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TO OPEN DAY!***

Sharon Wade & Roxanna Williams



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Circumnavigators drop in on St Helena

On Wednesday afternoon two single engine light aircraft arrived at St Helena Airport from Recife in Brazil. The two planes are travelling together on a circumnavigation of the world. They stayed overnight and left on Thursday afternoon. The lead plane, a Socata TBM 850 departed at 2:31pm; closely followed by the second plane, a Socata TBM 930, which was airborne at 2:38pm.

The crew cum passengers in the lead plane are from one Chilean family; the grandfather, father and son. All three have pilot's licences. The grandfather is 89 and his grandson is 23. In the second plane it is a father and son team from Chicago. Dierk Reuter, the father is the pilot while his son handles the radio messages.



The two planes on the apron



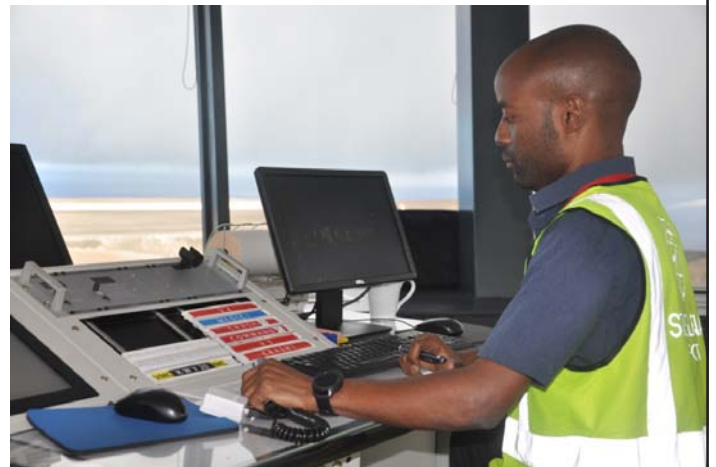
There's rain coming. Bill the weatherman should know



Refuelling finished on the first now onto the second



Father and Son from Chicago



Bernard updates the ETA



The three generations of pilots from Chile



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

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

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

Sunday open from 5.00 to 8.00pm.

Improved Service From Saint FM

On Tuesday of this week, Saint FM installed a new small transmitter at the 'Depot', the hill behind St Helena and the Cross Church in Blue Hill. This transmitter, which is transmitting on 91.1MHz, will cover previous blank spots for receiving Saint FM. It will reach down in the Sandy Bay cauldron all the way to the Sandy Bay Beach, the southern slopes of Blue Hill, and over to Green Hill.

This installation was made possible by the help from St Helena Airport Limited (SHAL) and their CEO, Gwyneth Howell, who are harbouring the installation and the SHAL Engineer Marten Fourie who actually installed it. Great thanks are also extended to Wayne Yon and his brother 'Ali-Boy' who helped Marten with the installation on the day. They made a great job. Also thanks to Connect St Helena Ltd and Barry Hubbard for their help and assistance for this project.

We hope that this will enable people in this area to listen to Saint FM and get access to the information which is vital to the Island's disaster response and safety. As this transmitter is connected to the Saint FM RDS system it is also useful for travellers in and out of Sandy Bay as they can have uninterrupted access to Saint FM without retuning their car radio.



Wayne and Ali-Boy at work with the aerials.



The mast in the middle is Saint FM 91.1MHz



Getting the mast in place



SERGEANT CLARENCE ROBERTS REACHES 40 YEARS IN THE ST HELENA POLICE SERVICE

Sergeant Clarence Roberts (see photo attached), currently part of the Ascension Island Police Detachment, has today, 1 August 2019, reached 40 years of dedicated service to the St Helena Police Directorate.

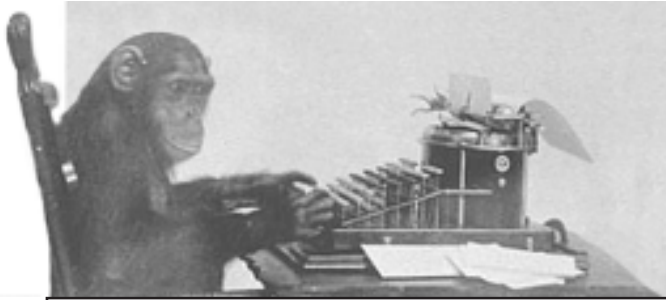
Sergeant Roberts joined the St Helena Police Service on 1 August 1979. Having completed his initial training course at the Police Training Centre at Ashford in Kent in 1987, Sergeant Roberts has served on St Helena as well as a number of occasions on Ascension Island.

He said:

"During my career I have experienced a whole host of situa-

tions, many happy ones, some sad, some even frightening and stressful, but each one has provided me with a memory I will keep forever. Being a Police Officer for me is about delivering a quality service to the Public and doing what I can to make their lives better, even at times when they don't feel they will ever be better. I am proud of the high standards I have set and maintained during my career and am proud to have served my community. I have really enjoyed my service and will continue to do so for as long as I can."





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Editorial

Just started on this editorial and the internet news spreads the word that Boris Johnson now has a majority of just one in the House of Commons as the Liberal Democrats take a previously Conservative constituency in Wales. Party politics is not known in St Helena but when government support is reduced to just one more vote than the opposition has, life for any prime minister becomes interesting, stressful and unpredictable. Opponents within his own party will be looking for the first opportunity to plot his downfall and it just needs one or two MPs in the fragmented Conservative Party to abstain from voting and Boris could land on his Bum. As I see it right now, Brexit looks very doubtful. With no Brexit I think we have a better chance of landing on our feet.

It occurred to me the other day, there are weekly meetings about the water shortage but there is a long list of things we go short of; there should be weekly meetings about them too. What we need now is a weekly meeting on the butter shortage. I'm not talking about margarine, or about margarine that tries to look like butter. There is nothing to beat real butter on a slice of bread or toast but there is no butter about. In the fullness of time there would be meetings about the potato shortage, then it could be onions, maybe cheese and almost anything you care to think of will be nowhere to be found at some point or other. We really should have meetings for all these shortages, even if it's just to hear the excuses that are given.

We do get egg shortages from time to time but certainly not now. Poor Roddie finds himself with an egg mountain which he cannot shift. Apart from not having the money coming in the stink is bound to be a big problem if they are kept in store too long. So, it's important to get rid of stale eggs somewhere. It's a shame eggs do not make butter and dairy cows became a thing of the past a few decades ago. That was a backward step. Apart from having fresh milk we could also

have butter without the shortages. It's so easy and quick to make butter – and there would be fresh cream too. I don't think there is anything in the Economic Development Plan about dairy cows, fresh milk, fresh cream and unending supplies of butter. Bring back the dairy!



That's the ill wind from Wales blowing me no good
Have a good weekend
Vince

Dear Independent,

The Jamestown reader left a building out in his letter last week, the training centre at Longwood called Bertrams cottage, that is not doing any training at all and is said to be costing us 7,000 quid per week, times that by 4 and you end up with £28,000 per month, or £336,000 in a year, not to mention what it cost in getting the building up and running, there's no excuse for the government to waste more money by keeping this building open.

Regards, Pip

HARLEY WILLIAMS ACHIEVES SECOND UPPER CLASS HONOURS DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Harley Williams from Gordon's Post has recently graduated having achieved a Second Upper Class Honours Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science, following three years of study at Bath Spa University in the UK.

Harley's Environmental Science course comprised 14 different modules ranging from Biological Science, Biodiversity and Conservation, Global Development, and Environment People and Place in year one, to Environmental Science, Research Methodologies, Environmental Hazards, Climate Change and

Sustainability, and Science Publishing in year two, to Managing Sustainability, Plants and People, Environmental Practice, Wildlife Photography, and a Biology Dissertation in his final year.

Harley said:

"The final term of my undergraduate studies has been a surreal one. Working on the final assignments, knowing they are my last pieces of academic work as an undergraduate student has been both exciting and daunting. Regardless, I am happy to say that I am ending this important chapter on a high note."



'Eggsplanations' are necessary?

Tammy Williams

Actions normally speak louder than words, anger, frustration and distress manifest itself in ways we do not always understand, such as banging your shoe on the desk in protest during a United Nations General Assembly held in New York in 1960.

I've heard some of the facts, the opinions, the two sides which exist to every story and one thing that is fundamentally clear is that the same concerns we've had for so long still exist, limited joined up thinking and the consolidation that we are reaching for is simply not happening.

If we remove the emotion which is what I am about to do, take away the misunderstandings and unhappiness which has come as a result of the failure to launch, the path ahead has been made very clear. Rational takes over, personalities are removed and the cards on the table illustrate

1000 chicks arriving on Saturday which will add to an already saturated market of egg production.

From thence we take our story, Mr Rodney Yon on Wednesday of this week attempted to capture the attention of his government, a one man protest which included a few dozen eggs being thrown at the front of the Castle, similar actions have been undertaken by farmers abroad, *"In August 2013, the UK Mirror reported that Masked poultry farmers went on a mass 'egging' spree in anger at low prices. The furious protesting French farmers threw 100,000 eggs out of the back of supermarket trucks in Brittany. Then they smashed up pallets with another 100,000 eggs threatening to smash an extra*



100,000 a day"

Mr Yon's actions attracted police attention but he was not arrested due to both Councillor Derek Thomas and Councillor Eddie Duff being on the scene at the time, Mr Yon later relayed to me on Thursday morning that his first call of action was to the police station to apologise for the incident. He has described the situation as of *"economic gravity"* and one that has possibly arisen from an SHG statistical analysis of an egg a day for each member of the population, he reported to have a good working relationship with Solomon and company who have been extremely supportive of his business and take 116 dozen eggs per week into their retail stores however this still leaves him with 100 dozen sitting on the shelf, he also has a new 400 chicken stock that will start laying shortly.

