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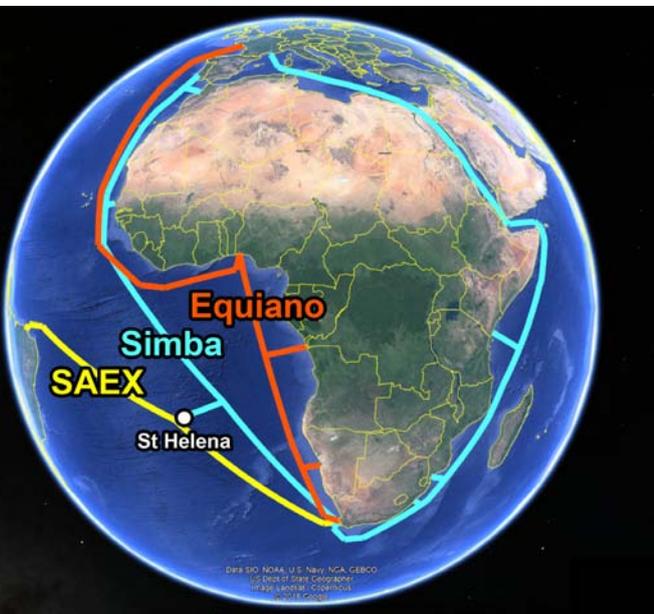
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It has been 15 months since Dr. Rosalind Thomas of the SAEX submarine cable project visited St Helena and promised the cable to become operational in mid 2020. Since then it has become alarmingly quiet around the cable's progress. Although the European Union has provided £18 million for the 50km branch to St Helena the funding of the trunk cable between South Africa and Brazil is still in murky waters and as the required seabed survey has still not happened the commissioning date has already slipped at least by a year to 2021 if it materializes at all.

It has always been clear that St Helena cannot afford a dedicated cable to Africa or Latin America as the cost of such would run into the hundreds of millions. The only way to land a fibre optic cable on St Helena would be when another cable runs close to the island from where a short branch to the island could be forked off. Unfortunately the only other cable project to come close to the island, Seaborn Networks' SABR cable (South Africa-Brazil) has not made any progress either, leaving us in desperation. However, with both the SAEX and SABR proposed cable projects finding it difficult to turn ideas into reality, two other proposals for South Atlantic cable routes are emerging.

Last week the Wall Street Journal revealed that two of the world's largest Internet companies known for their multi-billion investments in submarine cables, Facebook and Google, are both working on two separate cable systems around the African continent. Facebook's "Simba" cable would encircle the African continent while Google's "Equiano" cable would be laid off Africa's western coast. Large telecom companies like MTN Group and Vodafone are believed to be partners in these cable projects that will connect European and Asian data centres to the growing African telecom market where more and more people use Facebook's and Google's services.

While the exact route and distance from St Helena remains unclear, these cable projects by Facebook and Google do spark our hopes for a fibre optic connection should they just be coming close enough so we can afford the branch and – even more importantly – should these companies be willing to add a branch to St Helena. Both are committed to close the digital divide and have been promoting universal basic Internet service through various initiatives like Internet.org and Mark Zuckerberg personally has stated data was, like food or water, a human right. How serious they are about their promises or if these are rather lip services remains to be seen.

But equally important is the question what SHG is doing to potentially tap into these cables. The Facebook and Google projects will be on the agenda at an Exco meeting next Tuesday; exactly how SHG is reacting to these changing circumstances is not known and will probably not be known as the Exco discussion and any decisions is on the Closed Agenda. It can only be hoped the approach taken by SHG will include quick and confident decisions – that is quality decisions SHG intend to stick with followed up by action and purpose. This is vital because now there is competition from others that are using similar ideas to St Helena's for a cable connection.



Last week the Bermuda Government sent a high-profile delegation to the Sub-Optic 2019 conference in New Orleans, one of the two major submarine cable conferences globally, where they promoted Bermuda as a submarine cable hub where future cables could interconnect. Therefore a national subsea corridor initiative has been launched and legislation to create a dedicated seabed corridor will be tabled in the House of Assembly in the next few months with the aim of attracting new cable business and boosting connectivity. This comes a year after the Bermuda Government launched a space programme seeking to establish satellite earth stations which was promoted during the Space Symposium organised by the Space Foundation in Colorado in April 2018, just two months after St Helena Government launched the South Atlantic Earth Station website at www.earthstation.sh. Back then Bermuda's Minister of Transport and Regulatory Affairs, Walter Roban, explained: "Bermuda is to reach for the stars and create legislation to govern space exploration mission control centres on the island. We believe there could be legal, regulatory and administrative roles for Bermuda in supporting these new and emerging technologies and business models."

The alert reader will notice that both proposals – that of attracting satellite earth stations as well as the idea of landing and interconnecting submarine cables to form a hub – have also been proposed and promoted for St Helena already years ago by the campaigners behind the Connect St Helena initiative. Unfortunately unlike Bermuda SHG has since not attended any industry events nor created the required legislation or any economic incentives for either satellite ground stations or further submarine cable landings.

Asked on the matter, Christian von der Ropp, who launched the initiative more than seven years ago, explained: "The substantial interest from the space industry to operate ground stations on St Helena proves the islands potential as a gateway to orbit; and the fact that St Helena is politically stable, surrounded by very deep waters and far from busy marine routes makes it ideal for the concept of a mid-Ocean cable hub. Particularly when you lay cables to Africa it could make sense for cable developers to use St Helena as a geopoliti-

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cally safe bridgehead. However I fear SHG could do much more to promote and to ready the island for these opportunities especially as St Helena's current regulatory regime with a monopolist telecoms provider acting as a gatekeeper is a serious barrier to any such ideas."

At least our fear of losing the financial aid for the cable from the European Union has been soothed recently when the Governor explained on Facebook, that SHG took receipt of 10 million Euros from the 1st Tranche of the EDF 11 programme and that in the event of a 'no deal'-Brexit the UK Government has agreed to meet the costs instead (also as grant funding)."

Google's proposed Equiano cable is named after Olaudah Equiano. Born in 1745 in what is now south eastern Nigeria. Equiano and his sister were captured when he was 11 years old and sold to slave traders.

In his autobiography Equiano describes his life as a slave in the service of a British Naval Officer and his years on slave ships as well as man o' war. He was an astute businessman and after purchasing his freedom in 1766 (for £5,400 at today's values) he travelled and continued to trade in fruit and glassware until settling in London in the 1780's. He assisted in the resettlement of Africans in Sierra Leone, married an English woman and was a leading figure in the anti-slavery movement. Olaudah Equiano's autobiography is entitled *The Interesting Narrative*, published in 1789 became a best seller available in several countries. Today Equiano's autobiography is published by Penguin Classics.



Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

HELP!!; is there someone on Island who can tell me why it has become so difficult to be able to buy locally produced vegetables? Something seems to have gone terribly wrong when we are reduced to importing such basics like; onion, carrot, potatoes, pumpkin, beetroot and cabbage. I was also told that Chillies have been imported from Capetown.

PLEASE, is there an EXPERT on Island who can tell me how much of our hard earned money is going of Island to pay South African farmers, Iceland and Tesco instead of our own farmers.

Oh I nearly forgot; we actually import ICE CUBE

Checks and Balances. Where have we gone wrong?

In anticipation.

Olive Brown

Dear Editor,

It would be very nice if shop owners and staff left some fresh produce for shoppers. My question to one shop "Please could I have....?" and the response was "Sorry sir, it's all been pre-ordered for my shop staff"..... until the next ship. So what is left for the shoppers?

Fruit that people have already rummaged through and handled numerous times to find the best in the box and all

that is left are the rotten ones. Isn't it about time health and safety took notice if this unhygienic and selfish behaviour of shoppers.

Should we all now just pre-order our food for the month and not bother entering the shops?

TV

Dear Editor,

I would like to say a massive THANK YOU to the following people who have assisted and supported me over the last few days after my accident last weekend.

WPC Sophie Crowie and Ambulance Driver Carl Thomas who was off duty on the night of the accident but came to assist me and even through my stubbornness of not wanting the ambulance they stood by my side until the ambulance arrivedthis plainly shows the dedication and commitment Sophie & Carl have to caring for our community in uniform or not.

Julian & Crystal at Wicked Wahoo who assist me in checking on me and seeking help, the medical team Martin, Jayne, Donald, Donna, Diana and Dr Jules for their professional support and attention on the night, my mum, son and all the family for their ongoing love & support and the

many family and friends who called, IM, posted on my wall and stop me on the street for your concerns and wishes especially Ian, Issy, Sybil, & Sarah in the UK, auntie Mandy & Robert on the Falklands, auntie Elaine & Julie on Ascension Julian, Roxanne, Tina, Cherilee, Karla and my amazing colleagues at Saint FM who are supporting and giving me words of encouragement everyday. Without you guys I would be low but you kept me in full spirits throughout the last few days.

