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***In Memory of
Brian Fredericks***

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Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

your article about the upcoming second St.Helena International Conference in the 08 February issue of the St.Helena Independent is highlighting the relationship with the Georgia Aquarium. Included was a photo showing Dr. Alistair Dove posing with a whale shark - kept in captivity at the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta.

Whale sharks, the gentle giants of the oceans are already listed as an endangered species. A booming shark tourism keeps them also in captivity in aquariums and at theme parks mainly – but not only - in East Asia.

Whale sharks travel long distances in the wild, more than 35 kilometres a day and are also deeply submerged in their environment. Unsurprisingly, aquariums do not meet the natural needs of whale sharks. The tanks these whale sharks call home are such a far cry from their natural environment that they are put under considerable stress, both physically and mentally.

Placing whale sharks in aquariums is a death sentence. The same can be said for all marine life in captivity. A study of 16 whale sharks kept at the Okinawa Expo Aquarium from 1980 to 1998 found they survived an average of 502 days in captivity – a far cry from their potential 100-year life span. Just one example of many.

Having nomadic fish, especially a whale shark, in captivity is totally wrong. Seeing these poor creatures searching for an escape is extremely painful. Renowned scientists continue to provide factual information to empower animal advocacy groups in their fight for a ban of such cruelties.

Sadly also the Georgia Aquarium, as the first facility outside Asia to display the huge, rare fish, is no stranger to scandals.

At least two of its whale sharks died. Aquarium officials said the biggest stars of the show stopped eating and swam erratically before settling to the bottom of the tank.

Lori Marino, a biologist who studies

whale biology and behavior at Emory University in Atlanta: "We all knew something like this was going to happen. I wonder how many more animals have to die before they realize that this is not a viable exhibit for these animals."

Captivity for entertainment is a vicious circle. When whale sharks die vastly premature deaths in too small tanks, more are simply imported to replace those who suffered before them. Ignoring naysayers, also the Georgia Aquarium replaced the two dead whale sharks with two new ones.

The Georgia Aquarium also had two newborn beluga whale calves die on its watch. It came under fire at a Washington, D.C. hearing over its controversial plans to import 12 wild-caught beluga whales from Russia and was locked in bitter legal fights with a roster of well-known animal welfare advocates and environmentalists.

Those lines between aquarium and theme park clearly blur also in Atlanta. Critics protested the opening of Georgia Aquarium's dolphin exhibit, where they put leashes on dolphins to drive them around. "It is presenting itself as this conservation organization and at the same time its giving you a Vegas-style dolphin show said Naomi Rose, marine mammal scientist with the Animal Welfare Institute. "This is not about conservation or animal well being and health. This is about money"

According to reports during some of Georgia Aquarium's loud special pop-rock-style events various animals get distressed and even 'get to fighting'.

Aquariums and marine theme parks worldwide have been under heightened public scrutiny ever since the 2013 debut of the documentary "Blackfish," which told the story of a SeaWorld trainer killed by an Orca. Whale and Dolphin Shows are more and more being tabooed in many countries, the continued imprisonment of such animals called to be outlawed.

It seems all this public uproar went totally unnoticed on St.Helena. Utter silence.

Luckily St.Helena's whale sharks enjoy a better life in the ocean surrounding the island. Whale sharks became almost an emblem of St.Helena like the Wirebird or Napoleon.

Because of the large number of whale sharks that pass through St Helena waters, the St.Helena Environment and Natural Resources Directorate (ENRD)

have been setting environment practice guidelines to protect the whale sharks. Who makes sure they are enforced ? The local marine tour operators reportedly showed little interest in the first St.Helena International Conference last year.

A team from the Georgia Aquarium will arrive on the island soon to lecture – from their point of view. However there are a lot of reasons why whale sharks and other animals should not be kept in captivity and no amount of fanfare will change that. It is a show business and not about marine conservation. They call it 'Edutainment', It is about hypocrisy. They also plan to tag St.Helena's whale sharks with satellite and acoustic tags. Dr. Alistair Dove: "This time we want to answer once and for all 'how deep can a whale shark dive'".

How could this unnecessary meddling with St.Helenas precious whale sharks change the fate of those imprisoned at the Georgia Aquarium or how deep they can dive in their tank?

St.Helena purports itself as a leader in Whale Shark Conservation and yet - it associates itself with this continued cruelty.

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Dear Independent, Just a Thank You!

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Teeny Lucy, Julia Benjamin and Rob Benjamin

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor

I am a 14 year old boy and live in Jamestown. I am worried about some of the activities kids my age are doing and I would like to create a better and more safe activity and place.

I am a person who likes sports, in particular football. In Jamestown there are not many places to play football except the Duke of Edinburgh playground. On 22nd January 2019, my friends and I went to play football in this play ground and after a few minutes a police officer approached us and showed us a four year old sign, stating that "the Duke of Edinburgh play ground was out of bounds to the public" (this is not the first time that we have been approached by the police for this) and said that we should not be playing there but also suggested that we

write a petition to the council.

My friends and I agreed with the officer and we believe that we should do something about the way the youth of St Helena are heading and we believe that the youth need more easy and accessible outlets to prevent them and us from doing other anti social activities. I would be interested to hear from other people who would like to help reclaim our play ground!

Thanking you.

Anonymous

Backlash over "trapped" whale sharks

Last week's coverage in the *Independent* of the 2nd St Helena Conference and the involvement of the Georgia Aquarium stimulated a strong response from some readers on Face Book. One person wrote;- "In today's St. Helena Independent is a short article with a photo of Georgia Seaquarium's Al Dove posing with a Whale Shark kept in captivity at the Georgia Seaquarium. Furthermore there were reports about so called 'Dolphin Shows' at the Seaquarium, which prompted an outcry and protests in the US. Why is St. Helena inviting such people? And why is St. Helena dumb?

Whale and Dolphin Shows are more and more being tabooed around the world. St. Helena should distance herself from such fake conferences and opportunistic participants!"

Another reader added, "Have to agree, the continued imprisonment of such animals should be outlawed worldwide. St Helena purports itself as a leader in Whale Shark Conservation and yet it associates itself with this continued cruelty. Come on St H, Ethics before a few pounds and definitely before such dubious tourists." A letter in today's "Your Opinion Counts" supports this general view. The Georgia Aquarium were made aware of these comments and asked for a response.

The head of American Humane, the oldest national humane association in the United States, argues this issue from a different angle. In an article published on *The Hill* website Robin Ganzert wrote, "As a committed conservationist, I understand that this mission has a certain emotional appeal. But upon further examination, emptying aquarium tanks would have a negative impact beyond just eliminating the joy of visiting an aquarium. It would set back the conservationist cause, not advance it." Her reasons for saying this include the life threatening plastic pollution in the oceans and over fishing together with the by-catch which is scooped up in the huge nests.

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Warming to her theme Ms Ganzert argues, "Most aquariums have robust rescue programs, where these threatened animals can find a safe harbour with conservation and research as key missions. Once rescued, aquariums can study these species and make a real impact in saving them.

There are 115 reintroduction programs, 40 of which focus on threatened or endangered species, at American zoos and aquariums. So far this year, SeaWorld Orlando's Animal Res-

cue Team has rescued 30 manatees, which are returned when rehabilitated. In total, SeaWorld has rescued more than 31,000 animals and published more than 300 scientific studies.

Research conducted by aquarium scientists also informs conservation efforts and exhibits. Last year, Georgia Aquarium scientists successfully performed health assessments on endangered whale sharks for the first time ever in Indonesia's remote Cenderawasih Bay. During their recent visit to St. Helena, [during last year's conference] scientists studied whale shark movements and the impact of plastic pollution on their livelihoods. This information helps inform conservation efforts and the whale shark exhibit at Georgia Aquarium."

Ganzert then goes on to claim "Aquariums offer ordinary [sic] people the extraordinary opportunity to see fascinating sea life up close. This is vital to generating the public support necessary for conservation efforts. To generate support for conserving sea creatures, people must deeply appreciate them. But to appreciate them, people must first know them. Aquariums offer people this introduction." She continues, "Like most mothers, I recognize the indescribable bond that children have with animals. Weakening this bond by returning aquarium inhabitants to the sea would also weaken the conservation movement."

Included in her argument in support of aquariums is that the American Humane Conservation programme, run by her organisation, provides assurance where certification has been given to animal centres "the facility meets the highest standards of animal care". Other descriptions suggest providing the certifications are big business for American Humane. The Georgia Aquarium earned their Humane Certification from American Humane in September 2016. It is possible Ganzert has a position to defend.

It is very true that the Georgia Aquarium has achieved some useful results in the field of conservation research and certainly where whale sharks are concerned. However, there is nothing in what Ganzert wrote which addressed the important issue of migratory species, such as whale sharks and dolphins, being held in captivity no matter how high, wide and long the tank they are placed in may be.

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Editorial

Government press releases were more interesting this week. The one on proposed tax reforms is covered separately and the information on the Mauritius visit is not only interesting it is a little surprising. There was an announcement that a group of government people were going to Mauritius some time back but I do not recall any mention that the group was involved in discussions with the Mauritius Institute of Health about a package of measures where Mauritius and St Helena would work together to the benefit of the St Helena Public Health Service. To my untrained eye the measures agreed look like a promising start and it is certainly ground-breaking stuff.

I'm still left wondering how the link with Mauritius came about. I note the Director of Public Health has worked in nine African countries, so far, but Mauritius is not one of them. Another mysterious bit in the announcement is that the group "were able to explore options about working with Mauritius from a corporate, political and health sector perspective". One month after the group returned we now have an announcement about the health sector perspective; how long do we have to wait to get any information about the corporate and political aspects of their discussions?

I'm almost certain we mere mortals had to wait to be told officially until after the report of the Mauritius visit was formally presented to the Public Health Committee. The councillors have to be told first. This pecking order protocol is not only quaintly old-fashioned it smells of the old colonial culture. Surely the discussion on the Mauritius visit was not on the closed agenda? Why was the announcement not made before the Public Health Committee meeting so mere mortals such as us could go along and listen to the discussion?