The island has a history of glut and famine and it's difficult to sometimes strike a balance, a

few months ago eggs were hard to find and when you did, you were quite prepared to pay an arm and a leg; a full English without an egg is just not English is it?

Export and reducing prices are options but likely to put a 'squeeze' on farmers like Mr Yon when it's your only livelihood, the arrival of 1000 new chicks on Saturday is likely to extend the challenges that egg producers are facing and even worse according to Mr Yon put his business in further jeopardy, the result of which could mean needless slaughtering of hens and even more eggs being thrown away.

Saint FM will be seeking comment from ANRD next week

Wife Auriel, Son Mario and family of the late Colin George Williams, more affectionately known as 'Peaches', would like to thank family and friends who assisted, supported and helped in any way before and after his passing. Thanks to Rhine, Byron and the St Helenians in Pretoria for their valued kindness and support throughout.

To Roy and his team for the funeral arrangements, Colin and Davina for the beautiful wreaths, and Marnie for the beautiful cross and floral arrangements. To Father Allan, Deacon Bobby and Mrs Musk for the funeral service, Lacosta for reading the Eulogy, Carol for reading the lesson and messages and to Daniel and Donny for the musical accompaniment at the graveside. Thanks to Solomons for the funeral service sheets and also to all who generously gave an abundance of flowers, cards of condolences and messages of support. Thanks are also extended to all who paid tribute to Colin by attending the funeral.

"Colin is gone from our lives but will live on in our hearts forever. Time passes, memories stay...loved and remembered every day. What he left behind is not what is engraved in stone, but what is woven into the lives of others."



More on Jamestown's Open Gutters

Councillor Brian Isaac raised the problem and hazard of open gutters with the Chairman of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and received a more informative reply than was offered in the SHG committee report published last Friday.

Brian asked the chairman, Russell Yon, "how is the directorate going to address the open gutters in Upper Jamestown, which is becoming a hazard to all road users and particularly in respect of pedestrian's safety?"

The answer was:-

"A proposal to address the open gutters in Upper Jamestown has been submitted as a Business Case under the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP). This project was submitted in the past for Capital Funding but was not prioritised amongst other needs for funding.

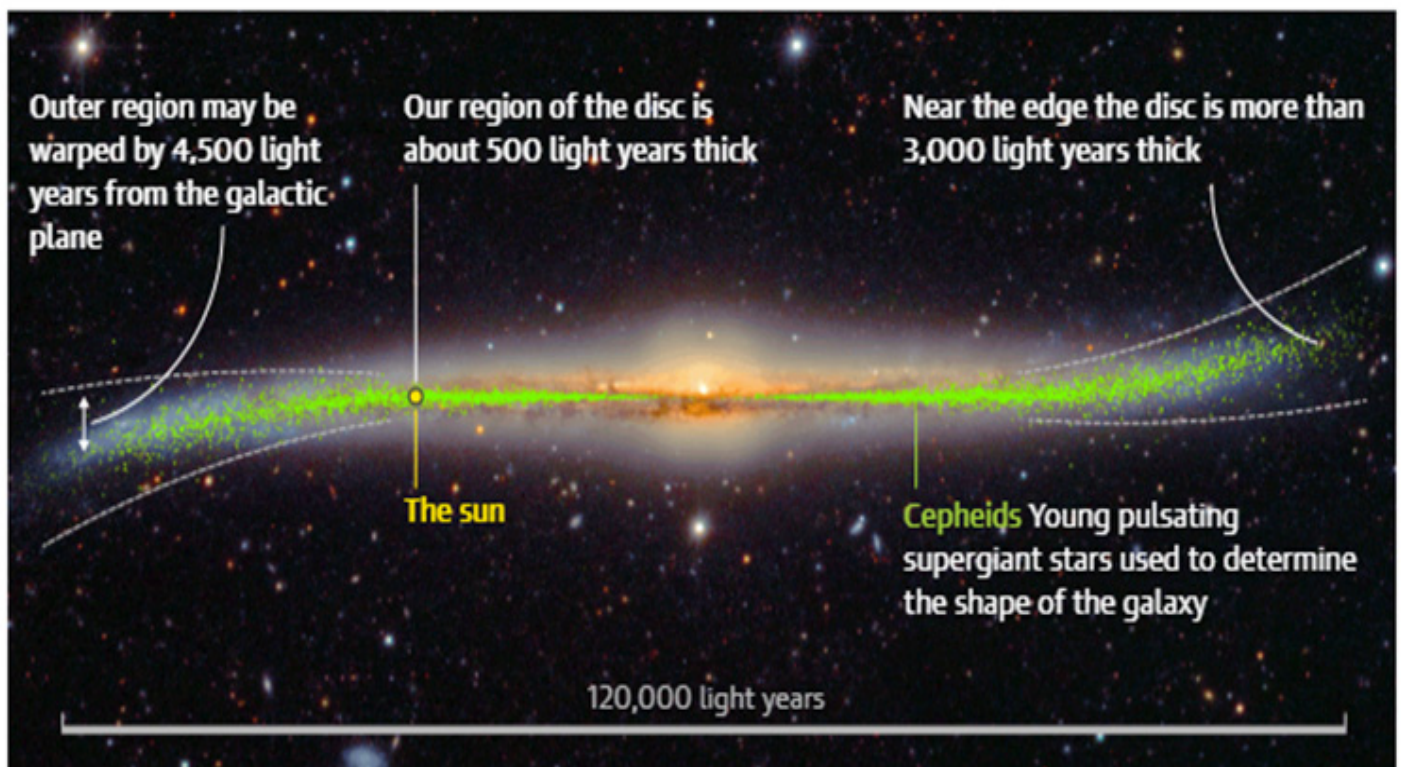
This project has now been included for consideration as part of the micro project element of the programme. The proposal is to fill in the open existing water drain on Market Street between the lower section of the Hospital and Coleman House, a distance of about 800m, replacing the drain with storm water pipe, backfilling and covering the area with bitumen surfacing. Water gully inlets will be installed at various locations. Replacing the existing open drain will make parking in these areas safer as well increasing safety for pedestrians walking in this area, especially at night. This will also allow motorists to park closer to the boundary thus increasing usable roadway width for the travelling public. The maintenance of the existing open drain, involves labour to hand clean the drain

and inlets. The new surfacing will allow easier cleaning and maintenance, and can be done with mechanised machinery, freeing up labour and personnel for other work. The proposed drain will capture the storm water via inlet gullies at regular intervals and will transport it via the storm water pipe. The inlet gullies will act as a sieve to catch larger debris, and this could be easier to clean than the current open drain. The inlet gullies will also act as inspection and cleaning pits for the storm water pipe.

The total cost for the work is estimated at £95044. This includes removal of $\pm 808\text{m}$ of old open drain and replacing it with 225mm diameter storm water pipe (certain sections). Removal of $\pm 40\text{m}$ of existing storm water pipe currently running through the road just above China Lane, adding an estimated five new water inlet gully type manholes with grid inlets to channel water from the roadway into the pipe. Backfilling and surfacing of new lined open drain to correct higher level, backfilling between road and open lined drain as well as between open lined drain and boundary with suitable material and bituminous surface coat all exposed areas. The total project duration time is estimated at ± 80 days."

The last Executive Council discussed the micro-projects referred to in the response to Brian Isaac's question. The Exco report described micro-projects as ones which cost £50,000 or less and can be implemented quickly. The scheme to make the hazardous open gutters safe is estimated to cost almost twice as much. Will this project fail to get started once again?

What the new model tells us about the shape of the Milky Way



Guardian graphic. Source: J Skowron / OGLE, Science

Brian Isaac in Motion

Car park criminals and cannabis oil on prescription

Brian Isaac put two motions before last Friday's Legislative Council; the first was to change the law so that minor traffic offences are not treated as criminal offences. The second was also to change the law, this time to allow the option for the terminally ill to be treated with cannabis oil.

On the minor traffic offences Brian spoke to this motion in Council by including all minor types of offences, including traffic violations. He pointed out that when seeking employment which requires a vetting certificate, overstaying in a time limited parking area will mean the vetting certificate shows the applicant for a job is labelled as a criminal. The same applies to someone found guilty of keeping a dog with no dog licence. "This has proven to be very controversial" Brian told Council.

This situation has been the reason for people to be refused entry into another country, refused employment and been criminalised for unwittingly stating they do not have a criminal record; not realising such procedural offences made them criminals. Councillor Isaac told Legislative Council he is included as one of the people who are labelled criminals after leaving his car parked for more than two hours in Main Street. Brian too did not realise this minor offence put him in the same category as rapists, fraudsters and murderers. The Attorney General must now decide if Brian's proposal is added to the long list of legislation which is slowly grinding its way through the legislative process.

Brian's second motion called for cannabis oil to be included on the list of medicines which can be "prescribed and dispensed by a medical practitioner as an alternative means of pain relief for terminally ill patients." Councillor Isaac explained to Council, "I have been asked to present this Motion to this Honourable House by patients who have been to South Africa for medical treatment and been prescribed cannabis oil as treatment during convalescence and found that the results of using the oil improve their recovery and presented major improvement but the scenario remains they cannot legally bring the oil into St Helena to continue their ongoing treatment as it is listed as a control Drug under three pieces of statutory legislation namely; Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, Drug (Trafficking Offences) Ordinance and the Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Ordinance."

