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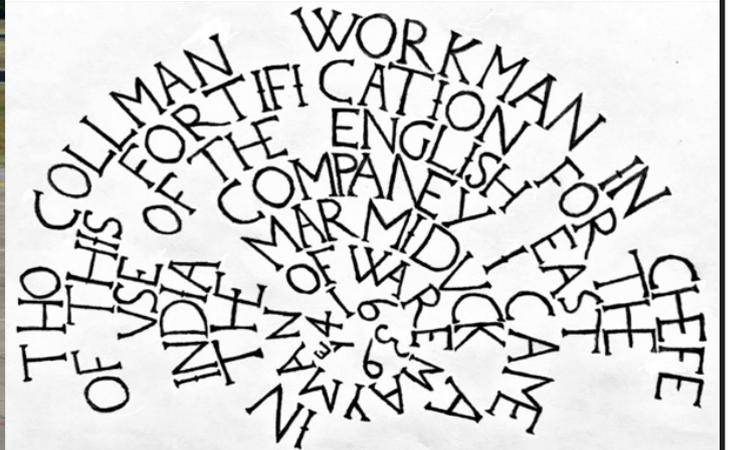
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Wideawake Overhaul Delayed



THE WRITING ON THE WALL

Joe Hollins

50% OFF to Ascension

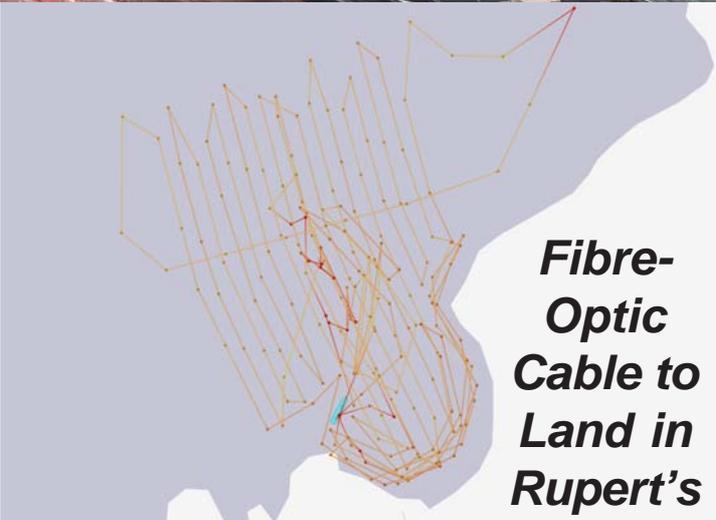


Saint FM will be joining in with the weekend celebrations of the 40th anniversary of The Saints annual Reading sports day in the UK.

Our purpose built Saint FM Studio will be going live on air on Sunday 25th August 2019 where we will co-host the sports day show to share everything we know about the event, hosting live chats with organizers, traders and attendee's, we will be reaching out to our audience with our outside broadcast from around 11.00/15 -12.45 GMT.

For those attending the sports day event don't forget to tell the kids about the new Saint FM car stickers that we will be handed out from the main stage in return for a small task to help to promote St Helena and the event. (more on air on the day) For those at home who could not make it to the event you are welcome to join us live on air from where ever you are (just message us)

Don't forget to keep a sharp eye on our website and social media channels for more info of the event as it happens on the day. Thank you for tuning into the station that has a small team and a big heart. www.saint.fm



Fibre-Optic Cable to Land in Rupert's

The survey vessel, the *Fugro Gauss*, left Rupert's Bay on Tuesday afternoon after two days of intensive surveying of the proposed landing site for the Equiano submarine cable. Previously Sandy Bay was also discussed as a possible landing site but as no survey took place it is now believed that Rupert's is the preferred site.



Commercial interest in European flights to St Helena back on the agenda



This week the *Independent* has information from another group of aviation experts who are weighing up the chances of operating a successful commercial route from a southern England airport to St Helena using Cape Verde as the re-fuelling stop.

It appears this aviation group think the time may be coming soon when a commercially viable Europe – St Helena service can be achieved. This most recent group known to show interest envisage using a leased Airbus A220 which is registered in the UK. As the plane is registered in UK it has got fifth freedom rights for Cape Verde. It is a distance of about 4,500km. Thereafter the plane continues to St Helena (4,100km). From St Helena the A220 would fly on to Cape Town, a distance of 3,150km, where 5th freedom rights also exist for UK registered planes. The return flights would operate over the same route. An A220 on the proposed route could carry 120 passengers. Fifth freedom rights allow passengers to change planes at airports where fifth freedom rights have been agreed between the aviation authorities.

It is the lack of agreed fifth freedom rights which has restricted Airlink to Jo'burg only; blocking off the hoped-for scheduled connection to Cape Town at Windhoek and the possibility of connecting to European destinations at Windhoek.

The aviation group hope it will be possible to operate the UK-Cape Verde-St Helena-Cape Town route and return twice a week. This would mean four additional arrivals at St Helena airport each week, should the plan become reality. Current estimates suggest the cost of a return ticket, St Helena to the UK and back would be about £825.

