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## 'RMS' hit the world's headlines yesterday

The former RMS St Helena was the centre of world-wide attention yesterday as leaders in the world of motor sport gathered in Central London to board the RMS, moored alongside HMS Belfast as she was on her last 'farewell' journey up the River Thames. There were no thoughts of farewell this time, with the RMS centre-stage it was all about new beginnings, glitz, glitter as the global launch of the new EXTREME E motor racing series got into gear. The RMS will be used to transport the cars around the world from one race venue to another.

Extreme E is an off-shoot of the now established Formula E racing circuit. Electric cars are raced on 13 circuits in 12 cities on 5 continents. Electric racing cars are used to further the development of electric cars generally and promote the need for a cleaner more sustainable world.

The Extreme E racing series will not use circuits in cities. The races will take place in some of the remotest parts of the world. Starting in 2021 the former RMS St Helena will be transporting the Extreme E racing cars to the Himalayas, the Sahara, the Amazon, the Arctic, and islands in the Indian Ocean. The racing cars will be electric SUVs (4x4s) and the locations for the races have been chosen for their spectacular beauty and the threats faced by climate change. With both Formula E and Extreme E environmental considerations are a main influence on all decisions and the main purpose for both racing calendars is to promote environmental sustainability.

The former RMS is back in London once more. This time she has EXTREME E emblazoned along her side but retains the yellow funnel, the blue and white hull and the name 'St Helena'.

Saint FM radio news has followed the progress of our former RMS St Helena since she left this island to work as a security support vessel in the trouble spots of the world. While all of us were relieved she was not going to be sold for scrap, none of us thought her new role as a floating armoury was suitable for the fine and gracious lady she is. It was not long before news of a new mystery buyer trickled back to St Helena. The

# EXTREME E



buyer did not remain a mystery for long and it was a relief to know that the RMS was to start a yet another new life associated with the owners of Formula E.

Extreme E will be a sister series to Formula E. The Extreme E race series is due to start in January 2021. Five races are planned for each year and the race series will run until August. The intention is to broadcast the races in a documentary format during October and November every year. The former RMS, now known as the 'St Helena', will be the travelling organisational base for series of races as well as the transporter for the 4x4s which will be racing at each location.

Nine manufacturers attended the launch event and it is hoped twelve racing teams will compete in the first 2021 race series. The 2021 series of five races will go ahead anyway, even if fewer than the hoped for number of teams take part. Extreme E is reported as being fully funded already.

## Three seamounts – all in a row

**The unnamed seamount mapped last year by the RRS James Clark Ross lies east of two other seamounts, Bonaparte and Bagration. It is approximately 57km (35 miles) North East of Jamestown, with a shallowest depth of 1205m.**

Bonaparte, as we all know was His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of France and Bagration is the name of a Russian Prince and a General in the Russian Army who fought against Napoleon with some success. After a French Emperor and Russian Prince who should the next seamount now be named after? The first Emperor of China? Abraham Lincoln? Winston Churchill? The Pet Shop Boys?

The *Independent* believes we should choose a name much closer to home. Let's have a St Helenian on the Admiralty Charts produced by the UK Hydrographic Office. It could be Janisch, after Hudson Ralph Janisch who was the first, and so far only, St Helenian born governor from 1873 to 1884.

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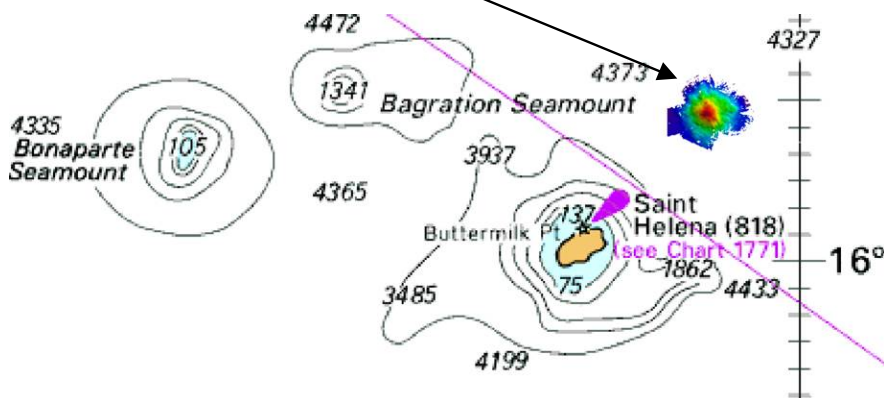


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# 2018 visitor figures – how many, where they came from and why

## Arrivals by Air

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Arrivals by air, total	0	144	917	3831

The number of people arriving at St Helena airport rose to an average of 74 passengers each week in 2018. 2019 will be the first year of plane only access for fare paying passengers. In January and February last year the RMS was still carrying passengers. The total number of arrivals includes a small number of people arriving by private plane. In 2018 thirteen private planes landed at the airport. There are also 150 medical referrals included in the total.

## Arrivals by Sea

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Arrivals by RMS, total	3421	3026	2539	373

The first two months of 2018 saw 373 arrive at the landing steps from the RMS. This brought the total number of arrivals up to 4,204.

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Arrivals by yacht	647	671	630	699

The number of yachties arriving has remained steady over the years however 2018 saw a few more arrive than in previous years. 2019 should be a good year for yacht crew arrivals due to a busy January with the Cape to St Helena race and two world rallies. Already in 2019 almost half the 2018 yearly total for arrivals by yacht has probably been reached. When yachties are included in the total number of 2018 arrivals the figure rises to 4,903. The number of yachts mooring in James Bay in 2018 was 190. The figure for 2019 must already be close to that number.

## Other vessels

Nine other vessels brought 125 people to St Helena. These would include the research ships, sailing ships and tankers stopping to put off a crew member for medical attention. The assortment of people in this category brings the 2018 arrivals total to 5,028.

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Day visitors from cruise ships	6444	2257	681	2169

Yearly totals for cruise ship arrivals vary widely. 2015 was a busy year with eleven cruise ships calling here; seven of them in April alone. 2018 was a fairly average year for cruise passenger numbers. Cruise ship passengers are not included in the total number of arrivals.

## Why did they come here?

	TOTAL
Arrivals for tourism or holiday, non St Helenian	1247
Arrivals for tourism or holiday, St Helenian	1118
Arrivals for business	916
Arrivals returning residents	900
Arrivals for transit	847

These arrivals figures include all arrivals apart from cruise ship passengers. The largest category recorded is Non-Saint tourists but the number of Saints returning for a holiday is not far behind.

A quarter of all arrivals were tourists from overseas. When Saint visiting family and friends for a holiday are included the 'tourist' share increases to 47%. Some of the arrivals in the business category would have a tourist element to their spending. It is estimated Saints returning for a holiday spent more money here than the usual type of tourist - £2.4million spent by Saints compared with £1.6million spent by tourists. Where did they come from?

## All Arrivals

Nationality	TOTAL	%age
Arrivals, St Helenian	2019	40.2%
Arrivals, British (excluding St Helenians)	1078	21.4%
Arrivals, Rest of Europe	728	14.5%
Arrivals, South African	683	13.6%
Arrivals, North and South America	262	5.2%
Arrivals, Asia and Pacific	139	2.8%
Arrivals, other nationalities	119	2.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5028</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Saints, Brits and Europeans make up three-quarters of all arrivals. The next largest group, South Africans are only 13.6% of the all arrivals despite South Africa having the only direct flight. According to an airport survey about half of all journeys to St Helena started in London.

## Tourist and Holiday arrivals – by plane only

Nationality	TOTAL	%age
Arrivals by air, St Helenian	1064	51.8%
Arrivals by air, British (excl St Helenians)	359	17.5%
Arrivals, Rest of Europe	252	12.3%
Arrivals by air, South African	237	11.5%
Arrivals by air, North and South America	87	4.2%
Arrivals by air, Asia and Pacific	39	1.9%
Arrivals by air, other nationality	18	0.9%
	2056	

Saints, Brits and Europeans make up an even larger share of the tourism/holiday/leisure travel market that is currently active in St Helena. Four out of every five arrivals in this category are Saints, Brits or Europeans. By contrast, the South Africa share of this travel category reduces to 11.5% compared with 13.6% for all arrivals.



To the worlds best Mother and  
Grandmother  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
Love from Eve, Alona, Nesta, Sam,  
James and Merrill  
You deserve to have a wonderful day  
**XXX**



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# Editorial

Once more, dear friends, the Mission from DFID is with us to 'discuss' or even 'negotiate' the amount of funding DFID may allocate to us through the St Helena Government over the next year or so. There are just two months to go before April comes around again and brings with it the new financial year. Once again these important discussions have been left very late. On previous occasions the discussions did not turn out well at all. In fact there were no discussions; it was all about DFID telling our councillors and government officials how much money was available and that was that. What 'that' meant was there was next to no money at all for most things and nothing whatsoever for some urgently needed and important improvements.

Ever since the wind shear fiasco DFID has been very off-hand with St Helena's officialdom; dictatorial in some cases. Officials from DFID often check everything from the first word to the last full stop, which makes a mockery of the often used phrase that something or other is the responsibility of the St Helena Government. The constitutional and administrative relationship between the UK as the Mother Country and the Overseas Territories is very messy to say the least. I urge the members of this year's Mission to read some of the oral and written evidence given to the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee on the future of the Overseas Territories while flying back to London. For people who possess an open mind there is much food for thought among the many submissions.

Our DFID colleagues should also bear in mind we are aware of reports that one in five of the DFID staff are likely to be transferred to Brexit duties, leaving less opportunity for those who remain to ponder sufficiently on St Helena's very particular and often systemic shortcomings. Then of course there is the Secretary of State herself; Penny Mordaunt has at least one eye on the Prime Minister's job and all the time that is happening she does not have full attention on the job she is paid to do. In amongst all of that the DFID leader is coming up with suggestions that DFID should focus on raising funds from the private sector rather than spend taxpayer's money.

The Pretender to the highest position in British politics should remember, it does not matter who the government screws, it is the people at the end of line who pay in the end. Most thinking taxpayers know that if the money does not come from tax it will be added to the bills which need to be paid at the end of every month. It amounts to the same old thing; give with one hand and take with the other. Then of course there is Boris Johnson breathing down DFID's neck wanting to take DFID back into the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Isn't there enough needless upheaval over Brexit without these mavericks making an even bigger mess in every direction?