The High Knoll Fort lights came on again in the early hours of Friday morning. It's more of a light show now instead of an attempt to illuminate the Fort and the effect is much improved

in my view. It seems the lights are being tested or someone is tinkering about trying to get the light sequence right. Different colours now show at the same time and each set of lights has its own colour changing sequence. Getting the set-up right is probably taking longer than first thought? Maybe we will have an official bit of information about this soon – or do we have to wait until the councillors are officially told something about what is going on?

As many know there is an Australian link to the Balcombe family who lived at the Briars when Napoleon was exiled here. William Balcombe father of the famous Betsy Balcombe who became great friends with Napoleon left St Helena for New South Wales where he arrived in 1824. He became the first treasurer for the colony of New South Wales.

Now you can rent his house for just £775 a month. It has recently been extensively renovated at a cost of £1,500,00. If you are interested the address is;- The Briars, 14 Woonona Avenue, Wahroonga, Sydney, New South Wales.



*The Briars – New South Wales, yours for £775 a month
Happy travels and have a great weekend*

Vince

CHANGES TO MINIMUM WAGE EFFECTIVE FROM 1 APRIL 2019

The St Helena Minimum Wage increase, which was announced in December 2018, will come into effect on Monday, 1 April 2019.

The Minimum Wage will increase from £3.05 per hour to £3.13 for all employees having attained the age of 18 years and increase from £2.10 to £2.18 per hour for all young people having attained the age of 16 and 17 years.

From 1 April, businesses must ensure that the remuneration they pay is equal to or greater than the new Minimum Wage rates.

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8 February 2019



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It Must Be Somebody's Birthday



Backlash over “trapped” whale sharks

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Georgia Aquarium's Ocean Voyager tank holds nearly 24 million litres of water and contains whale sharks and manta rays among a multitude of species.

In our shrinking world the fate of migratory species has not been a happy one. Across Africa and Asia and beyond, from the Antarctic Minke Whale to the Wild Yak of the Tibetan plateau the loss of habitat and poaching in all its forms threaten the very existence of these animals. Loss of habitat for a Wild Yak cannot be much different from a whale shark restricted to an aquarium tank. The usual migratory routes are blocked for one of a number of reasons. In his book *The Healing Land* Rupert Isaacson describes the introduction of Game Reserves in the Kalahari, a desert which stretches from Namibia across to parts of Zimbabwe, Zambia and Angola. Game Reserves include fencing to keep the animals within the prescribed area. In addition to keeping animals in the fences also kept animals out. Migratory animals were seen in their hundreds or maybe thousands lying at the outside of the fencing because their migratory route was blocked. Isaacson describes scenes of dead animals for as far as the eye could see.

The modern world does not only affect animals in this way; the Kalahari Bushmen have been migratory since the beginning of time. They follow the animals because they are their main source of food. After having a way of life based on travelling with the animals according to the season, suddenly they are forced to live in makeshift villages and all their habits, customs and beliefs are taken away from them or severely challenged. As with several aboriginal races who suffered the same fate, the effect of the changes was, and is, traumatic and physiologically damaging. Many become habitual drinkers as a way of escape.

Experience with other species, including humans, indicates preventing a naturally migratory species from following its instincts is very likely to have detrimental effects. The last word goes to the St Helena National Trust. In an email received yesterday the Trust Director wrote. “The Trust believes that the best way to look after and study whale sharks is in the wild, in the beautiful waters of St Helena where we need to minimise the number of threats they face. These extraor-

dinary and mysterious ocean giants deserve to be left free to roam the ocean.”

Email from Al Dove of the Georgia Aquarium arrives just before print deadline

Hi Vince,

I hear there's been some discussion on the island and in social media about the relationship between St Helena and Georgia Aquarium. As you probably know, I'm coming to the island soon with a team including people from our aquarium, Okinawa Churashima Research Foundation and Marine Megafauna Foundation. We'll also have a producer/camera-man along from Animal Planet. I'll be there from March 2 to March 16 for field work, ongoing conservation/management discussions with SHG and for the Natural Resources Conference at Anne's Place. During the visit, I'd be happy to sit down with you for an interview about what we've been doing over the last 5 years with our St Helenian partners and why it's important. I'll probably have more time available for you in the second week (March 10-16) when the conference is on, because much of the first week we'll be on the boat working on executing our science plan.

I look forward to speaking with you in Jamestown,

Cheers,

Al Dove

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Exhibition Wine of Exile

Tammy Williams

What does a Wine Exhibition in Groot Constantia, Cape Town have to do with St Helena? Indeed what does it have to do with me?

These are the questions I seek to answer in my quest for discovery, come journey with me, from my experiences at the airport, to full coverage of the wine exhibition in Cape Town.

My expedition would not have been possible without the following agencies and in particular I mention SA Airlink and St Helena tourism working in partnership with independent media, I would also make mention of The French Consul, 'Michel Dancoisne-Martineau' whose vision continues to inspire me. Every journey has a beginning and an end, mine will begin on 19th February and end on the 26th February, included in the journey is Governor Lisa Honan who will along with the director of tourism, Helena Bennett will be representing St Helena at the exhibition. The exhibition is called Wine of Exile - The wine of Napoléon on St Helena and takes place from the 21st February to the 21st June 2019 at the Groot Constantia, Manor House, Groot Constantia Wine Estate.

I have no pre-conceived ideas, like you, I am intrigued and curious about the outcome, the significance for St Helena and in doing so I hope to bring the exhibition closer to home and let you decide it's importance.

As a member of the Bicentenary vision group one of our important tasks is community engagement, Councillor Lawson Henry who is the Chairman of the group recognises that the exhibition presents a remarkable opportunity to join the dots, *"Napoleon's legacy forms an important part of the island's history and is very significant for St Helena as we seek to internationally promote the branding, the wine exhibition is an excellent example of raising awareness of the island's tourism potential and from this we would hope that local businesses and organisations also feel empowered in their creations to showcase the island and everything it has to offer, with newly gained knowledge and sharing of skills and ideas we hope to create a lasting impact"*

The French Consul, Michel Martineau who is already in Cape Town and with other agencies working in preparation for the event said *"For the last centuries most of the wines drunk on the island have come from Cape Town, there are historical, human, economical, sociological and political bounds existing between Cape Town and St. Helena. We hope to promote the close relationship which always existed between these two countries and therefore to encourage South Africa to visit the island and vice-versa. In addition we aspire to promote the Napoleonic heritage through emblematic and relevant items: the wine-cooler from Plantation House and some glassware from Longwood house used by Napoleon on the island and then finally to show how St. Helena cares for its heritage"*

Among the invited guests at the opening of the exhibition will be His Excellency Mr Christophe Farnaud, Ambassador of France to South Africa, Mr Jean Naudé, Chief Executive Officer of the Groot Constantia Wine Estate and Ms Rooksana Omar, Chief Executive Officer of the Iziko Museums of South Africa,

It is understood historically that from 1815 to 1821 while



The Announcement of our exhibition at Groot Constantia



Napoleon was exiled to St Helena, he would order a wine called 'Vin de Constance' from Constantia in Cape Town but https://lecap.consulfrance.org/Exhibition-Wine-of-Exile-Groot-Constantia-the-wine-of-Napoleon-on-St-Helena?fbclid=IwAR2Lv3bqXNUleWtuum64rauofAm1YSenUmVKx-8Qzn_-1i825D3VwaTl2w

what is even more amazing is that this wine estate continues to produce the same wine that Napoleon used to drink often referred to as "Wine of Napoleon". In addition, this year there is a double celebration of the 250 birth anniversary of Napoleon on the 15th August.



Exhibition Wine of Exile

Tammy Williams

Readers may recall a session of EXCO where the Governor informed Members of the forthcoming exhibition at which she "sought approval from Members to loan to the exhibition the wine cooler which was part of Longwood New House furniture now displayed in the dining room at Plantation House and to permit the St. Helena Napoleonic Heritage Ltd to export for the time of the exhibition a few items presently at Longwood House"



Wine Cooler from Plantation House

The other exhibits, which belonged to Napoléon or that he used during his stay on this island, are issued of the collections of Iziko, the Napoleon Foundation, the Government of St Helena, Groot Constantia and the National Domains.



There is to me a lot I can learn from this trip, how does South Africa perceive St Helena and what useful relationships if any can be forged? The man/woman on the street will ultimately have his/her opinion. My senses tell me and I have written a great deal about this, in as much as we would like to feel that we can always rely on others, this is not always the case and this fact should not take us by surprise, both Charles Clover of the Blue Marine Foundation and Michael Binyon of the Times said last week that Brexit is taking up most of the UK government's attention, the fact that we are not featuring very highly on their priority list is not our fault however though we find ourselves in mourning I believe that energies are best expended on actually trying to make things a little better.

From the outside looking in, it looks like nothing much is happening but if you're on the inside you may observe a great deal of effort is being made to promote the island and gain recognition, the wine exhibition is just one way of getting the world to sit up and take notice of us. Much more needs to be done, there is no illusion, the road ahead will be laden with difficulties, take a deep breath, we're not done yet.

It is my intention to create a series of articles and interviews for audiences both on St Helena and abroad, I hope you will share the journey.

The Tax Reform proposals – a short explanation

The proposals have two parts, the first concerns tax incentives and the second includes measures to broaden the tax base. The tax incentives offer reduced tax rates for certain activities and broadening the tax base means finding new ways to raise taxes instead of increasing income tax and/or customs duty. There are three tax incentive measures and two ways are proposed to broaden the tax base.

Tax Incentives

The first incentives are aimed at encouraging exports and more home produced goods, thereby reducing imports.

Any business directly exporting goods overseas to pay a reduced rate of corporation tax (15%) on the exported goods. People involved in producing a range of island goods such as honey, coffee, meat, vegetables, fish and fish processing, liquor, wine, beer and traditional craftwork will also pay corporation tax at 15% instead of the usual 25%. For the self-employed (where corporation tax does not apply) the self employment rates to be reduced by 5%.

The second incentive is aimed at investors who can obtain reduced import duty if they have Approved Investment Status. Approved investment Status can be gained if the applicant can show the business activity meets certain criteria including reducing imports, increasing exports, employing island residents wherever possible and setting up a business which adds to the range of products and services available.