Also I would like to thanks Sister Wendy who assisted me on Sunday night when my wound opened and Eric who rushed me to hospital as quick as possible.

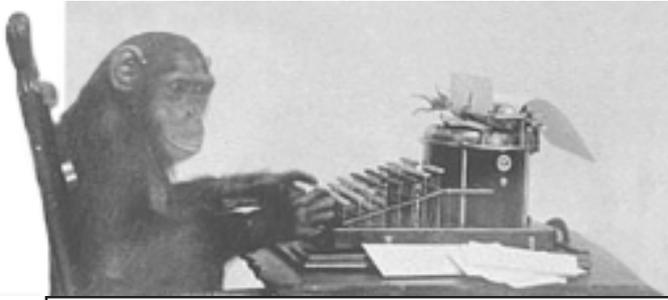
Words can't express how touched I am by the support and concern I have received from some but disappointed to say the amount of stories that are circulating is unbelievable but I know the truth and it was solo also the nasty remarks and gestures I have received from some, I disgusted but as Bob Marley say "don't worry about a thing as every little thing gonna be alright" and I believe it will sooner or later and my day will look brighter.



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Editorial

There are plenty of places in the UK where it's possible to buy a good car for £5,000 or less; Peugeot, Toyota, Ford, Renault, Volvo, BMW, Ford. You name it, they are all there. Shipping a wonderful little bargain over here will cost more than the car. The new improved total freight rate for shipping passenger vehicles from the UK is now £5,746. That price is listed by AW Ship Management as the total freight rate but then they warn about bunker and currency adjustments as well as local fees customs and documentation. How on earth can anyone get around paying these prices just to get a set of wheels? Maybe there is an opportunity here for someone to start importing assembling and selling kit cars. Many kit cars are sporty but there must be some out there which are designed for more practical purposes, and if they come in a flat-pack there must be a saving on the freight rate.

With other imported cargo there are no alternatives; it's just grit your teeth and pay up. A full load reefer now costs £7,264 plus the adjustments, local fees and whatever else. If you can fit one thousand of whatever frozen food you are importing into one 20 foot container the freight rate puts £7.27 on the cost of each item – and then there is the import duty on top of that. Frightening isn't it.

While we are paying these increased, unsubsidised costs we hear on the radio our leaders agreeing that yes, tourist numbers are not as high as we would like but sooner or later this or that will happen and then we will get more people coming here and things will look rosier. The point is, we are paying the unsubsidised freight rates NOW not some time in the

future when things might look a bit more promising. The unsubsidised freight rates are part of the deal for getting the airport. It was and is a bad deal. What it all boils down to is pay up in hard cash now; in return, sooner or later you may get more people flying in to spend their money with you. It may be a few more it may be something more than that, who knows – but you start paying now. As it happens not even the air service is subsidised at the moment. We are told Airlink made a small profit on the St Helena route but we are not told if it was £10 or £100,000.

The Scottish Islands are just off the Scottish mainland. Most ferries are operated by Caledonian MacBrayne; they have several routes none of which take more than one or two hours. In November 2017 a Freedom of Information request informed that the subsidy to the ferry operator had increased from £868 million a year to £975 million and the reasons why were given. Operating the shipping serve was more expensive so more subsidy required, improvements were needed to some vessels, an additional £22 million was needed for the company pension fund and a further few million was needed for a new ship.

With the RMS the subsidy we had was about £5 million in the last years. For us it was impossible to have an airport and the ship subsidy. In the Scottish Islands they have airports too and they are subsidised. Air services to the more remote islands have what they call lifeline services and the air operator is paid a subsidy to operate a minimum level of service. It's a different world with very different rules.

ST. HELENA'S OLDEST RESIDENT REACHES HER CENTENARY TOMORROW.....

Tomorrow, Mrs Elizabeth Peters of Half Tree Hollow, well-known to most as 'Muma Lizzie' will turn the grand age of 100, and congratulations are in order, as is a special telegram on the occasion from HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Muma Lizzie was born on 19 April 1919 to parents Thomas and Ida Williams, and they resided at Half-Moon, near Head o' Wain in Blue Hill, before her first marriage to Donald Scipio of High Point at the age of 22. Muma Lizzie bore three children – Wilson, Jean and Shirley before she was very sadly and unexpectedly widowed at the age of 32. She re-married in her early forties to Charles Peters of Half Tree Hollow and by the age of 45, she had had another four children – Iona, Patrick, Harold and Clarence.

Within Muma Lizzie's well-lived 100 years, she has known good times and bad times and she had to work extremely hard to support her family, but today no-one is more proud than Mrs Peters and her children, that she has reached such an outstanding milestone and they all thank God for still having Muma Lizzie in their lives.

Apart from a little difficulty in hearing, Muma Lizzie's faculties are in perfect condition and she enjoys watching DVD's and taking time to read her Bible and pray. The secret to living for 100 years, according to Muma Lizzie is to "say your prayers every day!" and that is why she can truly be called 'an amazing lady'

Muma Lizzie has many great stories to tell about her young life on St Helena and Saint FM/Independent hopes to speak with her again soon to hear first-hand, some of those interesting and heart-felt sentiments. Congratulations on reaching 100 Muma Lizzie! **Sharon Wade**



Renewables deal close to completion

Discussions and negotiations between SHG and PASH Global on the renewable energy project continue with no blocks or 'show-stoppers' identified. The *Independent* is told that some small details remain to be finalised before the deal can be agreed and signed off.

The PASH Global committee which assess project proposals meets once every two months. As each proposal they consider is assessed, any queries or alterations required are identified and the proposed project goes back for alteration or responses to queries. Two months later the PAS Global committee look at the proposed projects once again. As they delve deeper into the detail further queries are identified and clarifications requested. This can go on for some time and this seems to have been the case with the proposal for a renewable energy solution to St Helena's expensive, diesel turbine generated electricity.



The PASH Global committee now a few queries which will lead only to some minor changes to the draft agreement. All outstanding negotiating issues are expected to be cleared soon. However no-one is prepared to pin a date to when every section of the agreement and every clause within each section is agreed and signed off. The main thing is there is momentum behind the discussions and negotiations with no major sticking points. PASH claim to be able to save over 5,000 tonnes of CO2 by building infrastructure which generates a minimum of 85% of the St Helena's energy requirements. The biggest renewable energy project PASH has at present is in the Ukraine where solar energy capable of generating 145 megawatts and saving over 210,000 tonnes of CO2 is underway.

Astronomy Club off the launching pad

The St Helena Astronomy Club was conceived during a visit by astronomer Bob Brewer last year to coincide with International Dark Sky Week. This month ten of the many people who have shown interest in star-gazing met once more to adopt the constitution for the Astronomy Club and announce the club's official launch.

Chairman Derek Richards informed members that St Helena Tourism will loan telescopes and binoculars to the Astronomy Club when the club is fully operational. Tourism has a number of powerful portable telescopes and binoculars. The Astronomy Club now has Mark Westmoquette who has experience in astronomy. The club will now set up a programme of monthly events and encourage the many other people who showed an interest last year in joining an astronomy club to become members and participate in events such as star-gazing with a pot of plo or a BBQ. A Facebook page is to be set up and an email address.

open a window to the night



2019
INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK
March 31 - April 7

International Dark Sky Week 2019 heralded the launch of the St Helena Astronomy Club

Juliet Williams is the club secretary, Stuart Moors the treasurer. Other committee members are William Knipe, Tracey Corker, Chad Corker, Delia DuPreez, Mia Henry, Eddie Duff and Mark Westmoquette. The next astronomy club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 7th May. The meeting place will be advertised nearer the time.

An advertisement for Connect Saint Helena Ltd. It features a blue background with water splashes. At the top, the word "Connect" is written in a stylized font, with "SAINT HELENA LTD" underneath. Below that, "TIP OF THE WEEK" is written in large, bold, white letters. The main text reads "Recycle your washing up water to water your garden." in a large, black, serif font. At the bottom, there are colorful, abstract shapes in blue, green, and yellow.

Politics in the Mother Country is verging on the dysfunctional

The grey suited enforcers

Johnny Mercer is a Conservative Party MP in the House of Commons. He's an ex-army man and his old pals have been contacted by the grey suited enforcers who hide in the shadows along the corridors of power listening to the conversations of MPs who are falling out of line and need to be pulled back by use of threats or encouragement – usually threats. Johnny Mercer's old army friends have been contacted by those who enforce the 'wishes' of the pack leader – sorry party leader - and asked Mercer's friends for any 'dirt' they may like to share about his past. Surely there must be some embarrassing episodes in every soldier's life. But no. According to Johnny Mercer's true and faithful friends there was nothing they could say. The MP for Plymouth had been falling out of line on Brexit and may prove to be a contender for Conservative Party leader when Theresa May calls it a day. It's possible we'll see the end of May before the end of April.