The behaviour shown by various UK politicians and government departments does not encourage confidence in their skill and judgement and the DFID Mission should try to look at the UK Government from the outside, it would be illuminating, even instructive. As one Texan said on the BBC World Service the other day, the UK Government is managing to look even more foolish than Trump at the moment. It's enough to make anyone turn to drink! Governments can be dangerous for your health.

Enjoy the weekend - and David, Alasdair and Shailaja, have a safe journey back.

**Vince**

## Lost Property

A brown wooden cross has been removed from St Pauls Graveyard inscribed with white lettering. It was taken from Captain Rodney Young's burial place. I appeal to those persons or person with any information regarding this theft if they could ring the Police Station in confidence. It was last seen by Jill early on the morning before she flew out of St Helena on Saturday 19th January. It has since been discovered to have been removed without permission from the graveyard somewhere between the morning of 19th and 27th January. Rodney was a well respected member of St Helena's community and this theft is very hurtful and uncalled for! We appeal to anyone who has any information or has removed the cross to please find it in your heart to return it to the Police or to Bishop Dale.

**Thank you.**

## DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT



It is with sad and loving hearts that the family of the late Bobby Evans announce his passing in London, Ontario on the 25th day of January 2019.

Bobby was a wonderful family man, a respectful friend and a generous soul. He leaves behind family and many friends on the island and will be sadly missed by all.



## 400 years ago this year Jamestown joined the triangular slave trade

1619 is the year when Jamestown 'took possession' of its first African slaves. It is a date being especially remembered this year because it is now 400 years since the first slaves were landed in Jamestown, Virginia. Twenty or so captured Africans from Angola were 'delivered' to Jamestown by an English pirate ship (sailing under a Dutch flag) where the crew had captured a Portuguese slave ship and took the Africans to trade them with the settlers in the British Virginia Colony which was formed in 1607. On that day in August 1619 the new and very young colony of Virginia had no slavery laws; there were no slaves. Very soon after many more Africans were enslaved and shipped to Virginia to satisfy the unending demand for cheap labour in the rapidly expanding tobacco plantations. It was similar to the Caribbean where captured and enslaved Africans were always in demand on the sugar plantations.

While August 1619 is one of the more prominent dates in the history of North America according to the history books used by schoolchildren in the United States, as the quadcentenary draws closer there is a growing opinion arguing that it is misleading to make too much of this event. It is notable, yes. It is a historic marker, yes; but to suggest the twenty or so miserable captives were the start of something new and different is a misinterpretation of that part of slave history.

Francis Drake. The first captain of a ship to complete a circumnavigation of the globe and hailed as a national saviour when the Spanish Armada was sighted in the English Channel, was also a pirate, or to put it a little more politely, a privateer. He and other English privateers had the blessing of Queen Elizabeth I because the privateers were more than just a thorn in the side of the Spanish and Portuguese. The privateers captured ships, rampaged and pillaged Spanish and Portuguese Caribbean ports and generally behaved like an unofficial English Navy at war. In 1586 Drake shipped maybe a hundred or more Enslaved Africans he had taken from the Spanish and landed them in Virginia at a place called Roanoke where they were intended to be used as forced labour in the establishment of a settlement. The expedition failed.

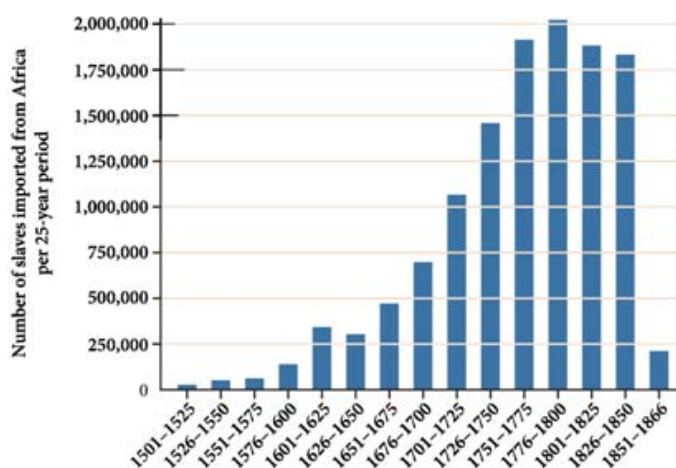
### The Triangular Slave Trade



**Caribbean sugar and Virginia tobacco brought unimaginable riches to Europeans**

In 1526 a Spanish expedition tried to establish a colony in South Carolina. The leader of that expedition has been de-

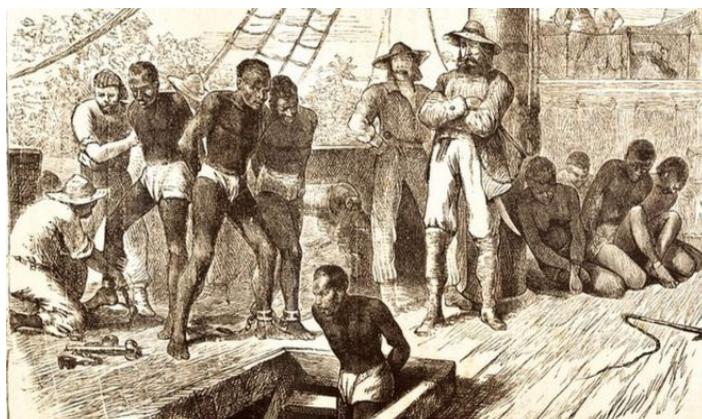
scribed as the first person to enslave Africans in the North American continent. It is said the Africans allied with the North American Indians and left the Spanish colonists to their misbegotten fate when disease and starvation took hold. It was another expedition that failed. In the 16<sup>th</sup> Century another English privateer, Sir John Hawkins, organised four slaving expeditions. This was in the 1560s, half a century before Jamestown in Virginia saw its first slaves.



### In 1619 the full horror of the triangular slave trade was almost a century away

An article on the Smithsonian website about the 1619 Jamestown episode tells us, "Telling the story of 1619 as an "English" story also ignores the entirely transnational nature of the early modern Atlantic world and the way competing European powers collectively facilitated racial slavery even as they disagreed about and fought over almost everything else. From the early 1500s forward, the Portuguese, Spanish, English, French, Dutch and others fought to control the resources of the emerging transatlantic world and worked together to facilitate the dislocation of the indigenous peoples of Africa and the Americas."

The article also argues that making the 1619 slave trading incident in Jamestown more than what it really was helps to "prepare the ground for the assumption that the United States already existed in embryonic fashion. When we allow that idea to go unchallenged, we silently condone the notion that this place (the United States) is, and always has been, white, Christian, and European."



## Twists and turns with Freedom of Information

A report published yesterday shows that UK Government refusals of Freedom of Information requests have reached record highs. In the first three months of last year 45% of all Freedom of Information requests were refused; no part of the information requested was released. Over the first nine months of last year more than half the requests were either partly or completely refused.

The report suggests the reason for the increased number of refusals is the “a lack of political support for FoI” and that “withholding rates may be growing because data is increasingly already available to the public”. It is thought the FoI requests may be seeking more sensitive information which government has legitimate reasons to withhold. A Cabinet Office spokesman said: “The government’s commitment to transparency means we are now publishing more data than ever before.”

Against this background it was surprising this week when DFID announced it had changed its mind about refusing to release two documents requested under the UK Freedom of Information Act relating to details surrounding DFID’s ignorance of the wind shear problem at the airport and why they had not ‘discovered wind shear’ much earlier in the development of the project.

In a letter to the person who requested the information and who for the last two years has been contesting DFID’s refusal to provide it, DFID announced, “The Department has now taken the view that the public interest balance has shifted in favour of disclosure. We are also conscious of the need to save public funds and the time and resource of the parties and Tribunal.” The Tribunal referred to is the Appeals Tribunal where the appeal against refusal to provide the information released this week was to be heard. In the same letter was a suggestion that the appeal could now be withdrawn.

The *Independent* understands that no decision has yet been made by the appellant on whether or not to withdraw the appeal. The information released is still being evaluated and after two years of increasingly complex discussions with DFID and the Information Commissioner’s Office there are several aspects of the case which need to be considered in view of DFID’s change of mind.

Connected to this FoI request is the first conclusion and recommendation made by the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee after their Inquiry into DFID and their handling of the St Helena Airport Project. The conclusion was “It is staggering the Department commissioned and completed the St Helena airport before ascertaining the effect of prevailing wind conditions on landing commercial aircraft safely at St Helena”. The recommendation from this conclusion was, “The Department should, as soon as it is completed, send the Committee a copy of its review identifying who was accountable for the failure to identify this key issue”.

The Inquiry into St Helena airport was held in December 2016. Since then the official UK Government response to this recommendation has always been, first, that “The Government agreed with the Committee’s recommendation” and secondly, “The Department aims to share with the Committee the conclusions of the review in a way which does not prejudice any potential legal proceedings”.

The Freedom of Information request and the Public Accounts Committee’s recommendation cover similar ground. Since the information requested under the Freedom of Information has now been released after a two year wait there is speculation that the UK Public Accounts Committee may now also get its long-awaited response to its first recommendation. There is also conjecture on what the “potential legal proceedings” may have been and whether the potential for them has now passed, and why? Or if there were legal proceedings which have now been concluded, and with what result?

## Protected from the Polar Vortex



A North American reader of the *Independent* sent us this photo of a man fully equipped to stay warm as the Polar Vortex sweeps down from central Canada to the Mid-West United States





## APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2019/08:** FULL Planning Application for **Demolition of Storeroom and Reconstruction of a Disabled Friendly Shower & Toilet**, Brick House, Jamestown on Parcel 160012 Jamestown, adjacent to Palm Villa. Applicant: Safeguarding Directorate
2. **Application 2019/09:** FULL Planning Application for **Change of Use from Shop (Class A1) to Café (Class A3)**, the Moon, Napoleon Street on Parcel 040044A (Part) Jamestown, adjacent to Mundens Road. Applicant: Huxtable St. Helena Ltd
3. **Application 2019/10:** FULL Planning Application for **Change of Roof Profile and Extensions to Existing House (Verandah and Bathroom)**, Longwood Hangings on Parcel 0230 Longwood South, adjacent to Mavis Williams. Applicant: Kayleigh Marie Henry
4. **Application 2019/11:** FULL Planning Application for **Extensions to Existing House (Bedroom on the First floor and Dining Room on the Ground floor)**, Thompson's Yard, Jamestown on Parcel 120008 Jamestown, adjacent to Rita Nicholls. Applicant: Colin Thomas

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Secretary on Telephone 22270 or email [Karen-Isaac@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:Karen-Isaac@enrd.gov.sh) stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Application should make them in writing within 14 days, to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email [shane.williams@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:shane.williams@enrd.gov.sh)

Public Review Commencement Date : 1 February 2019

Public Review Closing Date : 15 February 2019

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St Helena  
Government

## NOTIFICATION

### MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, 14th February 2019, at 9 am at the St Helena Community College, 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 **Tuesday, 12th February 2019.**

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.