Brian assured other councillors, "I seek the support of this Honourable House strictly to support as a human rights issue the use of cannabis oil for medicinal use only and does not extend to the use of cannabis in any form for recreational use."

With this motion all eleven councillors joined Brian to support the motion. Derek Thomas, Chairman of the Public Health Committee said the proposal will be on the agenda for the next Public Health meeting on 7th August. The Attorney General also said the Attorney General's Chambers will give support in drafting a Bill to go to Exco.

Drug Science, who describe themselves as, "the leading independent scientific body on drugs in the UK" launched Project Twenty21 on 18th July which will involve 20,000 patients in a medicinal cannabis pilot project. The pilot will investigate specific uses of medicinal cannabis, focusing on times in which alternative treatment has failed in: Chronic pain, PTSD (with a focus on the veteran community), Multiple sclerosis, Tourette's syndrome, Prison populations as a harm reduction strategy and cannabis use disorder and substance use disorder as a harm reduction strategy.

Drug Science Chair Prof David Nutt FMedSci said: "Cannabis was a medicine in the UK for over a century until 1971 when it was banned for political reasons. Since then hundreds of thousands of patients have been forced to break the law to get a treatment that most find preferable to their previous prescription medicines. Despite the UK making cannabis a medicine in November 2018 there have as yet been only a handful of prescriptions on the NHS. To rectify this impasse Drug Science has joined forces with the United Patients Alliance, leading academics and several medical cannabis producers to open up a treatment network for up to 20,000 patients. This will allow patients to get vital therapy without breaking the law. It will also provide a solid clinical database from which experience of and confidence in, medical cannabis prescribing will develop, providing a foundation for other medical prescribers to build on."

Drugs Science gave evidence to the House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee for their report "Drugs Policy – medicinal cannabis" which was published on 3rd July this year. The evidence given to the committee was summarised as:-

- *The current procedures for enabling the use of medicinal cannabis in appropriate cases are failing patients.*
- *Practitioners often lack the knowledge and products available to them to confidently prescribe medicinal cannabis.*
- *There is a lack of training for prescribers and insufficient collaboration between different stakeholders.*
- *No clear and widely accepted standards exist to help guide patients and clinicians to make decisions around if, when, where, and how to use cannabis safely and effectively.*
- *There is a need for collaboration between medical practitioners and pharmacists to provide supplies in different forms for different patients.*
- *Many patients in need are not able to get access to medical cannabis and are becoming disillusioned with current practises.*
- *Public opinion in general has become increasingly favourable towards medicinal cannabis, in part as a response to public interest stories in the media.*

The conclusions and recommendations of the House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee were along the same lines. The recommendations of the Committee were submitted to the Home Office and await a response.



News Round Up – bits you may have missed



The bank account details of 400 people living in Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man were targeted in a phishing attack. Those targeted were Sure employees and former employees and some of their suppliers. A Sure spokesman said the attack was human error and that none of the personal data held by Sure on those attacked had been compromised.

A recent poll by the Hansard Society found that 63% of people feel the UK's system of government is rigged to the advantage of the rich and powerful; 47% of those questioned believed they had no influence at all over national decision-making.

In an attempt to remedy this, the Citizens' Convention on UK Democracy is preparing to launch a two-year nationwide exercise, asking the public to come up with ideas to change how UK politics works. Members of the public will be invited to consider ideas such as how politics is financed, how we vote for our politicians, House of Lords reform and English devolution. The project hopes that, at the end of the process, political parties will promise to take on the convention's recommendations. Maybe we should get them over here?



If you log on to tripadvisor it is possible you will find enquiries from people who are planning to come to St Helena. The questions asked are usually simple and anyone can answer them. I logged on the other day and found two recent ones which no-one in the tourism services had answered. They only wanted contact details for a good hotel to stay at.

There are also reviews of places visited. This one is part of a review of St Helena by a recent visitor. It's a favourable account of this Island. If we want more satisfied visitors, those in tourism should keep a closer eye on what is going on with the tourism social media.

Day 3 (Sat)

9.00 am flight to St Helena with a brief stop in Namibia to refuel (only required on the way out) such a shame you can't hop on and off here

Landing in St Helena was fine and the English Press (as usual) have made it more dramatic than it is, a real shame as I suspect it has deters some much needed tourists. All islands in my experience have their unique issues and there are many other airports worldwide that can experience wind shear. Planes still land in the UK when it is very windy!

Picked up by Anthony of Sub Tropic Diving who arranged everything on island seamlessly for me, my primary reason for the visit is diving and seeing the adult Whale-sharks but I ended up doing so much more....

I stayed at the Townhouse B&B run by Colin & Marlene, a lovely couple and welcome to their accommodation (see review under their hotel entry in Trip advisor) In my view the best accommodation in Jamestown unless you want luxury or to splash on the Mantis but then you would miss out on the local experience you get at the Townhouse. Once unpacked straight into it with a walk up Jacob's Ladder (699 steps!) once at the top admire the views then 100 yards beyond the top on the left is Rosie's for a well deserved coffee or homemade ice cream (not signposted but easy to find). Dinner that evening was Ann's place, good value - a lovely fresh Tuna steak, salad & fries plus a beer for £10



Remember Trump's tweet telling four Democrat Congresswomen to "go back where they came from". Theresa May was prime minister at the time and headlines in the UK newspapers roared "Theresa May has hit out at Donald Trump over tweets in which he told ethnic minority Democratic politicians to go back to their own countries." And "A spokesman for the Prime Minister said the posts were "completely unacceptable".

Meanwhile, around the same time, in another part of UK media there were some very different headlines, "Windrush scandal continues as Chagos Islanders are pressed to 'go back' " and "British passport holders from the Chagos Islands are being systematically targeted in a "shameful" attempt to have them removed from the UK" There is more, "A series of interviews corroborated by internal government emails reveal that the sizable community of British Chagossians in Crawley, West Sussex, have faced a lengthy campaign putting pressure on them to leave the country. They say they have felt intimidated by hostile officials."

The Windrush scandal was in full sway at the time Theresa May was Home Secretary. Once more, in her final days as prime minister she rightly criticises Trump for being 'unacceptable' while at the same time in the same Home Office officials are doing exactly the same thing.

The vicious twist in the tale is descendants of Chagossians cannot go back to where they came from even though many of them want to. The UK Government will not let them return to their homeland; it is now a US military base and everyone else can keep out.

ST HELENA WATER LEVELS UPDATE

- **Average storage water is at just 28 days**
- **Average daily consumption has risen since the beginning of July**
- **No significant rainfall is forecast for the next week**
- **This is an Island-wide issue and until the situation improves we must all restrict our water usage to essential use only**

The Island's water stocks have seen a 1% increase from last week but remain dangerously low. The average storage water for St Helena is now at just 28 days. This slight increase is mainly due to the optimisation of water pumping from Chubb's Spring by Connect Saint Helena (CSH) from 36,000 litres to around 100,000 litres.

Unfortunately, the average daily consumption rate has increased since the first week following CSH Island-wide water restrictions. Initially, daily consumption went down by over 150,000 litres which was a great credit to the St Helena public. This has since risen considerably and is now well above the target for daily consumption and needs to be addressed by all.

With no significant rainfall, the only way to preserve our precious resource is to keep consumption as low as possible and is the responsibility of everyone on-Island. The public is reminded to do all they can to reduce consumption to essential needs only. Remember we are currently under a hosepipe ban with CSH having enforced Island-wide water restrictions on Monday, 24 June 2019.

Despite a small amount of recent rainfall, there is still very little to no surface water run-off going into the Island's reservoirs (see photo attached). It would take around two weeks of heavy rainfall for the situation to improve and it is not forecast



for St Helena to experience any significant rainfall over the next week.

It is everyone's responsibility to take great care in using our water and consumers are continually urged to reduce consumption wherever possible. St Helena residents, businesses and people who use water for agricultural purposes are urged to exercise great care and restraint when using water.

Regular updates on reservoir levels will be issued to the public.

If you see anyone using water irresponsibly or notice a burst pipe or leak then please inform CSH immediately.

Every drop counts, every action counts - Everyone must save every drop of water possible.

St Helena Resilience Forum

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Around the Government Committees

Two committee reports were published by SHG this week. One was for the Education Committee meeting which met 16 days ago and the other for the Environment and Natural Resources Committee which also met two weeks ago.

An Apprenticeship Policy Review was introduced and immediately deferred to the next meeting. Then there was some discussion on the shortage of qualified teachers. Since none can be recruited locally vacant posts will be advertised overseas.

Next, there was 'concern' expressed at the high number of pupil suspensions at Prince Andrew School. As a result there is going to be another policy review, this time it's the Behavioural Policy. It seems some kids play up so they get suspended and get time off school. There were more items for discussion in the closed session but that is about it as far as we, 'the public', are concerned.

The Environment & Natural Resources Committee started off discussing the problems on our roads. They did not mention the potholes as such but talked about the open drains and how dangerous they can be. They hope that funding will be made available to improve the situation. There was no sug-

gestion they should close the road in the same way the wharf is closed at the merest whiff of the risk of danger.