Andrew Mitchell has fallen silent

Since visiting St Helena there have been one or two articles from Andrew Mitchell MP in the UK media about St Helena and the airport but in recent months there has been nothing. It may be he has been working behind the scenes, or been fully occupied with the Brexit fiasco or maybe he has forgotten about St Helena. His most recent public expressions have been directed towards Rwanda. In 1994 800,000 people were killed in Rwanda over a period of 100 days. Rwanda is now a much happier place and many of the leaders of the genocide have been brought to justice after being extradited from the countries they fled to. There are five more mass-murderers to be brought to justice and all live in Britain (four of them on benefits). After a decade of trying, attempts to get the British Courts to send the Rwandans back to face justice in their own country remain unsuccessful.

It cannot be denied Mr Mitchell has picked up a good cause to lend his weight to but, a few well chosen words in support of St Helena every now and again would not go amiss; especially as he is chairman of the St Helena All Party Parliamentary Group.

A former Overseas Territory feels let down

Back in 2014 there was a 79 day non-violent protest in Hong Kong seeking free and fair elections from the Chinese Government. The protestors did not get what they wanted and the Chinese leaders never forgot the protest that brought Hong Kong to a halt. Neither did they forget the leaders of the protest.

Recently nine of the people who led the protest were found guilty of a rarely used public order offence which became law in the days of colonial rule. The last British Governor of Hong Kong said it was, "appalling to use anachronistic common law charges in a vengeful pursuit of political events which took place in 2014" The prosecution of peaceful protestors by the Chinese is the latest in a long line of human rights violations which go against the agreement reached by Britain and China which extends to 2047. Despite the repeated Chinese action against the agreement the Foreign and Commonwealth office stay silent, as it does too often.

Many in the UK are saying the people of Hong Kong have been let down by broken promises from the British Government.

Senior government advisor sacked for prejudice

Professor Roger Scruton was promptly relieved of his duties after accusing the Chinese of breeding robots instead of children, saying George Soros, a mega-rich Hungarian Jew had created his own empire within Hungary and extremists had invented the word 'Islamophobia'. This was all too much, especially since Scruton had previously made some very public anti-gay, anti-Jew and anti-Muslim scathing comments. A spokeswoman for the Prime Minister said: "These comments are deeply offensive and completely unacceptable and it is right that he has been dismissed. He was appointed because of his expertise in the built environment, but his comments were clearly distracting from the work of the commission and it's right for him to no longer be a government adviser." A spokesperson for the Muslim Council of Britain said: "While we welcome the action taken by the government, there are serious questions to answer as to why Mr Scruton was appointed in the first place."

British construction industry hearing state of collapse

Sacked Scruton was dismissed as Chairman of the Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission; an organisation formed

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES EASTER OPERATIONS

The following is a Public Announcement from Waste Management Services of the Environment, Natural Resources & Planning Directorate:

Waste Management Services (WMS) would like to advise the public that there will be no changes to existing services over the Easter weekend.

Residents are requested to have their waste ready for collection by 6am on their normal collection day. Late placement of bins may result in missed collection.

It is normal for waste volume to increase at this time of year. Therefore, to maximise bin capacity, residents are advised to flatten all of their Easter Egg boxes prior to disposal.

Public areas and toilet cleaning services remain unchanged. Horse Point Landfill Site remains open to the public 24/7, including Public Holidays. Users are encouraged to recycle as much of their waste as possible prior to any disposal in the Bulky Waste Cell.

When camping, or in other recreational areas, do not litter. To protect the environment, please ensure that all litter is properly disposed of in the public litter bins provided, with larger volumes of litter bagged accordingly.

WMS would like to thank the public for their continued cooperation.

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recently to improve the quality the construction among British builders. Another less fancifully named organisation, The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), has spoken out about falling standards. At a meeting in Parliament, a CIOB spokesman told MPs, "Quality, or rather the failure of quality, is arguably the most important issue facing the construction industry today. Buildings are not only key to our productivity as a nation, they also affect the quality of life for so many people and are the legacy that we leave behind for future generations. But when we get it wrong, the impact on people's lives and livelihoods can be massive, and somewhere along the way we seem to have lost sight of that." He added, "quality was being sacrificed to achieve targets, whether that be cost or time," A recent CIOB report, backed by a survey of building industry professionals, called for better education and training, improved certification and sign-off and better communication with related professional bodies and government. In the British news this month was a crane collapse at a hospital building site, the side of a house collapsed while alterations were being made to it, injuring one man and another man died in a separate incident when an internal wall of a house collapsed on top of him. A CIOB spokesman said, "What was needed was a complete change in the way that our industry approaches the delivery of quality on construction projects, from the top down and the bottom up."

Biggest UK Investment Company has list of warnings for Little Britain

Climate change is top if a list of concerns for an investment

company managing £1 trillion worth of UK pension fund investments. Lack of gender, racial and other diversities, the poor quality of information provided by auditors, the cost and role of political lobbying and huge pay rises for company directors are also on the list.

Actions taken by Legal & General Investment Management to support their concerns include voting against the re-election of almost 4,000 directors last year due to their unsuitability. Legal & General voted against one hundred company chairman on the basis lack of gender equality implementation. A spokesman for the investment company said, "2018 was a record year for us as we continued to engage with companies on a broad range of issues, using our voting power to influence change on behalf of our clients. The increased figures reflect the higher standards we expect companies to adhere to".

The Bank of England recently warned that £15.3 trillion (£15,300,000,000,000) could be wiped off the value of companies due to climate change if companies continue to pay lip service to climate change but not take any meaningful action.



MESSAGE FROM CONNECT SAINT HELENA LTD

With the long weekend ahead of us, Connect Saint Helena Ltd would like to remind the public to constantly be aware of their water usage and to reduce their consumption to essential needs only, as our raw water reserves are still very low despite the recent rains.

We also would like to remind the public that the Connect Saint Helena Ltd offices will close from 4pm Thursday, 18th April and will reopen on Tuesday, 23rd April, so any spotted water leaks and bursts can be reported to our Out of Hours Contractor, David Constantine on 22522 or 61307.

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Solomons would like to wish all of their customers a happy and enjoyable Easter.

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ANNUAL PRICE INFLATION RATE FALLS SLIGHTLY TO 4.1%

The St Helena Statistics Office today released estimates of the price inflation rate and the Retail Price Index. The latest rate of annual price inflation is estimated to be 4.1%, between the first quarter of 2019 and the first quarter of 2018. This is a 0.6 percentage point decrease from the rate in the previous quarter (Q4, 2018), when the annual price inflation rate was measured at 4.7%.

Annual price inflation rate, 2013 to Q1 2019

Compared to a year ago, average prices in all categories increased, except 'Household Goods and Services', which decreased slightly on average. On an annual basis, prices in the 'Communication' category saw the highest increase, up by 10.7% compared to a year ago because of the increase in the television and telephone tariffs that occurred during 2018. The category with the lowest annual rate was 'Household goods and services', where prices fell slightly, on average by 0.7%.

Prices of imported goods are affected by price inflation in South Africa and the United Kingdom, the exchange rate of the St Helena pound compared to the South African Rand, and other costs involved in importing goods, including freight rates and import taxes. In the United Kingdom, annual price inflation is relatively low at 1.9% in February 2018, and in

South Africa inflation in February was similar to St Helena, at 4.1%. But over the last year the pound has strengthened considerably against the South African Rand; in February 2018, a St Helena pound bought 16.15 Rands on average, but in February 2019, the St Helena pound was worth 18.01 Rands – an 11.5% increase. This has the effect of making South African goods cheaper, offsetting some of the increases that may occur for other reasons (such as increasing freight rates). The full Statistical Bulletin can be found on the St Helena Government website here: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistical-bulletin-no-4-2019-prices/>, detailed data can be accessed in Excel format from the 'Inflation' file at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics-data.

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FRENCH NAVY SHIP 'SEINE' TO VISIT

The French Navy offshore patrol ship 'Seine' is expected to arrive at St Helena this weekend – her exact arrival time is still to be confirmed. The vessel is calling at the Island en route from Senegal.

During her stay in St Helena waters, the Ship's company will visit the French properties on the Island and host an on board reception for invited guests. Her Excellency Governor Lisa Honan will also host the crew at Plantation House.

The 'Seine' will depart the Island at 8am on Monday, 22 April 2019.

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INFORMATION FROM THE MARITIME COMMUNITY REQUESTED

The St Helena Sea Rescue Service is currently creating a database of all Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) and Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) on the Island.

Being able to identify a vessel is important when putting together a response & search plan. For example, if a vessel's EPIRB is activated but its position is not picked up, some local preliminary investigations to ascertain its last known position could be made, thus enabling Sea Rescue to organise a suitable response.

Beacon activation alerts, received by the Coast Station or Sea Rescue from any Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC), contain a unique 15 hexadecimal character string (HEX ID). This HEX ID can be used to ascertain the vessel's identity.