# Your Opinion Counts

**Dear Editor,**

I'm writing to you concerning the statement from Governor Lisa Honan following the petition to retain the services Dr Rhys Cottle a British doctor.

Dr Rhys is a very professional doctor, no language barrier problems, he's a caring doctor who has an excellent bedside manner (unlike some), he's a very good listener and builds good relationships with his patients, hence the reason for the petition. It is evident that Dr Rhys has a number of valuable skills for our small community and as Specialist in Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine/General Medicine he was first appointed on 31 August 2015. During his term he has been appointed Acting Clinical Director on 1 April 2016 and Acting Senior Medical Officer on two occasions - 2 December 2017 to 13 January 2018 and 30 June - 23 August 2018.

Governor Honan In her statement said *"I would like to start by acknowledging the strength of feeling," and do nothing about it as she failed to act on the voice of the people.* She goes on saying *"In considering the petition, I have to bear in mind that the future health needs of the people of St Helena are changing."* **BUT it's not just changing now Governor Honan.** Change happens over time and from when there were two doctors in the late 90's early 2000's there has been a gradual increase building up to seven today. This is evidence in itself that the health service has changed, so that's nothing new.

She says and I quote *"We are already seeing more demand on the health services, and in different areas, such as the complications arising from diabetes and hypertension which can lead to strokes, heart, kidney, and eye problems."*

There will be continuous demand on the health service due to the deteriorating quality of life for people - stress/worry increases blood pressure not just being overweight. The high cost of living and low wages means people have to make

difficult decisions about what they can afford and we all know that the healthy foods are the most expensive!!

**And the nonsensical idea of not replacing the Dietitian,** after she resigned in the latter part of last year; when the Health Directorate had just launched a health campaign is beyond belief! **As long as DFID continues to reduce the annual budget for St Helena** the population will continue to become an unhealthy one.

Governor Honan's statement tends to imply that Dr Rhys hasn't got the skills going forward with the change (or is it to make way for another foreign doctor), yet he sees people with a number of conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, specialist conditions etc., and he's obviously made a good impact on the lives of people on St Helena which warranted the petition.

If the intention is to contract doctors with specific specialisms will this become more expensive? Governor Honan mentioned nephrology (kidney) specialism maybe now is the time the Directorate should consider acquiring a dialysis machine instead of people having to go offshore for dialysis. The machine is no doubt expensive (£50k -£70k) but could be very beneficial piece of equipment that complements the other specialist equipment at the hospital. *"Life expectancy on dialysis can vary depending on your other medical conditions and how well you follow your treatment plan. Average life expectancy on dialysis is 5-10 years, however, many patients have lived well on dialysis for 20 or even 30 years."* [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org).

Governor Honan says *"Although there were some communications around our plans, I recognise we could have done better to convey this information about the future staffing more widely, and for that I apologise."*

The statement obviously was prepared in liaison with the Director of Health and when she says *'some communication'* it would be interesting to know with whom. To communicate this information now and apologise because people have voiced their opinion is **just not good enough! Where is the openness and transparency that government always maintain they practice? Unfortunately it's just empty words.**

**What is the Health Director doing, why is he not communicating with the public surely this is part of his role. Communication is key in a democratic society....but is St Helena a democratic society...doesn't feel like! More and more St Helena is becoming a nanny state and we're being told how to live our lives by the very people we voted for!!**

Is it not the Health Director and his Council Committee are responsible for the change in direction of the health service, let's hope it's not a matter of leaving behind a personal legacy What are our councillors doing? The Chairman of the Public Health Committee was recently labelled as the Island's most travelled councillor! Do they have the expertise at their disposal to question decisions being made by the Director or is it yes sir yes sir three bags full. Is Keith Joshua's letter entitled Dr Rhys Cottle in the Independent of 4 January *'a bunch of weaklings'* ringing true?

Dr Rhys is allegedly leaving in February so he **won't** have completed four years as a doctor on Island. As asked of Governor Honan on her Facebook page *"will other doctors be replaced"* to which at the time of writing a reply is awaited. I'm guessing we won't see a reply from Governor Honan to that.

**Notably the Senior Medical Officer who was first appointed as a Medical Officer on 4 September 2013 has now been here for 5 years and 6 months, far too long. Why is this being approved? From experience it is well known on St Helena that complacency sets in when contracts are extended beyond four years.** Is this the same doctor who has allegedly talked about staying here long enough to acquire St Helenian status?

The Directorate should conduct customer satisfaction surveys to get people's opinion on what services they're happy with and what needs improving. What about the Optician's service as allegedly a huge proportion of the public are not happy with that service. And don't go and suggest people should lodge a complaint if they have problems because it's useless as superiority usually wins.

As usual the Directorate and the Public Health Committee are not engaging with the community although the public voted



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for their councillors they seem to operate in an authoritarian environment. People engage with change if they can be part of it, forcing change never works unless we're under a Putin regime.

**A concerned Islander**

**Dear Editor,**

Reading the statement by Governor Lisa Honan concerning the Dr. Cottle petition in last weeks Independent, I thought I was reading a medical Journal, please someone help!! Why was there so much talk about who was coming to the island to help within the medical directorate, and that all doctor's are doing such a great job etc.

As 1,740 names, nearly 50% of the voting population were put to the petition, including six councilors it was thought there was just course for this petition to be given a fair hearing. Nothing at all was heard until thursday 24th January five working days after the petition was handed over to the Governor, when a

statement was released. So much for open and fair governance. What does it take for SHG to listen to the views of the people on St Helena?

Although six councilors names were on the petition, the remainder were reclusive. We need all councilors to stand up and speak on behalf of the people, whether or not their own views differ from the populace, that is why the people voted you in. Stop being the lap dogs of SHG, remember the people VOTED you in, the next election they can vote you out.

**Paul Laban**

## Look at Our Neighbours in Southern Africa - Zimbabwe

Amnesty International said eight civilians have been shot dead in clashes with security forces, and a doctors group said it had treated 68 people for gun shot wounds and many others for injuries from beatings. The MDC (opposition party) said ZANU PF supporters had thrown petrol bombs at their Harare headquarters.

In Bulawayo the Mthwakazi Republic Party secretary was in critical condition after being shot in the head in front of his children after accusing security officials of heavy handedness in the protests.

Ex dictator Robert Mugabe was overthrown on 21st Nov 2017 by military power, and replaced by his ex-vice president Emmerson Mnangagwa. Before his removal from vice presidency on 6th Nov 2017, Mnangagwa was an ardent supporter of Mugabe and served, periodically, in ZANU-PF and its military wing, ZANLA, for 55years. He even served as assistant and bodyguard to Mugabe.

He led farm attacks and bombed a train in what is known today as Masvingo. Mnangagwa was the minister of state and oversaw the Central Intelligence Organisation.

During his leadership, the infamous massacre of over 30,000 Ndebele people occurred. Mnangagwa's guerilla warfare and political tactics earned him the name of "crocodile".

Mnangagwa was officially inaugurated as the third president of Zimbabwe on 26th Aug 2018, after narrowly winning the general election. The election itself has been called into question by opposition party MDC. But the clearer controversy occurred after the election, when MDC supporters began protesting in Harare, and were met with live ammunition from military and police. After his election President Mnangagwa was asked by a Sky news journalist about the controversial past of ZANU-PF. The president responded "I do not regret, ZANU-PF does not regret acquiring our land again". Here is the lesson which so many people do not seem to take note of. Mugabe was simply the face of a wicked communist party. He was the public figure of the devious, marxist ZANU-PF. It is stated Mnangagwa has made some surface changes. He has ordered police not to harass whites or foreigners at road blocks, and has stated he wants to reverse the bad economy. He has made promises of bringing commercial farmers back onto the land. However life in Zimbabwe is in a spiral of hardships and poverty. Most places do not have food. There is no

real money to trade with because of the circulation of Bond Coins. There are severe electricity shortages in Bulawayo and little or no medical supplies for local doctors. Patients are examined with flashlights because there is no electricity in hospitals. A contact has stated "Politically nothing has changed, it is a new face, but the same government".

Under Mugabe the Bond Coin was introduced. It was meant to be one-to-one promisory money with the US Dollar to accomodate the amount of Bond money out there. Bond notes have taken the black market by storm, so you can purchase about seven Bond dollars for one American dollar. This means that technically you can purchase goods at one seventh of the actual price- if you have access to US dollars.

Zimbabwe has no investors and struggles to take out any more loans. The World Bank and International Monetary Fund cannot help Zimbabwe out anymore until it pays back more than £1 Billion in debt arrears - money it does not have.

Total budget deficit for the year is expected to surpass \$2.3 billion, the country has a tiny National Budget of \$3.8 billion. Add to that bloated civil services practically no established industries or agriculture, and you have a disastrous situation. However, all of this pales in comparison to the enormous corruption and theft which is rife throughout the ruling government.

People stand in queues for money almost daily. ATM's limit services to depositing money only. The largest bill you can obtain is a 5 dollar Bond Note. Most common denomination you can obtain is 10 and 50 cent coins. Major shops change prices up to 3 times a day. Many products are not even priced because inflation causes prices to fluctuate too frequently. Prices go up by 200%-300% nearly every 10 - 14 days. (extracts from Frontline Missionsa)

What will the future hold for South Africa after the May General Elections this year? Will this country go the same way as Zimbabwe, all parties have to take heed otherwise there will be an economical collapse. Look very carefully to your neighbour, this could be your future.

ANC, the promise of 40% of arable farm lands being given to the black community if they win the election. Julius Malema EFF is for coalition Governance, but the land issue is non negotiable. This man is very much influenced by ZANU-PF.