Contract to resurface Wideawake to be awarded in next few months

Andrew Rosindell MP, who takes a keen interest in the affairs of the South Atlantic Islands, recently tabled a written question to the UK Ministry of Defence asking what progress has been made in the resurfacing of the runway on Ascension Island. His answer was, "The US Air Force Civil Engineering



Centre are expecting tender returns in August 2019 from which the contract will be awarded in the final quarter of 2019."

Answering the question on behalf of the Ministry of Defence was Mark Lancaster MP, Minister of State at the MOD. Lancaster visited St Helena some years ago in order to report back to his Conservative Party on whether an airport was really needed for St Helena.

On his return voyage to Ascension to connect with the RAF flight to Brize Norton Lancaster had no alternative but to wait on the RMS in Clarence Bay for the high rollers to calm down. After kicking his heels overnight with the rest of the passengers, Lancaster was in an intense state of anxiety the following morning as the Brize Norton flight was due to depart the same evening. He needed to be in the House of Commons for an important vote the following day.

All passengers made the connection with the plane and Lancaster's blood pressure came down to normal. It is entirely possible his 24 hour delay disembarking the RMS influenced the recommendation he made in his report. The high rollers in Clarence Bay very probably helped to get us our airport.

The maintenance work on Wideawake runway was originally scheduled to be completed next year. However the UK Defence Journal reports that the work is anticipated to take two years to complete. It is therefore likely that using the monthly St Helena – Ascension flight to connect with an RAF flight to Brize Norton will not be possible until 2022 at the earliest. The US Air Force is not inconvenienced by the repairs required to the runway and the RAF maintain their regular airbridge flight to the Falklands by re-fuelling at Cape Verde. The importance of Wideawake to civilian passengers wanting to get to the UK is a low priority for both the UK and US military.

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First relief supplies arrive at Tristan

One month after the damaging category three hurricane hit Tristan the *MFV Edinburgh* arrived outside Calshot Harbour at 1am on Saturday 17th August. The fishing vessel brought the first urgent building materials so that a start can be made on the major repair work which will be ongoing over the coming months. The *Edinburgh* was delayed by about two days due to bad weather during the first part of the voyage but the weather was favourable for off-loading. Passengers and mail came ashore on the day of arrival and all cargo was off-loaded by the afternoon of the following day. Arriving on the *Edinburgh* was Administrator Sean Burns with his wife, Marina. Among the ten other passengers aboard were a building surveyor and a crane technician. A detailed assessment is now being made so estimates can be prepared for the cost of all repairs required as a result of the 18th July storm.

The St Helena Red Cross Tristan Appeal has passed the £2,000 milestone and a variety of further events are planned. A raffle is underway now; tickets can be bought at participating shops and other outlets. The National Trust and the Blue Marine Foundation are organising a cycling event on Saturday 21st September and they will be donating the entry fee to the Tristan Appeal. Other events will be publicised when plans are finalised. The Red Cross are pleased with the response to their Appeal and wish to thank all those who have donated and help organise fund-raising events.



TRISTAN APPEAL

Bank of St Helena, Red Cross account no. 00334002
marked 'Tristan Appeal'



Freestyling Dance



WITH SAMIR MAGGOTT

NEW class just started 5.30 – 7pm



AT HALF TREE HOLLOW COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Freestyle is spontaneous and individual. There are no required or structured movements that must be learned. It is an extremely popular form of dancing both for recreational purposes and as a highly competitive sport. This is a dance style enjoyed by boys and girls.

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Thank You

Wife Greta and Family of the late Charles Plato would like to thank the Doctors, Nurses & staff at the General Hospital for caring for our loved one whilst in hospital, Fr Clive & Fr Allan for conducting the funeral service, Roy Williams and his team, to all who made wreaths, gave flowers and sent messages of condolence at this sad time.

Charlie has gone from our lives but his memory will live in our hearts forever.



COUNCILLOR CRUYFF BUCKLEY

It has come to the attention of SHG that press releases issued on 24 and 27 September 2018 which related to the outcome of the trial of Councillor Cruyff Buckley may have been misleading. While Councillor Buckley was convicted of possession of an offensive weapon and was sentenced by the Court accordingly, SHG would wish to clarify that Councillor Buckley was not convicted of an offence of domestic violence. SHG has agreed to pay damages to Councillor Buckley. The error in any implication arising from the reporting is regretted.

SHG, 22 August 2019

For Sale

is a Toyota Rav 4. Nice car.

Also some spares for VW, s/s spotlights, front wheel bearing & clutch cable.

Izuzu spares, disc pads, thermostat & some exhaust parts which will fit a Vauxhall Frontera.

Also small wood burning stove with s/s stack

Offers on 24949



The picture of true friendship.....since being school-mates in the 1970's, the ladies pictured....Maureen Jonas, Joyce Yon, Lily Williams, Deborah Williams, Mavis Peters, Glenda Clingham, Carmen Yon, Wendy Young and Jay Loosley, often meet for a Ladies Night Out, to touch base and update each other and have fun whilst doing so..... "One's friends are that part of the human race with which one can be human." – George Santayana



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Editorial

The government in the UK is authoritatively examined, assessed and reviewed far more often and more thoroughly than ever the St Helena Government has ever been. A series of House of Commons Committees, composed of MPs who are not in government, have the power to set up Inquiries on just about any aspect of government administration. There are more than thirty of these committees, one of them is the Science and Technology Committee whose job it is to ensure that government policy and decision-making is based on good scientific and engineering advice and evidence. This committee held an Inquiry on UK aid for combating climate change. The report pointed to research conducted jointly by the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) and The Overseas Development Institute (ODI). The research found that the UK Government funded £6.13 billion in energy support in developing countries. However 22% of this money went to funding energy projects powered by fossil fuels. At the same time the UK Government has set itself a target for zero carbon emissions by 2050 and DFID is spending considerable sums assisting developing countries combat the effects of climate change. At first sight a classic contradictory situation appeared to be emerging out of the coal fired smoke; left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing. The UK Government response to the committee was a not entirely convincing explanation that fossil fuel powered generators cannot be switched off overnight.