The third incentive is charity tax relief. The proposal is that donations by individuals and companies to charities or to other forms of voluntary organisations including community amateur sports clubs in St Helena should be tax free. Donations

over £1,000 (cumulative over the tax year) to any single organisation with charitable aims will be eligible.

Charities and voluntary organisations can increase the value of single donations over £1,000 by 25% by making an application to join the Gift Aid scheme. Donors who make a donation of more than £1,000 to a charity over the course of one year can also claim 10% of the donation back through the Gift Aid scheme.

Broadening the Tax Base

A property tax on vacant commercial property is proposed together with changes to stamp duty.

The property tax is based on business premises where no business has operated for a period of more than 270 days (9 months approx). The tax is levied at £5 per day up to a maximum of £475 for any one year. Buildings which are under construction or being renovated or unfit for human habitation are excluded.

Tourism accommodation providers will need to attract bookings for a minimum of 95 days each year to avoid the possibility of paying property tax. This can translate to a 26% occupancy rate.

The proposed stamp duty charges are:-

- i. Under £10,000 exempt
- ii. £10,001 to £150,000 2.5%
- iii. £150,001 to £500,000 3%
- iv. Over £500,000 5%
- v. First time buyer up to a home value of £100,000 exempt
- vi. Second home owner +2.5%

Economic Development initiatives remain low key

The official SHG report of last month's Economic Development Committee meeting told us that ESH had approved four Enterprise Grants and were helping cattle syndicates apply for improvements to pastures. On the tourism side St Helena's own tour operators met with overseas tour operators and journalists. What the meeting has achieved was being assessed at the time the report was written.

The tender process for the Sandy Bay Beach Road is expected to start shortly but the proposal to build toilets at High Knoll Fort depends on money being available; at the moment it isn't. The recently imported one thousand chicks have mostly survived the journey and the time in quarantine. Only six chicks have died. The visit by the United States TV personality, 'The Travel Detective' (Peter Greenburg) was mentioned in the report as a success. Final decisions to start work on a fibre-optic cable connection and expanded renewable energy sources are still awaited after being deferred again. Once more the only decision taken by a government committee was to increase charges.

In a more vibrant, thriving world reports on the fortunes of day old chicks, the happenings with a TV personality and other peoples' meetings would be disposed of by email. The most important matters discussed concern the fibre-optic cable and the plans for more renewable energy to stabilise the Island's energy prices. On these two matters the SHG official report has the least to say.

The St Helena Research Institute

After the 2018 St Helena International Conference organised by the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute

(SAERI) it was thought it might be a good idea if St Helena also had a research institute (SHRI?). A Steering Group was formed in April last year; its purpose is to develop a proposal for the establishment of a research institute and present the findings to the Education Committee.

Two proposals were presented to the Education Committee last November. One proposal set out the principles under which research in St Helena can be conducted and pointed out the need for a St Helena Research Council as the body authorised to handle all research enquiries and to issue research licences. Such a body is important in order to keep research which is undertaken within the bounds of credibility and legality. The conditions of the research licences issued would ensure the knowledge gained is shared locally and not taken off the island in its entirety.

The second proposal is for a research institute to be with the Lifelong Learning Sector of the Education and Employment Directorate. The proposed institute would promote and protect the interests of the Island and its community and be responsible for maintaining "an accessible database" of the research undertaken and the subsequent data and findings. The proposals put to the Education Committee were supported with some amendments.

Since November the steering group has been working on the details about how to make a research institute happen and what needs to be put in place so an institute can carry out the responsibilities allocated to it. Legal advice on the detailed proposals is needed before a further report can be presented to the Education Committee. A presentation to Informal Legco is expected "in the coming weeks" to be followed by a press statement. More details will be forthcoming when that happens.

EXCO REPORT - TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2019

Executive Council met on Tuesday, 12 February 2019, the first meeting for this year, with a fairly lengthy Open Agenda. The first item was a proposal to excise four parcels of land in Blueman's Field from the Green Heartland Zone for re-zoning as land in the Intermediate Zone.

The land in question had previously been in the Intermediate Zone and was put into the Green Heartland Zone following the 2012 review of the Land Development Control Plan. In agreeing the rezoning, Executive Council at the time directed the Crown Estates Manager to negotiate with the owners of the affected land parcels to agree a land swap from Green Heartland to another area in the Intermediate Zone. Over the years, since 2012, significant attempts were made by Crown Estates to identify land that will meet the unique quality of these four land parcels – taking cognisance of its pristine location, sea views, lush greenery, and access to infrastructure. However, these attempts have been to no avail and the land owners in the meantime continue to feel aggrieved.

Members felt that this issue needed to be redressed and approved the proposal whilst noting that a requirement for appropriate design briefs, to mitigate visual impacts of any proposed developments on these plots, could be a condition of planning.

Council was next asked to consider and advise whether the St Helena National Trust (Amendment) Bill, 2019, should be printed, published and presented as Government Business at a forthcoming formal meeting of Legislative Council. The amendments were essentially to further regulate the powers and procedures of the Trust and the composition and procedures of the Trust Council. The amendment Ordinance makes provision for the appointment of a Director of the National Trust who will be responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the Trust. It also provides for the accounts of the Trust to be audited either by the Chief Auditor or an auditor approved by the Chief Auditor. Members were content to give their approval. Under the next agenda item, Executive Council was asked to consider and advise whether the Medical Practitioners (Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019, should be enacted.

The Medical Practitioners Ordinance, 1910, allows for a medical practitioner to practice medicine on St Helena if he or she is qualified to practice medicine (a) anywhere in the United Kingdom; or (b) in a place specified in regulations. Members were informed that SHG has recently recruited a doctor qualified in Russia, who is scheduled to take up employment in the Health Directorate during the latter part of February 2019. In view of this, regulations need to be enacted to allow for Medical Practitioners qualified in Russia to practice medicine on St Helena. Members were given an overview of the recruitment process and the criteria used to determine how Medical Practitioners are appointed. Members also noted that the Medical Practitioners Ordinance of 1910 is currently being amended and that, if approved, there would no longer be the need to amend the Regulations on an ad hoc basis. Members gave approval for the amended Regulations to be enacted.

The next item on the agenda was the Telecommunications

(Amendment) Regulations, 2019, and Members were asked to consider and approve the amended regulations. The amended regulations set out a number of changes to the tariffs applied by SURE in respect of their services; the main ones being a 4% increase from 1 April 2019 on the cost of international calls, service fees, broadband and some mobile charges. Members noted that the increase in broadband charges will be complemented by a reduction in the overage charge per mega bit, reducing from 7p to 5p and, in addition SURE has agreed to increase the data allowance on each of the packages by a minimum of 5% both of which will benefit consumers from 1 April 2019. Members approved the amended regulations.

The last item on the Open Agenda was a request to consider a raft of tax measures to be brought into force from the beginning of the next Financial Year - 1 April 2019. These include:

- Changes to Self-Employed and Corporation Income Tax to incentivise export and import substitution activities and incentivise charitable giving
- Introduction of an Approved Investment Scheme to provide customs duty reductions or payment deferrals to any investment on St Helena which particularly contributes to the Island's economic, environmental and social welfare
- Introduction of Gift Aid for donations over £1000 to incentivise charitable giving
- Introduction of a Charge on Commercial Properties which are empty over nine months of the year to increase supply of commercial property available for rent
- Changes to Stamp Duties to exempt first time buyers, to bring in stepped duties for higher value properties and to include a rate of stamp duty on second residential properties. This will assist first time buyers and help increase the supply of residential property available for rent

Members agreed that the proposed measures should be taken out to public consultation and also asked that the public is given adequate time to provide their comments on the proposals. A separate press release will issue on this shortly.

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13 February 2019

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OBITUARY

Mr Brian John Fredericks: Friend of St Helena

St Helena has been fortunate in having many people who, over the years, have shown commitment and passion for our people. Some have rightfully been officially recognised on account of their various efforts, hard work and kind gestures. Others have not, but for them all we must be thankful.

Last Wednesday evening at St Paul's Cathedral a Requiem Mass was held to celebrate and reflect on the life of Mr Brian John Fredericks of Bedfordshire, UK who has been a colleague, mentor, friend, confidante, adviser, and who, supported by his wife Heather became even a parent – figure to many St Helenians especially young Saints and students in the UK and have served St Helena for over 30 years, formally in an official capacity but for most of these 3 decades, voluntarily, simply because he wanted to.

Born 26 May 1939, Brian was a staunch supporter of Newport County FC, fond of History, especially Napoleon. But it was his role as a prominent senior educationalist in North Hertfordshire which started his close association with St Helena. In the early eighties, Brian became part of the ODA funded consultancy in support of the Education Sector under Project 297 or what was commonly known as the Prince Andrew School Project leading up to and following the 1988 changeover to a Three Tier Education System in an official partnership with the St Helena Education/Cheltenham Link.

Mr Basil George, former Chief Education Officer paid tribute to Mr Fredericks and said, *"The change could not have happened in the way it did - had it not been for support and advice from what was known as the St Helena-Cheltenham Link — Although based in Hertfordshire, Brian Fredericks was part of the overall link. He worked tirelessly in support of the project In addition, he was also involved in on-going overseas training of local staff and went beyond the call of duty in the personal help he gave to so many Islanders. He made a valuable contribution over many years, quietly and professionally because of his commitment to St Helena and its people"*.

After the Link ended in 2003, Brian continued to consolidate education supplies through the Hertfordshire Consortium up until recent years. He has since been called on for 'ad hoc' support to the Education Directorate - such has been his reliability. Over the years he has inspired and enabled Saints to do well and instigated a number of teachers, IT and other training initiatives for St Helena Government. Brian had a passion for helping and assisting St Helenians in any way he could - to upskill, develop and undertake professional studies.