This subject and others arose after the committee members had a 'walk through' as part of the Jamestown Parking Review (another one). The committee talked around the parking problems once more and it was suggested a rearrangement of parking spaces would result in several additional parking spaces AND some no parking areas. Before leaving the discussion about roads the committee was told that new speed bumps for outside Pilling Primary School had been received from overseas and will be installed on a date to be announced. The Director of Tourism introduced some proposed changes to the operational guidelines for taxis and tour operators in the interests of safety. No further detail was given in the report but avoiding open drains might have been part of it.

After that the Chief Environmental Officer and the Co-ordinator of the St Helena Research Institute provided updates on policy development and progress so far. The report did not say what the progress was.

Your Opinion Counts

Trust - Transparency – Truth

I sit and write on another beautiful evening with a bit of a cold probing at my innards. I refuse to submit to a full blown cold or fever, so lots of water, good food, and exercise and mind management to ensure that I stay positive about this being a slight inconvenience for a few days.

I'm being awfully selfish I know when I say that I am enjoying the bountiful warm weather here during St Helena's winter months. If it carries on like this, perhaps very few flights this winter will be delayed. Yet, water, the precious essence of life, we need more of it.

Have you ever had your trust broken? Very hard to recover from this isn't it? Not impossible, and certainly with situations which are not wholly serious, it's easier but it does require all parties to understand why the situation occurred and to take account of their own contribution in the situation. A one off situation may heal quicker, yet when trust is broken time and again, recovery is near on impossible. True recovery.....

I mentioned in my radio program this week about the mistakes I have made in my professional career and that, whilst my CEO supported my recovery, he required absolute truth and transparency on why the situation occurred. Without this, it would be hard for him to trust me with another project and another and another. Yet, he was able to differentiate between a simple mistake and a more serious one and more importantly **intent**. How quickly confidence is lost in people who are unreliable and not upfront with facts?

I learnt on the job. I did not go to University to get all of the necessary qualifications to then hold me to account as a specialist in this field. The minute you have letters after your name, you are then held to account by the accrediting body. This shouldn't be a deterrent, I'm

simply expressing that I was bound to make more mistakes than perhaps a learned person from University but instead of making mistakes on paper or on an assignment, I was playing with real time, real money, so I had to be very cautious.

Now when I look back, I see that there was a huge amount of trust invested in me. Without trust, the relationship cannot succeed and more importantly, **thrive**.

My biggest critic in life is me. I hold myself accountable for everything I do and say, without self-accountability (a conscience) who then can I turn to when I am surrounded by people who only say what I want to hear? When I had people on my team who held themselves selflessly responsible for their ethics, this meant that leadership was upheld throughout the ranks and others, from the labourer to the pharmacist also concluded matters through good accountability. It was awesome to be part of a team and I took little credit for the projects because really, once 'the wheels were oiled' the credit needed to go to the guys on the ground.

Conversely when you have a batch of people who do not care about anything that does not endorse their wealth or self-gratification, we see a situation arising of 'every man for himself' and divided we do not achieve the best results.

It was my job to information-share so that before I embarked on any project, full overview / feedback from the stakeholders was included as part of the business proposal. I refused to progress a scheme until I understood fully what was expected **from all**, not just some key people. I especially needed to hear from people who knew what they were talking about.

I had nothing to hide so I had nothing to be afraid of when it came to information-sharing. I also did not feel threatened by others since I have always understood from Day Go that a job is a job, that's all. To be done to the best of our ability for as long as we remain in that position, to be part of a team and not empire build. I had a conversation with my boss a few years ago requesting additional support in the department for fear of a lack of a contingency should I leave or become ill. I could have held it all in a tight grip but what about my pro-

gression and development (not to mention work-life balance). Once more, **no man is an island**.

Poor inter-departmental communication created chaos, however organised the chaos may have seemed to an individual, it is was not helpful if this person needed to take time off or indeed have their employment terminated. **Communication unlocks the door to all roads**.

I listened with much interest to Legco last Friday. These three words kept popping out at me, truth, transparency and trust because of the conversations I have had with islanders over the last few weeks.

You wish for us to just accept that 'this is how it is'. Yet, you do not share information with us which is in the public's best interest? I call for a change of legislation so that freedom of information becomes a legal requirement by St Helena Government.

You wish for us to trust you? Trust is earned. Respect is earned. It is not gained by social clambering or just having 'the gift of the gab'. You will never gain the respect that is deserved until you are able to put the people before your own ambitious designs and pocket linings.

Egos have destroyed mankind's ability to find peace for hundreds of years. Think of the many world leaders past and present. What seems to be their greatest challenge? I'd like to suggest managing their egos. Donald Trump has perhaps the largest ego on the planet, followed very closely by Putin. Egos don't inspire trust amongst conscious, humble, honest people. Lose the ego and just be ourselves. Confidence, yes. Egotism, no.

It irked me to hear a councillor self-praising to get back onto Exco using the move from Cape Town to Jo'Burg for medevacs and thus **saving money** and the ladies who were held at gunpoint have yet to hear from anyone in support of the trauma that they suffered. The Government have not **transparently** acknowledged that this whole medevac debacle in Jo'Burg is not acceptable. Do you appreciate the trauma that these people must still go through on a daily basis? 'No comment' should not render you unaccountable.

Your Opinion Counts

Truth – Jo'Burg is a far less safe option, so it is not I who am causing apprehension of travelling patients and of course there is precedence. Let's see how many other Medevacs think the current set up is acceptable. Let's get them on Saint FM and interview every single one of them. I am not expecting a 100% unsatisfactory statistic, yet, it would be interesting to see if it is such a huge success to the islanders as put by this Councillor. Of course we are saving money, people are vulnerable and being held at gunpoint, so I would expect the current setup to be 'cheap and cheerful'. After all, it's only people's wellbeing and lives we are referring to here.

As always, it's best to 'contain' situations and sweep as much of it under the carpet than tip the whole apple-cart out. It is utterly disrespectful to the islanders when responses are not provided in the hope that 'they just go away'.

Attempts to appease with half-truths continue to challenge us. People are afraid to speak out because they fear

the repercussions to themselves and their families professionally. Is this society a democracy? Or are we now a dictatorship?

Well done to Councillor Essex for reminding the island that Mantis is built without any sustainability in mind. An iconic, flagship hotel in Jamestown – the island leader in hotels, just no thought given to sustainability. Well done. Transparency would see the post-report findings published in the newspaper and then perhaps we can all work together under the flags of trust and truth.

If this building does become a **big fat white elephant** I do hope some thought has been given to further reinstatement/dilapidation costs and where will this come from? People keep suggesting that we simply cannot close this hotel because it would make such a detrimental statement to the tourism of the island. If it is more money for a better medevac situation then I know which option I would go with. So sorry to all those folks working there but my mind can only conjure up 'necessity' at present with the **waste** of money that continues to plague our economy.

Does anyone else think (as per another conversation this week) that the bureaucracy involved in getting anything over the line for forty seven square miles is a bit of a cracker over a beer in the pub? Talk about 'creating jobs to the death and destruction of efficiency'. Not only is it enhancing unnecessary work but it is

also stalling progress and encouraging far more disillusionment than creativity, **forty seven square miles** for goodness sake.

I'd like to see a bit more red tape when it comes to people using St Helena as a stepping stone to the British Passport and beyond.

Be careful folks with credit cards. Credit cards can be a real asset when it comes to booking travel etc but plastic has got many a family into disastrous situations. We only need our personal financial situation to change for that % APR to be like a millstone around our necks. Never trust the banks or their small print. Trust your own ability to save for those things we so desire.

In two years, this island will be in the throws of another general election. How we complain bitterly about some members of the council, well this is our chance to turn up and oust those who are simply taking all the system has to offer and doing little in return. A note to the organisers of the elections, I am sure that 'sweeteners' are not allowed to get people to polling stations where X marks the spot? Just a simple question.

Thank you once again for all those people who stop to chat to me. Thank you for understanding where at times I am unable to chat too long.

Have a lovely weekend.

Addie Thomas
Jamestown

AINE HURLEY SWORN IN AS ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

Crown Counsel, Aine Hurley, was sworn in as Acting Attorney General on Monday, 29 July 2019 (see photo attached). Aine took the prescribed Oaths in the presence of HE Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook in the Governor's Office, The Castle. Aine has been appointed Acting Attorney General whilst the previous post holder, Allen Cansick, is off-Island.

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30 July 2019



ELECTIONS TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

At the formal meeting of Legislative Council held on Friday, 26 July, Members elected Councillors Clint Beard, Anthony Green, Lawson Henry, Derek Thomas and Russell Yon to form the new Executive Council.

The Constitution of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha provides for Executive Council to serve for two years before elections take place.

During the meeting, Councillor Clint Beard was elected as Chairperson of the Education Committee, following the resignation of Councillor Christine Scipio from the Committee Chairmanship role.

A copy of the revised Order Paper, with written questions, can be viewed on the SHG website at: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/order-papers/>.

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29 July 2019



Crop Watch

This is the first in what will be a regular article focusing on crop production on St Helena. The aim is to give the readers up to date information on what's going on in the fields, and to help farmers and gardeners get the most out of their crops.

ANRD Agronomist

Edward (Ted) Whitton has been on the island since the beginning of July. His role is to assist producers to improve crop production.

"Prior to working here I have spent more than ten years as a farmer in the UK. Although the conditions on St Helena are certainly unique my experience on the "sharp end" of farming has given me a good understanding of the business of crop production, not just the science."

Ted is here with his wife and two sons; William (4) and Bertie (3 months).

Please do not hesitate to contact Ted with any crop related queries. Contact Details are below.