In St Helena, we do not have a developed system of interrogation and fact finding directed at the various directorates, departments and divisions. In fact I doubt the required democratic culture exists strongly enough to bring effective investigatory committees into being.

Keeping with the topic of combating climate change and the left and right hands acting independently of each other, you may remember about 2,000 acres was recently excised from the National Forest Estate. The excision itself is not contentious, as far as I can see. 2,000 acres sounds like a big chunk of land but there were twenty-six parcels of land, most of them small and poor quality, on the list of excisions. What is of interest to those of us who take climate change seriously is what happens to these parcels of excised land after they have been sold. I'm told the SHG Property Division will be working through the list to identify any parcels of land which may be attractive enough to find a buyer. Former bits of the National Forest will where possible be sold for commercial or residential use – planning policies permitting. But I wonder if any assessment will be made as to whether the proposed new use for former forest land has the same or smaller carbon footprint. In the new 'last chance' circumstances we find ourselves, climate change considerations are all around us now.

One last thought. A letter this week (page 5) gives a most

unsatisfactory account of how the Immigration Control Board administered an application for an immigrant Landholding Licence. The letter points to administrative flaws and then the all too often used and ill-used 'confidentiality' gambit. Executive Council often includes items from the closed agenda in its reports. While discussion of the closed agenda item may include some sensitive commercial or personal matters giving the outcome of the discussion does not. Why then should an Immigration Control Board spokesperson reportedly say "In accordance with the Immigration Control Ordinance, all information presented and dealt with by the Immigration Control Board is confidential, therefore nothing is disclosed."

The Immigration Control Ordinance (2008) referred to in the quote, was replaced by the Immigration Ordinance 2011 where it says "The members of the Board must treat as confidential all information presented to the Board in the exercise of its functions" which is expected. But, the decisions made by the Immigration Control Board should certainly be publicly available.

One of the many democratic principles is "Not only must Justice be done; it must also be seen to be done." The Immigration Control Board is a quasi-judicial body and should certainly follow this principle. Regrettably it is not only the Immigration Control Board that is accused of running for cover in unjustifiable circumstances.

There are regular announcements that some government department or other is closing on a certain day for staff development. It occurs to me that how to handle reasonable requests for information (at least reasonable in a democratic system of government) should be explained to government employees as part of their staff development. I wonder if this will ever happen; or does the 'run for cover' and 'say no more than you need' culture run through every root and branch of SHG?

Happy Birthday Grandkids



Emily (24th August) – with make-up



Evan (28th August) – with Alan Shearer

Papa Vince

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

Regarding the recent Immigrant Landholding License for the 105 acre Horse Pasture site; before the Immigration Board made its decision it advertised the application in both newspapers on 13th and 14th June to seek public views.

However it did not give the public fair opportunity. The notice was published a week late giving only seven days not fourteen as stated. The site was not clearly identified. Only a government code was given, 'Parcel Nos 185 & 186 of Block 1 in the Thompson's Hill Section of the Land Registry'. So who could be sure where it was? There was no address to send a comment, no email address and no telephone number. Did the Immigration Board really want to hear from the public?

To make things more difficult the Board could not supply a map showing the site position when asked. Instead they recommended making an appointment to see an official at Essex House. Only then could it be seen it was not at Thompson's Hill at all but it was the popular Horse Pasture campsite on the opposite side of Lemon Valley. Why did the Immigration Board make this information so difficult for the public to access?

By this time there was only one day remaining to comment. I did so and objected on the basis of lack of information and also requested, "This notice should be advertised again for 14 full days and include a worded description of the location and a site plan so the public can understand the application."

It was not re-advertised and it is surprising a decision to grant the application was made without properly informing the public. To find out why my suggestion had been dismissed or whether it had even been to the board I asked to see the minutes of the meeting. The Immigration Board replied, "In accordance with the Immigration Control Ordinance, all information presented and dealt with by the Immigration Control Board is confidential, therefore nothing is disclosed." How can we have confidence that the Immigration Board is above-board?

Yours sincerely
Andy Pearce

A Story about Trolls



As we all know Paul Pogba missed a penalty late in Manchester United's game against Wolves on Monday so the spotlight turned on him for allegedly denying United a victory. As a result Pogba was on the receiving end of many uncharitable remarks and racial abuse on the so-called 'social media' websites. This caused team-mate Harry Maguire to call on social media companies to "stop these pathetic trolls".

Trolls were also the subject of one of Paul O'Sullivan's points quoted in the *Independent* last Friday. You may recall he said, "I therefore hope the internet trolls that are trying to kill the economy of St Helena will be exposed for what they are and shut out by those Saints that want to see a brighter future."