Recently there have been a few alerts and the Sea Rescue Service has been unable to assist an MRCC in identifying the vessel.

The aim of the database of all EPIRBs and PLBs is to ensure that, upon receiving a beacon alert, this information will be readily available to Sea Rescue and the Coast Station.

Sea Rescue requests that owners of an EPIRB or PLB, please contact any the following persons with the required details:

Simon Wade (Sea Rescue Manager) Tel: 25215 or Email: simonwade@helanta.co.sh

Craig Scipio (Deputy Sea Rescue Manager) Tel: 25215 or Email: craigscipio@helanta.co.sh

Leeroy Caswell (Deputy Sea Rescue Manager) Tel: 25215 or Email: leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh

Marco Yon (Emergency Planning Officer) Tel: 25052 or Email: marco.yon@helanta.co.sh

Steve Kirk (Harbour Master) Tel: 22287 or Email: steve.kirk@sainthelena.gov.sh

The details required are:

1. Name of the EPIRB/PLB owner
2. Name of the vessel that the beacon belongs to
3. The beacon's Hex ID (a 15 digit alphanumeric code written or stamped on the EPIRB/PLB)
4. The battery expiry date (if known)

In due course, this database will be registered with Cospas Sarsat, who hold the International Beacon Registration Database (IBRD), therefore helping to ensure that this area of maritime safety is at the best possible level.

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Protecting national interests after Brexit and – Oh yes! What about little old St Helena

A hectic scramble by the UK Government to get trade agreements in place before Brexit happens (if it ever does) includes replacing the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between the European Union and Caribbean countries with one between the UK and the Caribbean countries. Similar agreements are being pursued or have been completed with most regions in Africa and the Pacific Islands.

The British Overseas Caribbean Territories of Anguilla, Turks and Caicos, Montserrat and Bermuda are closely associated with the organisation representing Caribbean trading interests (Cariforum) but not full members. In the Pacific the Cook Islands are directly represented through the Pacific EPA. The Cook Island has a relationship with New Zealand which is much the same as between St Helena and the UK. Across the Caribbean, Africa and the Pacific small island states whether self governing or not are in a stronger position to protect themselves on the international stage than any of the South Atlantic Islands.

A Jamaican newspaper reports on the recently completed Caribbean EPA, "The new agreement means that in future there will be a Ministerial joint council, a trade and development committee plus other working groups with the UK on agriculture, fisheries and technical issues. The new UK EPA will also see established a Cariforum-UK Parliamentary Committee and a Cariforum-UK Consultative Committee." Cariforum is the Caribbean community economy group which represents the interests of its members.



St Helena is represented at the Joint Ministerial Council but there is no dedicated group or organisation which makes a case for St Helena's interests or for the South Atlantic Islands collectively. There are no Parliamentary or Consultative Committees which concern St Helena or the South Atlantic. If any working groups ever exist it must only be on an informal and temporary basis. The Joint Ministerial Council (JMC) brings together leaders from all the British Overseas Territories to discuss current issues with UK Government Ministers. Very often the issues tabled for discussion have been discussed often before via Skype, email and telephone. In many ways the JMC is a ceremonial occasion. Decisions are often formed during the detailed work in committees and

working groups. St Helena and the South Atlantic are directly represented at working group and committee level only by exception.

St Helena does not have proper representation and full participation in international discussions on issues such as trade and economic development which affect St Helena's present and future; the Island is hidden behind the skirts of the UK Government. While exports and trade generally from and to St Helena is microscopic the effects of decisions made which actually work could be enormously beneficial for residents of this Island. On the other hand decisions which have no effect or are harmful to St Helena's prospects can have dire consequences. Remote controlled decision-making from Britain has a big chance of failing.

The future looks very much as if it will remain as it has done for too long. The recent report from the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee on Britain "Re-setting the Relationship" with the British Overseas Territories admitted the UK Government has too many more important priorities (Brexit, Brexit and Brexit) and cannot consider starting the first full inquiry into the Overseas Territories since 2008. They did recommend the various other House of Commons Committees that deal with St Helena issues from time to time should, "give serious consideration to establishing a formal mechanism by which members of the Foreign Affairs, Justice, International Development, Environment Food and Rural Affairs and other relevant Committees are able collectively to scrutinise the UK Government's administration of, spending on and policies towards the OTs." That recommendation looks very much like 'no change'. It's still others making our decisions for us and not necessarily consulting with us beforehand. If it had been recommended there should be some representatives of the Overseas Territories directly involved with this 'formal mechanism' there could have been a chance of a change in the old colonial attitude.

Strength in numbers



The Caribbean Free Trade Association and the Association of Caribbean States

In the meantime St Helena can look around for like-minded international organisations where joining forces and combining effort can be to this Island's mutual advantage and increase the chances of being heard and listened to.



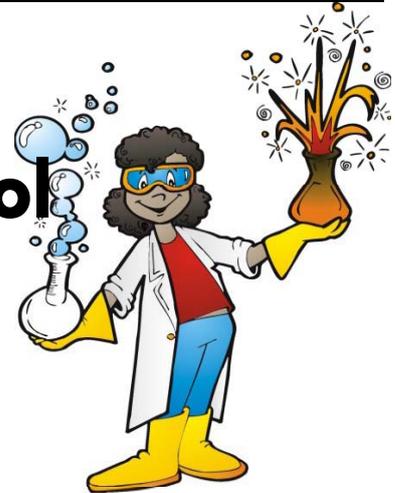
ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Saturday 27th April 2019
At St Paul's Primary School

1pm to 4pm

ENTERTAINMENT



School Science Projects
Science Projects Competition
Visit the 'Mad about Science Lab'
Outside organisations will showcase
their experiments.

Car Boots - £4 per car
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Tea Stall
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Please contact the school on 24737
for further information

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOUR COUNCILLORS REMAINING CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS TAKING PLACE IN APRIL

Councillors are continuing with their meetings in each Island district throughout April. This is an opportunity for constituents to ask questions, raise concerns and find out what has been happening lately within St Helena Government Directorates.

A key topic which Councillors wish to discuss at these meetings is how best to communicate with constituents. For example, would you like to continue having district meetings or to have larger gatherings? Would you prefer all 12 Councillors to attend constituency meetings? Options can be discussed with Councillors at the meeting.

If there is a particular topic that you would also like discussed, please telephone the Secretary to Elected Members on tel: 22590 or email: sec.em@helanta.co.sh in advance of the meeting you plan to attend.

Your Councillors look forward to meeting with you and hearing your views.

Each meeting will start at 7pm. The remaining meetings are at:

Venue

St Mary's Church, The Briars
Silver Hill Bar, Levelwood

Date

Tuesday, 23 April
Wednesday, 24 April

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16 April 2019

PRIMARY SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS DAY 2019

The Primary Sector will be hosting their annual Athletics Day at Francis Plain on Wednesday, 24 April 2019. All parents, guardians and members of the public are invited to attend. The sports will start at 9.45am and end at approximately 2.30pm.

As this is a school event, the Primary Sector would appreciate if all spectators could adhere to the following conditions in the interests of the safety of the children:

- No animals will be allowed on Francis Plain for this event
- Only the appointed Marshals, helpers, invited guests and School Team Leaders will be allowed on the field for the duration of the event
- Only school appointed photographers will be allowed on the field to photograph the event
- No alcohol is allowed
- Smoking is restricted on the whole of Francis Plain for this event. Persons wishing to smoke must do so outside of the Francis Plain and school premises. The allocated smoking area is away from the school along Watercourse Road
- All litter is to be put into the bins provided
- Parking in the area behind the Pavilion and adjacent green shed is **not** permitted as this is the Muster Point for Prince Andrew School staff and students in the case of a fire or other emergency.

Please note, if parents/guardians wish to transport their children home after the event they are asked to ensure that they make the respective Head Teacher of the school or the child's class teacher aware of this on the day so that all children can be accounted for.

We look forward to your support in making this a successful day for our children.

#StHelena #PrimarySchoolAthleticsDay2019

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ST HELENA HEALTH AND LIFESTYLE SURVEY 2019 YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Community members are encouraged to participate in a short survey from the SHG Health Directorate to help them understand issues that may affect health on St Helena. The directorate can then plan how to address and possibly prevent these issues for the future.

The opportunity will be available as an online survey for adults, an online survey for young people to complete at school, paper questionnaires, and also some face-to-face surveys will be undertaken. Together, the various types of survey will give a strong understanding of health issues across a wide cross-section of the community. The survey is quick to complete and should take about 10 minutes. It is anonymous and confidential.

The survey opens from Tuesday, 16 April 2019 and closes on Monday, 20 May 2019. You can complete the survey using any of the below options:

- To take part in the online survey for adult community members, click on the following link: <https://kwiksurveys.com/s/Z9KhVvRw>
- Paper forms of the survey are available at the Public Library in Jamestown. Completed forms can be placed in the 'Survey Return' envelope at the Front Desk of the Library
- Face-to-face surveys will also be underway in May

The Health Directorate anticipates the results from the survey will be available by July/August 2019.