Darrin Duncan – Head of ANRD – and still a close friend of the Fredericks spent 6 years initially as a student in the UK and says he *"was privileged to have been supported by Brian and Heather and to witness his [Brian's] unflinching support and dedication to supporting other Saints, always encouraging them to work hard, achieve and return home to develop themselves further, aspire to leadership roles and create a better St Helena. Whatever the time of day or night, he would find a way to help."*

Those of us who have known Brian both professionally and

personally, we know he never failed to give help and support wherever he could. "If in doubt – ask Mr Fredericks." So many of us have experienced his extra-ordinary enthusiasm, effort and generosity "to make things happen" for St Helenians. Supported by Heather - they have - over an extra ordinary number of years, "opened their home and hearts to St Helenians" asking for nothing in return but that people work hard to do well for themselves and for the good of the island. What many young and now the "not too young" Saints have gone on to achieve and are achieving as they make their way through higher/further education and training in the UK or in pursuance of careers both here and overseas, is a lasting testament to Brian's commitment and will always be remembered.

Working with Brian I never heard him say – "sorry, can't" - he always seemed to "find a way" by so often going out of his way. He always "knew someone who knew someone" and then found a way. He stood up for St Helenians - not something for which he was always popular of course! He has been able to "open doors" using his wide professional and community networking.

Brian became Secretary then also Membership Secretary to the UK based organisation "Friends of St Helena" up until his passing. He had met Governor Honan in this capacity only a very short time ago. Sadly, on the morning of Thursday 3 January, Brian fell seriously ill, was admitted to The Lister Hospital, in Stevenage and slipped away peacefully next day at the age of 79 yrs. Two of our current scholarship students, David Clarke and Kyle Shoesmith, along with Kyle's Mum Jane, were staying at the Fredericks home at the time. Brian is survived by his wife Heather and son Adam, daughter Lisa, her husband and their family. We know Jerry, who has been a close personal friend of Brian, Heather and family since his student days, was with Heather and family and attended the funeral and cremation service – which took place earlier last Wednesday at 1pm at All Saints Church, South Hill, Bedfordshire. Jerry personally carried our condolences and I am sure represented all of us in saying a "fond farewell" to such an unselfish, caring friend of St Helena. Brian took ill just one week away from when he and his wife Heather were due to travel to the island for a visit after many, many years, something they were both really looking forward to.

Long after his "official" link with the island had ended – Brian was there for many right up to his passing. He supported St Helenians: young and not so young; single people, partners and whole families making sure they were well cared for and had a home from home when in the UK. As a recent student pointed out: *"He [Brian] helped us all out with housing in different ways: providing rental accommodation directly or acting as guarantor so as students we could actually rent a flat."*

It is hard for people who have never been in that situation to understand how difficult it is for Saint students to sort that kind of thing out when you can't afford to go home for the summer [holidays] and can't get temporary accommodation over there."

I wonder too, how many times Heather found pots and pans,



OBITUARY

Mr Brian John Fredericks: Friend of St Helena

dishes, duvets and curtains even patio chairs and tables missing from her house – only to find out that Brian had “borrowed them” to help furnish a student flat!

I have heard past teachers say how afraid they were to cross the road on their way to school after arriving in the UK for the very first time - so Brian would go to meet them every morning just to walk them across the zebra crossing until they felt confident to do so on their own.

Another young person who went on IT training said: *“Coming from a small Island and this being my first time to the UK could be very daunting to say the least, but having Brian and Heather Fredericks for support was a huge help settling in the UK. Brian would go above and beyond to make sure I was comfortable, so I could concentrate on my studies without the worries of UK life.”*

Knowing you have genuine friends who are always willing to help and support you when difficult situations arise and express genuine concern for your welfare, no matter what time of day or night gave me great encouragement.

Brian Fredericks was not only a kind and helpful man, but over the past few years I have regarded him as a close friend. Without his support I would not have achieved what I did from overseas training.”

From another recent student: *“He took me to university on my first day and helped me to settle in. Nothing was too much trouble He did all of this voluntarily, out of kindness.”*

Brian volunteered transport when students or their family members arrived or departed UK; personally provided transport if someone needed to travel to another area to work or study, or getting their personal effects to Richard James prior to leaving the UK, saving them time and extra costs. He continued his association and help even years after students returned home.

Brian took every chance, even created opportunities, to make sure St Helena was promoted. He purposely involved Saints in Hitchin Rotary Club activities where they gave talks about the island, *(he didn't always give you time to say “no” did he - before you knew it you were doing it.)!!!!* Being himself actively involved in church and public service, he also involved Saints in community activities, so giving them opportunity to gain confidence in the “big world”. He made sure youngsters who arrived in the UK seeking a job were able to find work, were treated fairly and stepped in if they were not!

Every Christmas his Hitchin “boys” as he referred to them - were encouraged to help with the Christmas carolling and fund-raising in Hitchin Market Square. He used the opportunity to make everyone aware of them and the island. This was always followed by a Christmas meal out with all of the Hitchin Saints. I was proud to be part of this occasion in 2014 and it was so apparent how Heather and Brian kept everyone together as a “family” in support of each other.

Brian has always been willing to give advice and direction but never dictatorial or judgemental. He was there in times of bereavement or personal crisis. He related to young people in such a way that he laughed with them, argued with them and gained their affection and respect. Brian and Heather provided that reassurance for young people living away from home - and for their parents here on island - knowing they

have had this couple “on hand” whose hospitality and support has stood the test of time because they genuinely cared.

Whatever Brian with Heather have done for others, they have done quietly. In more recent years, this may not have been so well known unless you have been someone closely involved as family or friends. So Brian and Heather's visit which would have been coming to an end around now - was to have been an occasion we were all looking forward to and for very good reason because their visit to the island was to be our chance to say a big personal and collective “thank you” and show how much we have appreciated all that Brian, with Heather's support, has done on our behalf. Because for us, it was the on-going voluntary support and dedication that Brian has given which is particularly important. An official acknowledgement from HE The Governor on behalf of the island had been agreed and unknown to Brian or Heather - would have been presented during their visit. Thank you to all who without hesitation gave your support to help achieve this. Unfortunately, Brian passed before this could happen.

But well done “good and faithful servant”, your reward will be greater as your memory will live on in the laughs shared, the people you touched and lives you helped to shape.

Thank you to Bishop Dale, Jerry, Peter and Joy for making arrangements for us to have this service in memory of Brian this evening; Fr David for his Address, Laura for the reading, Lee and Eric for the photograph and Sylvia for the flowers; and not - least thank you all for honouring Brian's memory by being present at the Requiem Mass.

It feels appropriate to end using words from a current student: “Brian's passing was a shock and very sad, as you know we were quite close. It's a shame he couldn't come to St Helena and be with us longer. I think he trained us well for the journey ahead, and as always we will do our best to succeed. What a kind, wise man he was.”

***From the thoughts and comments of many
St Helenians who Brian knew and supported over the
years.***



***Students & Partners with the Fredericks and Cutting the
St Helena Day Cake at the Biggin in Hitchin***



AMENDMENT TO CHARITIES ORDINANCE

With reference to the amendment to the Charities Ordinance 2005, which came into force 1 November 2018, charitable organisations with the primary purpose of the advancement, relief or assistance of **vulnerable beneficiaries**, must file a copy of its Safeguarding Policy with respect to its beneficiaries, with the Charity Commission.

The same provision applies to any organisation making application for charitable status before they can be registered as a charity.

It is acknowledged that the safeguarding practices will be unique to each organisation so for example:

- **Ensuring background checks:** Whilst for some organisations this might require vetting, for others the safeguarding policy might require its members to sign a declaration as to whether the individual has any criminal convictions relating to or involving children or vulnerable persons, or whether they have been the subject of Police (or any other) investigations involving vulnerable persons.
- **Mitigating risks:** The following is an example of a potential safeguarding risk, and procedures that can/should be enforced to mitigate this risk: Organisations where charity members work one to one with beneficiaries, which for example might include visiting the homes of elderly beneficiaries:
 1. The policy could state that there will be no home visits before 10 am or after 6 pm.
 2. Home visits are to be made by two members at a time.
 3. Members should identify themselves by wearing the organisation's name badge.
 4. Members should file a written record of the home visit.
- **Investigating and reporting procedures:** The organisation's safeguarding policy should also have a reporting line. An example of this could be the following:-
 1. Members who suspect or witness a safeguarding concern could report this to the Chairperson, (or another member of the Executive Committee??). The responsible committee member will report this to the Police (shouldn't the Safeguarding Directorate be informed as well??).
 2. The policy could provide for persons witnessing a safeguarding concern to make a written statement of their concerns.
 3. If there is a police investigation, the charitable organisation might suspend a person from participating in the charity until such times as the Police investigations are completed.
 4. The organisation might also wish to undertake an internal investigation, particularly if the concerns are of a less serious nature (i.e not sexual, physical, financial abuse etc) or where no further action is being taken on a police investigation. In this case, the organisation might wish to establish a panel to investigate the allegation.

The Safeguarding Policy would need to comply with section 10(1A) of the Charities Ordinance and contain the information as per the extract below.

10(1A) The safeguarding policy referred to in subsection (1)(b) must include, but not be limited to— (a) provision for making the necessary enquiries into the background of individuals engaged (whether as employee, volunteer or otherwise) to work with vulnerable beneficiaries; (b) provision for mitigating identified risks to safeguard the beneficiaries of the organisation; (c) reporting and investigating procedure.

Failure to comply with the safeguarding policy may result in the organisation being removed from the register.

The Charities Ordinance also makes provision for payment of a civil penalty to the Commission in the event of failure by an organisation to submit an updated annual report with respect to the implementation of its safeguarding policy.

The penalty also applies for failure by charitable organisations to submit annual audited financial statements and accounts.

For further advice and guidance, please contact the Charity Commissioners, Nikita Crowie at nikita.crowie@sainthelena.gov.sh, Enid Joshua at enid.brian@helanta.co.sh or Bronwen Yon at bronwen.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh

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VACANCY WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROJECT OPERATOR (RECYCLING)

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is seeking to recruit an individual to work under the Overseas Countries and Territories Association Project (OCTA) as a Waste Management Services Project Operator (Recycling). The Candidate will undertake daily recyclable waste collection services from participating premises and waste recycling activities at Horse Point Landfill Site or other waste recycling locations.

The Project will commence as soon as possible and will continue until December 2019.

Candidates should have a valid Class C License, be competent in the use of a Land Rover and Trailer and be able to demonstrate basic numeracy and literacy skills.

