage several passengers were telling the Airlink staff the accommodation was not acceptable and they would not go there. One of the Airlink staff went off to make a phone call.

April had wheelchair assistance as result of her recent surgery and the airport assistant had watched how things developed with cool observation. "Follow me" he said. We followed, except April led the way as she was being pushed by the assistant. We ended up at the Airlink counter where the Airlink member of staff went make her phone call. We heard her side of the phone conversation. "They don't want to go there." "They will not move." And other panicky statements which clearly indicated she would rather be somewhere else on a Saturday night.

After she finished her phone call we found out April had been



Waiting at Windhoek – for no particular reason

reserved in the Peermont at the Emperor's Palace and I had been put in another hotel I did not bother to find out its name. We left the airport and went to catch the shuttle bus to the Emperor's Palace. At this point I discovered there were four Peermont hotels at the Emperor's Palace.

The bus driver tried one but with no luck. At the second one he told us this is it and put us off and our baggage. It was not it. After lengthy and tedious explanations the hotel receptionist shuffled us off to work it all out with the guest relations person. This person was a delightful girl, very competent, professional and persistent. Her name was Betty and she should go far. To try to help the situation I emailed the now infamous Innes Bester at Airlink to ask for his help. To this day I am still awaiting his reply.

After three phone calls we found someone employed by Airlink who does appear to take some pride in the work they do. I had been allocated a different hotel because I travelled economy and April was booked in business class and therefore qualified for the three star hotel. We booked late for the plane tickets, after we were certain it was OK to travel due to the surgery. They were the only seats left. Airlink's on-line booking system told us the plane was full. Not being a person to take anything anyone says at face value I asked Mike Olsson to check with Solomon's. They came up with two seats but in different parts of the plane.

When the hotel accommodation was allocated they put the business class passengers in the three star Metcourt Peermont hotel and the economy ticket holders in some other – place. The room allocated to April had one king size bed and two singles so there was no problem squeezing me in with her. With that sorted the one remaining problem is sorting out the meal bills. The hotel computer says we have no credit and cash is required while the reception staff tell us a certain number of Rands are 'budgeted' by Airlink for each breakfast, lunch or dinner. At the Southern Sun it seemed to be known automatically that Airlink will pay. At the Peermont Metcourt the procedure so far has had to be re-run each time. It's Wednesday evening as I right. We have to make it through the night and through to Friday morning. Tenacity, determination and resolution will prevail! The dogs are waiting patiently for our return. It would have been quicker on the RMS.



Grand Competition

Win £500 with SHELCO



The new owners of SHELCO have come to the conclusion that the name of the proposed development at Broad bottom does not sound attractive enough to make a mark in the market place. Sometimes, having the right name can make the difference between success and failure.

SHELCO have decided to award a prize of £500 for the person on St Helena that suggests a new name for the proposed golf course development at Broad bottom.

The name should be easy to pronounce, and be attractive to potential purchasers.

If you're suggested name is chosen, or a close derivative of it, then you will receive a cash prize of £500. If two people coincidentally choose the same name and that name is selected, the prize money will be split.

To avoid sharing, keep your suggestion secret.

Your suggestions and you can choose multiple names if you wish, should be sent with your name, to Saint FM via the email admin.fm@helanta.co.sh Or in a sealed envelope addressed to Tammy Williams

Closing date for the competition is 30 November 2018

PUBLIC GUARDIAN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ASCENSION ISLAND

St Helena Government (SHG) is pleased to announce that the Public Guardian for St Helena & Ascension Island, Gavin 'Jack' Thomas, will be undertaking an official visit to Ascension Island from 8 - 12 December 2018.

As Public Guardian for both Islands, Gavin will be fulfilling his role in carrying out the legal functions of the Mental Health and Mental Capacity Ordinance, 2016 (MH&MCO 2016). The Ordinance protects individuals who may not have the mental capacity to make certain decisions for themselves such as about their health and financial affairs. The Public Guardian also helps people plan ahead for someone to make certain important decisions for them, should they become unable to do so for themselves.

SHG welcomes the opportunity to work collaboratively across both Islands to promote decision making and individuals' right to choose, whilst upholding the principles of the MH&MCO 2016. During his visit to Ascension, Gavin will be available to speak with members of the public about registering lasting powers of attorney (LPA), the appointment of deputies and other aspects of his role. He will also provide guidance, support, and direction, to improve awareness of LPAs and Deputyships.

Individuals, couples, or families on Ascension Island wishing to make an appointment with the Public Guardian from 9 - 11 December 2018, may do so in advance by contacting Gavin 'Jack' Thomas at Brick House, Jamestown, St Helena Island on telephone number: 22713 or via email: gavin.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh. Appointments will be flexible throughout the day and evening.