Drought

Dry weather continues to be the main theme in crops. Remember if you want to water your crops during the hosepipe ban you will need to apply to Connect for an exemption. You may have your garden assessed for water need.

If you want to know how best to utilise limited water supplies then contact Farmer Support (24724) at ANRD for irrigation advice.

Drought and water shortage will continue to be a problem in the future due to Climate Change. It is well worth considering how to use water as efficiently as possible, and this will have the added benefit of saving money on your water bill. Techniques like drip irrigation, maintaining green cover, using compost and manure, and minimising soil disturbance will save water and can increase production from your land.

Pests

With the dry weather and high daytime temperatures pest and disease are a bigger problem this winter than they have been in the past. Be aware of Potato Tuber Moth (PTM) and protect seed tubers in an insect proof container prior to planting. Plant quickly to minimise exposure and mole up well. Remember that moth and its worm are trying desperately to get to your tubers!

Whitefly and rust mite is also taking advantage of the weather. Contact Pest Control for bio and chemical control options. Don't leave it too late. As soon as you

think you might have seen whitefly; treat it! Organic and chemical options are available and there are some very effective techniques you can adopt to reduce the population.

Potato Blight

Potato Blight is present in all the potatoes inspected. It is important to take an "Integrated" approach to controlling blight; a method known as IPM (Integrated Pest Management). With potato crops that are waiting to be planted or yet to come up it is important to invest in controlling the disease if you want to maximise production.

If you are aiming to farm without pesticides you must search out blight resistant varieties (call ANRD for a list of suitable ones).

Everyone needs to be careful to plant clean seed, and you must destroy all waste tubers, weed potatoes and weed tomatoes; all these are sources of Blight. Remember a weed potato in your patch could be a source of infection for the neighbours' potatoes too.

Sprays are an important part of an IPM system. The correct ones must be applied at the correct timing. ANRD will be very happy to advise you on this. But be aware; sprays are all protectors, once the crop has blight it is too late. If you are going to spray you need to start early and spray every 7 to 10 days.

Fertiliser

And some good news; good value fertiliser is now available from Thorpes. Urea (Nitrogen), MAP (phosphate) and MOP (Murate of Potash) supply the main nutrients needed for crop growth and are highly concentrated compared to what's been previously available. They are also cheaper! They are suitable for all the crops we grow in soil. If you would like to know how to make best use of them please call ANRD for advice.

Contacts

For all crop related enquiries please contact ANRD at Scotland on 24724.

Agronomy: Ted Whitton ext. 216. Email edward.whitton@sainthelena.gov.sh

Pest Control: Rosie Peters ext. 210. Email rosalie.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh

St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC)

VACANCY - HANDY MAN

The Handyman will be answerable to the Operations Manager and main duties will include basic maintenance required in and around the Cold Store and SHFC Properties and ensuring the outside areas are kept clean and tidy.

The Handy Man will be expected to work unsupervised.

Essential skills:

Basic metal fabrication

Basic plumbing

Basic joinery

Drivers Licence Class C

For further details/ full job description, please contact Miss Terri Clingham, Operations Manager on 22333 or email terri.clingham@shfc.sh

CV and cover letter to be should be submitted to Ms Deirdre Maggot, SHFC Cold Store, Ruperts or email deirdre.maggott@shfc.sh by 4pm Friday 16th August 2019

VACANCY FOR A TEMPORARY TEACHER

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ a suitable person to work in the Primary Sector on a temporary basis for the period 2nd September 2019 – 13th December 2019. The successful application will be required to teach all subjects across the primary curriculum,

Please note that the opportunity for this post is advertised locally.

Applicants must have qualified teaching status and recent experience in teaching would be advantageous. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated and have good interpersonal skills

Rate of pay for this role will be dependent on qualifications and experience, on the Directorates Scheme of Service ranges from £10,550 - £18,114 per annum.

The Education & Employment Directorate is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to uphold these principles. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory medical check and vetting or DBS Disclosure.

For further details regarding this post and a full job description, interested persons should contact Miss Elaine Benjamin, Headteacher Pilling Primary School on telephone number 22540 or e-mail elaine.benjamin@primary.edu.sh

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, 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, 13 August 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 of Education & Employment
1 August 2019



TENDER NOTICE

The Education & Employment Directorate has the following obsolete items for sale by tender on an "as is" basis.

Interested persons are asked to contact the relevant personnel for further information as below.

Venue: Prince Andrew School: Contact: Mr Stuart Leo, Caretaker on Tel no. 24290

Viewing of items will be held, on Monday, 12 August and Tuesday, 13 August 2019 from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm.

Samsung VHS Video Player Hi Logic Pdcsv-2158	1
Washing Machine Hotpoint FEW12	1
14" TV And VHS Player Combined	1
Toshiba Text TV Screen	1
Defy Dryer	1
Defy 731t Termofan Elac Stove 4 Burner	1
Defy Gas Stove 6 Burner	1
Flavel Gas Stove 4 Burner	1
Debut Gas Stove 4 Burner	1
Ocean Gas Stoves 4 Burner	2
Bosch Cordless Drill With Charger	1
Atlas Copco Drill 240v	1
Black & Decker Drill 240v	1
Motive Fitness Cross Trainer	2
BH Fitness Treadmills	2



**St Helena
Government**

Venue: Scotts Mill, Francis Plain Gut: Contact: Mr Kurt Thomas, Senior Stores Clerk on Tel. no 22607

Viewing of items will be held, on Monday, 12 August and Tuesday, 13 August 2019 from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm.

Ferguson TX TV Screens	2
Toshiba TV Screen	1
ATUNG TV Screen on stand	1
LG TV Screen & Tape combo	1
LG TV Screen & Tape combo	1
Toshiba TV Screen	1
JVC TV Screen	1
Gold Star TV Screen	1
Amcar Air conditioner	1
Portable Air conditioners	2
Desk and Pedestal Fans	5
Red Conference Chairs with Arm rests	3 lots of 4
Blue Conference Chairs	2
Maroon Office swivel chair	1
Red Office swivel chair	1
Blue Office swivel Chairs	2
Coomber Radio/ Tape Players	3
CD/Cassette player Radios	3
Bathroom Scales (Various Makes)	2
Table top LEC Fridge	1
LG Under counter Fridge	1
Hotpoint (first edition)Fridge/ Freezer	1
Table Top BECKO compact Cooker (2 plate burner and oven)	3
Paper Trimmer	1
Comb binder	1
White Flip Chart Stand	1

Tenders should be sent in writing to Mrs Joanne Jonas, Finance Officer, Education Learning Centre, Jamestown or by e-mail to joanne.jonas@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Friday, 23 August 2019.

Mrs. Wendy Benjamin

Director of Education & Employment

1 August 2019

Vacancy - MT Ops Driver Ascension Island

Ref 2973

Competitive Salary + Bonus + Site Allowance

Interserve is recruiting a Mechanical Transport Operations Driver to work on the Ascension Island Base to operate a variety of heavy goods, passenger carrying and airfield specialist support vehicles.

Responsibilities

- To carry out driving duties and other tasks as directed by Line Management.
- To ensure you are aware of when and where to report for duties, checking roster for driving/operating tasks.
- To ensure driver's hours are adhered to in accordance with JSP 800 Vol 5 and Drivers' Hours Records Cards (F/MT 106) are completed accurately.
- To ensure you are fully conversant with all vehicles and equipment you are required to drive and operate.
- To daily/weekly inspect vehicles held in MT Ops Fleet and vehicles you are required to drive/operate in accordance with the relevant procedures.
- Maintain cleanliness of vehicles; report any anomalies with vehicles to MT Ops for rectification.

The person

- Hold a full clean driving licence.
- Some knowledge of military driving and associated procedures and practices would be advantageous.
- Be prepared to be instructed on a range of military and specialist plant and vehicles.
- Experience of working in a military environment would be beneficial. Good level of health and fitness.
- Self-motivated and able to work without supervision.
- Good communication skills, visual awareness and spoken and written English.
- Must be medically, dentally fit and will pass required security checks.

Interserve will pay a competitive salary, monthly site allowance and a bonus at 13th and 27th month. Hours of work are 47.5 per week. The contract duration is 27 months single status with 74 days leave excluding weekends. Air/sea transportation for 4 agreed holiday periods will be at the Company's expense. Free accommodation, meals at the mess and work clothing will be provided.

For further information, tel 00-247-63400 or email Theresa.Corker-Coleman@interserve.mod.uk.

To apply upload your CV at www.careers.interserve.com/jobs.

Closing date for applications is Monday 5 August 2019.

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Vacancy - F&L General Operator Ascension Island

Ref 3514

Competitive Salary + Bonus + Site Allowance

Interserve is recruiting a Fuel & Lubricants (F&L) General Operator to work on the Ascension Island Base.

Responsibilities

- Carry out daily, weekly and monthly accounting of Aviation and Ground Fuels on BFIS and GFMS. Ensure that the Fuel State Board and the F&L Vehicle State Board is updated daily.
- The correct operation of the Bulk Fuel Installation (BFI), Petroleum Supply Depot (PSD) and Motor Transport Filling Installation (MTFI) in accordance with the referenced instructions. Assist with Ship to Shore and Cross Island fuel transfers.
- To ensure refuelling of all military and commercial aircraft transiting Ascension Island Base as well as Ground Fuel deliveries to the USAF and MTFI are all carried out in accordance with referenced instructions.
- The correct operation and the implementation of driver responsibilities for Airfield Refuelling Vehicles, Refuelling Equipment and MT Vehicles in accordance with referenced instructions.