**Contributed**

# CREATING A VISION FOR THE NAPOLEON BICENTENARY 1821-2021

St Helena has begun plans to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of French Emperor Napoleon's death on 5 May 2021. The Emperor of the French's death is significant in the Island's history and a special Visioning Group has been established to create a vision for how St Helena will mark its bicentenary. The group will also look beyond 2021 to capitalise on the Napoleonic legacy in terms of education and tourism/economic development.

Councillor Lawson Henry chairs the group which comprises members, Special Advisor, Michel Dancoisne-Martineau, SHG Representative, Gillian Francis, Community & Communications Representative, Tammy Williams, and Tourism Representative, Juliet Williams. The group is supported by Adam Sizeland from the Museum of St Helena and Kerisha Yon from the SHG Press Office.

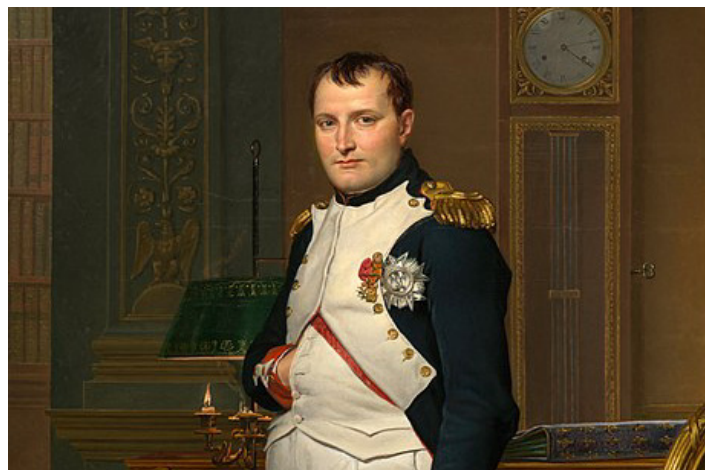
Their key responsibilities include:

- Working together to define St Helena's vision for the Napoleonic Anniversary
- Creating the vision and articulating it in a high-level document, to be ready by end-April 2019
- Playing an active role in the visioning process by attending meetings and utilising their expertise and networks for the benefit of the Island's vision
- Gathering views/input from key external stakeholders and sharing these insights with the wider group
- Being ambassadors to promote community engagement and support for the 200-year anniversary
- Suggesting a network of people and/or organisations to be involved in the next stage of implementation

Once the visioning group task is complete, a new group will be created to carry out the more detailed work of developing the Vision into an Operating and Implementation Plan.

Councillor Henry said:

"The death of Napoleon is a significant event in St Helena's



history and it is therefore important for us to commemorate its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 5 May 2021.

"We have started putting together a vision of how we would like to see the event commemorated but, of course, this is for everyone on St Helena and as an island we need to own the Napoleonic brand and create a lasting legacy for future generations.

"We will therefore be approaching businesses and other organisations to come on board with us to create mementos and commemorative items and to share ideas of events, initiatives and other opportunities we can consider to mark the anniversary. We will also be approaching the schools to see how they can help us to raise awareness amongst our young people so that the history of Napoleon is not only in our past but remains in our present and continues into our future."

Further updates will be provided to the public as the group's work progresses.

**SHG**

**28 January 2019**



## UK HYDROGRAPHIC SEMINAR 2019 AND VISIT TO MARITIME COASTGUARD AGENCY

Deputy Harbour Master, Jeremy Clarke, and Emergency Planning & Sea Rescue Manager, Simon Wade, will travel to the UK in February 2019 to represent St Helena at the UK Hydrographic Seminar 2019 in Taunton.

The seminar, which is being held by the UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO), will comprise of five days of presentations, workshops, and discussions covering several aspects of Hydrographic Governance and Maritime Safety, and the crucial role it plays in enabling coastal states to meet mandatory international obligations.

Jeremy and Simon will also take this opportunity to visit the Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) in Southampton.

Simon said:

"I feel privileged to be nominated to represent St Helena at the Hydrographic Seminar alongside Jeremy. My objective is to absorb as much information from the seminar as possible with a view to utilising it as St Helena strives to meet its mandatory international maritime obligations."



This visit is being funded by the UKHO and MCA as part of the Overseas Territories Seabed Mapping Programme's Conflict, Stability & Security Fund (CSSF).

**SHG**

**29 January 2019**





# THE CONSTITUENT

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On the 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, Mr Tony Fisk provided elected members with an update on the Fibre Optic Cable and Satellite Ground Stations that is expected to come to St Helena within the next few years. Mr Fisk is the Cable Consultant for St Helena Government, and he expressed explicit optimism as he explained what the major new development will mean for St Helena. The project is funded by the European Union. The total contribution to the European Development Fund (EDF 11) is 21.5m Euros.

The Consultant was told that many Saints are concerned that, once again, we have the promise of game-changing development coming to St Helena but it will fail to deliver on the genuine expectation for the people of St Helena.

The following formed part of the Consultant's presentation: The SAEx cable project published an updated website in July 2018.

This outlined how the SAEx cable which will connect St Helena is part of a bigger overall project effort. The overall system is now over 25,000km long – which we think is the 3<sup>rd</sup> longest in the world.

It will carry data at between 78 and 108 Tbps. The very latest in subsea communications technology.



**Fig. 1: The SAEX Project**

The expansion of the project and global demand for cable ships to undertake projects to install new cables all over the globe, has meant that the proposed date for the cable to be Ready For Service in St Helena is now Q1/Q2 2021 linking to Fortaleza / Cape Town, and the connection to Virginia Beach is Q2/Q3 2021.

It had been hoped to achieve earlier connection, but the dependencies on ships and other cable connections mean that it is practical to plan for 2021.

The upside to this change is that we have a little longer to ensure we are ready on the island of St Helena itself, to derive the most benefit at the earliest possible stage, and to keep improving and enhancing over time to continue improving and maximising the benefit derived for the community. This is not just any required infrastructure building, but also ensuring that the people and services that will use the enhanced connectivity are ready to use it as efficiently and effectively as possible, to ensure they have compatible equipment, processes and procedures as well as any necessary safeguards in place. Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN) is the vendor and installer selected by SAEx.

Subject to funding closure which is reported as "imminent", ASN can then commence the Cable Route Study (desk top planning) and the Marine Route Survey. All of this will take 6 to 9 months to complete.

The EDF milestones for 2018 related to the cable have been met. The 2019 and 2020 cable related milestone dates will be updated later in 2019, when we have a more solid programme on which to communicate.

These dates relate to final tranche funding payments which St Helena will not need to use until some years in the future.



## THANK YOU FROM ST PAUL'S

1<sup>st</sup> January 2019, was another very successful FUN & FUND-RAISING DAY, for St Paul's Parish with the 'Takings' on the day, together with some late donations, culminating to the Grand Total of £2,659.71. It was a good day – well supported where everyone seemed to have enjoyed the relaxing, friendly atmosphere. Most noticeable, this year, were the number of 'Home for Christmas' Families and Friends and the encouraging participation in the sports which added some spice to the day.

Our Parish Council extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported this event in any way, and to the many people who continuously support our efforts for the 'Church' throughout the year.

Thank You so much.

Come and join us in worship at any of our Church Services. May God Bless You with A Good Year – Good Health, Love, Peace & Happiness.

### WINNERS OF THE MULTI RAFFLE WERE:

1st Prize	Food Hamper	Chris Dyer, Sapper Way	Sheet No 22, Ticket No 11
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Luxury Hamper	Ava Yon, Putty Hill	Sheet No 4, Ticket No 14
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Omelette Maker	Sharon Henry, Plantation Drive	Sheet No 1, Ticket No 12
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Electric Kettle	June Henry, Young's Valley	Sheet No 1, Ticket No 16
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Bottle of Wine	Dameon Hercules, Pledges	Sheet No 23, Ticket No 15
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Bottle of Chamdor	Rosie Lawrence, Sapper Way	Sheet No 2, Ticket No 17
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Fruit Cake	Jackie George, New Ground	Sheet No 4, Ticket No 6
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Tin of Biscuits	Gene Henry, Longwood	Sheet No 6, Ticket No 5
9 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Chocolates	Derek Henry, Thompson's Hill	Sheet No 8, Ticket No 4
10 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Biscuits	Jackie George, New Ground	Sheet No 4, Ticket No 6

## Vacancy- Finance Manager



Enterprise St Helena is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Finance Manager to work within their Finance Team.

Reporting to the Director of Resources the successful applicant will be responsible for the day to day running of the finance department ensuring efficient and accurate financial advice and services to Enterprise St Helena.

The successful candidate must have:

- AAT and ACCA qualification and/or degree level qualification in Accountancy and Finance
- At least 5 years' experience of financial management
- Experience with financial processes to include budgets, preparation of monthly and year end accounts

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, Ladder Hill Business Park by no later than close of business Friday 15th February 2019.



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For further information please contact Marilyn Caswell on telephone 22920 or via email [Marilyn.Caswell@esh.co.sh](mailto:Marilyn.Caswell@esh.co.sh)

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## Vacancy- Investment Manager



Enterprise St Helena is looking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Investment Manager to work as part of the Investment Team.

Reporting to the Director of Investment the successful applicant will be responsible for the day to day running of the Investment function to ensure efficient and effective practices are applied for all investment based activities.

The successful candidate must have:

- A post graduate qualification in Finance, business administration, accounting, economics
- At least 5 years' experience of working in a senior commercial management role
- Strong leadership, motivational and communication skills

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## Vacancy- Investment Co-ordinator

Enterprise St Helena

Enterprise St Helena is seeking to employ an experienced administrator to work within their Investment Team.

Reporting to the Investment Manager the successful applicant will be responsible for providing a high level of administration support with all day to day activities carried out within the Investment function.

The successful candidate must have:

- Advanced general administrative skills/knowledge
- Strong working knowledge of Microsoft Office packages
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and can work well as part of a team

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## Vacancy- Marketing Officer (Fixed Term Contract)

Enterprise St Helena

Enterprise St Helena is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced person to work with the Marketing and Communications Team on a fixed term, six month contract.

Reporting to the Marketing and Communications Manager the successful applicant will be responsible for supporting the team with co-ordinating Enterprise St Helena's marketing activities and advertising campaigns both locally and internationally with a key focus on promoting St Helena Tourism.