SHG encourages members of the public on St Helena to also contact the Public Guardian regarding options available to them in planning for their future and to find out more about LPAs and Deputyships.

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Enterprise St Helena (ESH) has two units available for rent to local entrepreneurs for non-industrial / clean business at the ESH Business Park, Ladder Hill. The units are now available for occupancy.

Applications should be submitted to Charlene Young, Finance Co-ordinator in the form of an extended business brief with a 3 year cash flow, detailing your planned business and intended opening hours via email charlene.young@esh.co.sh or in hard copy to the Enterprise St Helena Office, ESH Business Park by close of business on Friday 30th November 2018.



For further information please contact Michielle Yon, Director of Resources on 22920 or e-mail michielle.yon@esh.co.sh

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ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE 1985 REVISED FEES AND CHARGES

The Environment & Natural Resources Committee, through their remit and also acting as the Highway Authority, was asked to consider a proposed increase in fees and charges under the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1985.

An increase of 17% would be required to keep the fees in line with inflation since their last increase in 2013. However, because there has not been an increase in five years, the Committee agreed such a large increase in one year may not be well received. However, it is recommended that if fee increases occur more regularly after this one and within one or two years, the increases should reflect inflation.

Following discussion, Executive Council approved the proposed increase in fees and charges under the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1985 on Tuesday, 13 November 2018. The increases which range from 10% to 12% over the current rates, will take effect from Saturday, 1 December 2018.

The full shedule is available on the SHG website.



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Description:	Current Fees:	New Fee (with effect from 1 December 2018):
To licence a private motor vehicle with a seating capacity of six or less (to include the driver)	£42.40	£47.50
To licence a private motor vehicle with a seating capacity exceeding six	£54.50	£61.00
To licence a private motor lorry with a net weight of 5,000lbs or 2,270kg or less	£66.50	£74.00
To licence a motorcycle with an engine capacity of over 250cc	£30.30	£34.00
Issue of driving licence	£12.10	£13.50
Vehicle inspection fee; vehicles other than cranes such as trucks with a gross combination mass of over 3,500kg or 7,716lbs	£25.00	£28.00
Other vehicle inspection fees	£20.00	£22.00



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Huawei MediaPad 7" Tablet 16GB Mini SD Slot IPS Screen	£85
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Toshiba 50" Ultra 4K Smart TV with USB playback	£549
Samsung 50" Ultra 4K Smart TV with USB playback	£599
Samsung 55" Ultra 4K Smart TV with USB playback	£699
Samsung 55" Curved Screen Ultra 4K Smart TV with USB playback	£799
Samsung 49" Full HD Smart TV with USB Playback	£475

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Festive Season Openings 2018

Date	Wharf Kiosk	St Helena Branch	Ascension Branch	Accounts & Payments	Lending
Monday, 24 December	Closed	09:00 - 12:00			
Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 December	Closed				
Thursday, 27 December	Closed	09:00 - 14:00			
Friday, 28 December	Closed				
Saturday, 29 December	Closed	09:00 - 12:00		Closed	Closed
Monday, 31 December	Closed	09:00 - 13:00			
Tuesday, 01 January 2019	Closed				

Please Note: International Remittance Services will close at 11:00 on Monday 24 December, at 13:00 on Thursday 27 and at 12:00 on Monday 31 December 2018.

The Bank's Airport Currency Exchange Kiosk will open as usual on Saturday 22 and 29 December 2018 from 10:00 to 14:30.

Normal Bank opening times will resume on Wednesday, 02 January 2019.

Bank of St Helena Ltd takes this opportunity to wish all our customers a Happy Festive Season and a Prosperous New Year.

LONGWOOD PACK HOUSE

During 2016, Enterprise St Helena embarked on a project to convert the lower portion of the disused Longwood Dairy Buildings into an enterprise park, similar to the one at Ladder Hill. ESH in partnership with ANRD initiated a pack house within the broader Longwood Enterprise Park (LEP). It was originally envisaged that this would operate as a wholesaler type arrangement whereby farmers would supply fresh produce to the pack house who would then preserve it in the necessary cold storage within the pack house and subsequently distribute the produce to the various outlets.

The Longwood Pack House with a retail outlet, has been open since 1 June 2018 and the operations of the pack house are managed by Colin Thomas and his son, Rick. This is a family owned farming business that has been established for over thirty years.