#StHelena #HealthDirectorate #Survey #Health #Wellbeing #AltogetherHealthier

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**Music Festival
Napoleon and
George III**



Join the Fondation Napoléon Music Festival, in collaboration with St Helena Tourism and Creative St Helena. "Napoleon & George III", as the festival is called, embraces both the music of the era and commemorates Napoleon's death.

The Festival will be led by Professor Peter Hicks, historian at the Fondation Napoléon, specialist in early-19th century French music, and Music Director at St George's Anglican Church, Paris.

<p>Wednesday 1st May Concert at St Pauls Cathedral at 19:00. Free entry A collection will be taken. Proceeds to the St Pauls Cathedral.</p>	<p>Saturday 4th May Concert at St James Church at 16:00. Free entry A collection will be taken. Proceeds to the St James Church.</p>	<p>Sunday 5th May Moment de Memoire 10:30, Free Open House and Gardens at Longwood House 11:00—15:00 and Exclusive ticketed concert at Longwood House. 16:00.</p>
		
<p>This concert will include piano, unison quartets, a cappella and soprano numbers re-living the music of the Napoleonic and Georgian eras. All are welcome.</p>	<p>Come-and-Sing Day, Practise sessions leading up to the 16:00 concert will take place at the following times: 11:30 —13:00. & 14:00—15:30. Peter Hicks will lead the concert which is open to the public. All singing abilities welcome.</p>	<p>A limited number of 100 tickets can be purchased for the concert from the Tourist Office for a fee of £10.</p>



For further information contact Christina Plato, Tourism Officer on 22158 or email Christina.Plato@tourism.co.sh

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Boat Fishing Checklist



Wear suitable clothing and footwear to ensure comfort and maximise safety



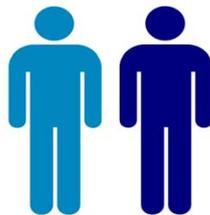
Be aware of your surroundings take into consideration the weather and sea conditions



Take a spare handheld VHF radio, handheld GPS and Mobile Phone. Ensure they are sufficiently charged.



Before leaving, ensure that all equipment, both safety and operational, are in good condition



Never fish alone. Fishing is better with a friend!
Remember to maintain communication at all times



Carry extra fuel and spare oil, in a secure manner, which is appropriate to the engine type of your vessel



Take plenty of food & water appropriate to your trip as well as any prescription medication



Wear a buoyancy aid such as a lifejacket. This must be fastened and worn at all times



Inform St Helena Radio of your expected departure/return time and passenger number.

* The information in this poster is intended as a general safety guide and the steps to be taken are not intended to be comprehensive for the activities in question. Have fun but be safe!

International Remittance Payments - Additional Charges from Offshore Banks

Customers sending international remittances are reminded that an additional charge is now applied by Bank of St Helena's intermediary bank.

Customers are therefore advised that, in addition to the remittance charges from Bank of St Helena (0.75% - min. £7.50, max. £150.00), customers will also be required to pay the relevant intermediary bank charges below.

These additional charges will be deducted at the same time as the remittances charges from Bank of St Helena:

Recipient's Bank	Amount Remitted	Charge
Lloyds Bank Beneficiary	Up to £100	£2.00
	More Than £100	£7.00
Other UK Bank Beneficiary	Up to £50	£6.00
	More Than £50	£12.00
Non-UK Bank Beneficiary		0.25% (Min £13.00/Max £40.00)

Should customers require any further information or assistance, please contact the Accounts and Payments section at the Bank on telephone 22390 or email accounts@sainthelenabank.com

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Bank of St Helena is pleased to advise that its Online Banking service has been enhanced with the ability to make International Payments.

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Vacancy for Administrative Assistant – Atlantic Relay Station

Encompass Digital Media Services has a vacancy for a full-time Administrative Assistant at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder will form part of the Team that is responsible for the Financial, Administrative, Procurement and Personnel service at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station.

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status, fixed-term contract, depending on personal circumstances, and with bungalow accommodation. Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Proven Ability and Experience of general office routines and duties.
- Competent knowledge of accounting procedures and budgets.
- Good organisational and time management skills.
- Competent in the use of computers for office procedures including e-mails, word processing and spreadsheets.
- The ability to use one's own initiative.
- Excellent Communications skills.

Desirable Qualifications/Experience

- Experience of personnel (HR) related work.
- Budgeting (preparation and control) experience.
- Full Driving License.
- Personal Assistant acumens.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the job description.

A copy of the **Job Description** can be obtained from the Admin Office on contact details given below.

Please contact the Administrative Officer on + 247 66800 (Extn 102) or email glen.yon@babcock.co.ac for a **Job Application Form**, **Job Description** and for further information regarding the post.

Applications to be sent to:

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

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, and must be received by end of the working day on **Friday the 3rd May 2019**.

VACANCY INTERNAL AUDITOR

St Helena Government (SHG) wishes to recruit an individual for the position of Internal Auditor within the Internal Audit Section of Corporate Services. This is a great opportunity for a talented individual to develop their career, whilst adding value to SHG's operations.

We are looking for a versatile and motivated internal auditor who can contribute to the internal audit team in planning, executing and reporting on internal audit engagements at the expected quality which meets key stakeholder expectations and in line with the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) standards. The successful applicant will be responsible for managing assigned multiple tasks within agreed deadlines, whilst working as a member of the team to provide independent and objective assurance to SHG on its systems of internal control, risk management and governance arrangements.

Essential qualifications and experience required for this role are:

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above.
- Part qualified towards the IIA Certified Internal Auditor qualification or verifiable equivalents will be considered.
- Candidates who have completed or working towards the ACCA qualification and ideally have recent experience in internal audit are encouraged to apply.

The salary for the post will commence at £8,828 per annum in accordance with Internal Audit Scheme of Service.

For further details regarding the duties of the post and for a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Blessing Gurure on 22692 or on email: blessing.gurure@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies and should be submitted to Clare O'Dean - Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail clare.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Wednesday, 24th April 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.

Corporate Services, April 2019



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

Cleaner

Within the Malabar

Job Outline

To maintain a high standard of cleanliness and retain total confidentiality within the Company.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be physically fit, as the role requires regular manual handling
 - Have knowledge of Health & Safety and Hygiene
- Be able to work independently, with minimum supervision

Hours of work will be 12 hours per week

Salary will be £4.74 per hour

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

Application forms may be
collected from Solomons Reception
Desk, in the Main Office Building,
Jamestown or alternatively an
electronic copy can be requested
via e-mail address:
hradmin@solomons.co.sh and
should be completed and returned
to Nicola Essex, Human Resources
Manager,
Solomons Office, Jamestown,
By 25 April 2019

VACANCY FOR FINANCE MANAGER

A highly motivated Finance Manager is sought to manage the financial function of both the Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Directorate and Infrastructure and Transport Directorate. The candidate will be responsible to the Executive Manager for providing advice and support to staff and senior management on all relevant financial policies and procedures and for verifying all accounting transactions entered into the SHG accounting system.

The successful candidate should have GCSE's at Grade C or above in English, Maths or Accounting and a CAT qualification, or working towards achieving the award. The candidate should also demonstrate proficient IT skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and Access Dimensions or similar.

Salary for the post will start at £11,034 per annum.

The current job profile available for this role is subject to change due to the Directorate undergoing a change with effect from 1 April 2019. For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Wendy Henry at Essex House; on telephone number 22270 or e-mail wendy.j.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh

An application form and Job Profile is available from Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, Essex House or e-mail karen.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 24th April 2019.

Derek Henry

Acting Director of Infrastructure and Transport

9 April 2019



VACANCY – SMALL MACHINERY OPERATOR

The Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Directorate has a vacancy for a Small Machinery Operator within the Forestry Section's Silviculture team.

The role will include tree felling, thinning, pruning and chemical and mechanised cleaning operations through the forest estate. It will also be necessary to undertake tree surgery works when required working at various heights above ground level.

The candidate will have a certificate in Basic numeracy and literacy and experience with tree surgery and operation and maintenance of small machinery. Basic First Aid and local certification in the safe handling of pesticides is a requirement for the role and a clean Drivers licence is essential.

Salary for the post is at Grade B4 which is £7,226 per annum.

If you are interested in finding out more about this post please speak with the Forestry Officer, Miss Myra Young or e-mail myra-young@enrd.gov.sh

Application forms and Job Profiles are available from the Receptionist at Scotland Office and Essex House. Completed application forms should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, Essex House or email karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 24th April 2019.

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

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Darren Duncan

Acting Director of Environment, Natural Resources and Planning

9 April 2019



Vacancy - Steward Ascension Island

Ref 2219

Competitive Salary + Bonus + Site Allowance

Interserve Defence Ltd is recruiting a Steward to work at the Combined Mess on Travellers Hill. The Steward will be required to provide and maintain the dining room service, meeting MOD and company requirements to the highest standards both for daily requirements and functions.