There are several kinds of troll, none of them are pleasant; in fact they are entirely repulsive. The trolls that now inhabit the unsuitably names 'social' media are nothing if not anti-social. They are unsocial in that they delight in trying to cause annoyance to human beings (trolls are not human – I'll come to that later) and they work unsocial hours, staying up half the night getting a perverse turn-on from being annoying as they fill the social media platforms with trivia and drivel; often typing stuff that would land them in court if it were allowed to be published in the more traditional forms of media.

It is significant that trolls often indulge their perverse pleasure at night-time. The original trolls were in Scandinavian folklore. There were cave trolls as well as hill trolls, lonely trolls and others from the mountains and forests. All live in the dark as exposure to sunlight will turn them to stone. The trolls of Scandinavian folklore are often ugly and slow-witted and considered dangerous to human beings.

It is entirely reasonable then that internet trolls are indeed called trolls. Any objective assessment of what an internet troll contributes to mankind will reasonably conclude they are probably from the family of lonely trolls, are very likely as ugly as the personality they delight in adopting when being anti-social on social media and are most likely creatures of the darkness; hiding their ugliness and slow-wittedness.

The trolls in JRR Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* were serving the Evil Lord Sauron. Yes, it is true some of the excessive remarks, such as racial abuse are evil as well irritating and illegal. Harry Maguire, and others, are right. Social media companies should be made to get their house in order. There needs to be a Fellowship of the Internet to 'kill off' the trolls.



A dying troll

Thank you from the family of the late Ivan Nathaniel Peters

Sister Irene, John and family in Cheshire England, Sister Jennifer, Roy and family, Brother Ray Vilma and family, Brother Wilson Tara and family and Brother Mervyn and Pat and family here on St Helena would like to thank all the family and friends for all their kindness and support during the recent passing of Ivan.

Thanks to the Doctors and nursing staff of the General Hospital including the Ambulance Driver, during his illness. Sincere thanks also to Father Clive and Father Jack for officiating at the funeral and Johnny Green for reading the lesson .. To Ronald and Di for all their invaluable help that they gave Ivan over the years. To Mrs Pat Musk the organist also Funeral Director Roy Williams, and his team ., To Joan, Tina,

Martin and Travis, Reg, Robert, Raymond, and Aubrey for making available all the lovely flowers, To Davina and Colin Lawrence for all the Wreath making and the other Flower arrangements To Solomon & Company plc for the Service Sheets and their kind generosity. To all who sent cards of condolences and messages of support and sympathy. It was indeed very touching to see St Helena and the Cross Church filled with so many family members and friends, all who came to pay their last respects to Ivan. Your help and support at this sad time is deeply appreciated.



Adelaide Louise Thomas (nee Groenemeyer)

30 August 1930 – 29 July 2019

Ma Thomas was the eldest daughter of 6 siblings born in District 6 to Richard and Caroline Groenemeyer and had a further 6 siblings from her father's second marriage.

She was raised in the Retreat and Grassy Park surrounds and attended St Augustus Catholic School. She met her husband Frederick Otto Thomas who was on leave from the British Royal Navy in 1947. We can only imagine what a whirlwind romance that was, the dashing English naval officer and the feisty young woman from the Cape. They married in 1949 and Adelaide was to embark on an adventure with Otto which took them from the foothills of Houtbay to a humble home in Factreton to 3000 kms to the Island of St Helena. Adelaide and Otto had 10 children, from the eldest to youngest – Muriel, Pedro, Jennifer, Trevor Otto (deceased 14 Dec 2014); Malcolm (deceased 26 Jul 2017), Iris, Vincent, Rene, Colin and Serena, these 10 offspring in turn blessed her with 37 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Adelaide left Cape Town on 06 August 1969 with her 6 six youngest children to join her husband and start a new life on St Helena Island. After 5 years the island proved to be too small for her and she returned to Cape Town on 26 December 1974 to take the helm as matriarch of her grown and extended family. On her return to Cape Town, she soon set up a home with her 3 youngest children, the modest 2 bedroomed home was soon over-filled with returning adult sons and daughters with their respective spouses and children. In 1975 Adelaide was introduced to the New Apostolic Church, by 1976 she and her youngest 3 children were adopted and sealed into the faith.

As matriarch she managed to feed everyone and keep the house scrupulously clean before retiring late at night. Ma Thomas's food was legendary, there was always a spare plate for anyone who crossed over the threshold, as a then

single mother she ensured that all her children and grandchildren were meticulously dressed, she never left home with a single strand of grey hair showing (ever!!) or without her stepping.

She never spoke of the hardships that she endured as a young girl growing up, or the struggles of raising 10 young children while her husband was away for months at sea. She managed to raise her youngest children, be care-giver to a number of grandchildren and held down full time work at times.

As tributes poured in from around the globe and South Africa, one common thread has come through, our matriarch's STRENGTH!! Someone likened her to a Marvel character, a true heroine. Our mom and gran was never short on words, some of them we didn't necessarily like, she did not believe in sugar coating anything, she was blunt and brutally honest. No-one seated here today can deny having been given a good dose of Ma Thomas's brand of advice. She never judged, she did not suffer fools, yet she was your most stalwart supporter. Despite humble beginnings Ma Thomas always carried herself with dignity and poise, this she instilled in her family, she never backed down from any challenges life placed in her way and she expected nothing less from her family.