During the agriculture exposure visit to South Africa in November 2013, Colin visited four pack houses to gain insight into, among other things: how to pack vegetables; how to store vegetables at core temperatures so that vegetables can be preserved for up to six days; water irrigation systems; poly tunnels, etc. The insight that he gained on this exposure visit has been beneficial and useful to the business with their current operations.

In addition to supplying vegetables to the pack house retail outlet, the pack house also packs on average one hundred and thirty pre-ordered vegetable bags which are then delivered to the customers. Fresh produce is also delivered to retail shops and restaurants around the island.

Colin commented: *"I just want to say that farming has been my livelihood and in my family for three generations now. Sometimes we have minor setbacks such as the weather but we have to take the good with the bad. We have come a long way and going on the exposure visit really opened my eyes to what the farming industry can do and I'm glad I am contributing to my island in a positive way. What I would like to see is the younger generation getting into farming as well as it is the backbone for us as a small island and will stop us from depending on so much imports."*

The retail outlet at Longwood Pack House is open to the public on Thursdays from 8am until 3pm.



If you have a business idea or are an existing business and require assistance, please contact a member of the Business Development Team on telephone 22920 or e-mail Business Development Co-ordinators:
delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh or
mandy.obey@esh.co.sh.



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WITHDRAWAL OF ACCOUNT TRANSFERS WITH EFFECT FROM 01 JANUARY 2019

Customers are reminded that with effect from Tuesday, 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.

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**Enterprise St
Helena Board
of Directors'
Meeting**

 Enterprise St Helena

A meeting of the Enterprise St Helena Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday 28 November 2018 at 9:00am at the Head Office Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill Business Park.

Specific items that will be discussed which are open to the public:

- ESH Subcommittee Updates;
- Audited Financial Statements Ended 31 March 2018 and Management Letter;
- Public Accounts Committee Recommendations;
- Accounting Policy Updates: Asset and Depreciation, Cash and Bank and initial draft Investment Policy;
- Lieutenant General Sir Hudson Lowe Exhibition;
- Tour Operator Symposium;
- City of Johannesburg, Department of Economic Development/Tourism Delegation;
- Confirmation of Reappointment of ESH Board Member.



A copy of the agenda and papers open to public can be obtained from the Board Secretary via email: natasha.bargo@esh.co.sh or alternatively from the ESH website:

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Customer Survey - WIN £25!

At Connect Saint Helena Ltd we use various methods to communicate with our on island customers.

Things we communicate about include: -

➤ Planned works	➤ Methods of saving water and electricity
➤ Faults that are affecting customers	➤ Planned charges
➤ Expressions of Interest	➤ General information items

We are keen to receive feedback on how our customers prefer to receive information about their utility services.

Customers can let us know before 9am on Monday, 3rd December 2018 by any of the following methods:

- Fill in the form in the newspaper and send it to Annalisa Young, Business Support Administrator (Customer), Connect Saint Helena Ltd, Seales Corner, Jamestown
- Email annalisa.young@connect.co.sh
- Telephone Annalisa Young on 22255
- Call into our offices at Seales Corner during working hours and tell Annalisa.

We will need to know who you are, where you live and how we can contact you since we will be randomly selecting 4 respondents to receive £25 cash as thanks for contributing.

Below are the main methods we use to convey information:

➤ Our Website	➤ Information included with bills
➤ SHG Website	➤ The Sentinel newspaper
➤ Saint FM Community Radio	➤ St Helena Independent newspaper
➤ SAMS Radio	➤ Social Media
➤ Public Meetings	➤ Family and friends

Here is the information you need to tell us to be entered into the £25 draw with the lucky winners being drawn on 3rd December 2018.

Name:	Address:	Contact:
My preferred method of receiving information about my utility service is:		

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Vacancy Finance Co-ordinator



Enterprise St Helena is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced individual to work within the finance department.

Reporting to the Director of Resources, the successful candidate will be responsible for co-ordinating financial administration services within the department in order to contribute to the management of finances. This will be achieved through maintaining the accounting records of the Enterprise in line with accepted accounting standards and preparation of various reports to the organisations stakeholders.

The successful applicant must have a finance background with demonstrable relevant experience, AAT or any financial qualification with strong administration skills and a very good eye for detail.

A copy of the Terms of Reference and an application form can be obtained via email or collected from the Enterprise St Helena Office at Ladder Hill Business Park. Completed application forms should be submitted to the HR and Administration Manager, Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill Business Park by no later than close of business on Monday 3rd December 2018.



For further information please contact: **Michielle Yon, Director of Resources** on telephone number **22920** or email **Michielle.yon@esh.co.sh**

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Job Vacancy

HR & FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Sure SA Ltd is seeking to recruit a skilled and professional individual to be responsible for the local HR function and provide operational support to the Finance department.