The person

- Good standard of education in Maths and good command of written and spoken English required for UK Courses. Prepared to undertake the required training in the UK and on Ascension to achieve the formal training required for this post.
- Full clean driving licence.
- General health and safety knowledge.
- Good all round communication skills with staff, managers and clients. Will be well-organised, a motivated team player who is keen to learn F&L operations.
- Able to deal effectively with periods of intense activity. Has a 'can do' mature attitude, is flexible, reliable and self-motivated.
- Must be medically and dentally fit, CP2 Colour perception essential, will obtain and hold security clearance (SC).

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Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

www.sainthelenabank.com

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Non-Executive Board Director

Bank of St Helena Ltd is seeking Expressions of Interest from persons to serve as a Non-Executive Director on their Board.

Non-Executive Directors are required to act with a degree of independence from the operational activities and have a role in providing strategic vision; monitoring the Bank's performance; the financial reporting process; the review of risk and controls; and governance.

Time commitment is on average 2 days per month and remuneration is provide at £3,000 to £3,500 per annum. Where experience and qualifications allow, there is potential for a non-Executive Director to also serve as Chairperson of the Board.

Interested persons should submit their Expressions of Interest and a CV to Leeanne Henry, Acting Managing Director, by email asst.managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com or in person at Bank of St Helena Office in Market Street, Jamestown.

Closing date for Expressions of Interest is Wednesday, 14 August 2019

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VACANCY FOR SCHOOL SECRETARY – PILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

The successful person will be responsible to the Headteacher of Pilling Primary School for providing effective and efficient administrative support.

Applicants must have GCSE in Math's and English at Grade C or above or equivalent and be proficient in Microsoft applications (word, excel, outlook and publisher). Working experience in an administrative role is essential.

The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, highly organised and have good interpersonal skills.

Salary for the post is at Grade B.A, £6,722 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Elaine Benjamin, Headteacher, Pilling Primary School on telephone number 22540 or email elaine.benjamin@primary.edu.sh

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Director of Education & Employment
1 August 2019





VACANCY WITHIN THE ST HELENA AIRPORT LIMITED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The St Helena Airport Limited is looking to recruit an appropriate individual for the following post:

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

St Helena Airport Limited (SHAL) was formed with a clear mandate to operate and maintain St Helena Airport in accordance with Air Safety Support International's (ASSI) certification requirements. The company is currently in its infancy and requires an experienced and dynamic individual to undertake the role of Board Chairperson. The incumbent will be expected to train and mentor a designated chairperson on island to take over the role at the end of their tenure.

The Chair of the Board of Directors is expected to provide leadership to the Board to ensure it functions effectively. The current Board believes that the Board Chairperson must be a qualified and appropriate individual. All applicants will be expected to possess the following attributes:

- ➔ Aerospace and/or airport or aviation experience;
- ➔ Civil engineering, Environmental engineering, planning, compliance, protection, etc. experience;
- ➔ Knowledge of the mandate and business activities of St Helena Airport Limited and a good understanding of the regulatory environment in which it operates;
- ➔ Knowledge of corporate governance and best practices;
- ➔ Knowledge of human resources management;
- ➔ Financial literacy and competency;
- ➔ Knowledge in strategic business and master planning;
- ➔ Ability to anticipate emerging issues and lead organizational change;
- ➔ Ability to develop effective working relationships with other Board members, SHAL senior management, St Helena Airport business partners and stakeholders;
- ➔ Superior communication skills, both written and verbal, and
- ➔ Previous board experience is essential preferably in a similar role.

Key duties and responsibilities of the Chair are as follows:

- ➔ Plan the Board's annual schedule of meetings and agendas, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and other directors as appropriate;
- ➔ Coordinate with the CEO to ensure that the Board receives the appropriate quantity and quality of information in a timely manner to enable it to make informed decisions;
- ➔ Chair all meetings of the Board and ensure that meetings are conducted efficiently and effectively;
- ➔ Facilitate full and candid Board discussions, ensure all directors express their views on key Board matters and assist the Board in achieving a consensus;
- ➔ Develop teamwork and a cohesive Board culture and facilitate formal and informal communication with and among directors;
- ➔ Help ensure that action items established by the Board are tracked and appropriate follow-up action is taken as necessary;
- ➔ Chair annual and special meetings if necessary;
- ➔ Collaborate with the Member (St Helena Government) on the structure of the Board of Directors, including the performance of individual directors and
- ➔ Train and mentor a designated chairperson during the tenure of their role to take over the role of Board Chairperson.

If you think you have the relevant qualifications and skills to suit this role, or you would like more information please submit your CV and a Letter of Intent to St Helena Airport Limited on Telephone number 25180 Ext 128 or email address recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero to

Business Manager

St Helena Airport Limited

Attention: Board of Directors

The closing date for this application to this position is **31st August 2019**. Interviews will take place in October 2019.

'Mass brawl' breaks out on P&O cruise ship Britannia

Plates and furniture were reportedly used as weapons after a mass brawl broke out on a British cruise ship.

Six people were hurt as P&O's Britannia sailed to Southampton after a week-long trip to Norway's fjords, police said.

Good Morning Britain journalist Richard Gaisford, who was on board, said he had been told the incident was sparked by a passenger taking offence at another holidaymaker dressed as a clown.

A man and a woman in their 40s have been arrested on suspicion of assault.

Writing on Twitter, Mr Gaisford said he first became aware of the trouble when an emergency tannoy was made in the early hours of Friday for security staff to attend Britannia's 16th floor restaurant.

"Witnesses told me they were so frightened they had to hide, as family groups fought," he said.

The people suspected of being behind the violence were confined to a cabin for the last day of the cruise, Mr Gaisford said.

He said the violence occurred after a black-tie evening and an afternoon of "patriotic" partying on deck, when large amounts of alcohol were consumed.

He said one witness "explained to staff that things kicked off when another passenger appeared dressed as a clown. This upset one of their party because they'd specifically booked a



cruise with no fancy dress. It led to a violent confrontation."

A P&O Cruises spokesman said: "Following an incident on board Britannia on Thursday evening we can confirm that all guests have now disembarked and the matter is now in the hands of the local police."

Hampshire Police said its officers attended the ship when it docked in Southampton and investigations are ongoing.

A police spokeswoman said: "The incident took place during the early hours of Friday, 26 July, on board P&O's Britannia while it was en route to Southampton from Bergen."

She said three men and three women were assaulted, with their injuries including significant bruising and cuts.

The two people arrested - a man aged 43 and a 41-year-old woman, both from Chigwell, Essex - are in police custody.

Invitation to Tender

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

Refurbishment of No.12 Piccolo Hill, Longwood

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from

Miss Tiffany Lawrence

Procurement Officer

Essex House

Jamestown

Telephone No: 22270 or

email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

A site visit to view the works will take place on Tuesday, 06 August 2019, at 10am, meeting at No. 12 Piccolo Hill.

If you are unable to attend the site visit during this time, please contact the Procurement Officer to arrange another date & time.

Should you require any further details, please contact the Project Manager, Mr Mark Plato, on telephone number 22270 or

email mark.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Tuesday, 20 August 2019.

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



PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, 5 AUGUST 2019

The following is a public announcement from the St Helena Public Accounts Committee:

A formal session of the St Helena Public Accounts Committee (PAC) will take place at 9.30am in the Council Chamber on Monday, 5 August 2019.

The programme of business will include the 2017/18 Financial Statements of the St Helena Government, St Helena Currency Fund, St Helena Fisheries Corporation and Enterprise St Helena.

Members of the public and interested persons are invited to attend.

The meeting will be broadcast live via SAMS Radio 1.

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GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 28th JULY 2019

A strong field of 24 players turned up to take part in the Sure South Atlantic sponsored 18 hole stroke play monthly medal competition. The weather was great for golfing. The mood on the first tee was upbeat. After the usual banter before tee off things got serious. Every stroke whether in or out of bounce counted.

At the end there was a clear winner with nett 65 Mr Norman Thomas, second place with nett 67 was Bramwell Lumukwana third place with nett 68 was Mr Tony Green who beat Mr Donald Bowers on a countback. Mr Lawson Henry won both the longest drive and nearest to pin for the men while our Ladies Captain Mrs Helena Stevens won both the longest drive and Nearest to pin for ladies. The two ball pool was shared between Mr Lawson Henry and Pat Henry with Lawson scoring 2 twice. Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to our sponsor Sure South Atlantic.

The next two consecutive Sundays 4th and 11th August 2019 the club will be hosting another major annual competition sponsored by Richard James International. This will be a 36 Hole Strokeplay competition with a tee off time of 12:00. Registration is ongoing through the usual channels. Add your name to the list on the clubhouse noticeboard, leave a voice mail on 24421, or drop a message to our Facebook page



@SGHC.org.sh Junior golfers training continues every Thursday at 16:15 until further notice.

Wish you all a great weekend.....!

Contributed by;

SHGC



SHFA Football results Week 5

27/7/19

Bellboys 12 v 0 Saints

Goals for Bellboys – Alex Langham 4, Andrew Yon 3, Ryan Benjamin 2,

Matthias Young, Rick Joshua, Tyler Brady.

Yellow Card – Anelka Leo of Saints.

YPOM – Owen Richards of Saints.

MOM – Andrew Yon of Bellboys.

Harts 2 v 0 Wizards

Goals for Harts – Sean Lee Thomas, Selwyn Stroud.