Ma Thomas fell ill in 2007 and after numerous operations spent her latter years in the care of the Rusoord Retirement Village Frail Care Division in Plumstead. Despite being wheelchair bound, she still attended church services and family functions. She maintained her wicked sense of humor and wit, her sharp tongue still had many of us in stitches.

Ma Thomas, you taught us to serve, but never to bow down to life's challenges. To be the very best we can be, despite our beginnings. To remain honest, despite the cost.

Rest in peace Ma Thomas, know that your legacy lives on in us.

Exco tells us tax is good for your health

At Tuesday's Executive Council it was decided to add 18p to the price of a packet of 20 cigarettes. This is an additional 8.88% increase on top of the 5.1% increase which was imposed at the April budget. The extra tobacco tax starts on 1st October. By taking this action SHG expect to take just over £1 million from smokers during the current tax year. The two increases in one financial year combine to make a 13.98% increase in tobacco tax during the current 2019-20 financial year. By 2023 the tax take is expected to increase to almost £1.5 million. The increase chosen by Exco councillors is the second highest tax increase of five options presented to councillors in an information paper produced by the World Health Organisation's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO-FCTC). The authors of the paper are from the WHO-FCTC Knowledge Hub on Tobacco Taxation at the University of Cape Town.

The information paper opens with, "Tobacco use is a global public health concern due to the deleterious effects of the product on human health. Each year, the product kills 7 million people globally, and 87% of these deaths are as a result of direct use of the product" it was not explained by what indirect means the 910,000 people who died to make up the remaining 13% of the 7 million. Maybe it was passive smoking.

The further press home the health benefits of taxation for smokers the authors of the information paper pointed out to councillors, "The FCTC guidelines recommends all tobacco products to be taxed in a comparable manner. This is important to deter users of one tobacco product to substitute one tobacco product for another when the tax (and possibly the retail price) of one product increases. Should cigarette users switch to other tobacco products if the retail prices of cigarettes increase, this will lead to both lower revenue and reduced public health impact of cigarette taxation. In this respect, other tobacco products should be taxed using the same policy option for cigarettes".

The information paper informed councillors, "Smoking intensity remains high in St Helena, and possible reasons are single stick sales and underdeveloped cessation/tobacco control measures as well as cigarettes becoming more affordable over time. Cigarettes are affordable because real duty tax has remained constant for a long time aside from being low. Moreover, the current duty tax burden for cigarettes in SH is approximately 64%, which is below the (World Health Organisation) recommended 70% target.



Smoking Facts from the Exco information paper

Five million cigarettes are smoked in St Helena every year (apart from the filters which end up in various places).

A cigarette filter can take ten years to biodegrade and contains toxins which pollute water supplies when discarded cigarettes end up in storm drains, streams and reservoirs. The unsmoked tobacco left with the filter carries more toxins than the filter itself.

50% of smokers buy L&M – 39% prefer B&H and 11% choose 555s

A survey in October 2018 showed the price of a packet of L&M ranged from £5.30 to £6.95, B&H from £5.45 to £6.40 and 555s from £5.45 to £6.27

In 2018 it was calculated that on average 6.33% of one person's yearly income paid for a 5-a-day smoking habit.

This year smokers will pay for almost all the subsidy paid to Connect St Helena and St Helena Fisheries Corporation. By 2023 St Helena Hotel Development Ltd can be added when the price of a pack of 20 is projected to be just under £10.

That's not all

The World Health Organisation is now pressing for the price of a packet of cigarettes to include a tax for the environmental damage caused. Apart of pollution of streams and water supplies it is estimated the six trillion cigarettes smoked worldwide every year is responsible for over eighty-four million tons of climate changing greenhouse gases and the loss of 5% of forests in parts of Asia and Africa as trees give way to tobacco farms. Tobacco farms take up more than 20,000 square miles of land and use more than 22 billion tonnes of water. This means a person smoking one pack of 20 cigarettes a day for 50 years also consumes 1.4 million litres of water with the cigarettes smoked. However an early death through lung cancer, heart disease or stroke would reduce the environmental damage caused. It would also mean the tobacco tax paid because it is meant to be beneficial to public health was of no personal benefit.

Another World Health Organisation report published in May this year revealed alcohol consumption globally increased by 70 per cent from 20,999 million litres in 1990 to 35,676 million litres in 2017. But that's another story.



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

Friday open from 3.30pm till late mix Tunes by DJ Wayne Boom Bang.

Saturday open from 5.00pm till late, Mix Tunes by DJ K.J.

Sunday open from 3.30 till late Fish Fry with live tunes by Wilson and Francis all are welcome.

EXCO REPORT – TUESDAY 20 AUGUST 2019

Executive Council met today, Tuesday 20 August 2019, to discuss three items on the Open Agenda.

Mid-Year Changes to Customs Duty Tariffs

Following a presentation from the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, the Financial Secretary and the Health Directorate's Health Promotion and Social Marketing Lead, Council approved an increase in the duty on tobacco products by 8.88% to come into effect from 1 October 2019.