The role requires a dynamic person with a strong personality, drive, tact and discretion. Applicants will ideally hold a relevant qualification and applicable experience; possess a high level of communication and interpersonal skills, competent in Microsoft office; have commercial awareness and be self motivated.

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a Satisfactory Police Disclosure.

Join us and you will enjoy some of the many benefits that Sure provides, including but not limited to: Incentive Bonus Scheme, Staff Discount, entitlement to join the Retirement Benefits Plan and opportunities for continued professional development.

Salary for post can be discussed with HR & Admin Manager.

The successful candidate will be expected to serve a 6 month probationary period.

Further information regarding the responsibilities of the post may be discussed with Shara Robinson, HR & Admin Manager on Tel no: +290 22800 or E: HR-Admin.Manager@sure.co.sh An application form and copy of the Job Description may be obtained from Bishops Rooms or on the above contact details.

Applications should be submitted to Human Resources and Administration Manager, Sure South Atlantic Limited, Bishops Rooms, Jamestown by **4pm on Monday 3 December 2018**.

Vacancy - Electrician Ascension Island

Ref SS27281

3 months Fixed Term Contract

Interserve Defence Ltd is recruiting an Electrician to work on the Ascension Island Base for a 3 month period.

The contract will commence 12 January 2019 and end 14 April 2019. Interserve will pay a competitive salary, provide single living accommodation, meals at the mess and work clothing.

The successful applicant will be required to install new LED lighting throughout the base.

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

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

Closing date is Monday 3rd December 2018.

Interserve is one of the world's foremost support services and construction companies. Our vision is to redefine the future for people and places. Everything we do is shaped by our core values. We are a successful, growing, international business: a leader in innovative and sustainable outcomes for our clients and a great place to work for our people. We offer advice, design, construction, equipment, facilities management and frontline public services. We are headquartered in the UK and listed in the FTSE 250 index. We have gross revenues of £3.3 billion and a workforce of circa 80,000 people worldwide.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – WATER AND SEWERAGE WORKS

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced persons to carry out the following works:

- INSTALLATION OF RAW WATER MAINS FROM TOM PETERS SPRING TO THE CHUBBS SPRING WATER TREATMENT WORKS

This project consists of excavation, installation and backfilling of new raw water pipelines as well as the installation of associated fittings, valves etc.

- CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNAL SEPTIC TANK, SOAKAWAY AND SEWER LINE AT BARREN GROUND

This project consists of the construction of a new septic tank, soakaway system and the replacement of sewer lines.

The submitted expressions of interest should include company name, name of responsible person, title, address, telephone number and email address (if applicable).

Expressions of Interest should be hand delivered in writing to Nigel Benjamin, Procurement Coordinator by 12:00 on Friday, 30th November 2018.

For further information please contact the Projects Manager, Ronald de Reuck on telephone number 22255 or email ronald.dereuck@connect.co.sh.

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VACANCY HARBOUR MASTER



The Port Control Office is currently seeking a suitable person for the position of Harbour Master.

The primary duties and responsibilities of the Harbour Master are:

1. To control both safety and security of the Port Facilities (both Jamestown and Rupert's Wharf) and Harbour waters;
2. To enforce all laws, in relation to Safety and Security within facility's jurisdiction;
3. To maintain general oversight of the safe, secure and efficient running of the Port.

The post holder is expected to have a high level of understanding of the ISPS code, and International Supply Chain Security Management protocols.

As Harbour Master, the successful applicant will be the designated Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) and will either already hold such certification, or be willing to attend overseas training, in order to obtain this certification. You would also be required to have GCSE Maths and English at grade C or above.

The successful applicant must have the ability to plot charts for navigational purposes and fluency in communicating via VHF and UHF.

The Harbour Master is a 'warranted' law enforcement officer, with the powers of arrest / search / seizure. Therefore, prior law enforcement experience would also be highly preferred.

Salary for this post is at Grade E, commencing at £ 14,138 per annum.

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

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and should be submitted (through Directors where applicable) to Gemma Lawrence, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle, or e-mail gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4 pm on Tuesday, 27 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.

Corporate Services 12 November 2018

INITIAL POLICE TRAINING WEEK FOUR

The students, currently carrying out their seven-week Initial Police Training, are now over halfway through the course. Week four introduced them to traffic legislation and in particular, Construction & Use, Road Traffic Collisions, and driving whilst over the prescribed limit.