Responsibilities

- Maintaining high standards of personal hygiene and presentation conducive to a front of house environment.
- Provide the highest standard of dining room service (of both food and beverage) as directed by the Head Steward/Soft Services Manager.
- Maintain cleanliness of the dining room and associated areas, completing all tasks allocated on the cleaning schedule.
- Keeping the dining environment clean and free from debris and dirty crockery.
- Ensuring the correct use, storage and control of machinery, equipment, cleaning materials and chemicals, following safe systems of work at all times.

The person

- Ability to carry out tasks quickly and competently.
- Prepared to work un-social hours.
- The role may include some form of strenuous physical activity; therefore the applicant must have the ability to undertake such duties.
- Will be well-organized, a motivated team player.
- Has a 'can do' mature attitude, is flexible, reliable and self-motivated; will have an open approach, pass on knowledge, their experience and show willingness to assist others.

Interserve will pay a competitive salary, monthly site allowance and a bonus at 13th and 27th month. Hours of work are 48 per week. The contract duration is 27 months unaccompanied status with 74 days leave excluding weekends. Transportation for 4 agreed holiday periods will be at the Company's expense. Free accommodation, meals and work clothing will be provided.

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

Closing date for applications is Tuesday 23rd April 2019.

Interserve trade and operate in more than 40 countries and have well-established offices in the Middle East where we provide on and off-shore services to the oil and gas industry, civil engineering, construction, high-end refurbishment and facilities management. Our falsework and formwork business - RMD Kwikform - has operations in an increasing number of territories and is expanding further. In areas such as defence, we provide support services to the armed forces in Gibraltar, Cyprus and remote areas like the Ascension and Falkland Islands.

VACANCY FOR CONTROL / CONTACT CENTRE OPERATOR

The Emergency Services of the St Helena Police Directorate has an opportunity for a self-motivated, assertive and enthusiastic individual to join their team as Control/Contact Centre Operators.

The purpose of the job is to be the first point of contact for St Helena Government and their Emergency Service's and the Maritime ship to shore radio service including the efficient management of the telephone switchboard and radio communication systems, accurately assessing non-emergency and emergency calls for assistance, the control and management of Government resources and receiving all visitors to Police Headquarters.

Prospective candidates should have GCSE's in both Mathematics and English at Grade C or above or equivalent and experience of dealing directly with the public.

Applicants should be 18 years of age or over and must have the ability to communicate effectively, the ability to demonstrate good customer service skills to members of the public and internal customers and ability to deal with conflict and vulnerable/distressed callers.

Salary for the post is at Grade B commencing at £10,026 per annum (inclusive of unsociable hours allowance). Hours of work are to cover operations 24/7 on a shift basis including weekends, covering a 40 hour week.

For further details or an information pack, interested persons are invited to contact Ian Johnson, Operations and Civil Contingencies Manager on 25052.

Application forms are available from the Police Directorate (Police Headquarters, Coleman House). Applications should be completed and submitted, through Directors, where applicable, to Anya Richards, Human Resources and Administration Officer at Police Directorate (or email anya.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 30th April 2019.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified. SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.

David Lynch

Director of Police 10 APRIL 2019



HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR COMMUNITY NURSE

The Health Directorate is looking for dedicated and hardworking staff to join their community nursing team. A preceptorship programme for returning nurses is available. This includes supernumary working, training and education. Competency books are available to guide your return to work and are linked to pay enhancements.

There is ongoing training and support to ensure best practice. We have an engaging team, who work together and support each other every day. Working independently or as groups, you will be responsible for the assessment, planning, implementation/delivery and evaluation of care for patients within multiple community settings.

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.

Essential qualifications for this post are:

- St Helena Nursing Certificate or equivalent and an up to date Nurse Registration (if returning to practice an up to date registration is not required).

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

Enhancement is applicable when able to successfully and consistently demonstrate competency at the required level. The competency based salary enhancement is pensionable. There is the potential for career progression.

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

For further information and a copy of the job profile, contact Mrs Nicola Anderson, Primary Care and Community Nurse Practitioner on telephone No 23563 or email nicola.anderson@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, 02 May 2019.

Helen Lawrence (Mrs)

Acting Director, Health Directorate, 16 April 2019



HEALTH DIRECTORATE

VACANCY - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TECHNICAL OFFICER

The Health Directorate has a vacancy for Environmental Health Technical Officer. The successful candidate will be expected to provide support to the Environmental Health Officers, in all environmental health activities which will require both office and outdoor working on a regular basis as required with the overall aim of protecting and improving the health and well being of all.

Some of the key tasks include:

- Carrying out inspections and investigations and submitting necessary recommendations and reports;
- Researching, compiling, synthesizing, analyzing and interpreting public health information and data necessary to meet environmental health objectives;
- Providing advice and guidance to the public in response to questions and projects, environmental health programs, applicable ordinances, policies and procedures;
- Participating in presentations to public groups and governmental bodies to explain and clarify environmental health reports and recommendations;
- Conducting complaint investigations of various sites in order to have first-hand knowledge of the location under study;
- Participating in enforcement activities which may include giving evidence in court and other quasi-judicial hearings including acting as the key witness in prosecutions.

Essential qualifications for this post are:

- GCSE qualification or equivalent in Maths and English; and one Science related subject (Biology, Physics or Chemistry) at grade C or above;
- Valid drivers licence
- Good IT skills, proficient in the use of all Microsoft programmes
- Experience in food safety and health and safety related matters are also desirable

Salary is at Grade C, commencing at £8,613 per annum.

All appointees 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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For further information please contact Mrs Toni Joshua, Acting Environmental Health Officer on telephone no. 22500 or email: Toni.Joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Helen Lawrence (Mrs)
Acting Director
Health Directorate, 16 April 2019



VACANCY FOR ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

An exciting opportunity exists for an Administration Assistant to support both the Environment, Natural Resources and Planning and Infrastructure and Transport Directorates. The successful candidate will be the first point of contact to all customers by telephone or in person and will be required to work flexibly between Essex House and Scotland Offices.

The successful candidate should have GCSE's at Grade C or above in English and Maths and an NVQ L2 in Customer Service or equivalent, or should work towards achieving the award. The candidate should also have at least 1 year experience of working in an administrative or customer focused environment. Proficient IT and Minute taking skills are also essential.

Salary for the post will start at Grade A5 which is £6,237 per annum.

The current job profile for this position is subject to change due to the restructure of the Directorate retrospectively from 1 April 2019. For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Karen Thomas, Human Resources Manager at Essex House; on telephone number 22270 or e-mail karen.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh. Application forms should be submitted to this address by no later than Wednesday 1st May 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

Acting Director of Infrastructure and Transport

15 April 2019



VACANCY –

CLOUD FOREST PROJECT CONSERVATION TECHNICIANS

The Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Directorate is recruiting three Conservation Technicians to work under the Cloud Forest Project. The Technician will be responsible for the day-to-day specialist restoration fieldwork activities under the project and supporting the Peaks Management team.

The candidate should have a certificate in basic numeracy and literacy, adequate knowledge of nursery and propagation techniques and of St Helena's native habitats. The candidate should also have experience of working at heights and on steep terrain. A clean drivers licence is also essential.

This contract will continue for a 3 year period and the successful candidate will be expected to commence work as soon as practicable.

Salary for the post starts at Grade B1 which is £6,722.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr Lourens Malan, Fragmented Cloud Forest Project Manager on telephone number 24724 or e-mail lourens-malan@enrd.gov.sh

Application forms and job profiles, which are available from Essex House and Scotland Office should be completed and submitted to Miss Karen Thomas, Human Resources Manager or email karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 1 May 2019.

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Darren Duncan

Acting Director of Environment, Natural Resources and Planning

15 April 2019



VACANCY FOR BUSINESS MANAGER

The Education & Employment Directorate has a vacancy for a Business Manager. The successful applicant will be responsible to the Director of Education and Employment for the overall management of the Human Resources, Finance & Administration sections, serves as a member of the Directorate's Senior Management Team and assists with the development and implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Applicants must have a Post Graduate Diploma in Management or equivalent, experience working in a senior management role including management of people, resources, strategic planning and managing change as well as a minimum of 5 years relevant experience in an administrative environment.

Salary for the post is in grade E starting at £14,138 per annum.

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

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday 30 April 2019. SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.

Mrs Wendy Benjamin, Director, Education & Employment
17 April 2019



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

Chargehand

Within the Coffee Plantations

Job Outline

To provide support to the Manager for setting up and maintaining the Coffee Production and Harvesting Plan.