YPOM – Brandon Harris of Harts.

MOM – Colin Shoe of Wizards.

28/7/19

Wirebirds 6 v 2 Lakers

Goals for Wirebirds – Chris Owen 2, Sanjay Clingham, Tyler Benjamin, Cody Harris,

Ricardo Williams.

Goals For Lakers – Liam Yon, Cody Thomas.

MOM – Tyler Benjamin of Wirebirds.

Rovers 7 v 1 Axis

Goals for Rovers – Sean Benjamin 3, Ronan Legg 3, Rico Benjamin.

Goals for Axis – Chico Williams.

YPOM – Josh Benjamin of Rovers.

MOM – Sean Benjamin of Rovers.



Junior Football Results

Sunday 28th July

Jungle Rangers 10 v Yellow Devils 3

G/S Jungle Rangers: Blaze Baldwin 8 & Toure Osborne 2

G/S Yellow Devils: Zac Francis 2 & Harry Winfield 1

POM: Ephren Stroud & Blaze Baldwin

Skyscrapers 7 v Rangers 3

G/S Skyscrapers: Kieron Williams 3; McCoy Williams 3 & Kyron Anthony 1

Goal Scorers Rangers: Lars Williams 2 &

Dominic Richards 1

POM: Kieron Williams

Galacticos 15 v Titans 2

G/S Galacticos: Aiden Yon-Stevens 9, Ethan Harris 3 & Evan Constantine 3

G/S Titans: Josh Herne 1 & Ethan Johnson 1

POM: Evan Constantine

Fixtures Saturday 3rd August

9.15am Young Rebels v Yellow Devils

9.15am pitch 2 Galacticos v Skyscrapers

10am: Titans v Rangers



ST HELENA AIRPORT LIMITED JOINS ACI AFRICA

St Helena Airport Limited (SHAL), a St Helena Government wholly owned company, has recently joined Airports Council International (ACI) which is a global organisation comprised of operators of airports, associations, educational establishments and business partners, all of whom are involved in aviation. SHAL has joined the African region as a regular member and shall be seeking affiliate regular membership with ACI Europe.

Gwyneth Howell, the CEO and Accountable Manager for SHAL said “Our membership provides a unique platform for St Helena Airport whereby we can gain valuable knowledge, skills and training opportunities to help tailor our Strategic Business Plan, showcasing our services and expanding our presence within the African and European regions.”

St Helena Airport Limited is pleased to join ACI Africa, gaining further international recognition and establishing new relationships with aviation organisations as a result.

COMPLIANCE MANAGER ACHIEVES IAP DESIGNATION

The Compliance Manager for St Helena Airport, James Kellett (pictured), recently completed his International Airport Professional (IAP) qualification and therefore earns the IAP designation. James is thought to be the first person from St Helena to achieve IAP status.

The qualification is achieved through the completion of the Airport Management Professional Accreditation Programme (AMPAP) which is a strategic initiative jointly accredited by Airport Councils International (ACI) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

The programme seeks to “develop a new generation of airport leaders in all functional areas of the airport business and promote the adherence to the highest professional standards and effective sharing of best managerial practices.”

James was tasked with completing four mandatory courses and two elective courses within three years in order to achieve the IAP designation. Further elective courses are available to James to continue his professional development.



James said “To achieve the IAP designation has been a challenging but ultimately rewarding and enjoyable experience. I have met many airport professionals from around the globe and have made long-lasting links with them to the benefit of me as an airport management professional and to St Helena Airport. I look forward to continuing with my studies, growing my knowledge and forging strong links with other professionals.”

St Helena Airport Limited, 02 August 2019



St Helena Red Cross

TRISTAN APPEAL

In support of the people of Tristan da Cunha
following the recent storm damage.

**Please look out for collection boxes
and other events.**

Donations may also be paid directly into the
Bank of St Helena, Red Cross account no. 00334002
marked 'Tristan Appeal'.

The Tristan Appeal is organised by the St Helena Branch of the British Red Cross
Registered in St Helena as Charity no. C0046.

Message from Tristan Administrator, Sean Burns

Sean Burns contacted the *Independent* on Wednesday offering thanks to the St Helena Red Cross for organising the Tristan Appeal and to Saints for supporting Tristan. Loraine Repetto is Acting Administrator as Sean Burns was already in the UK when the storm ravaged Tristan. As such he was able to help with the planning for emergency aid from the UK Government.

£100,000 has been allocated for essential materials required urgently to repair damaged buildings. While a full assessment remains to be completed after Sean Burns returns to Tristan with the *MFV Edinburgh* which will carry the emergency supply of building materials. The *MFV Edinburgh* departs Cape Town on 8th August. After the wind ripped holes in the roofs and smashed windows the heavy rain damaged much of what was inside the buildings. It is certain more assistance will be required to replace a wide range of damaged equipment, furniture and fittings. Sean Burns points out in his message that educational materials at St Mary's School will almost certainly need to be replaced.

Message from the Tristan Administrator:

"Many thanks for getting in touch and for the very kind offer to support fund raising efforts on the island's behalf. This is very much appreciated. The Tristan Association is launching an Emergency Appeal and details will appear shortly on the website. I am currently off the island so cannot make an assessment of the island's needs until I return and consult colleagues. In the meantime the UK has given us an immediate grant of £100K to purchase materials to go to the island on a special voyage on 8 August. I don't know for sure yet but looking at the photos, I suspect that the school has been particularly badly hit and I suspect we will need help to replace educational materials etc. The same goes for the crèche. I will be in touch when I return".

TRISTAN APPEAL

Tristanians still waiting for help

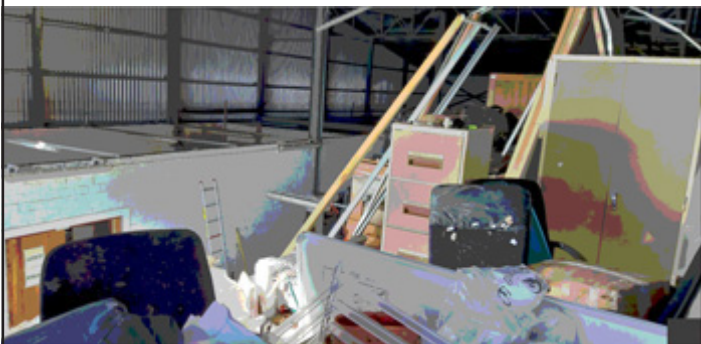
It is now two weeks since the inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha started the massive job of clearing up the mess and repairing the damage after the severe storm wreaked havoc on the Settlement and elsewhere. Wind speed was measured at 107.5mph before the wind broke the anemometer as well as windows and roofs blew away in the storm. It is reported wind speed increased after it became impossible to measure it, making it a Category 3 hurricane.



View from Calshot Harbour

The Tristan community has got together to repair damaged houses and have made other buildings as water proof as possible; in some cases using materials from buildings which will have to be demolished and rebuilt. Phone communication is now sometimes possible, and the internet link has been restored but with limited access.

St Mary's School, the fishing factory and the fisheries boat-house are among the buildings suffering the worst damage. In his message to St Helena sent to the Independent the Administrator, Sean Burns, has a particular concern for the School and the Crèche where the heavy rain damaged the interior of the building after the wind ripped off the roofs. Most if not all of the education materials will need replacing. The communications building, the workshop, transformer building, the PWD storage building and the Albatross Bar are other structures in a longer list of damaged buildings which remain out of use.



fishing factory damage

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14th August – Tristan's National Day

Tristan was discovered by Portuguese Admiral Tristao da Cunha in 1506 but was mostly left to the wildlife apart from visits by seal hunters and unsuccessful attempts to establish a supply station for sailing ships. As with St Helena, Tristan was colonised by the Brits. On 14th August 1816 Captain Josiah Cloete arrived on *HMS Falmouth* with forty men from the Cape Artillery, ten women and some children to establish Fort Malcolm above Little Beach. The 14th August is now commemorated as Tristan's National Day in the same way 21st May is St Helena's National Day.

St Helenian blood runs through Tristanian veins

In the 1821 the Tristan population was eighteen; eleven men, two women and five children. Five years later, after a family left, there was just one woman left in Tristan and the future for human settlement on Tristan looked bleak.

The problem was solved when five Tristan bachelors arranged with the captain of the sloop, the *Duke of Gloucester* to try and persuade five willing ladies from St Helena to sail back with him. The captain's powers of persuasion were equal to the task and in 1827 five Saint Helenian women disembarked the *Duke of Gloucester* and set foot on Tristan. The one couple now became six and the Tristan community was viable once more.

Tristan kids raise money for victims of Cyclone Idai

Cyclone Idai hit Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe in March this year. It was worst tropical cyclone on record in the Southern Hemisphere. In Tristan, schoolchildren raised funds to help the victims. They collected almost £900 through sponsored walks from the two hundred or so Tristanians.



Younger school children did their sponsored walk around the Settlement

TRISTAN APPEAL

The *MFV Edinburgh* is on stand-by to sail to Tristan from Cape Town at short notice. The *Edinburgh* is being loaded with essential building materials for the major repairs and will also bring to Tristan and engineer together with Administrator Sean Burns to assess the damage in greater detail and provide an estimate of what further materials are required to get day-to-day life back to normal. The departure of the *Edinburgh* from Cape Town is later than first hoped and is now scheduled for 8th August, arriving at Tristan four weeks after the storm broke.