On Monday morning, students learned the theory regarding Road Traffic Collisions. The afternoon saw scenario training near the Seafront, dealing with a simple collision involving a motorcycle and a car. This then evolved into a more complex collision, involving two vehicles, where one of the drivers ran off. Back in the classroom the discussions turned to "was it due care and attention or was it dangerous driving?"

Tuesday saw the students learn how to use the hand-held breath test machine, making sure that they comply with the law whilst administering the test. It's not easy, trying to stop a vehicle in a safe position, talk to the driver, then do the test, as well as recording the results.

Wednesday was a continuation of breath test training, learning about the station Lion Intoximeter and how the results are used evidentially.

Thursday morning saw eight very nervous faces as



Making an arrest during the scenario

the students conducted a mid-course knowledge check. Despite the nerves, all students passed with flying colours.

Tutor, Learning & Development Sergeant, Mark Coombe, said:

"I am extremely proud of all the students for doing so well on the mid-course test. The students have only been in training for four weeks and have come a long way. They are developing into professional, knowledgeable, thinking Police Officers. Well done and keep up the good work!"

SHG, 20 November 2018



Carrying out a roadside breath test during the scenario



Speaking to the driver after he had been pulled over during the scenario



The students during a road traffic collision scenario



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Police Constable **Carlos Yon** Student Profile



Police Constable Carlos Yon 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 have to say Blue Hill, it's a place my partner and I go to chill. The air is so clean and it is so peaceful. It has to be the most beautiful place on the Island.

What is your favourite food?

I have always been a big lover of fish, and all Saints know that fish caught around the Island is lovely.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love walking, but most of all I love to go to the Rifle Club and practise my shooting.

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

I have always been inspired by the work carried out by the St Helena Police Service, but my mind was made up after witnessing an incident in Johannesburg.

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

Up to now I have enjoyed all that we have covered. Learning about the National Decision Model (NDM) was very interesting, it helped me to put a systematic approach to policing.

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

One of the main things is being able to be honest and open with the community, and being able to gain the trust and respect of other people.

Invitation to Tender

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

Charter Vessel to undertake Dive based Habitat Surveys, Tagging and Lobster Potting within St Helena's Inshore Waters

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from

**Miss Tiffany Lawrence
Procurement Officer
Essex House
Jamestown**



**St Helena
Government**

Telephone No: 22270 or email tiffany-lawrence@enrd.gov.sh

If you require any further details, please contact the Lobster Project Officer, Dr Ralf Bublitz, on telephone number 22270 or email ralf.bublitz@enrd.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Thursday, 29 November 2018.

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



TIP OF THE WEEK

Pre-heat for a maximum of 10 minutes.

When the oven is in use, avoid opening the door unnecessarily. Every time you do, the temperature drops by around 15°C and takes a lot of energy to get back up to full temperature.

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Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

The international break saw a number of friendlies played and the conclusion of the UEFA Nations League. Wayne Rooney made a substitute appearance for England to mark his 120th and last cap for England against the USA in a match that ended 3-0 to the English.

Up until the 85th minute against Croatia, England was staring at relegation to the second tier of the Nations League, before skipper Harry Kane slid in the winning goal to send top of their group.

The finals has an unexpected look, with world champions France, World Cup finalists Croatia, World Cup semi-finalists Belgium, 2014 World Cup winners Germany and much-fancied Spain all missing out in the group stages.

Gareth Southgate's England finished top of group A4, while Switzerland pipped Belgium to the top of group A2 on head-to-head by beating them 5-2 in their final game.

European champions Portugal were top of A3, while Netherlands continued their revival as they scored a 90th-minute equaliser in their final game against Germany to win A1.

League A

Booked place in June 2019 finals and Euro 2020 play-offs - Portugal, England, Switzerland, Netherlands

Relegated to League B - Germany, Iceland, Poland, Croatia

League B

Promoted to League A, and Euro 2020 play-off spot - Ukraine, Denmark, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Sweden

Relegated to League C - Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Turkey, Slovakia

League C

Promoted to League B, and Euro 2020 play-off spot - Finland, Norway, Scotland, Serbia

Relegated to League D - Lithuania, Slovenia, Estonia, Cyprus

League D

Promoted to League C, and Euro 2020 play-off spot - Georgia, Belarus, Macedonia, Kosovo

Saturday will see the welcome return of the Premier League.

There is no early game. The 3pm games will see Brighton play Leicester; Everton will take on Cardiff, Fulham play another 6 pointer against fellow strugglers Southampton, Manchester United will play at home to Crystal Palace, Watford will host Liverpool and West Ham is at home to League Leader's Man City. The game of the weekend will take place at 5.30pm when Spurs play Chelsea.