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

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Sasha Bargo, OCTA Project Support Officer on Tel No: 24724 or e-mail: sasha.bargo@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and Job profiles are available from Scotland Office or Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, Essex House or e-mail: karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Friday 22 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.

Derek Henry

Director of Environment and Natural Resources 11 February 2019



VACANCY FOR A FIXED TERM TRANSPORT CO-ORDINATOR

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the post of Transport Co-ordinator on a fixed term basis in the Transport Section for a period of about 6 months starting 25th March 2019.

The applicant will be responsible to the Executive Officer for the provision of full clerical and administrative support. Some of the main duties will involve recording, checking and processing data from transport log books for recharging to client departments, and providing customer service to the public in respect of transport and machinery and offering advice on availability of vehicles and plant.

Applicants should have a good standard of written and spoken English, good mathematic skills and be computer literate specifically in Microsoft Office and Access Dimensions.

Salary for the post is at Grade A6 commencing at £6,237 per annum.

For further details on the duties of the post, please contact the Executive Manager Mrs Claire Stroud on telephone No. 23208 or e-mail transport.eo@helanta.co.sh

Application forms are available from the Receptionist at Essex House and should be completed and submitted to the Human Resources Manager, Essex House or e-mail karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Friday 22 February 2019.

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Mr Nicholas George

Senior Transport Manager 11 February 2019

Environment and Natural Resources Directorate



VACANCY – LOBSTER FISHERY FIELD WORKER ASSISTANT

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate has a vacancy for a part or full time Lobster Fishery Field Worker Assistant under the Darwin Project. Hours are flexible and can be negotiated. The contract will start in February 2019 for the duration of 12 months initially and may be extended for another 6 months.

The successful candidate will support the Project particularly assisting with the habitat and abundance survey data collection, recording of biometric data, tag and release programme, acoustic array installation and acoustic transmitter deployment.

The successful candidate must be able to demonstrate good written English, basic mathematic skills and have some understanding of the marine environment. They must be able to drive and be a qualified scuba diver to a minimum PADI Advanced level or equivalent with a minimum of 50 logged dives.

Salary for the post is at £8,613 per annum however, this will be paid on a prorata basis depending on the number of days worked per week.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Dr Ralf Bublitz, Lobster Project Officer on telephone number 22270 (or e-mail ralf.bublitz@enrd.gov.sh).

Application forms and Job profiles are available from Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, or e-mail karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 22nd February 2019.

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Derek Henry
Director of Environment and Natural Resources
11 February 2019



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REMOTE BANKING FEBRUARY 2019

Bank of St Helena would like to advise the public that Remote Banking for December will take place as follows:

| Location | Date | Time |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
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COUNTRY FAIR



Calling all farmers! Supply Local, Buy Local!

The 2018/19 Agriculture Programme will be hosting the finale event on **4 May** on **Francis Plain** in the form of a **Country Fair** with an agriculture competition, categories for which are detailed below.

Please note that there will be a minimum requirement of 3 entries for each particular category to be eligible for the competition. Where fewer entries exist a consolation prize will be awarded for effort.

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

| Flower Garden | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1. Best flower garden | £50.00 | £25.00 | £15.00 |

| Arable Land | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---------|--------|--------|
| 1. Open Fields | | | |
| 1. Best food garden over 1 acre | £150.00 | £75.00 | £40.00 |
| 2. Best food garden under 1 acre | £100.00 | £50.00 | £25.00 |
| 2. Covered Production Units | | | |
| 1. Best covered production unit – soil planting | £150.00 | £75.00 | n/a |
| 2. Best covered production unit- hydroponics | £150.00 | £75.00 | n/a |

| Pasture Land | 1st |
|--|---------|
| 1. Best managed pastureland between 5 & 9.99 acres | £100.00 |
| 2. Best managed pastureland between 10 & 49.99 acres | £200.00 |
| 3. Best managed pastureland over 50 acres | £300.00 |

| Judged at Country Fair | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Children (Between the ages of 8 & 16 years) | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| 1. Best rabbit | £20.00 | £15.00 | £10.00 |
| 2. Best guinea pig | £20.00 | £15.00 | £10.00 |
| 3. Best dog | £20.00 | £15.00 | £10.00 |

| Stalls | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Individual Stalls | | | |
| 1. Fresh flower arrangement | £15.00 | n/a | n/a |
| 2. Largest half dozen of chicken eggs | £15.00 | n/a | n/a |
| 3. Jams | £20.00 | n/a | n/a |
| 4. Preserves | £20.00 | n/a | n/a |
| 5. Confectionery | £20.00 | n/a | n/a |
| 6. Largest carrot | £20.00 | n/a | n/a |
| 7. Largest pumpkin | £20.00 | n/a | n/a |
| 8. Largest sweet potato | £20.00 | n/a | n/a |
| 9. Largest tomato | £20.00 | n/a | n/a |
| 10. Best broccoli | £25.00 | £15.00 | Certificate |
| 11. Best cauliflower | £25.00 | £15.00 | Certificate |
| 12. Best cabbage | £25.00 | £15.00 | Certificate |
| 13. Best carrot | £25.00 | £15.00 | Certificate |
| 14. Best pumpkin | £25.00 | £15.00 | Certificate |
| 15. Best sweet potato | £25.00 | £15.00 | Certificate |
| 16. Best potato | £25.00 | £15.00 | Certificate |
| 17. Best onion | £25.00 | £15.00 | Certificate |
| 18. Best tomato | £25.00 | £15.00 | Certificate |
| 19. Best cucumber | £25.00 | £15.00 | Certificate |
| 20. Best hand of bananas | £25.00 | £15.00 | Certificate |
| 21. Best display for 5 a day of vegetables/fruit | £25.00 | n/a | n/a |
| 22. Honey | £30.00 | n/a | n/a |
| 23. Needle craft | £30.00 | £20.00 | £10.00 |
| 2. Best District Stalls – judged on the day | £300.00 | £200.00 | £100.00 |

ENTRY CLOSING DATE 4 MARCH 2019 FOR LIVESTOCK, YOUTH FARMERS, FLOWER GARDENS, ARABLE & PASTURE LAND CATEGORIES

ENTRY CLOSING DATE 26 APRIL FOR CHILDREN, INDIVIDUAL AND DISTRICT STALLS

To enter categories please register with Delia Du Preez or Ryan Belgrove, on telephone 22920 or email delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh or ryan.belgrove@esh.co.sh



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VACANCIES WITHIN CORPORATE FINANCE

Are you looking for an employment opportunity in Finance and Accountancy? Corporate Finance has the following vacancies in their Central Finance team:

SENIOR ACCOUNTS EXECUTIVE

An opportunity is available for **two** Senior Accounts Executives.

The post holders will be responsible for the effective management of the Accounts Payable and Receivable functions of the financial management system, ensuring all Government revenue and expenditure is accurately recorded.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above
- ACCA Certified Accounting Technician Level 2 or equivalent
- At least 3 years' experience in a similar accounting role
- At least 2 years' experience in supervising staff



Salary for the post ranges from £8,613 - £10,765 per annum.

Corporate Finance provides an environment for professional development in the field of finance and accountancy. The salary ranges for these positions reflect the pathways designed to reward professional development and technical competence. For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Emma Thomas, Business Support Manager on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: emma.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and Corporate Finance and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Gemma Lawrence, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 26 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.

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Corporate Services 12 February 2019

HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR SENIOR STAFF NURSE – GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Health Directorate is looking for dedicated and hardworking Senior Staff Nurse to join their nursing team. Offering excellent levels of nursing care, utilizing evidence based practice, supporting and mentoring junior staff are key requirements of this role.

Shift work is required but we offer some flexibility within our shift allocation. There is ongoing training and support to ensure best practice. We have a large and engaging team, who work together and support each other every day.

The post holder will be responsible to the Nursing Officer and Sister/Charge Nurse for the provision of high quality nursing patient care. A full job description and responsibilities are available on request.

The applicant must have proven recent Senior Staff Nurse Experience or completed competency levels 2a, 2b and started with 2c.

Salary for the post commences at **£12,690** per annum. With the competency framework this role is eligible for enhancement to **Senior Staff Nurse level 2c £14,138**.

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 Specialist Nurse and or Sister/Charge Nurse.

All appointees are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting or DBS Disclosure and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

For further information and a copy of the job profile, contact Mrs Lisa Niemand, Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone No 22500 or email 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 on telephone no 22500 or email madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by Thursday, 28 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.

Akeem Ali (Dr) 13 Feb 2019

Director of Health



Units available
at the
Jamestown Market
&
ESH Business Park,
Ladder Hill

Enterprise St Helena

Enterprise St Helena (ESH) have units available for rent to local entrepreneurs for non-industrial / clean business at the Jamestown Market & ESH Business Park, Ladder Hill.

Applications should be submitted to Emma Peters, Receptionist/Administration Support, in the form of an extended business brief detailing your planned business and intended opening hours with a 3 year cash flow via email emma.peters@esh.co.sh or in hard copy to the Enterprise St Helena Office, ESH Business Park by no later than 1200 hours (GMT) on Thursday 28th February 2019.

Terms and Conditions apply.



**For further information please contact: Michelle Yon,
Director of Resources**

on 22920 or email: michelle.yon@esh.co.sh

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

DO YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO SHAPING THE FUTURE OF ST HELENA?

Supported by a management team and working closely with the Education and Employment Committee, you will carry forward educational improvements across the whole Directorate; continuing to improve and monitor standards of education across three primary schools, one community high school, and the adult and vocational learning, teacher training and special educational needs sectors.

You will manage and develop the Directorate, introducing educational improvements and training opportunities, in line with the changing economic needs of the island through the St Helena Community College and in collaboration with Enterprise St Helena (ESH) through the 'upskilling' of the labour force.

As you review, develop and monitor implementation of the Directorate's Strategic Plan, you will develop early year's provision and monitor educational standards whilst supporting the development of links between schools and the local community and with overseas education partners. Taking full responsibility for the education budget you will identify efficiencies and implement revenue generating opportunities.

A natural and dynamic leader, you will have strong negotiating and influencing skills. Holding a degree in education you will demonstrate education senior management experience and be extensively versed in current best practice in education management and approaches to school improvement.