The successful candidate must have:

- A CIM qualification or equivalent,
- Experience in a marketing role to include digital marketing
- Excellent communication skills including high standard of written communication, grammar and spelling
- Information management skills including a high Level of accuracy and attention to 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, Ladder Hill Business Park by no later than close of business Friday 8th February 2019.



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## VACANCIES AUXILIARY SEA RESCUE SERVICE

The Sea Rescue Services of the St Helena Police Directorate has opportunities for motivated and enthusiastic individuals to join their team as Auxiliary Sea Rescue Crew.

The purpose of the post is to protect and save life at Sea. Some of the key tasks and responsibilities are:

1. Carry out directions from the Officer in Charge when at sea rescue incidents ensuring work is carried out within the standard operating procedures.
2. Make safety critical decisions during sea rescue operations and other deployments, ensuring the safety of the public, other agencies and the sea rescue crews.
3. Ensure that standards are maintained and that the service is in line with the Police Directorate's Values and Code of Ethics.
4. Must be able to attend Sea Rescue weekly training sessions.
5. Must be able to work some weekends to support flight operations.
6. Must be available for emergencies and will be required to participate in on call rota inclusive of some weekends.
7. Respond immediately and safely to all Sea Search and Rescue emergency incidents in an efficient and professional manner.

Applicants should be 18 years of age or over and be a confident swimmer with the ability to pass a fitness test.

Prospective candidates should have:

- GCSE Math and English at Grade C or above or equivalent
- First Aid Qualification – First Responder
- Valid and clean driving licence in Class A.
- Experience in maritime field, such as coxswain /crew

Rate of pay for the post is £4.11 per hour for hours worked, plus a monthly retainer of £70.

For further details regarding the full role and a copy of the job profile and application form, interested persons can contact Mr Simon Wade, Sea Rescue Manager on telephone number 25052 or e-mail [simonwade@helanta.co.sh](mailto:simonwade@helanta.co.sh) or Mr Leeroy Caswell, Deputy Sea Rescue Manager Tel 25215, email: [leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh](mailto:leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh)

Applications should be completed and submitted, through Directors, where applicable, to Tina Sim, Human Resources Officer at Corporate Human Resources, The Castle (or email [tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh)) by no later than Monday, **4 February 2019**.

*All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.*

*SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.*

David Lynch  
Director of Police

21 January 2019





## SAINT HELENA AUDIT SERVICE

External Auditors

### SENIOR ANALYST

**12 month fixed-term contract**  
**Salary range £16,966 to £20,379 per annum**

The Saint Helena Audit Service is seeking a Senior Analyst to join the performance audit team. Their primary role is to apply strong quantitative and qualitative analytical skills to assist in the planning and delivery of performance audit reports examining value for money across the public sector.

Potential candidates will hold a relevant degree with a quantitative or research component (e.g. economics, statistics, social research, business/government administration, finance, data analytics) or be a part-qualified accountant. Experience in audit, finance, government administration or consulting is required.

We are looking for a motivated team player with good communication and teamwork skills who are able to work independently and apply judgement through effective planning, prioritisation and project management. Excellent analytical abilities and IT skills are also required.

Candidates not meeting the qualification or experience requirements may be still considered for appointment as an Analyst. For further information please contact Happyman Makamure or Damian Burns on telephone number 22111.

Job profiles and application forms are available by e-mail to [cassidy.beard@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:cassidy.beard@sainthelena.gov.sh) or from the Saint Helena Audit Service, Post Office Building, Jamestown, St Helena Island and must be submitted by e-mail to the Head of Audit Services [anesu.makamure@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:anesu.makamure@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Thursday 8 February 2019.



## SAINT HELENA AUDIT SERVICE

External Auditors

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

**Salary range £6,722 to £8,402 per annum**

The Saint Helena Audit Service is seeking to recruit an Administrative Support Officer to join their team.

The person will provide the administrative and business support services necessary for the effective functioning of the Audit Service and supporting the Office of the Chief Auditor.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE grades in English and Mathematics, with proven experience in administrative support including routine financial transactions. An NVQ level 3 or equivalent qualification in business and administration would be desirable.

Key skills for this position include efficiency in business processes with good communication and organisation skills necessary to support a busy professional office. IT proficiency including Excel, Word and Outlook is also essential.

Job profiles and application forms are available by e-mail to [cassidy.beard@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:cassidy.beard@sainthelena.gov.sh) or from the Saint Helena Audit Service, Post Office Building, Jamestown, St Helena Island and must be submitted by e-mail to the Head of Audit Services [anesu.makamure@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:anesu.makamure@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Thursday 8 February 2019.

## VACANCY FOR FINANCE MANAGER

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is seeking a highly motivated person to fill the role of Finance Manager. The candidate will be responsible to the Executive Manager for the compilation of the Directorate's annual recurrent budget and revenue, providing advice and support to staff and senior management on all relevant financial policies and procedures and for verifying all accounting transactions entered into the SHG accounting system.

The successful candidate should have GCSE's at Grade C or above in English, Maths or Accounting and a CAT qualification, or working towards achieving the award. The candidate should also demonstrate proficient IT skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and Access Dimensions or similar. Salary for the post will start at £11,034 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Wendy Henry at Essex House; on telephone number 22270 or e-mail [wendy.j.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:wendy.j.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh)

An application form and Job Profile is available from Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, Essex House or e-mail [karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh) by no later than Friday 15 February 2019.

**Derek Henry**

**Director of Environment and Natural Resources**

**29 January 2019**



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## VACANCY FOR STAFF NURSE – GENERAL HOSPITAL, HEALTH DIRECTORATE

The Health Directorate is looking for dedicated and hardworking staff to join their team. A preceptorship programme for newly qualified or returning nurses is available. This includes supernumary shifts, training and education. Competency books are available to guide your return to work and are linked to pay enhancements. The Staff Nurse will be responsible to the Hospital Nursing Officer for the provision of high quality nursing patient care.

The successful candidate must have a St Helena Nursing Certificate or equivalent, and an up to date Nurse Registration.

Salary commences at **£11,034** per annum. With the competency framework this role is eligible for enhancement to **Preceptorship Staff Nurse level 2a £11,586** and then **Staff Nurse level 2b £12,690**.

Enhancement is applicable when able to successfully and consistently demonstrate competency at the required level. The competency based salary enhancement is pensionable. There is the potential for career progression to Senior Staff Nurse and or Sister/Charge Nurse.

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.

For further information and a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Mrs Lisa Niemand, Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone no 22500 or email [lisa.niemand@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:lisa.niemand@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Application forms which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable to Miss Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate or email [madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh) by Thursday, 14 February, 2018.

**Akeem Ali (Dr)**

**Director, Health**



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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc  
has a vacancy for a

## Clerk/ Cashier

Within the Insurance Agency

### Job Outline

To assist in the day to day operations of the department by preparing policy documentation, updating Access Dimensions files and providing an efficient service to customers.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English
  - Be computer literate
- Have good Customer Service skills

Salary will start at £644.68 per month, (£7736.16 per annum)

For further information,  
including the Company's  
attractive benefits package,  
please contact  
Tracey Thomas,  
Insurance Manager  
on telephone number: 22860  
or via email address:  
TraceyT@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected  
from Solomons Reception Desk, in  
the Main Office Building, Jamestown  
or alternatively an electronic copy  
can be requested via e-mail  
address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh  
and should be completed and  
returned to Nicola Essex, Human  
Resources Manager,  
Solomons Office, Jamestown,  
By 15 February 2019



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc  
have vacancies for

## Grocery Sales Assistants

Within the Half Tree Hollow Supermarket

### Job Outline

To provide a high standard of customer service and to assist with the day-to-day running of the shop.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent Customer Service skills
  - Be competent in Maths, English & IT
- Have some knowledge & experience in Food Handling
  - Have some experience in Cash Handling

Salary for the post will be £587.08 per month (£7044.96 per annum)

For further information,  
including the Company's  
attractive benefits package,  
please contact  
Marilyn Joshua,  
Grocery Manager  
(HTH & Silver Hill Shop)  
on telephone number: 23559  
or via email address:  
hth-manager@solomons.co.sh

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alternatively an electronic copy can  
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Essex, Human Resources Manager,  
Solomons Office, Jamestown,  
by 15 February 2019.



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## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### Internal Auditor

Bank of St Helena is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to provide the services of Internal Auditor. The successful candidate must:

- be self motivated;
- have excellent communication skills;
- have relevant auditing experience (preferably in a banking environment); and
- ideally have a recognized qualification in internal auditing and or finance and accountancy.

This is a part-time position i.e. up to two days per week. The main purpose of this post is to manage and execute the Internal Audit function, coordinating specific processes to support the implementation and execution of the Internal Audit Plan, conducting reviews on risk management and systems of internal control, monitoring compliance with statutory requirements and the Bank's policies and procedures along with the preparation and presentation of audit findings and recommendations.

For further information about this position and payment offered, please contact Josephine George, Managing Director, on telephone number (00 290) 22044 or email: [managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com).

Expressions of interests should be submitted to Leeanne Henry, Assistant Managing Director, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to [asst.managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:asst.managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com).

**Closing date for Expressions of Interest is Friday, 15 February 2019.**

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## TEACHERS AWARDED CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Four local teachers - Pilling Primary Head Teacher, Elaine Benjamin, Harford Primary Head Teacher, Carlean Crowie, Harford Primary Deputy Head Teacher, Stacey Benjamin, and Head of Inclusion, Lolly Young - have recently achieved the Cambridge International Certificate in Educational Leadership. The Course Leader, Julia Drozdowski, developed course materials that were firmly rooted in the St Helena context, but which drew on international educational research. The course was approved by Cambridge University and the first cohort of students were accepted onto the course in January 2018.

The candidates had to submit portfolios of work which demonstrated 'Evidence of Learning', 'Evidence of Practice' and 'Evidence of Reflection'. One candidate was singled out for particular praise from the Cambridge University Examiner stating they had rarely seen such a strong portfolio exam entry. Julia said:

"I am extremely proud of the four candidates who have achieved such a stunning success. The fact that all four candidates successfully completed such an intellectually demanding course within a year is truly remarkable and that three out of the four candidates achieved a 'Distinction' is phenomenal, and in my opinion, unprecedented."

The Cambridge International Certificate & Diploma in Educational Leadership is a Professional Development Qualification run by the prestigious University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. The qualification is internationally recognised as a mark of excellence for the individual Educational Leader



and aims to improve professional profiles and career development.