On Sunday Bournemouth will play Arsenal at 1.30pm and Wolves take on Huddersfield at 4pm. Monday evening's game will see Burnley play Newcastle at 8pm.

Champions' League will also recommence on Tuesday; in group F Man City will travel to Lyon at 8pm and Man United will host Young Boys also at 8pm.

On Wednesday Spurs play Inter at home and Liverpool travel to Paris to

play PSG also at 8pm.

SHFA Results and Fixtures

Last weekend saw the 2018 Football league season come to a conclusion. The first game saw Chop Shop Boys defeat the Crusaders by 3 goals to 1 in a game affected by the strong wind. The Chop Shop went 2 goals up in the first half with goals from Clayton Yon and Khanyile. The scored a goal early in the first half when Jorden Johnson's scuffed shot found its way past the Crusaders' keeper.

Dane Wade pulled a goal back when he scored from the penalty spot. Crusaders' had more chances but fail to test the keeper.

Match Result: Chop Shop 3 v Crusaders 1

G/S Chop Shop: Clayton Yon 1; Khanyile 1 & Jorden Johnson 1

G/S Crusaders: Dane Wade 1 (P)

MOM: Paseka (Patrick)

The second game of the weekend saw the veterans team the Saints play their second consecutive game with just 10 men. The Bellboys scored 4 first half goals from Wayne Crowie 1; Tyler Brady & Ryan Benjamin 2; In the second half the Saint's still try to play good passing football when they had the ball but the more fitter Bellboys press home their numerical advantage and scored 5 further goals; Brady completed his hat trick with 2 more; Rick Joshua scored 2 and Sidonio Benjamin scored 1.

Match Result: Bellboys 9 v saints 0

G/S Bellboys: Wayne Crowie 1; Tyler Brady 3, Ryan Benjamin 2, Rick Joshua 2 & Sidonio Benjamin 1

MOM: Jordan Yon

The final match was the League playoff match between Harts and Rovers. Rovers had one chance in the first half to take the



Harts - League Champions

Armchair Supporters View

by Nick Stevens

lead by fail to trouble the keeper. Minutes later the Harts were awarded a penalty for a hand ball infringement. Sean Lee Thomas stepped up and scored. For most of the rest of the game the Rovers chased an equaliser but for all their efforts they barely put the Harts keeper under pressure. Harts defended well and held on for the win which meant they were crowned 2018 League Champions.

Match Result: Harts 1 v Rovers 0

G/S Harts: Sean Lee Thomas 1

MOM: Mike E Williams

SHFA Knock Out Cup Preliminary: Harts 4 v Wirebirds 0

G/S Harts: Mark Williams 1; Shane Stroud 1, Sean lee Thomas (P) & Mike E Williams

YPOM: Sean Lee Thomas & MOM: Clayton Benjamin

Fixtures:

Sat 24th Nov

1.30pm Saints v Axis K/O Quarter Finals

Organisers: Wolves

3.30pm Harts v Chop Shop

Organisers: Crusaders

Sun 25th

1.30pm Rovers v Wolves K/O Quarter Finals

Organisers: Harts

3.30pm Crusaders v Bellboys K/O Quarter Finals

Organisers: Harts

Update Ynys Mon 2019

The draw for the 2019 Island Football Tournament which will be held in Ynys Mon in June next year was made on Monday. The Draw was conducted by Wales Coach Osain Roberts and Wales and Crystal Palace Goal Keeper Wayne Hennessey. St Helena was drawn in Group C along with Guernsey and Shetland Islands. 10 teams will compete for the men's title and 5 women teams will play a round robin league to decide the medals.

The star Prize for the raffle the Ford Focus ST was delivered to us on Monday and will be on display for viewing outside of New Horizons today Friday from 11am -1.30pm. Raffle Tickets will also be on sale.

Tickets' at selling well and once we have sold all tickets we will do the raffle.....So don't Hesitate....MISS IT MISS OUT. Members of the public who wish to attend the 80's Disco night at the Rock Club on Saturday 15th December can get tickets from New Horizons or Squad and Committee Members.

Sponsor papers for the Historical Port to Port walk on Thursday 27th December can also be picked up from New Horizons. A minimum of £10 must be collected in or persons can enter on the day for £15. This walk will start at 9.30am from the Airport and finished at Rupert's Jetty via the Haul Road.

GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 18th November 2018- "Turkey and Ham" competition

Sunday 18th July 2018 was one of those windy, misty and light rainy days. It was not the best day for playing golf, but 24 brave souls turned out to participate in our "Turkey and Ham" competition. The competition was played in the Stableford format. The competition kicked off at 12h00 a.m. In second place with 38 point was Deon Robbertse, with the first place with 39 points went to Ronald de Reuck. Only one player, Danny Thomas played two shots and was the winner of the two ball competition. Danny was smiling as he was not only eligible for this week's pool of balls, but also the balls from the last day of the Open competition, that was carried over. Well done to all the winners.

Next Sunday 25th November the club will host our monthly medal competition for November, with tee off times starting from 9h00. A number of members have already registered. If you haven't registered and would like to play please leave a message on 24421, or drop a message to our Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh We look forward to seeing you on the course. The golf club is also hosting a social evening on Friday 30th November starting at 7 pm. It will be in a bring and share format. All members are invited. Bring a plate of eats, and come and enjoy the evening with us. Music will be provided and as usual our bar will be open.

Members are also reminded to return the completed questionnaire.

There was a mistake in the golf report for the final scores in the Open competition, where the runner up on the B-flight was mistakenly reported to be Roy Reynolds. Danny Duncan was actually the player who was runner up in the B-flight. Sorry about this Danny.

Contributed by; Deon Robbertse, President



Star Raffle Prize Ford Focus ST



Sponsored walk in aid of the St Helena International Football Team.....Starts at: St Helena Airport and ends at Rupert's Jetty via the Haul Road.

December 27th 2018 @ 9.30am (registration starts at 8.45am)

Collect a minimum sponsorship of £10 to enter or enter on the day for £15.

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR PROPOSED GOVERNMENT LANDLORD HOUSE

The Environment & Natural Recourses Directorate is seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced persons to tender for a Government Landlord House (GLH) build at HTH.

The Tender for a 2 bed bungalow will be divided into traditional Blockwork Construction or a Steel Frame Design and Build.

Interested persons will be provided with a Tender Pack. For further details, interested persons should contact Mr. Chris Peters, Civil Engineer, (email chris.peters@enrd.gov.sh) or telephone 22270.

Interested persons may submit their expression of interest by email to tiffany-lawrence@enrd.gov.sh or in a sealed envelope, titled '**ENRD-0181-SHG**' and placed in the Tender Box, located at the Essex House, Jamestown by no later than, Monday 3rd December 2018.

Mr. Derek Henry

Director of Environment & Natural Recourses
21st November 2018



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Training Opportunity: French Training

The St Helena Community College, is opened for registrations from those persons who are interested in participating in French Language training.

A Taster session for French training will be hosted at the St Helena Community College on Monday, 07 January 2019.

The Course will commence on 14 January 2019.

Registrations for both the Taster session and the course will be accepted from 15 November until 07 December 2018.

For further information interested persons are requested to contact Carley Peters or Cherilee Thomas-Johnson on

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Rates of pay shall be based on qualifications and experience.

Applicant must be of clean sober habits.

Timmy Francis Manager Turbo Tim @ Falklands 4x4 will be on St Helena from the 8th December 2018 and can be contacted on 00290 22124. He will be happy to meet with anyone interested in the above post.

Interested persons can also email turbo.timfalklands4x4@fic.co.fk before the 1st December 2018 to show your interest or to arrange a meeting upon Mr Francis's arrival in St Helena.

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RRS Discovery Survey to St Helena – April 2019

In a joint initiative between the UK Government's Blue Belt Programme and the British Antarctic Survey's ODA Project, the RRS Discovery will visit St Helena for 11 days next April to conduct an extensive survey of the marine environment. This is a follow up to the visit by the RRS James Clark Ross earlier this year and aims to collect data around St Helena and at the Cardno Seamount in the north of St Helena's waters. It's hoped the upcoming Discovery Expedition 100 will help scientists understand the types of habitats present in St Helena's seas, parts of which have never been explored.



RRS Discovery in South Georgia [Taken by Jo Cox]

During the survey, scientists will be working around the clock to collect data on the species that inhabit the waters of St Helena and their habitats. The Blue Belt team will then apply this knowledge to some of the challenges facing St Helena in marine management, working closely with St Helena Government staff. Lead scientist, Professor Martin Collins, who spent time on the island in 2015 and 2016, adds "The visit of RRS Discovery will add greatly to our knowledge of the biodiversity of St Helena waters and help ensure it is protected for future generations".

Spaces on the ship are in high demand - with scientists from the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas), the British Antarctic Survey (BAS), the Natural History Museum of London, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), Plymouth University and South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI) due onboard. The Blue Belt Programme has also reserved 3 spaces on the ship for the residents of St Helena so that they can participate in the research and learn more about their environment. St Helena residents Leeann Henry and Alison Small will take two of the spaces on the Discovery Expedition 100, but there is still one space left.