Requirements

The successful applicant will:

- Be in possession of a degree in Education
- Have substantial senior management experience in education
- Be extensively versed in current best practice in education management and approaches to school improvement
- Have experience of managing successful change programmes and processes.
- Have significant experience of resource management in an organisation with a large staffing complement
- Have significant leadership experience
- Have strong influencing and engagement skills

Salary for this post will be at the rate of £45k per annum.

For a chance to get a better understanding of this exciting role, you should contact Robyn Franconi, Business Manager, Education Directorate on telephone number 22607

or on email robyn.franconi@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and a copy of the Job Profile can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and should be submitted to the Director of HR & Organisational Development by no later than Monday, 25th February 2019.

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Corporate Services 11 February 2019



**St Helena
Government**

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:

- Carry out directions from the Officer in Charge when at sea rescue incidents ensuring work is carried out within the standard operating procedures.
- Make safety critical decisions during sea rescue operations and other deployments, ensuring the safety of the public, other agencies and the sea rescue crews.
- Ensure that standards are maintained and that the service is in line with the Police Directorate's Values and Code of Ethics.
- Must be able to attend Sea Rescue weekly training sessions.
- Must be able to work some weekends to support flight operations.
- Must be available for emergencies and will be required to participate in on call rota inclusive of some weekends.
- 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 Craig Scipio, Deputy Sea Rescue Manager on telephone number 25215 or e-mail craigscipio@helanta.co.sh or Mr Leeroy Caswell, Deputy Sea Rescue Manager Tel 25215, email: leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh

Applications should be completed and submitted, through Directors, where applicable, to Anya Richards , Human Resources & Admin Officer at Police Headquarters, Coleman's House (or email Anya.Richards@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than Monday, **1 March 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.

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David Lynch
Director of Police
13th February 2019



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

The early match on Saturday saw Ole Solskjaer continued his unbeaten run as Manchester United in the Premier League as they defeated Fulham 3-0 at Craven Cottage with goals from Pogba (2) and Anthony Martial. United now sits in 4th position in the league and have given them a chance to qualify for the Champions League. This position seemed so unlikely at the start of December 2018.

Liverpool returns to winning ways in their match at home against Bournemouth. Once Mane had given them the lead in the 24th minute the old confidence returned to the team. The presence of Georginio Wijnaldum was crucial, as he put in a good performance on his return to the team. Wijnaldum scored a brilliant second goal and Salah scored two minutes after half time to complete a comfortable win. This result moved Liverpool back to the top of the table.

In other matches on Saturday; Zaha's deflected shot gave Palace a deserved point after an entertaining match with West Ham. The point puts Palace into 13th place, four points above the relegation zone. Mark Noble had given the 'Hammers' a half time lead as he had scored from the penalty spot in the 27th minute.

Despite having 15 shots at the goal, the bottom side Huddersfield Town loss 2-1 to Arsenal who had dropped down to 6th place after 'United's win.

A crazy finish to the game at St Mary's saw Cardiff come away with all 3 points. Southampton defender Jack Stephens looked like he had salvaged a point when he equalised in injury time only for Zohore to score the winner for the 'Blue-birds' in the final seconds of the match.

Marco Silva returned to Watford with his Everton side and lost 1-0 in a hard fought match. Pressure is mounting on Silva as his side has now lost 3 consecutive League games. Burnley is now unbeaten in 7 league matches as they defeated Brighton 3-1 at the Amex Stadium. Despite this good run of form Burnley are just 3 points outside of the relegation zone.

On Sunday Spurs remain in title contention as they defeated Leicester City 3-1 and move to within 5 points of the top of the table. Despite injuries to key players, Spurs has now won their last four matches.

With Liverpool returning to the top of the league table on Saturday, surely there would be pressure on Manchester City as they face a seemingly difficult match against Chelsea. Pressure; what pressure, after just 25 minutes City was already 4-0 up against a poor Chelsea side. Aguero completed his 11th Premier League hat-trick a feat that has seen him equal Alan Shearer's record. Man City took their foot of the gas in the second half and scored just 2 goals with the match ending 6-0 to the Champions.

The size of the defeat for Chelsea saw them slip below Arsenal into 6th place on goal difference.

Most Premier League hat-tricks

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| 11 | Sergio Aguero, Alan Shearer |
| 9 | Robbie Fowler |
| 8 | Michael Owen, Harry Kane, Thierry Henry |
| 7 | Wayne Rooney |
| 6 | Luis Suarez |



In Monday's match between Wolves and Newcastle; Newcastle was leading 1-0 with full time and injury time completed only for the referee to allow extra seconds to be added to the allotted 4 minutes of injury time. This decision proved costly for Newcastle and left Manager Benitez fuming as Boly equalised for Wolves with a header in those extra seconds.

Champion's League matches return to our TV screens on Tuesday night. In their home match against PSG, Manchester United suffered their first defeat under Solskjaer. After an even first half PSG up the tempo and deservedly took the lead through Kimpembe. Kylian Mbappe scored the second goal on the hour mark to complete a 2-0 victory.

Pogba was sent off for a second bookable offence in the 89th minute; this seems harsh especially after the referee had shown leniency in the first half to goal scorer Kimpembe as twice he seemingly committed yellow card offences and got away with it. 11 v 11 PSG was far the better side.

This result leaves United with an almost impossible task in the away leg in Paris. Solskjaer said the following after his first defeat: "Mountains are there to be climbed - you can't lie down and say this is over. We will go there, play our game and improve from today.

"Today is a reality check for us."

In the other match on Tuesday Roma defeated FC Porto 2-1. On Wednesday evening Spurs put in an awesome performance to beat Borussia Dortmund 3-0 at Wembley.

Spurs were irresistible after a tight first half, Son Heung-min breaking the deadlock two minutes after the interval with a side-foot volley from Jan Vertonghen's cross.

Dortmund, regarded by many as favourites with Spurs missing injured talisman Harry Kane as well as Dele Alli, failed to respond and the home side rammed home their superiority in the last 10 minutes.

The outstanding Vertonghen slid in on Serge Aurier's delivery and substitute Fernando Llorente headed in Christian Eriksen's near-post corner - with Spurs also keeping a clean sheet to enhance their chance of progressing. (Extract from BBC report)

Spurs are certainly dark horses in both the Champion's League and Premier League. They could possibly cause a shock and pick up one of these two trophies.

In the other Champions League match Real Madrid claimed a

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

fortunate win at Ajax in the Champions League last-16 first leg.

Ajax played well and had a Nicolas Tagliafico goal ruled out by the first Champions League video assistant referee consultation.

Holders Real took the lead when Karim Benzema blasted into the top corner after fine work by Vinicius Jr. Hakim Ziyech levelled from 10 yards but Marco Asensio scored the winner from Dani Carvajal's cross.

The Dutch side had the game's best chances, with Dusan Tadic hitting the post in the first half and David Neres, who set up Ziyech's goal, shooting straight at Thibaut Courtois in a one-on-one chance.

Substitute Kasper Dolberg missed a big chance in injury time as he slipped while shooting in the box, with Courtois able to get a hand to it.

This weekend will see a break from EPL matches as the 5th round of the FA Cup takes place.

Friday night QPR will play Watford at 19.45. There are 3 matches on Saturday; Brighton host Derby County at 12.30, Wimbledon play Millwall at 3pm and Newport County will play Man City at 5.30pm.

On Sunday Bristol City will play Wolves at 1pm; Doncaster rovers will play Crystal Palace at 4pm and Swansea will host Brentford also at 4pm.

The clash of the 5th round will see Chelsea play Man United at Stamford Bridge at 7.30pm on Monday.

SHFA Update Ynys Mon 2019

The management officials of the St Helena international squad is close to selecting the team for June's football Tournament in Ynys Mon. On Wednesday all one to one interviews with squad members were completed.

As well as training all squad members had to undergo a series of fitness tests and drug tests to qualify for selection. 22 players are up for selection.

Fund Raising is continuing; the SHFA gofundme campaign currently stands at £2260. £312 was raised from the 'Rumble in the Jungle' event organised by Tracy and Daren Duncan at Donny's last Saturday night. Raffle tickets for the SHFA Grand Raffle will be on sale in Jamestown on Saturday morning from 9.30-12.30.



SAINT HELENA AUDIT SERVICE
External Auditors

SENIOR ANALYST

12 month fixed-term

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 for a fixed-term period. 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.

Secondment within the St Helena public service is welcome given the fixed-term nature of the appointment. 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.

Candidates that have previously applied need not apply again.

Job profiles and application forms are available by e-mail to 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 by no later than 4pm on Friday 22 February 2019.

St Helena Whale Shark Festival



Come and join us for an immersive evening of:

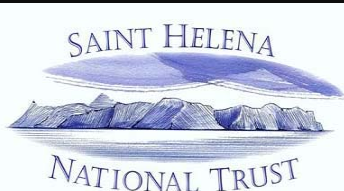
- **How lasers can help us save whale sharks**
- **Experience whale sharks in virtual reality**
 - **Competitions, prizes, bouncy castle**
- **Free fish fry 5pm-7pm**

Music by **Island politics**

**All ages welcome
At the Mule yard
22nd Feb from 4pm-late**



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RMS Reunion Take 1

Ex-crew members of the RMS St. Helena, travellers and friends gathered at the Mule Yard last Saturday night for a casual night of acquaintance to mark one year since the ship left our shores. Co-incidentally, news of the Ship being the center of attention on the Thames to leaders in the world of motor sport, reached the Island at the beginning of February, signalling her new life with Extreme 3 which is part of the established Formula E racing circuit.

'RMS Reunion Take 1' at the Mule Yard began with the screening of two films -Lifeline by Mario Gough and the 'The Last Farewell' by Tony Leo, both of which are available on DVD from the producers. This was followed by a slide-show of pictures which were shared by crew members, social media and other public platforms and was well received by all attending. Contrary to reports of little or no beer on the Island, the Mule Yard was well-stocked for the ex-seafarers who enjoyed meeting up with old friends and talking about the great times they all had during their lives at sea. It was wonderful to see Captain Bob Wyatt in attendance as well as several crew members from the old RMS St. Helena which first arrived here in December 1977. Unfortunately, the MV Helena arrived just a few days too late to be able to join in, however, the crew who sail on her now and were previously on the RMS St. Helena were fondly remembered.