The end goal of the course is to enrich, deepen and strengthen leadership learning. The focus is not only on developing the knowledge, skills, and understanding of leadership, but also on improving the candidate's own leadership practices.

Julia added:

"This achievement, specifically the outstanding results, is a testament to the calibre of the course and the calibre of the candidates. I truly believe that this bodes well for the future of Education on St Helena and in turn, for the Island itself."

**SHG, 29 January 2019**

## THE CONSTITUENT

As we start our journey into 2019, constituents continue to voice concerns to me on the lack of visible progress, within the community, as their elected representatives move through the second year of serving on Council. I can understand the frustrations, and I'll give you one simple example: yet another winter has come and gone and the children are still waiting for a bus shelter to materialise at Ladder Hill.

Saints have been seriously let down and are extremely disillusioned; morale has been seriously undermined; mainly because major project and infrastructure development, at significant costs, has failed to deliver on the genuine expectation. The projected economic growth for the island has failed to kick off. Many residents and, in particular, the private sector are currently experiencing the consequences of the decision by the United Kingdom to cut capital funding to St Helena some two years ago. A huge amount of work has been carried out at Council level to turn things around, but until local government and DFID restore confidence within the community, it will be difficult for the island to collectively turn negative situations into positive outcomes. The people of St Helena are resilient; that resilience is required now more than ever as we contribute to the common cause, believe in ourselves and set our sights on a brighter future. Saint Helenians must take ownership of our destiny.

Constituents have yet to be convinced, but Lord Bates, DFID civil servants, SHG officers with the support of the Directorates and all elected members have been working to find a new approach for making good progress in the best interests of St Helena. Strong healthy debates and disagreements at

the highest levels of governing is important to the process of arriving at the best possible outcomes; what I have seen, heard and read so far is encouraging. As a result of that ongoing work, 2019 is expected to show some economic and social progress on the ground and provide the community with some reassurance for the future. Essential to the new approach will have to be all stakeholders, and by that I mean each one of us, working in partnership with the best interests of St Helena at the heart of our individual efforts. Identifying the problems for address, correcting the mistakes of the past and making the very best use of what we have to work with is always going to take time. However, the level and the speed of local progress will largely depend on the level of commitment, dedication and determination applied by the whole of our community if we are to really turn things around.

The preamble of our Constitution describes the people of St Helena as resourceful. There are many other special qualities that can be attributed to the people of St Helena. Over many years I have had the pleasure of coming into contact with numerous innovative and creative Saints who applied themselves with inspirational dedication and determination to succeed; not least since serving on Council in St Helena. A collective effort supported by each individual's sense of responsibility will bring about the level of progress and prosperity we all want the island to have. Only constructive debate and constructive criticism will be necessary for the next chapter of our journey. The true potential of this beautiful, unique island to enhance the lives of all her people is yet to be realised.

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## Roadshow at the Museum of St Helena Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February at 10am



Bring your stamps, coins, badges, buttons, medals and other small historic objects to the Museum and meet philatelic and numismatic specialists Barry Burns, Bernard Mabbett and Edward Baldwin



For more information and any questions contact the Museum of St Helena

Email: [museum@helanta.co.sh](mailto:museum@helanta.co.sh) Telephone: 22845



Isaac's Contractors wishes to advise the public that their Work Shop at the Briars will be offering the following services from the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019:

- Vehicular MOT preparation
- Servicing and maintenance
- Mechanical repairs

- Minor body repairs
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# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Former Arsenal hero Sanchez scored the first goal as Manchester United scored two goals in two minutes at the Emirates. Arsenal pulled a goal back but Martial scored a clincher in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute to put United through to the 5<sup>th</sup> round where they will face another Premier League heavy weight in Chelsea.

More Premier League teams crash out of the cup including West Ham who loss to AFC Wimbledon. Millwall also caused an upset as they defeated Everton 3-2 in a match that was marred by crowd violence.

Man City beat Burnley 5-0; Spurs loss to Crystal Palace and Watford beat Newcastle 2-0. Wolves had to come from 2-0 down to force a replay with League One side Shrewsbury Town. The equaliser came late in injury time. Only 7 EPL teams went into the draw for the 5<sup>th</sup> Round.

After a few days rest the Premier League teams return to League action. On Tuesday Newcastle dented Man City's title hopes as they came from behind to defeat the Champions 2-1.

Two defensive lapses cost Pep Guardiola's side the chance to cut Liverpool's lead at the top of the Premier League to one point.

City could not have got off to a better start when Sergio Aguero hooked home after only 24 seconds.

The Aguero also had a goal disallowed soon after when the referee adjudged De Bruyne had delivered a free-kick before he gave him the signal. The Belgian was booked as a consequence.

Guardiola's side rarely troubled Magpies keeper Martin Dubravka thereafter, and Rafael Benitez's men grew in belief.

The home support erupted in the 66th minute when Salomon Rondon instinctively fired in after connecting with Isaac Hayden's header from 12 yards out.

And the match turned on its head in the 78th minute when the Magpies were awarded a penalty after Fernandinho - overplaying at the back - fouled Sean Longstaff in the area after being robbed of possession.

Matt Ritchie waited more than two minutes as City keeper Ederson received treatment, before firing his spot-kick beyond the reach of the Brazilian.

City had not lost to Newcastle in 22 league games, with the North East club having only collected three points from a possible 66 against their opponents.

Ole Solskjaer winning run came to an end against Burnley. With just 5 minutes to go United was 2-0 down but showed great character as they scored two goals to take a point.



The draw means United fail to move level on points with fourth-placed Chelsea, while Burnley go up a place to 15th, four points clear of the relegation zone.

Arsenal return to winning ways with a hard fought 2-1 win against Cardiff. Fulham were 2-0 down at half time against Brighton but scored 4 second half goals to earn a much need 3 points.

Richarlison scored the only goal as Everton beat the bottom side Huddersfield.

Wolves put in a great performance against West Ham defeating them 3-0. But for Goal keeper Fabianski the score line could have been greater.

On Wednesday Liverpool had the chance to go 7 points clear at the top. Despite taking the lead after just 2 minutes Leicester came back into the game and equalised in the last seconds of the first half. The second half saw Liverpool have loads of procession but the clearest opening felt to Leicester when on the break Gray had a good chance to square the ball to Madison who would have had a tap in. In the grand scheme of things is these two points dropped or a point gain in Liverpool's quest for their first title in 29 years.

This was a round of surprises as Chelsea who was fielding their new signing Gonzalo Higuain was trashed 4-0 by Bournemouth. The 'Cherries' striker Joshua King scored two goals and had one assist. Young star David Brooks scored one and Daniel's netted the 4<sup>th</sup>.

This result saw Chelsea slipped out of the top four and was replace by Arsenal.

Spurs came from behind to beat Watford 2-1 with the returning Son Hueng Min scoring the equaliser and Lorente came up with the winner.

In the final match on Wednesday Southampton drew 1-1 with Crystal Palace.

This weekend fixtures will begin with the 12.30 match between Spurs and Newcastle.

In the 3pm games Brighton host Watford; Burnley plays Southampton, Chelsea play at home against the bottom side Huddersfield, Crystal Palace plays a London derby against Fulham and Everton host Wolves.

The late match on Saturday will see Cardiff play Bournemouth at 5.30pm.

On Sunday Leicester host Manchester United at 2.05pm and Man City play Arsenal at 4.30pm.

West Ham will play league leaders Liverpool at 8pm on Monday.





# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

## Football Flashback



**Arsenal 1998**

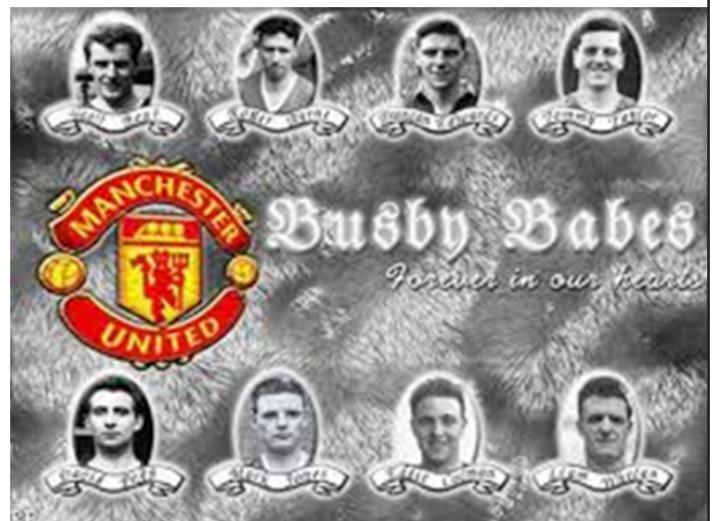
*Tony Adams; Dennis Berkham, David Seaman, Nicholas Anelka, Martin Keown, Ray Parlour, Nigel Winterburn. Lee Dixon, Marc Overmars, ?????& Stephen Hughes*

### **Munich Air Disaster:**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> February at 4 minutes past 3pm Manchester United fans all over the world remembered the incident 61 years ago when 8 Manchester United Players lost their lives along with 15 other people.

Those 8 players were part of the Manchester United team which despite having an average age of 22 had won back to back league titles in 1956 and 1957 and had just reach the semi-final of the European Cup.

***The full story about the Munich Air Disaster in  
NEXT WEEK's St Helena Independent***



### **St Helena Team Ynys Mon 2019**

Last Friday we saw 67 people too part in the Jacob's ladder Cash Builder raising a total of £364.84.

Today 1<sup>st</sup> February people from all four islands in the South Atlantic will register for the Biggest Loser Challenge which is an 8 week sponsored weight loss.

All funds raised will go towards sending the very first international team to the Inter Island Football Tournament in Ynys Mon (Wales) in June this year.

In the SHFA gofundme campaign so far we have received £1070 in donations. Anyone who wish to donate please see the link below.

<https://www.gofundme.com/manage/st-helena-football-team-to-ynys-mon-2019>

The squad had a break from training this week as they had to play 3 matches in 5 days. On Monday they played a local team and defeated them 12-0; with goals from Rico 4; Ronan 3, Brett 2, Ryan 1, Cody 1 and Dane 1. The following day the



team beat another local team 9-2 with goals from Rico 4; Matthias 3, Ryan 1 and Cody 1.

There final match was on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Report in next week's paper.



## GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 27th JANUARY 2019

Golf is a lot more fun when it doesn't rain. The weather gods smiled on us on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January when we took to the tee for Gwyneth Howell Sponsored Stroke play Competition. The table in the club house was full of prizes with a one of a kind trophy as the ultimate prize. The mood was upbeat. The field was full. A total of 26 golfers turned up. The competition was fierce. At the end of 18 holes everyone was curious to know who is taking home the trophy. Playing off handicap 21 Mr Ronald De Reuck scored net 63 to emerge the overall winner. Mr Bramwell Lumukwana was overall runner-up with a net 65 followed in third place by Mr Pat Henry with net 66. Mrs Anne George landed her ball nearest to pin on the 7<sup>th</sup> Hole for the ladies and took the prize. Nearest to pin for gents was Mr Ronald De Reuck. Longest drive prize on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole for ladies went to Eileen Wallace and Mr Nicky Stevens took the prize for gents on the 4<sup>th</sup> hole. Congratulations to the winners of the different prizes. Mr Lawson Henry scored the lowest gross score of the day 73. We wish to register our gratitude to Gwyneth Howell for sponsoring the competition which is going to be featuring annually on our golf calendar with a possibility of having it biannually.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 will be the 36 Hole Charles Duncan Challenge Cup stableford Competition. Tee off time 12:00. A curry and rice meal will be served after the final round of the competition. Registration is ongoing through the usual channels. Add your name to the list on the clubhouse noticeboard, leave a voice mail on 24421, or drop a message to our Facebook page @SGHC.org.sh

We look forward to seeing you on the golf course....

**Contributed by;**  
**SHGC**



## WILLS AID

**MAKE A WILL WEEK IN SUPPORT OF the DISABLED SOCIETY OF ST HELENA THIS WEEK ONLY**  
**25 February - 1 March 2019**

### MAKING A WILL – WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

It's easy to put off making a will. But if you die without one all that you own (your assets) may be distributed according to the law rather than your wishes. This could mean that your partner receives less, or that the money goes to family members who may not need it.

It is important for you to make a will, whether or not you consider you have many possessions or much money, because:-

- if you die without a will, there are certain rules which set out how the money, property or possessions should be allocated. This may not be in accordance with your wishes.
- unmarried partners cannot inherit from each other unless there is a will, so the death of one partner may create serious financial problems for the remaining partner. There is no such thing as a 'common law wife or husband'.
- if you have children, you will need to make a will so that arrangements for the children can be made if either one or both parents die.
- if your circumstances have changed, it is important that you make a will to ensure that your money and possessions are distributed according to your wishes. For example, if you have separated and your ex-partner now lives with someone else, you may want to change your will. If you are married this may make any previous will you have made invalid.

Wills Aid has been running since 1988. Wills Aid is a special partnership between the legal profession and charity. The idea is that, instead of paying a solicitor's fee, clients are invited to make a donation to charity for the cost of the will. **The Public Solicitor Office is supporting Wills Aid and has nominated the Disabled Society of St Helena as our charity.**

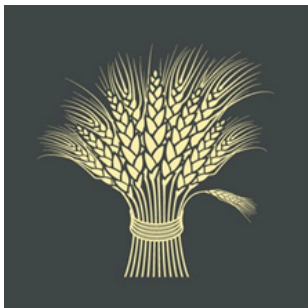
If you would like further information about making a will or updating your existing will please contact the Public Solicitor office. Based on current charges, the donation to the Disabled Society will be £15 for a simple and straightforward will. For a more complicated will, charges will be between £20 and £50.

For an appointment please contact: [papublicsolicitor@helanta.co.sh](mailto:papublicsolicitor@helanta.co.sh) or by telephone 23008



## A baker of better bread

Home Bake Ltd in Half Tree Hollow (23400) is run by Geoff Joshua. Recently Geoff picked up a comment I made in the *Independent* about the general state of bread in St Helena; it's either too doughy, too dry and mostly tasteless. "Here, try one of my loaves" said Geoff. I did. I tasted the difference. Geoff said he only used the best ingredients and will not switch to second rate flour, butter or anything else to cut costs. This means the price is more than for other breads but quality always comes at a price. To put it another way, the most expensive bread in his range is still much cheaper than two bottles of Windhoek lager – it's your choice.



Let's hope small bakeries manage to get a foothold in the Island's bread market. There is another small and popular bakery on Longwood Avenue. Small breweries revolutionised the quality of British beer a few decades ago. After conscientious beer drinkers suffered from the megabrewer 'Watneys' producing a repulsive brown liquid called 'Red

Barrel', the small brewers gained popularity in the 1960s and 70s and now a seemingly endless range of excellent beers which taste as beers should are available across the length and breadth of the British Isles. Can small bakeries in St Helena do the same for bread?

### Brits and food after Brexit

Despite very satisfactory improvement in the taste, quality and variety of beer, Brits are getting increasingly concerned about what food will be available if their chaotic government crashes out of the European Union with no proper agreement or plan with the EU and every other trading nation on this earth. The chaos may well mean the usual regular deliveries of all kinds of products either slow down or come to a grinding halt while new agreements are put in place.

In keeping with the now prevalent 'just in time' delivery schedules, big supermarkets have storage capacity for just two weeks supply of all kinds of food from fresh to frozen to tinned and vacuum packed. This has caused customers to stockpile food that has a long shelf life in every available cupboard in their own homes.

Food with a long shelf-life usually means tinned food. Brits are used to buying fresh food of all sorts at any time and are now left wondering just exactly how good all the tinned food of every description they are now stockpiling really is. British media is starting to give that information. On this remote island we have always relied heavily on food with a long shelf-life. It takes at least two months from the time an order is placed to the date it arrives here on the MV Helena. The small population means sales volumes are low and the time goods are stored in warehouses is certainly much more than the 'just in time' delivery to sale logistics of two weeks used in the UK. The information now being given to British shoppers about how good tinned food is applies very much to us here too.

1. Tinned, foods are sealed and preserved by pressure cooking them at a very high temperature. This destroys some of the nutrients.

2. Ingredients such as salt, sugar and fat are often added to processed foods to make their flavour more appealing.
3. Fruit tinned in syrup contains lots of sugar and vegetables in brine will be salty. Fruit tinned in its own juice is better for your health. Sometimes fruit can be tinned in water when appropriate.
4. Canned meats are salty because of the way they are preserved.
5. A dietician from the British Dietetic Association offered the following guidelines on the bad and the ugly in food

<b>Total Fat</b>	High content – more than 17.5g per 100g	Low content – 3g of fat per 100g or less
<b>Saturated Fat</b>	High content – more than 5g per 100g	Low content – 1.5g per 100g or less
<b>Sugar</b>	High content – more than 22.5g of total sugars per 100g	Low content – 5g of total sugars or less
<b>Salt</b>	High content – more than 1.5g of salt per 100g	Low content – 0.3g of salt per 100g

### Other points

- Regular cooking destroys nutrients in food, boil vegetables for the minimum time possible
  - Tinned oily fish is healthy as are beans, chick peas and lentils – but if in brine or salted water that's not so good
  - Fresh vegetables lose their nutrients if kept in storage too long, even in the fridge
  - Look for the 'sell by' date and beware of damaged cans
- Tinned food started in 1795 when Napoleon offered 12,000 French Francs to anyone who could find a way of preserving army food supplies when on campaigns. The first method involved packing meat in glass bottles, sealing them with a cork and then putting the bottles in boiling water. In 1810 an Englishman improved the method by using tin cans.



**Use generally less  
detergents/soaps  
as this will  
require less  
rinsing.**





# VACANCY FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LIFELONG LEARNING

The Education & Employment Directorate has a vacancy for an Assistant Director for Lifelong Learning. The post holder will provide a professional advisory and support role to the Director of Education in ensuring that the key areas of focus outside of statutory schooling are Adult Education and Community Learning, Apprenticeships and Vocational skills, NVQs, Careers Guidance and Information, Mentoring programmes, Scholarships and Library services.

Applicants must have a degree or equivalent in an education related field, together with excellent intermediate IT skills in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint Databases and Access. The ability to produce clear and accurate written communication is essential. Experience in managing staff is essential.

Salary for the post is in grade F, commencing from £18,114 per annum.



For further details regarding this post and a full job description, interested persons should contact Mrs Wendy Benjamin at the Education Learning Centre on telephone number 22607 or (e-mail: [wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh))

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail [gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Thursday 14 February 2019.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.

**Mrs Wendy Benjamin, Acting Director, Education & Employment**

31 Jan. 19

## THE Property Shop

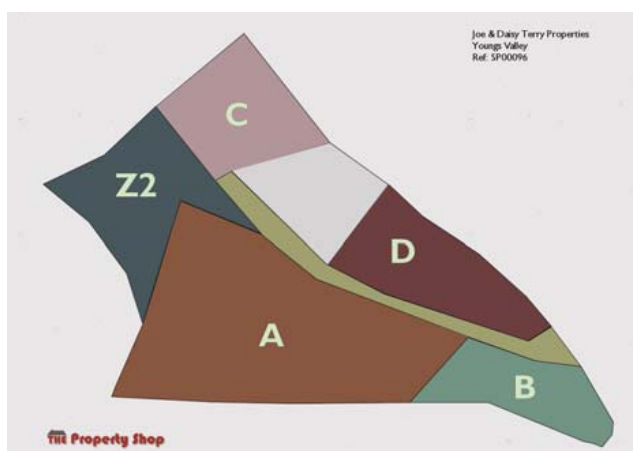
## For Sale

### Terry Estate, Young's Valley

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Artist's impression of the existing project (Plot A) for five terraced 4-storey Italianate villas in Lake Garda style



Plot layout of the Terry Estate

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- Seeking a development partner to progress an existing multi-unit building project to completion (see artist's impression)
- Existing development project for sale, including land and all detailed plans
- Development land for sale as-is (Please enquire regarding pricing)

#### B: 0.164 acres of domestic development land.

Suitable for house construction - £17,500

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Suitable for house construction - £30,000

#### D: 0.222 acres with semi-detached bungalow.

Two-bedroom furnished semi-detached bungalow, with ample space to extend - £165,000

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*We stumbled of this old article the other day. Wea re publishing it because it is still relevand and fits in with the Freedom of Information article on page 6*

## **Falklanders want to move tourist airport... because flights are halted when wind blows**

*The Evening Standard, Tuesday 13 February 2018*

Tourism chiefs in the Falkland Islands are calling for its international airport to be moved — because “it’s in the wrong place”.