The Health Directorate had proposed to increase the level of customs duty applied to tobacco products by 13.98% in order to work towards meeting the World Health Organisation (WHO) requirements on the convention of Tobacco Control. Since tobacco duty was already increased by 5.1% on 1 April 2019, a further increase of 8.88% was proposed and accepted by Council to come into place on 1 October 2019. This would see an extra 18p on a packet of 20 cigarettes with tobacco.

The potential health benefits that could result if fewer people smoked tobacco were noted and Members recognised that higher prices might be a deterrent to young people who might otherwise start smoking.

The agreed increase in duty supports St Helena's current Health Strategy goals to reduce tobacco consumption - a major factor in the number of chronic disease cases on the Island and a major healthcare cost.

Members noted that this initiative is just one part of the wider strategy to reduce smoking on the Island and were pleased that other measures by the Health Directorate, such as the cessation service, has seen a decrease in the number of smokers since last year. Future planned legislative changes such as plain packaging and getting rid of tobacco at point of sales will also help long term smokers move towards quitting. Council felt strongly that the increase in customs duty on tobacco products was a great support to current health promotion and preventative healthcare work and measures such as these to change behaviour is very important to the future of the health of the St Helena community.

Under this item, Members also approved a change in the Customs Duty Tariff for vehicles from value based to a fixed rate based on emissions to support the policy on reducing carbon emissions, to come into effect from 1 December 2019.

The Chief Economist provided background to the proposal highlighting that the suggested changes had arose due to two issues:

- Importers of low emission cars currently usually pay a higher duty than those importing higher emission cars. This doesn't strictly support a greener St Helena as per the Altogether Greener goal in the 10 Year Plan and Climate Change Policy
- The current system is an administrative burden for Customs Officers who must verify the value of a vehicle and charge appropriate duty.

The proposals were to change the rates applied (e.g. 15%) to a fixed fee (e.g. £200) as per the table below:

Emission Bands

Tax tariff as % of sales price (existing tariff)	Tax rate per vehicle (£), (rates as per 1 December 2019)
0g per km	15% £200
1-100g per km	15% £450

101-120g per km	25%	£900
121-165g per km	35%	£1,260
166-185g per km	40%	£1,530
185-200g per km	45%	£2,660
> 200g per km	45%	£3,500

The Financial Secretary also explained that alongside this proposed change, work is starting to develop a test for CO² emissions and particulates of vehicles already on the Island and plans will be made to use these as a basis for road tax going forward.

Council noted that the proposed change was to encourage the importation of low emission cars which would positively contribute to a greener St Helena. There were concerns that this change might make cars unaffordable for some people but there was assurance that low emission cars had been on the market for over 10 years and good second hand (as well as new) models are now available to purchase. Members recognised that protecting the environment was important and a positive step forward in the Island's Climate Change Policy as well as making the system fairer for car importers.

Motorcycles will also move to a fixed rate of £700 instead of 35%. Customs duty on heavy vehicles such as lorries and plant machinery would remain unchanged and would continue to be charged on value.

A detailed press release on the changes to Customs Duty Tariffs will be issued shortly.

Draft Legislative Programme

Council discussed the current draft Legislative Programme presented by the Acting Attorney General. It was noted that there was a mismatch in what was being produced by Council Committees and what was required by Chambers to draft legislation.

It was agreed that Chambers should issue to Council Committees a revised set of instructions to underpin legislative drafting.

This item would be brought back to Executive Council once a revised set of instructions had been received from Chambers.

High Knoll Fort lease to Saint Helena National Trust
Under the third item, Executive Council approved the Lease of High Knoll Fort to the Saint Helena National Trust (SHNT) along with the Land Registry Parcel Number HTH 1386 surrounding the Fort.

The Chief Secretary recognised that this issue had been circulating for some time and Members agreed that it should be progressed.

Leasing the Fort to the SHNT would mean that the Trust could apply for funding for this heritage site from outside donors. The additional land would also enable them to manage and preserve the property more efficiently.

Members saw this decision as a positive opportunity for the Trust to preserve one of the seven wonders of St Helena.

The AG's Chambers would ensure the lease is progressed quickly.

The meeting ended at 12.55pm.

ExCo
20 August 2019



Food - Mind, Body and Soul

Addie Thomas, Instagram: addiebelieve1979

I cannot believe how time has escaped me; it is almost time for me to depart these beautiful shores once again and the people I care about most in this great world. Yet, I am so eternally grateful for each day, each activity, each conversation, and each act of kindness that I have received.

I came here at the end of an era in the UK, the end of my home life in Oval, the end of my job of some years. What I have experienced in these two and bit months at home can never be understated. I've learnt so much, I have grown and I hope that in some shape or form, I have also brought a little bit of thought or sunshine to your life too readers. I may not have always been accurate or understanding but my sentiments have come from a heart and mind that this society gifted me as a little girl. I've loved the radio programs too. Thank you for listening.

In two weeks from now I will be back to navigating the London Underground, ducking and diving between the dashing commuters and gratefully reconnecting with friends and loved ones but always in my heart, there will be an ache for my island.

I planted a tree last week at the Millennium Forest with the Brownies. Fourteen little girls turned up to clear creeper and plant trees to assist with our eco-system.