Interested applicants should:

- Knowledge of coffee production, harvesting and processing for export.
 - Have good leadership skills and supervisory experience
 - Be prepared to work outside normal hours.
 - Be able to provide a vetting certificate
- Have reasonable physical fitness and ability to work unassisted

Salary will start at £9,459.01 per annum, (£181.90 per week)
depending on qualifications and experience

For further information,
including the Company's
attractive benefits package,
please contact
Daren Duncan,

Arable Production Manager
on telephone number: 24461
or via email address:
solomons.lands@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:
hadmin@solomons.co.sh and
should be completed and returned
to Nicola Essex, Human Resources
Manager,
Solomons Office, Jamestown,
By 30 April 2019



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DANCE, DANCE, DANCE!

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On: Friday 3rd May 2019

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RMS T20 CUP CRICKET RESULTS

Saturday 13th April 2019

1.30pm

Lions 111

Patrick Crowie 49

Alan Thomas 17

Scott Crowie 5/20

Jerome Peters 2/13

Jamestown Heat 112

Barry Stroud 48*

Dax Richards 38

Wayne Crowie 1/6

Ralph Knipe 1/14

Performance Points

Scott Crowie 3, Patrick Crowie 2, Barry Stroud 1



1.30pm

Royal Challengers 148/7

Cliff Richards 35*

Phillip Stroud 29

Jerry Thomas 2/23

Sanjay Clingham 2/25

Levelwood Allstars 127/7

Sanjay Clingham 21

Jerry Thomas 21

Sean Lee Thomas 2/27

Jordan Yon 1/14

Performance Points

Cliff Richards 3, Andrew Yon 2, Melvin Henry 1



Sunday 14th April 2019

10.00pm

Jamestown Heat 120

Ryan Belgrove 36

Dax Richards 25

Rhys Francis 2/12

Ronan Legg 2/20

Sandy Bay Pirates 122

David Young 46

Brooklyn Fowler 37*

Jason Thomas 2/26

Barry Stroud 4/41

Performance Points

David Young 3, Brooklyn Fowler 2, Jason Thomas 1



FIXTURES

Saturday 20th April 2019

11am - RMS T20 CUP FINAL – Royal Challengers Vs Sandy Bay Pirates

Umpires: (Jamestown Heat/Levelwood Allstars)



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

It is a case of 'whatever you can do we can do better' at the top of the English Premier League. Man City had a fairly comfortable 3-1 win away at Crystal Palace. Raheem Sterling scored twice against Crystal Palace to inspire Manchester City to a ninth straight Premier League win after a dominant performance at Selhurst Park.

Certainly there should have been pressure on Liverpool as they were due to play a Chelsea team who normally pick up points at Anfield. I for one predicted that Chelsea would win up until I saw the starting line-up. By playing Hazard as a false nine they hampered their star player and Liverpool was able to dominate the majority of the match.

Almost five years since Liverpool's title chances were ruined by a 2-0 defeat in the same fixture, the hosts kept themselves in the hunt for a first league title in 29 years with two goals in the space of two minutes that saw Anfield explode. After a nervy first half in which both sides had chances, Liverpool emerged from the break with added purpose and took the lead through Mane's header.

There was a huge sense of relief inside the ground, but that became a thunderous roar when Salah smashed a left-footed shot into the top right corner from 25 yards.

It was destiny for Liverpool to win this match as prior to the kick off Anfield paid tribute to the 96 fans that was killed at Hillsborough 30 years ago.

Liverpool fell silent on Monday to mark the 30th anniversary of the Hillsborough stadium disaster — where 96 fans lost their lives.

The city came to a standstill at 3.06pm — the exact time that the tragic incident occurred during the FA Cup semifinal between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest in 1989.

A banner featuring photographs of the 96 fans that died in Sheffield has also been hung outside St. George's Hall, Liverpool, along with the message 'Never Forgotten' and a lantern for each of the fans has been lit on the steps of the building. The Hillsborough disaster was a fatal crush of people during an FA Cup semi-final football match between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England, on 15 April 1989. With 96 fatalities and 766 injuries, it remains the worst disaster in British sporting history.



Liverpool fans trying to escape the crush 30 years ago

In the race for the top 4 Spurs manage to beat Huddersfield Town 4-0 without their striker Harry Kane. Lucas Moura scored a brilliant hat-trick.

Other matches on Saturday saw Brighton lose 5-0 at home against Bournemouth; Burnley ease their relegation worries as they defeated Cardiff 2-0, Fulham beat Everton 2-0 and Southampton picked up a massive win against high flying Wolves.

In the late match Manchester United was extremely lucky to get all 3 points against West Ham. Pogba scored 2 penalties in a match that saw United underperform again.

On Monday a Ben Foster mistake and a Troy Deeney red card helped Arsenal climb back into the Premier League top four with victory at Watford.

Goalkeeper Foster gifted the Gunners an opening goal after 10 minutes when he took too long on the ball after collecting a back pass, allowing Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang to charge down his clearance and deflect the ball in.

Just a minute later, Watford captain Deeney was sent off for throwing his forearm into the face of Arsenal midfielder Lucas Torreira in a late challenge.

Despite playing with 10 men for 80 minutes, Watford offered the far greater threat, hitting the bar through Adam Masina's powerful drive from distance in the second half, and forcing Arsenal goalkeeper Bernd Leno into a number of excellent saves.

On Tuesday night Cardiff gave themselves a chance of Premier League survival as they beat Brighton 2-0 at the Amex stadium.

Brighton have now lost their past four games without scoring and are probably the only team that Cardiff can overhaul in their bid to avoid relegation to the Championship.

There are some interesting matches over the Easter period. Man City will face a difficult game 11.30 on Saturday as they face Spurs at home. Liverpool will play Cardiff on Sunday at 3pm.

Other matches on Saturday will see Bournemouth play Fulham; Huddersfield host Watford, West Ham play Leicester and Wolves will play relegation threaten Brighton. In the late game will see Newcastle play Southampton.

Other matches on Sunday Everton will play Manchester United at 12.30 and Arsenal will play Crystal Palace at 3pm.

Monday evening game will see Chelsea play at home against Burnley. The two matches on Tuesday will see Spurs play Brighton and Watford will host Southampton.

On Wednesday Wolves will play Arsenal at 18.45. At 7pm the Manchester derby will take place at Old Trafford. A defeat for City by United could hand Liverpool their first title in 29 years.

Manchester United crash out of the Champions League after they loss 3-0 away in Barcelona. For about 3 minutes Man United fans dared to believe as they create a couple of openings in the opening minutes. But mistakes by Young and then De Gea gifted the outstanding Messi 2 goals and the tie was over. Coutinho scored a brilliant third goal as the Spanish side dominate the game.

Ronaldo and Juventus also crashed out of the competition as they loss 2-1 at home against Ajax.

Due to this article going to print early I can't comment on the Champions League ties between Man City and Spurs and Liverpool and Porto.

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens



St Helena International Football team Football Fun Day at Francis Plain Easter Monday 22nd April.

The day will start at 10am and will include the following events.

10am- 3.30pm: Novelty Football games. Prizes to be won

10am-6.pm Bouncy Castle for kids

10.30am- 12 noon 9 aside match for Junior Footballers

12 noon 1.30 – St Helena 2nd XI v Local team (60 minute match)

1.30pm – 3pm 11 aside match between 'under 16' year old footballers

4pm- 5pm first half St Helena International team v Wirebirds

5pm- 5.30pm Draw of the Grand Raffle....first ticket is for the Ford Focus ST Car

5.30pm – 6.15 second half St Helena international team v Wirebirds

Hot Food will be on sale provided by Sanrays and Tonys.

Shirley and John will have ice-creams and popcorn on sale.

The SHFA will also have a licence cash bar in operation from 10am-8pm. All spirits will be sold at a discount price of £1.50 per shot.

Music will be provide throughout the day

Entrance fee will be £1.00 for adults.....under 16's to 3 year olds will pay 50p

Golf Report

It was another beautiful day on Sunday 14 April when 18 players participated in a Par 3 – One Club and Putter Competition.

Some of the players found this competition to be quite challenging as each player was only allowed one club (of their own preference) and a putter to use throughout the whole of



the game, hence the title of the competition "One Club & Putter".

Playing a brilliant game was Eileen Wallace (the sponsor of the competition). She returned with an excellent net score of 48. Following Eileen was her side-kick Sean Nugent also with a good net score of 56. Well done guys. Realistically both of you should have taken 1st and 2nd places respectively but as Eileen was the sponsor for this competition both she and Sean forfeited their prizes awarding them to the players with the next best scores.

Therefore stepping up with the next best score to take 1st place was none other than Neil (Joe) Joshua with a net 58. There was a tie for 2nd place between Paddo Johnson and Anita Robbertse, both on net 61. After a countback was done over the last 5 holes Paddo emerged as the runner-up.

All had not been lost for Sean Nugent as he was very fortunate with winning 2, 2's of the 2 Ball pool along with Neil (Joe) Joshua who won a 2 as well.