They complain that too many flights are being cancelled at the main Mount Pleasant airport because of high winds.

The airport was completed in 1985 after the war with Argentina at a cost of £215 million. It is a military base but takes international flights because of its long runway.

Islanders claim it had been known since the Thirties that the area was exposed to strong winds, amplified by the nearby Wickham Heights hills. These “rotor winds” can cause severe low-level turbulence to landing aircraft. Now tourism chiefs and local politicians are calling for a major upgrade to the civilian airport at capital Stanley to take international flights. Similar problems have blighted the new airport on St Helena, also in the South Atlantic and built with £285 million of British taxpayers’ money. This suffers severe “wind shear” from surrounding mountains.

In the Falklands, the runway at Mount Pleasant, which lies to the south-west of Stanley, is closed to passenger aircraft — sometimes for days at a time — whenever RAF Met officers forecast a risk of rotor winds. During last year’s tourism season one flight in 10 was cancelled or postponed. One local operator, Andrea Coulson, told the Standard: “In a way, they have built the airport down at Mount Pleasant in the wrong place. Everybody knew from the local shepherds and farmers about the ‘Wickham Heights Woolies’ since the Thirties.” Last year nearly 60,000 people visited the Falklands, which has a resident population of just 3,200. Most visitors came from cruise ships, on day trips to take in the museums, battle sites and colonies of penguins and seals.

Sally Ellis, who runs the Tourist Board and handles the LATAM airways franchise for flights to and from Chile, believes a lot more should be done.

“We could easily get 100,000 tourists here a year, but we need more flights — beginning with at least two flights a week from Chile, in bigger aircraft.”

She thinks the civilian airport at Stanley should be upgraded to modern international standards. The Falklands’ government and the Ministry of Defence have agreed to examine the rotor winds problems. The local government has also started to review “the feasibility of improvement to Stanley Airport”. An RAF officer based at Mount Pleasant said the rotor winds roll down from the Wickham Heights and push the wings of the landing aircraft down, instead of giving it lift. This is risk for bigger new aircraft like the RAF passenger plane and tanker, the A330 Voyager.

But critics claim the RAF cannot give warnings to pilots in real time. “The Chilean pilots for LATAM say they cannot get



an update 30 minutes from landing as to whether the rotor winds are streaming,” said Ms Coulson. “Most of them are used to flying in difficult conditions and know the risks.” Raising the volume of commercial flights is crucial to the next stage of development of tourism. She added: “We can’t just rely on getting a few civilian seats with the RAF from the UK, which means most of us rely on the one flight a week to Chile — and they are always fully booked.”

A promotional poster for an event titled "THE ROCK". The background features a large, jagged rock formation under a sunset sky. The text "THE ROCK" is prominently displayed in large, bold, black letters. Below it, smaller text reads: "YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON SUNDAY 3rd February 2019 @ 11:00 FOR PRAISE AND WORSHIP At No 3 Unit Longwood Enterprise Park". Further down, it says: "Transport is available from Jamestown, HTH Contact 23249". At the bottom, the words "PRAISE &amp; WORSHIP" are written in a stylized font.



**The RMS goes under the Tower Bridge - again**



### Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

**Friday** open from 4.30pm till late mix tunes from the bar .

**Saturday** open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm Country tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late mix sounds by DJ CJ

**Sunday** open from 5.00 to 8.00pm

With Valentine's just around the corner, St Pauls Primary School will be having a Valentin's cake stall in front of the Canister on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, there will also be a raffle with the 1<sup>st</sup> prize being a beautifully decorated heart shaped cake. Do come along and get into the Valentine's spirit. All monies raised will go to school funds.

## POLICE FIREARMS TRAINING

*St Helena Police will be carrying out firearms training at the Police Range at Cox's Battery from Tuesday, 5 February, to Thursday, 7 February 2019, from 7.30am to 4.30pm.*



Police during firearms training in 2018

Red flags, signs, and barriers will be in place. Walkers in the Cox's Battery area should not approach the vicinity of the Range as live firing will be in progress. For further information, please contact Support Officer – Firearms and Procurement, Garry Henry, on tel: 22626, mob: 62441, or via email: [garry.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:garry.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh).

**SHG**

**29 January 2018**



### 4<sup>th</sup> CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

WITH Dr. JOE HOLLINS

THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

5 – 7 PM

In the Blue Lounge at The Consulate Hotel

Free to attend. Tea / coffee provided

Bring a notebook and pen ☺

[creativesainthelena@gmail.com](mailto:creativesainthelena@gmail.com)

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Joe is a published writer and has written in a variety of genres including short stories which have been broadcast on BBC Radio and read at Literary festivals.

He has also written travel articles for major newspapers and journals.

The workshop will include playing a recording of his last Radio 4 short story "Poetic Justice", questions to Joe about how you construct a good story and for those that would like to stay to try out their own writing, a fun exercise to get you inspired!



The Women's Sports Association will hold a Volleyball Tournament for ladies aged 14 years and over commencing in February 2019.

Interested teams can obtain a registration form from Tanisha

Benjamin on

telephone 23147 or email [tenny.ben123@gmail.com](mailto:tenny.ben123@gmail.com)

The closing date for registering teams is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019.



FABULOUS FRIDAY SUNDOWNER

FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

OPEN AT 3PM

RESTAURANT CLOSE- 9PM  
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OFFERING ROSIE'S  
DELICIOUS CUISINE  
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9:30PM

DJ CODY G



SATURDAY SOOTHER

SATURDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2019

OPEN AT 11AM

RESTAURANT CLOSE- 9PM  
BAR CLOSE- 1:30AM

A SOOTHING SATURDAY  
WITH FOOD & DRINKS  
WITH SOFT MUSIC FROM THE BAR

9:30PM

DJ BOOTSIE

SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2019



JOHN FOGERTY'S  
"PREMONITION"  
CONCERT

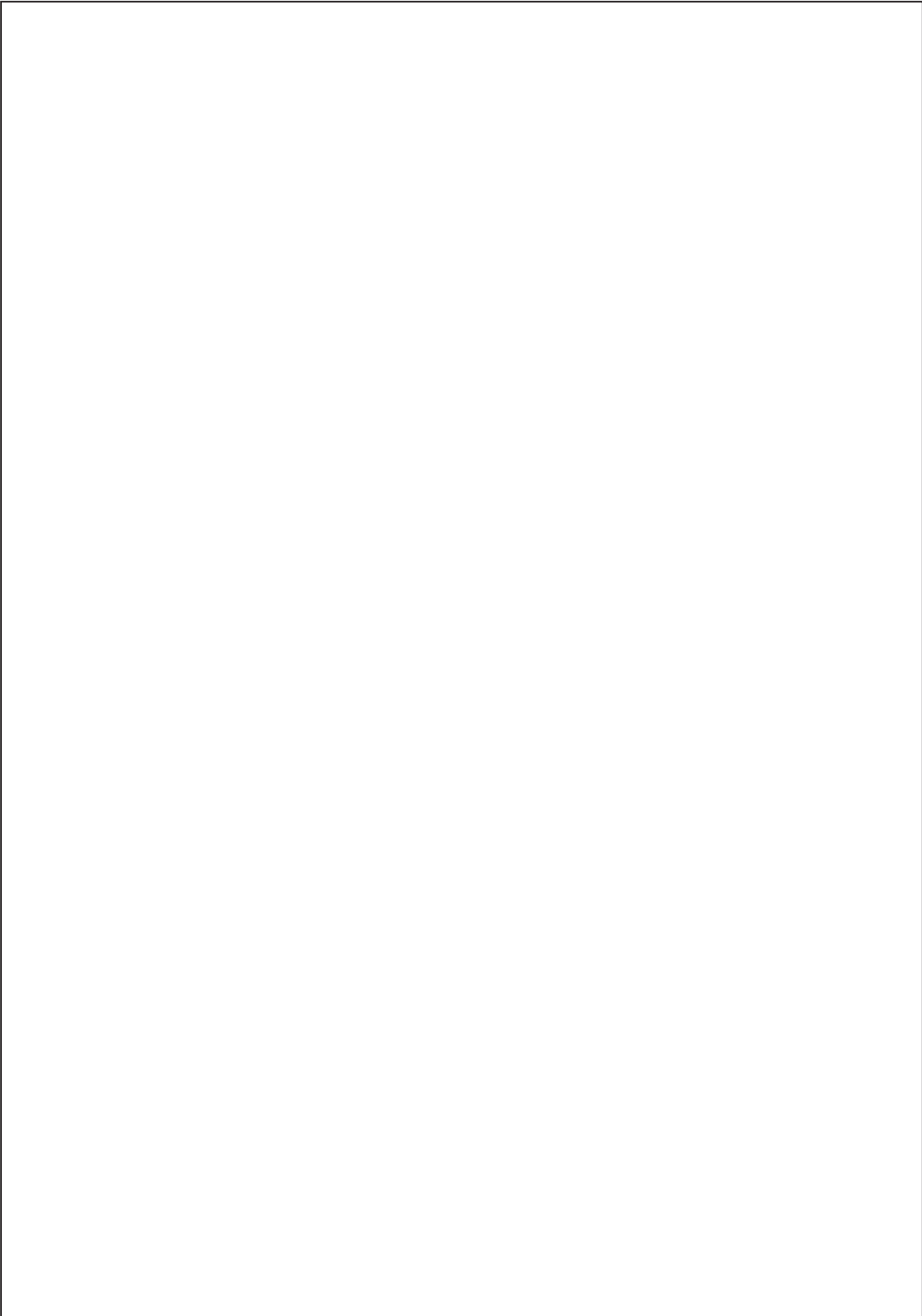
(1HR 30MINS)

Starting at 7pm

Followed by other Music Video's



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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
PROVISION OF FERRY SERVICE  
Reference: CS-0213-SHG**

St Helena Government is seeking Request for Proposals for the Provision of Ferry Service.

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-Procurement system which can be accessed via: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena> following registration on the system.

User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective suppliers registering on the e-Procurement system.

Any questions in the interim should be directed to Procurement Services for the attention of Christy Joshua, Procurement Officer, on telephone number: 22470 or alternatively

email address: [christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**The deadline for submissions is 12.00 GMT on Friday, 15 February 2019.**

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