Piling the creeper high, one little group nick-named their pile, 'The Creepy Crawly Hotel'. The children were reminded by 'Sparrow' (Mrs Betty Joshua) that the creeper was to be carefully preserved so that the insects that safely lived in this creeper would remain unharmed as they made way for tree-planting. What a wonderful methodology. Could we relate this perhaps to what is happening on St Helena at the moment with the changes afoot? Could we ensure that the people who have been living on 'this rock', as opposed to 'under a rock' see their lives and all that they care about carefully preserved too?

Special thanks to Martina Peters, Chris Clingham, Justine Joshua and Betty Joshua for making this day happen and also sharing this with Julie and me. It was wonderful to speak with Martina and Chris about the hard work that is put in by everyone at the National Trust. Funding and recycling of waste remains vital to the continuance of this amazing work and I am so pleased to see a young lady like Martina not only representing The Trust so enthusiastically, but taking ownership for future planning. Martina, as an islander to an islander, I am so proud of you.

These young girls will nurture their trees and watch them grow over time on their little plot, giving them responsibility and exposure to care for our environment from an early age. Their vigorous working together as a team certainly reminded me about work ethics and they weren't even getting paid. Maybe we could all learn a bit more from our teeny members of society.



The Seventh Day Adventist Church has also been celebrating our youngsters with their VBS Seminars this week. I popped in to see a whole host of helpers and all these little people lining up for their 'elevenses' and the wonderful healthy food that was on offer, all beautifully decorated. How lovely that during the holiday period, some forty children are catered for in this manner, also 'feeding their minds' with lots of goodness. I am glad I had religious guidance as a child.

Thank you to Cheryl Bedwell, Bronia Stevens and all of the team there who made this happen.



As you wait for stores on a Monday, you may pop your head around the corner and see a new café that's opened. The Brew and Chew café opened its doors for the first time on Monday 19th August and I just had to pop along and see what delights were available.

The lovely cakes, savouries, drinks and general décor were very enticing. I liked the rustic finishes inside, I liked the designs on the wooden furniture and the fact that you could sit in the window (as we so often do in Café Nero or Pret A Manger) and watch the world go by whilst sipping a drink or munching on that lovely sausage roll with a bit of 'tang' to it. Yum!

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Food - Mind, Body and Soul

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This is something unique for me here on the island and I can imagine sitting there and reading my book for a while or hanging out with others. I wish the establishment every success as one can see so much hard work has gone into this new business and so much more to come.

These are the success stories that I am sure ESH will be talking about in many years to come. Well done also for doing this now when there is trepidation around new business, the tourist season at a dip and tourists numbers below par either way. I do also hope however that business will be streamlined a little more so that people with lots of other businesses don't go traipsing into every industry and trampling on people like Anne who have gone for 'unique' rather than 'quantity'.



I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Mantis. I know there is much frustration around subsidies. I too have vented my frustration at waste. I too have been disillusioned with the divestiture of our precious island fiscal system. The people that work at Mantis are simply lovely. You have made me feel welcomed and special on every occasion. Your service levels by restaurant standards are very good. I've eaten in some of the most sought after locations in London from the Houses of Parliament, to the Oxo Tower, to the Shard, to the Cinnamon Club, to No 70 Fenchurch Street and the list goes on, folks at Mantis, you're doing a great job. You won't always get good reviews and every customer will bring a different review but I know you guys will take each comment in your stride to keep customers coming back.



I must mention Antonella at the Castle Reception. My Dear, your smile and wonderfully happy aura is contagious. Sometimes we come to The Castle for meetings which may cause a little anxiety; however, whenever I walk through the door and see your smiling face, I am reminded that one smile can create many smiles. It can also ease the flow of anxiety just before that meeting. Please keep smiling and being who you are, shedding sunshine wherever you go. You were the bubbliest person I have been fortunate to meet on the island.

And so this is my preamble to next week's grand finale al-

though I will continue to write when time permits from abroad, I promise.

Folks, I hope that in the coming months, we will start to see more detail materialise on changes which concern The Saints. I, as I have always said, am not adverse to change (not that Britain would take much notice of my adversative arguments either way), however, I think collectively, we can all do better with communication, detail, ethics, trust and unselfishly working for the greater cause. I think we can all start to change our mindsets from a small isolated island mentality to an 'international' receptive mentality.

Many did not want the airport. Many have seen the cost of living spiral out of control since the airport, yet, this mode of travel change is irreversible. I do however spare a thought for these folks. I believe there was a vote (I took part in it with a form sent to me?) for an airport and we got it, so the 'for' band outweighed the 'against' band? As someone said to me, "the Saints are still in mourning since the departure of the RMS" and this could be quite true. Acceptance of change is not the easiest of things.

Yet, we all have a responsibility now and where we can work and put money into our coffers, we do just this. I do not pretend to know your individual circumstances; I simply encourage all of us to cook more nutritious food at home, throw out the old cigarettes, drink in moderation, exercise more and strengthen our minds for what is to come.

Likewise, look for opportunities to talk positively, to be grateful and to reduce moaning without suggestions as to how to resolve our difficulties. I'm returning to a City that is very expensive, where patient waiting lines are long, where taxes are many and I have yet to find a job to tide me over before I decide what I actually want to do in the years ahead. I could moan about the challenges ahead, or I could accept them as mine, clear my mind and go for it, with every ounce of energy that my health allows me. I do not have degrees, my parents weren't moderately well off even, I just saw an opportunity and I took it. You can too.