First reports suggested the extent and severity of the dam-



PWD storage building

age was the worst since the storm in 2001. However, after areas around the settlement were inspected it is recognised the July 2019 storm is the worst natural disaster Tristan has suffered since the 1961 volcano eruption. The 1961 disaster caught the attention of the world's media and financial support was offered from several sources. The July 2019 hurricane remains ignored by the international press with just the Tristan da Cunha Association in the UK and the St Helena Red Cross being the only voluntary organisations so far who are known to have stepped forward to offer assistance to the stricken Tristanians. The UK Government has committed £100,000 to pay for the essential building materials being loaded on board the *Edinburgh*. Further assessments of financial help will be made when more information is known on the extent of the damage.



School interior

APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2019/61:** Full Planning Application for **Demolition of Ruins at the rear of the property and Construction of 9 Accommodation Units**, opposite Pilling School, Market Street on Parcel 120005 Jamestown, adjacent to the property of Mrs Anna Hopkins. Applicant: Johnny Isaac

Copy 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@sainthelena.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@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Review & Representations Closing Date

: 4pm – 16th August 2019

Shane Williams
Planning Officer



JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE
SKITTLES SEASON - 2019

Scores:

23rd. July

	EXTRACTORS - 481	Bt	GUYS & DOLLS - 471	
Ladies - H. Sc:			Kedall Lawrence	56
Gents - H. Sc:	Deon Thomas	62	Neil Joshua	62
Ladies - H. Sp:			Kedall Lawrence	14
Gents - H. Sp:	Dane Wade	12	Charlie Young	11
	Luke Johnson	12		

24th. July

	PARTTIMERS - 518		RUSTY PISTOLS - 481	
Ladies - H. Sc:			Terri Clingham	38
Gents - H. Sc:	Colin Thomas	70	Wayne Yon	66
Gents - H. Sp:	Colin Thomas	15	Wayne Yon	14

Upcoming fixtures:

Monday 5th. August - Extractors v Parttimers
Wednesday 7th. August - Guys & Dolls v Strugglers



Imported Phalaenopsis (Moth Orchids) will be on sale in the Market on Thursday 8th August 2019. **DON'T MISS OUT!**



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UP, UP AND AWAY.....TO OPEN DAY!

Sharon Wade & Roxanna Williams

St Helena's three Primary Schools hosted their annual Open Days this week.

On Tuesday 30th July Harford Primary began their open Day at 10am at the Harford Community Centre with an opening speech by Headteacher Mrs Carlean Crowie, which was followed by entertainment and a Prize Presentation.

Each year group participated and the programme contained an interesting 'Alice In Wonderland' drama, followed by song and dance performances. Approximately 120 parents, guardians and invited guests attended and watched with proud expressions on the day.

Around 39 prizes were presented, and included highest achievements and best efforts from each year group, and also for highest achievement in Literacy in year 6 with the Literacy Cup.

To conclude, the Pupil Of The Year Award was presented to Bobbi Clingham who has shown excellence in behaviour, social and academic areas.

A proud parent, Michelle Francis told the Independent that "I think the children and teachers did very well at the Presentation today. I feel very proud of my daughter and everyone else."

Following the Presentation Ceremony, all parents and invited guests had tea and refreshments at Harford School and ended the day with visits to the classrooms to view the children's work. Bright and colourful displays filled the walls throughout the School to show what had been taught and learnt over the school year - truly an interesting, fun-filled day to end the school year.

"The beating heart of any School is its pupils and that is why we are here. Our mission statement cites that we aspire for our pupils to develop a passion for learning and be the best that they can be."

Mrs Carlean Crowie, Headteacher

On Wednesday 31st, a rather cloudy overcast day set the scene for St Paul's Primary School's Open Day. Thankfully, that did not deter parents, teachers and invited guests who were present for the various performances and subsequent prize presentation. His Excellency Governor Rushbrook was present, (being in attendance at all three Open Days), along



with Councillor Clint Beard, Mrs Wendy Benjamin - Director of the Education & Employment Directorate and other officials and teachers, both past and present from across the Education spectrum. Many proud parents, family members and friends were also present to witness the wonderful performances and pride-evoking presentations. Prizes of Books and Certificates were awarded in a variety of subjects for 'Best Effort' and 'Overall Performance' and were presented by Governor Rushbrook, Councillor Beard and Mrs Wendy Benjamin.

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Pupil of the Year for Key Stage 1 was Amelie Krutske and the award for Key Stage 2 was shared by Allie Fowler and Kieran Anderson. There were also additional presentations for the Betty Joshua Kindness Award and several students from the School were recipients of the Jean Beadon Art Awards.

The end of the school year celebration included opening speeches by the Headteacher Mrs Patricia Williams and Deputy Head Miss Sherell Thomas; singing and dancing groups with cultural and line dances, piano recitals, a sketch and plays, during which, the judgement of the big bad wolf brought much laughter from the audience. There were several outstanding performances, which highlighted the promise of possible actors/actresses being nurtured within the caring embrace of the teachers and staff at St Paul's Primary School. Pupils and teachers alike are to be commended on their effort, achievements and team-work in bringing the school year together for a day of celebrating their success.

"I'd like to pay a special tribute of thanks to all of my staff who continuously rise to the challenges, to support each other and the children to ensure any negative impact is minimised."..... "Every child matters, regardless of their abilities.....teachers have to ignite their passion for learning and pupils in return need to be self-motivated and want to learn. They are the future!"

Mrs Patricia Williams, Headteacher

Yesterday, Thursday 1st August, the focus was on Pilling Primary School's Open Day which had the theme 'Earth and Beyond'. The Headteacher Ms Elaine Benjamin, welcomed everyone present and based her speech on goals and achievements. The ultimate goal is outlined in the school's vision statement 'to have a passion for learning and to be proud of our achievements'. She spoke about other goals that the school has worked towards over the year, bid farewell to the Year 6 pupils who will be moving on to further their education at Prince Andrew School and paid tribute to the hardworking, dedicated team of teachers at Pilling together with the PTA who have worked together over the year to allow the school to achieve their goals and to celebrate success. The story of the Moon landing in July 1969 was told by Ms Benjamin to emphasize how missions are set & prepared and goals accomplished. *"At Pilling Primary, we will endeavour to learn these lessons from the Moon Landing to help us achieve our goals over the course of the next year. We have hit some milestones and today we celebrate, but there is still more work to do. Like the space shuttle, we are going to point our nose towards our goal and take flight!!"* Ms Elaine Benjamin, Headteacher

A DVD portraying school events over the last year started the programme of entertainment which included songs, poems, dances and dramas and even included a recital in the Arabic language by Egyptian students. Most amazing was a room that had been transformed into a Planetarium – not an easy task, when there is mission control, tracking space objects, rockets and a 'make-believe' Neil Armstrong to consider when moving amongst the various planets in our solar system. A Memory Board was erected, dedicated to the late Mr Stedson George, our local astronomer who also played a huge part in



the Island's Education system.

Pilling Primary was set to have lighted displays yesterday evening, as a grand finale to another successful school year and also included stargazing with the Dark Skies Promotion Group.

Prizes of books were presented for outstanding performances and noticeable effort over the year, along with a Jean Beadon Art award and Highest Achievement Cups, which went to William Caswell for English and Luke Bargo for Maths. The Kenon Bennett Cup for the Best Footballer in Key Stage 2 was awarded to Blaze Baldwin.

A quote from Harford's Head Boy and Girl possibly summed up the emotions felt by all students who are about to embark on another adventure at Prince Andrew School.....*"it feels like only yesterday we were learning to count...now we have conquered challenges and much more, all of which couldn't be achieved without our Teachers. As we are about to leave for PAS, we thank you for being 'Home Sweet Home' – we hope to make you proud."*

All three Primary Schools are to be congratulated on their achievements and for another successful school year, as a new generation prepares to enter the hallowed halls and a new generation enters the working and social community as adults – a continuous cycle with the well-oiled wheels of education keeping it in constant motion!





Moonshines Bar this weekend

**Saturday 3rd August mix music by KJ
starting at 8.30pm**

Sunday usual opening from 3pm

BLUE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was disappointing to note that there were insufficient persons present at the previous AGM to form a quorum and as such a committee was not elected.

All Blue Hill residents and Associate Members are therefore urged to attend the Blue Hill Community Centre Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th August 2019.

ORANGE TREE ORIENTAL RESTAURANT, JAMESTOWN

Customers, Patrons and Fans of the Orange Tree are kindly asked to note that our popular Locum Chef/Manager

Gilbert is back in St Helena. Gilbert has run the Restaurant many times since 2006 and will continue to offer unrivalled professional standards of service and top quality authentic Asian cuisine through 2020.

He looks forward to greeting friends old and new

Notice of Music Event

THIS FRIDAY 2nd August at the Muleyard.



**Live Music
with Donald Lindsay
7pm**

Visiting guest artist Donald WG Lindsay is a Scottish musician and musical instrument designer/inventor on his way through to Ascension. He will be playing and singing his own and traditional Scottish songs accompanied by his 17-year-old son Ryall on percussion and other local players.



Free entry. All welcome. Donations for ***The Duke of Edinburgh Playground Appeal***

Veranda Sale Saturday 3rd August

***From 10:30 onwards at Urickea,
Brewery Yard***

Various household items,
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coffee tables, tv's, golf clubs,
on the wall fireplace, internal
double doors, inspection
chamber risers, water butts
and

electrical wiring
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***Contact Paddy Thomas on
66964 or 22734***