A beautiful cake showing the St Helena Line crest of a yellow sea lion on a blue background was made by ex-Baker of the RMS – Steve Yon and kindly donated by ex-Cook Johnny 'Maud' Joshua. The cake was auctioned off by Teeny Lucy and a big thank-you is extended to Teeny for stepping up to the plate to run the auction in the absence of ex-Purser and Hotel Services Officer Steve Biggs. Sam Shrouder of Half Tree Hollow was the proud winner of the beautiful cake and he promptly donated it to the clients of the CCC at Ladder Hill to enjoy with their tea. The auction and several kind donations brought in the sum of £71.00 which will be used towards the purchase of Easter goodies for the Care Homes, which was always a favoured charitable cause supported by the Captains and crew of the RMS St Helena in the past.

Great tunes and good RMS fare in the form of pilau by Snack Shack and pizzas by Get Carter's made up the atmosphere at the Mule Yard, which was a night of reminiscences.

Thanks are extended to Leigh Richards – a great friend in the shipping world for helping with the slideshow, props and arrangements for the night, to Kylie Peters for an eye-catching



sign, Mark 'Blinky' George, ex-Storekeeper and his team, Johnny Dillon and his crew for the set-up at the Mule Yard, Pilling School for the loan of the model RMS, Julian Thomas, Reeidwaan and Bruce Salt for transportation, ESH for the Memory Wall, and all who attended the evening to make it a success.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Ambledale Cleaning Services Ltd are looking to recruit highly motivated and responsible individuals to work as part of their Cleaning team.

Vacancies exist for:

- Cleaning Supervisors
- Cleaners
- Drivers (will also be responsible for cleaning duties)

Individuals will be responsible for daily cleaning of government premises.

Prior cleaning experience is desired but not essential.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing a vetting certificate and medical clearance.

Successful candidates should commence work April 2019.

Interested persons should contact Mr Colin Yon on Tel No. +290 23100 or alternatively via email yons.ambledale@helanta.co.sh to arrange an interview.



GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 10th of February 2019

Last round of Annual Charles Duncan Challenge Cup competition.

On Sunday the 10th of February 2019 the club hosted the last round of the annual Charles Duncan Challenge Cup. Weather turned out to be sunny with moderate to strong winds. A total of 24 players entered. The competition was played in the Stroke Play format and kicked off at 11h50.

In addition to the golf competition, additional challenges were played on different holes. There was a "longest drive" and "nearest to the pin" competition for both the ladies and gents. In the ladies event Eileen Wallace won the longest drive competition and Anita Robbertse won the nearest to the pin competition. In the men's category, Larry Legg walked away the longest drive winner, with Sean Nugent the winner in the nearest to the pin competition. Well done to all.

Leon Crowie was crowned the champion after returning another very impressive Nett score of 63 for the day, bringing his total for the two days to 124 shots, a very impressive minus 12 Nett. Well done Leon, you make playing golf look easy. In second place with Nett 139 shots were Johan Theron, well done Johan. The two ball competition was shared by two players, Neil Joshua with an eagle two on the first hole of the day, and Danny Duncan with a two on the 7th. Well done to all the winners.

The Duncan family then treated all to a lovely curry and rice meal with live music by King George and Norman Thomas, which kept us dancing till late. A big thanks goes out to the Duncan family for arranging and sponsoring this annual event. Thank you.

Next Sunday the 17th of February the club is hosting our monthly medal competition for the month of February with tee off set at 12h00. Any interested person who would like to join this competition, or join the golf club, are welcome to make contact with us at the club on Wednesday afternoons or on our weekly competition on Sundays, alternatively leave a message on 24421, or drop a message to our Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh. We welcome any new members to our club. Members are also reminded of the AGM to be held on the 24th of February 2019.

Contributed by;
Deon Robbertse
President



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TIP OF THE WEEK

Repair refrigerator door seals if you feel cold air around the closed door or if moisture is collecting.

Press release from National Sports Association of St Helena

The National Sports Association of St Helena is pleased to announce the team for the 2019 Natwest Gibraltar Island Games.

Due to financial constraints NSASH could only afford to send 4 athletes to these games. Therefore the sports clubs on St Helena were asked to conduct trials whereby athletes had to achieve qualifying standards set by NSASH using times from non-St Helenian Athletes competing in the 2017 Gotland Natwest Island Games and the Bahamas Commonwealth Youth Games. Both trials for Athletics and Swimming were conducted in October 2018 and were timed by independent members of NSASH.

Colby Thomas and Duwaine Yon qualified for the 50m and 100m Freestyle swimming events. Brooke Yon qualified for the 50m and 100m Breaststroke events and Aiden Yon-Stevens qualified for the 800m and 400m Athletics events.

Duwaine Yon and Colby Thomas will be competing in their fourth international games. Duwaine took part in the 2015 Commonwealth Youth games in Samoa as a 14 year old; he also competed in the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas and the 2018 Commonwealth games in the Gold Coast. Colby also started competing as a 14 year old when he represented St Helena in the Natwest Island Games in Gotland in 2017; the same year he went on to the Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas. Colby also competed in the 2018 Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast.

Brooke Yon and Aiden Yon-Stevens who are both 14 years



old will be competing in their first international games. These games will hopefully be good preparation for both Brooke and Aiden as they are in training for the 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games. Unfortunately for St Helena our most successful athlete, Shooter, Simon Henry will not be competing in Gibraltar.

The 2019 St Helena Island Games team will depart St Helena on the 22nd June and will be accompanied to the UK by NSASH member Jerry Roberts. They will join Team Managers Nick Stevens and Tina Yon-Stevens in the UK for a week's training before departing for Gibraltar on the 3rd July. The games will open on Saturday 6th July and close on Friday 12th July. The team will arrive back on the island on Saturday 20th July.





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

Watchkeeper/ Relief Road Tanker Driver

To work within the Bulk Fuel Installation

Job Outline
To regularly check the Bulk Fuel Installation complex and equipment, to perform maintenance work when necessary and to assist with the delivery of fuel when required.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have Health & Safety Awareness
- Be willing to work unsocial hours
- Be in possession of a valid Class J4 Driver's Licence

Salary will start at £8,677.76 per annum, (£166.88 per week)
depending on qualifications and experience

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact
Andrew Plato,
Acting Manager, BFI
on telephone number: 22332
or via email address:
bfi@helanta.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: hro@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Nicola Essex, Human Resources Manager,
Solomons Office, Jamestown,
By Wednesday, 20 February 2019

SHCA Cricket Results

Sat 9 Feb 9am

Mustangs 59

Makyle Fuller 16
Luke Bennett 11*
Liam Adams 1/15

Heat 67/1

Scott Crowie 25*
Dax Richards 19*
Scott Crowie 2/4
Jason Thomas 2/8

Performance Points

Scott Crowie 3, Jason Thomas 2, Makyle Fuller 1

Sat 9 Feb 1.30pm

Woodpeckers 185

Phillip Francis 43
Cormac Crowie 24
Cormac Crowie 2/31
Trystan Thomas 2/35

Lions 169

Perry Leo 39
Patrick Crowie 15*
Ralph Knipe 3/31
Perry Leo 3/33

Performance Points

Perry Leo 3, Phillip Francis 2, Matthais Young 1

Sun 10 Feb 9am

Mustangs 38

Dane Wade 12
Mark Williams 8

Pirates 42/0

Ian Williams 17
Matthew Benjamin 17
David Young 2/4
Ronan Legg 2/3

Performance Points

Ronan Legg 3, David Young 2, Rhys Francis 1



Sun 10 Feb 1.30pm

Allstarz 226/6

Stefun Leo 65
Clayton Leo 41
David Francis 3/6
Gareth Johnson 2/14

Challengers 84

Nico Ellick 26
Jordi Henry 21
Phillip Stroud 2/41
Sean Lee Thomas 1/21

Performance Points

Stefun Leo 3, Clayton Leo 2, Gareth



Fixtures

Sat 16 Feb 11am

Challengers V Woodpeckers

Umpires: Allstarz

Sunday 17 Feb 9am

Heat V Allstarz

Umpires: Challengers

Sunday 17 Feb 1.30pm

Lions V Pirates

Umpires: Mustangs



FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for "sale by tender" the following vehicles.

LDV Maxus Bus

Offers no less than £1000 will be considered

Toyota Forklift

Offers no less than £2000 will be considered

These vehicles are being offered on an "as is, where is basis", with no warrantee given or guarantee implied.

For further information, interested persons can contact Ian Gough, General Manager Properties & Services on telephone 22380 or email: GM-Services.Properties@solomons.co.sh and Dave Leo, Transport & Auto Shop Supervisor on telephone 22638 or email: solomons.autoshop@helanta.co.sh

Offers should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc, Main Street Jamestown, clearly stating the vehicle on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Friday 22 February 2019.

13 February 2019

THE ROCK

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON
SUNDAY 17th February 2019 @
11:00 FOR PRAISE AND WORSHIP
At No 3 Unit Longwood Enterprise
Park

Transport is available from
Jamestown, HTH
Contact 23249

PRAISE & WORSHIP

2019 Wirebird Census Count

The 2019 Wirebird Census Count has been completed, with a total of 545 adult birds recorded. While this number represents a decrease of 13% or 82 adults from last year's count of 627, it is not overly alarming. In 2016 the conservation status of the St Helena Wirebird lowered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™ from Critically Endangered to Vulnerable. Vulnerable as a designation remains within the categories considered by the IUCN as Globally Endangered. The St Helena National Trust will therefore continue to focus on the conservation of the Wirebird and will in particular be working to improve the quality and quantity of breeding habitat as well as control invasive species on the island that present a threat to the species.