Congratulations to all of the winners and huge thanks to Eileen for sponsoring this competition.

Coming up on Sunday 21 April (Easter Sunday) is an 18 Hole Stable ford Competition. If members are interested in playing then please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the club's notice board or leave a voicemail on 24421.

There will also be a friendly game of golf and a fish fry at the club on Easter Monday. If members' are interested they can contribute something towards the fish fry.

Have a good weekend, happy holidays.

Keep swinging.



THE ROCK

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON
Easter SUNDAY 21st April 2019 @
10:30 am FOR PRAISE AND WORSHIP
At No 3 Unit Longwood Enterprise
Park

**Transport is available from
Jamestown, HTH
Contact 23249**

PRAISE & WORSHIP



St Helena Island
Secret of the South Atlantic

TOURIST OFFICE

**PRESS
RELEASE**

THE CANISTER REFURBISHMENTS (Work commencing 15/04/2019)

Enterprise St Helena would like to inform the public that as from 15/04/2019 work will commence on the refurbishment of the Canister building in Jamestown.

The Enterprise funded project will undertake essential works on both the appearance and structure of the iconic Canister building together with the installation of disabled access at the rear of the building. The duration of the works should last no longer than 12 weeks.

During this 12 week period we aim to minimise public disruption where possible, however there may be some closures of the footpath directly outside the building to help with traffic flow while the disabled access works are taking place.

Enterprise St Helena would like to thank you for your understanding during this period and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

For more information please contact Enterprise St Helena on 22920



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APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2019/37:** FULL Planning Application for **Conversion of Shed into Bedroom, Bathroom and Toilet**, New Ground on Parcel 0027 Scotland, adjacent to Mr Nigel Dollery. Applicant: Norman Thomas

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

Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Application should make them in writing within 14 days, to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email karen-isaac@enrd.gov.sh

Public Review Commencement Date : 18 April 2019

Public Review Closing Date : 3 May 2019

Shane Williams
Planning Officer

NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, 1st May 2019, at 9 am at the St Helena Community College, Jamestown.**

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors.

Should you require a copy of the Agenda, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 22270. Agendas will be available on **Monday, 29th April 2019.**

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



BLUE HILL FIELD CENTRE

TO LEASE, Blue Hill Field Centre, formerly Blue Hill School, Registered within the Land Registry as parcel number 118, within the Barren Ground registration section, measuring 0.92 acres.

Situated within the Blue Hill Community area, adjacent to the Community Centre within the district of Blue Hill.

This Lease will be offered as full repairing only.

Closing date for bids are 12 noon, Monday 13th May 2019

If you are interested in the above then please pop in to discuss or collect the lease particulars from Essex House, Jamestown, or email

Gina Henry, Crown Estates Officer on address:

Email: Gina.Henry@sainthelena.gov.sh or contact via telephone 22270

ALL ABOARD!.....

with Sharon Wade

.....ANCHORS AWEIGH!



RRS Discovery visited St Helena waters earlier this month. The National Oceanography Centre operate the RRS Discovery and RRS James Cook, two state-of-the-art oceanographic research vessels designed to carry scientists to some of Earth's most challenging environments, from tropical oceans to the edge of the ice sheets. The ships are fitted with some of the most scientific systems available and they both have dynamic positioning systems enabling them to hold station in all but the most violent weather. This, combined with the ability to deploy the ROV *Isis*, makes RRS Discovery and RRS James

Cook two of the most advanced research vessels currently in service. RRS Discovery has a gross tonnage of 5954 tonnes, Wartsila propulsion and has 389 m2 of laboratory space. A noteworthy mention should be made of Kevin Williams, son of Mr Barry Williams (ex-Harbour Master on St Helena) and the late Mrs Alice Phillips. Kevin has recently been promoted to Marine Engineering Manager for the Royal Research Ships that are based at the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton, UK.



View from the main working hangar looking aft to the A-frame which is used during surveys to deploy the net used for collecting specimens at various depths in the ocean.



Tripod used for supporting underwater camera on the sea-bed



One of several laboratories used by up to 28 scientists on a research survey.



A 'Cold Room' which normally hovers around 8 degrees C for sorting, tagging and photographing the various specimens that are collected and preserved for further research.

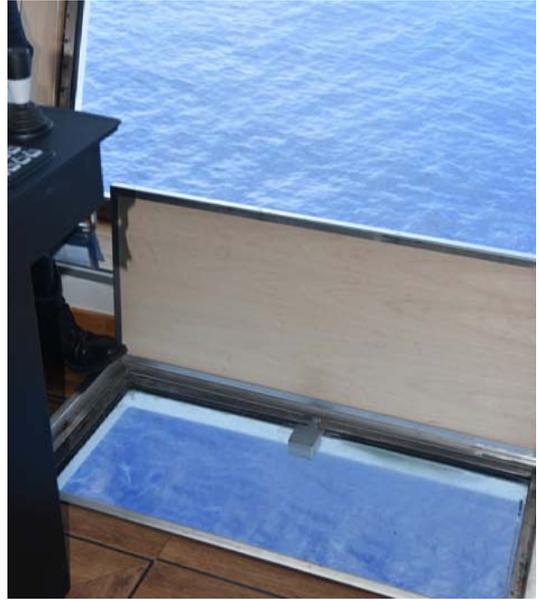
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The high-tech Bridge or Wheelhouse – the ‘brain’ of the Ship.....there is not a steering wheel in sight as most controls are with joystick features.



A mooring window set into the deck of the Bridge so that the navigator can see below when manoeuvring the Ship against quaysides.



Mark the Head Chef cooking up another delicious meal in the Galley – known as the ‘belly’ of the Ship



Lounge/Dining area, also known as the ‘Mess Room’



A typical cabin below decks where the scientists spend their off-time.



HE Governor Lisa Honan and Captain Mackay exchanging plaques depicting the Island's and the Ship's Coat of Arms. It is believed that the RRS Discovery was presented with the first of the new St Helena plaques that depicts the correct size and shape of the Wirebird's beak – our national bird that caused quite a stir when the size of it's beak was previously slightly out of proportion



Main Engine controls in the Master Control Room – known as the ‘heart’ of the Ship



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

Thursday open from 4.30pm to 8.30pm mix tunes from the bar .

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

Saturday open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm Country tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late mix sounds by DJ Kimmy Boom Bang

Sunday open from 3.30pm Live Tunes with Alex Vanguard and guests sings all are welcome.



MOONSHINES BAR THIS WEEKEND

Sat 20th & Sun 21st April the Bar will be CLOSED

Mon 22nd April open from 3pm.

Easter greetings

Darling Mum Felicity Thomas, sisters Linda and Jolene, brothers Donny, Graeme, Jack and Ian their partners and families on StH, Asc and the UK we wish you all a wonderful Easter and God's Blessings. Love and miss you all
Love Mandy and Denzil xxxx

Noleen, Deon, Louie Mark and Tommy James, Natalie, Jason, Katelyn, Jaymie Grace and Harley Rae, Nicola and Becky in the UK, Oscar and Luke
Have a lovely Easter and camping with family and friends. Miss you all so much. With all our love and God's Blessings.
Love Grandma and Papa xxxx

Dulcie, Mandy and Joey, Maisie, Our Nieces, Nephews and their families wishing you all a lovely Easter and God's Blessings.
Love Mandy and Denzil xxx

Sisters Joyce, Linda and Priscilla. Brothers Juice, Tich, Basil and Ian their partners and families we wish you all a lovely Easter and God's Blessings. We miss you all so much.
Love Denzil and Mandy xxxx



Also...

Celebrating 38 years of marriage on the 20 April is sister and brother in law Linda and Brian Young of the Briars. Have a great day and God's Blessings for many more years to come. We love and miss you so much.
Love sister and brother Mandy and Denzil xxx

St Helena Nature Conservation Group Marine Awareness Quiz

On Saturday the 13th of April the St Helena Nature Conservation Group hosted a marine themed quiz at Anne's Place to celebrate the Marine Awareness Week 2019. 24 people attended the quiz made up of five teams. Adding to the entertainment was a group of Brazilian tourist whose enthusiasm and support made the evening filled with laughter and jokes. The five teams competing were The Cavallies, Fish Cuisine, Wahoo!!!, Anne's Place and the Brazilian Sharks. The first prize, (a boat cruise on the Enchanted Isle) sponsored by SNCG was won by team Wahoo!!! Fish Cuisine took home the second prize (marine life identification guide), sponsored by the SHG marine section. Third prize (marine calendars and Marine Awareness mugs) sponsored by the National Trust went to the team from Anne's Place who very kindly donated their prize to the two Brazilian teams to take home as a reminder of the quiz and time spent on the island. SNCG would like to thank all the spon-

sors for the prizes and Anne's Place for letting us host the quiz. Big thanks to William Knipe, Joachim Naulaerts, Annalea Beard and Beth Taylor for all the help and hosting.