During the Discovery Expedition 100 the ship will map the seafloor of seamounts and deep areas of the St Helena Exclusive Economic Zone, measure the temperature and other properties of the water column, and collect samples of species up to 1000 metres below sea level.

Target areas for the Discovery Expedition 100. Yellow line = Boundary of St Helena's Exclusive Economic Zone.

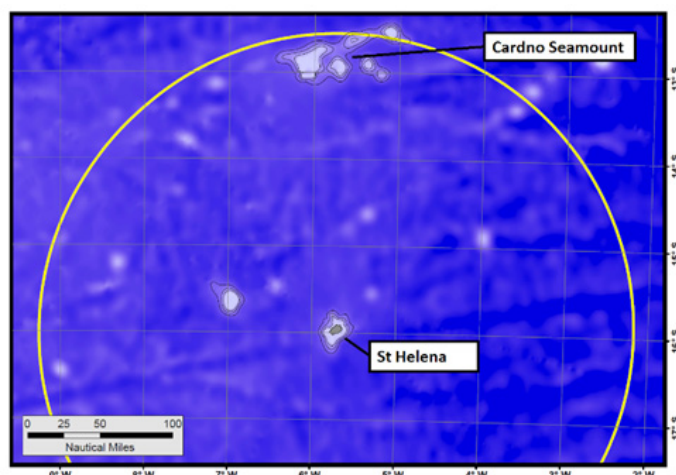
COMPETITION TO JOIN THE DISCOVERY EXPEDITION 100

If you'd like the chance to work alongside researchers on the Discovery Expedition 100 for up to 7 days next April simply enter this competition.

To enter email BlueBelt@cefas.co.uk explaining in less than 300 words

- Who you are
- Why you want to come
- How you'd share your experience with the local community/more widely
- Why we should pick you

Entrants must be residents of St Helena over the age of 18, be physically fit and able to navigate steep stairwells. Please note a medical examination will be required. We must receive your entry by 11pm on the 30th of November London time.



Many of the open water species are important prey for bigeye and yellowfin tuna, so understanding their distribution helps St Helena Government and Cefas to understand present and future changes in the fishery. This is a key objective for the Blue Belt Programme and the BAS project, both of which aim to safeguard St Helena's marine environment and maritime economy into the future through the provision of responsible, sustainable management advice. As part of the Blue Belt Programme, St Helena Government, and the governments of several other overseas territories, are working to enhance their marine protection strategies by March 2020.

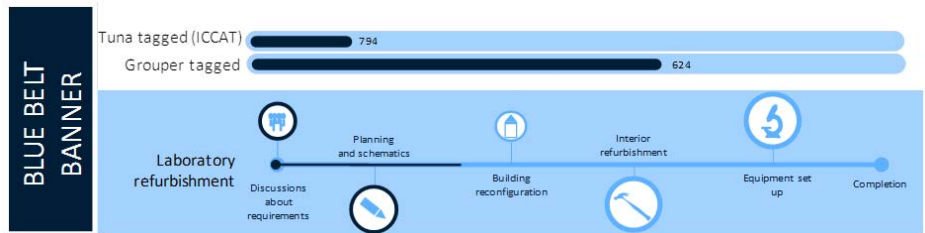
The species in St Helena's waters are also of interest to those much further afield. During the James Clark Ross survey last April, several potential new species of octopus and squid were found. Scientists from the London Natural History Museum, who will be joining the Discovery Expedition 100 next April, are currently working hard to help us identify these species.

With less than 6 months to go until the RRS Discovery arrives in St Helena, preparations for the voyage are in full swing. To stay up to date on the latest information on the Discovery Expedition 100, and the wider Blue Belt Programme, follow us on twitter @UKGovBlueBelt or visit the website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-belt-programme>

RRS Discovery Survey to St Helena – April 2019



The Vampyroteuthis infernalis, or Vampire Squid, was just one of the specimens caught during the last marine survey in St Helena.



Note: A team of four from the UK Hydrographic Office are also on board the flight delayed from last Saturday. They are here to commence the long planned seabed mapping of the coastal waters around St Helena, as part of the UK Government's Overseas Territories Seabed Mapping Programme to improve safety of navigation, meet St Helena's and UK's international obligations and encourage vessels to visit. Their plan has now had to be substantially modified, and they report that although they now hope to increase their operations up to 20 hours a day if possible to compensate for the lost week, it is now unlikely that they will be able to complete all of their intended coverage with the funding available.

Skittles Presentation at Jamestown Community Center, Friday 16th November



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