Support from the RSPB has enabled the Trust to purchase a topper mower which, when coupled with our quad bike, will be very useful in creating more suitable breeding habitat from overgrown pasture land. The interrelationship between grazing animals and Wirebirds has long been documented on St Helena. We are therefore looking for partners in the farming community to open up pieces of land that with a little attention might become both better for grazing and our Wirebirds. If this interests you particularly, please do get in touch. Prosperous Bay (which includes land from Horse Point Plain through the Basin, Airport, Fishers Valley Plain, Tungie Flats and White Hill) remains the biggest site with 248 adults counted, 8 of which were within the Airport enclosure itself as was 1 nest. Sadly, since the count, there has been some significant disturbance from off-road vehicles on the Horse Point Wirebird Area. Please remember when in the area that this is a very important breeding site for our national bird. Stay on the main tracks, limit your speed, and keep your eyes open. It is also sad that since the last census more than 20 Wirebirds have been killed on the new road to the airport from Reggie's down to the terminal. Again, when using this road, please limit your speed and watch for birds on the road – particularly after rain.

Deadwood Plain has seen a significant decrease in numbers with the lowest number counted there since 2007 of just 41 adults. Stone Top Ridge on the other hand, had its highest count since 2007 of 31 birds, and Man and Horse has also seen an increase of 47 birds this year.

Last Pair in Half Tree Hollow

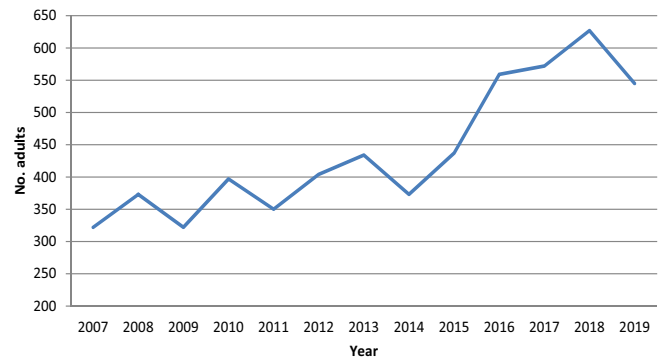
Sundale and its surroundings probably has the last pair of Wirebirds in the Half Tree Hollow area, none were seen this year in Cowpath, The Buttes nor Ladder Hill Guns.

Last Bird Standing?

Is there more than the one bird we saw at Horse Pasture? We travelled on foot from the Camp Ground down to and along Lower Horse Pasture, up along Lemon Valley Ridge to the Crusher Site. There were sightings of a cat and two donkeys, with evidence of a lot more of both species.

While there is some natural variance in numbers to be expected, this year may have had a more significant dip due to droughts in 2017/18 and a slightly later resultant breeding season. In addition, disturbance from human activity (particularly in Half Tree Hollow) and feral cat populations present ongoing issues at many sites.

Adult Count 2007 - 2019



The count this year would not have been possible without the great help of Dale Benjamin, Patrick Thomas, James Fantom, Alys Perry, Christine Young, Rob Winter, Wesley (Rob and Wesley were participants in the yacht race), Richard John, Darren Williams, Chrissie Thomas, Jack Brady, Cheryl Odean, Belinda Thomas, Justine Francis, Antonio Green, Robert Mittens and Kyle Joshua. Many thanks to you all!

Contributed By

St Helena National Trust Wirebird Team.

UK Government being sued over “mishandled contracts”

Recently, the UK Government announced it was taking back a contract it had awarded to a shipping company after it was discovered the company had no ships. Similar contracts were awarded to two other shipping companies; the contracts are thought be necessary in the event of no deal being agreed when Britain pulls itself out of the European Union. Now, the two remaining contracts are under fire as Eurotunnel, who operate the rail link between Folkestone and Calais, maintain the contracts were awarded after a “secretive and flawed procurement process”. A four day trial has been scheduled to start on 1st March to decide whether or not the UK Government has added to its Brexit problems by screwing up the tendering process for contracts worth £103 million. The contracts are aimed at easing congestion at border points if it has not been agreed how people and goods can enter or leave Britain when Britain pulls the plug on Europe.

UK Inflation is the lowest for two years

Falling prices for electricity, gas and other fuels is the main reason the inflation rate in the UK fell to 1.8% in January, down from 2.1% in December. In November 2017 inflation peaked at 3.1%. Inflation in the UK is currently below the Bank of England target of 2%. Reduced UK prices can be good news for St Helena if it means the UK goods we import are part of the downward trend. Price inflation in South Africa was recorded as 4.5% last December with forecasts predicting slight increases into 2019. In Britain, forecasting economic indicators is a foolhardy business as Brexit casts gloom and uncertainty across every part of the UK economy.

MIA HENRY WINS 'NAME THAT SEAMOUNT' COMPETITION

Mia Henry of Jamestown has been selected as the winner of the 'Name That Seamount' competition with her suggested name of 'Charlie Boar Seamount'.

The selected name of 'Charlie Boar Seamount' will now be proposed to the International Hydrographic Office for their consideration and approval.

Mia's entry was chosen out of a total of 42 submissions. In her reason for why the seamount should be named 'Charlie Boar', Mia said:

"'Charlie Boar' was the nickname of Mr Charles Henry who died in February 2018, the same year of mapping the seamount.

"Charlie Boar was a legend when it came to the many sea activities that were his life.

"A seaman in every right including Fisherman, Boatman, Merchant Navy Sailor and a wealth of knowledge on our local waters, who, in his senior years, many people of many nationalities would consult with when wanting specific information or a general 'chit chat' about the nature and history of our sea.

"In his prime, Charlie Boar was denied the opportunity of leaving with the 100 Men, as his role of fisherman was so important to St Helena, that officials would not allow him to leave and required him to continue fishing to supply the Island...

"Charlie Boar is our very own famous fisherman who outlived the rest of his generation. The present generation of fishermen are venturing to the seamounts for a 'good catch', and some may even be using skills passed down from Charlie Boar's time and before..."

Today, 12 February 2019, also marks the one-year anniversary of Mr Charles Henry's death.

The 'Name that Seamount' competition took place between 24 January and 10 February 2019 to name the seamount that was mapped in St Helena waters by the research vessel *James Clark Ross* last year.

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12 February 2019

ANRD SECURES FUNDING FOR BIOSECURITY LEGISLATION

St Helena can be seen as a leading model for biosecurity among the 14 UK Overseas Territories and, in continuing to build on this good work, has this year secured UK Government funding for support in drafting biosecurity legislation for the Island - a key component of the existing Biosecurity Policy.

Biosecurity legislation will provide an appropriate legal framework for the existing activities and set a standard for other territories to emulate. It will also strengthen future funding applications for managing invasive species, such as through Darwin Plus and the replacement for EU funding streams, once these come online.

Manager of the Overseas Territories Biosecurity Project, funding the legal support, Jill Key, said:

"It's great to see St Helena taking the lead again. St Helena did well to secure the funding available this financial year and I look forward to seeing the legislation completed and the national Biosecurity Policy fully implemented."

The Island's Biosecurity Policy was endorsed in 2014 and the biosecurity team, led by the Agriculture & Natural Resources Division (ANRD), works to international standards to ensure that the risk of introducing new pests, weeds and diseases to St Helena is as low as possible. The national vision for biosecurity is *'an effective biosecurity system of shared responsibility that protects the sustainable future of our Island, allowing a vibrant economy, safe movement of people and goods, and enhanced livelihoods and health.'*

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11 February 2019



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Government**

NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR CERTIFICATE & BADGE OF HONOUR, AND ACTS OF BRAVERY AWARDS

Nominations are currently being invited for the Certificate & Badge of Honour Awards, 2019.

These awards are available for the Governor to present to public servants for loyal and valuable service worthy of recognition or, in the case of other persons, for their loyal and meritorious conduct that has provided exceptional benefit to the people of St Helena.

The Certificate & Badge of Honour awards will be presented later this year.

Nominations are also invited for the Acts of Bravery Award, 2019.

Nominations should ideally be made to recognise Acts of Bravery that have taken place since the last call for nominations in February 2018.

For more information, or to request a nomination form for the 2019 awards, please contact Information & Research Support Officer, Linda Benjamin, at the Castle on telephone number: 22470

or via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Completed forms should be returned in a sealed envelope marked 'CONFIDENTIAL' to the 'Executive Secretary, Honours Committee' at the Castle by **Monday, 4 March 2019.**

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SHG, 8 February 2019



Why not head to the Blue Hill Community Centre and dance the night away to music provided by the ever popular Colin Peters on Saturday, 23 February 2019 from 8.30pm to 1.30am. Hot tasty snacks will be on sale.
Tickets £1.50

MOONSHINES BAR THIS WEEKEND
Sat 16th February Open from 8.30pm tunes from the Bar.
Sun 17th February Mix tunes by DJ Prudi starting at 4pm.



The Inkwell Coffee Shop is Closing

The Inkwell Coffee Shop will close its doors on Friday 15th March 2019. We would like to thank our valuable customers that have supported us and who we have enjoyed serving over the years. We will cherish this chapter of our lives forever and have been blessed with the opportunity of meeting so many wonderful people.

We will continue to serve the community of St Helena through The Inkwell Bookshop, which will be relocated to Napoleon Street on the corner of Mundens Lane. The bookshop will temporarily close at 1.00 pm on Saturday 23 February to prepare for the relocation and will open again in our new premises at 10.00 am on Saturday 20th April 2019.

Patrick & Pamela Young



HEALTH BOOST

Do you feel that you need to relax and enjoy a Back, Chair or Foot massage and treat yourself to a Hydrotherapy Foot Bath? If so, don't miss this opportunity on Sunday 17th February 2019 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church premises from 3.30 – 6 pm.

See you there!

health  ministries



**Age Ways Charity is planning a
'St Helena's Got Talent Show'
but NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

**Do you have a talent like Dancing, Singing, Instrument playing (*solo or with a band*), Ventriloquism, Karate, Yodelling, Beat boxing?
Are you a Stand-up Comedian or can do anything that you feel is entertaining?**

If you are interested in showcasing your talent, we are looking for as many as possible (no age limit applicable)

! GET IN TOUCH NOW !

Johnny Carter – 23037/65799 or Jeremy Johns - 61483



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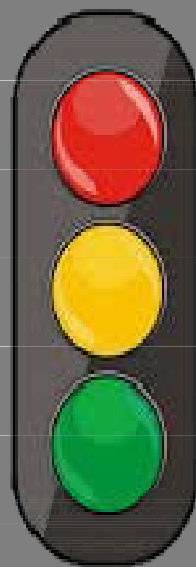
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