Have a great a week



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VACANCY

Teller/Operations Assistant

Commencing at £7,656 pa

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person on a one year contract to fill the vacant position of Teller/Operations Assistant. This position will incur significant contact with the Public and other Bank staff.

The successful candidate must be flexible, demonstrate courtesy and provide excellent customer service at all times. They must have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank Team.

The main duties of the post include:

- Undertaking counter transactions for customers and posting these to the Bank's computer system;
- Cash handling and assisting customers in meeting their banking needs and queries;
- Providing assistance in the delivery of Remote Banking services;
- Assisting in the Operations/Compliance section with the checking of daily work and any other Duties.

Interested persons can contact Auriel Williams, Teller Supervisor or Mercia George, Marketing Manager on 22390 for further information.

An application form and a job profile are available upon request from the Bank.

Completed application forms should be addressed to Mrs Mercia George, Marketing Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to marketing.manager@sainthelenabank.com

Closing date for applications is Friday, 30 August 2019

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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.

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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.

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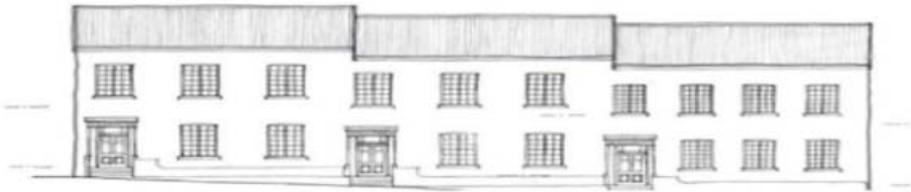
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Email: hradmin@solomons.co.sh; or

Fax Number: 22423

ST HELENA HOTEL DEVELOPMENT LTD



CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS TO SERVE ON THE ST HELENA HOTEL DEVELOPMENT LTD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

St Helena Hotel Development Ltd is seeking Expressions of Interests from suitably qualified persons, keen to serve on its Board of Directors, as either the Chairperson or as a non-Executive Director. These positions are remunerated.

The purpose of the Board of Directors is twofold:

- to devise and direct the strategic aims of the business; and
- to oversee the performance of the St Helena Hotel, in line with the Hotel Management Agreement with the Operator, Mantis.

A copy of the terms of reference for the Board, together with a form to register an interest can be requested via email to the Board Secretary, Miss Nicole Plato on nicole.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh or collected from the Castle, Jamestown. Expressions of Interest should be made using the form accompanied by a current CV, to be returned to the Board Secretary by 30th August 2019.

Please note that registering an interest does not guarantee an appointment to the Board as this is subject to knowledge, skills and experience.

Business Support Service Providers



Business interests are increasingly looking for independent advice and technical support. As such, Enterprise St Helena (ESH) would like to hear from qualified or experienced individuals who would be interested in offering professional services in order that a list of local contacts may be provided to parties seeking such support. Such areas would include, but are not limited to:

- Accountancy, Book Keeping & Payroll services
- Business, Marketing and Sales Plans
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- Website development/IT Services
- Employment policy and Human Resources
- Legal services

Please note that it would be the responsibility of the Service Provider to ensure they comply with any relevant local legislation and regulations. However, relevant training and support may be available through ESH.

For an informal discussion or for further information, interested parties may contact Mr Robert Midwinter via Robert.Midwinter@esh.co.sh or Anne Dillon via Anne.Dillon@esh.co.sh or by telephone +290 22920



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Police Directorate Vacancies



Community Beat Constable – 1 year fixed term contract

Do you want to make a difference?

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE

Saint Helena Police Directorate has an exciting opportunity for a self-motivated and enthusiastic individual to join their team in the role of a community beat constable. You will focus on community engagement, listening and reacting to community concerns, representing the Directorate at community meetings and much more.

Benefits of joining the service:

- Helping the community
- Make Saint Helena a better place to live
- Starting salary of £ 10,704
- 25 days annual leave
- 15% pension contribution made by SHG
- Ongoing training/development
- Opportunity to develop as an individual

Prospective candidates should:

- Be 18 years of age or over
- Hold a valid and clean driving license in class A.
- Achieved GCSE English grade C or equivalent, or willing to undertake and pass the online BKSBS assessment to determine level of literacy skills

For more information telephone/email Sergeant Mark Coombe. Mark.Coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh. Telephone: 22310.

Application forms and information packs are available from the St Helena Police Directorate.

All completed applications should be submitted to Bronwen Yon, HR Manager, Corporate Human Resources, Corporate Services, The Castle, Jamestown or email Bronwen.Yon@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday 6th September 2019.

Police Constable

Do you want to make a difference?

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE

Saint Helena Police Directorate has exciting opportunities for self-motivated and enthusiastic individuals to join their team in the role of a patrol constable.

Benefits of joining the service:

- Helping the community
- Make Saint Helena a better place to live
- Starting salary of £ 10,704 increasing to £ 11,678 on completion of probation period
- 25 days annual leave rising to 30
- 15% pension contribution made by SHG
- Ongoing training/development
- Opportunity to develop as an individual
- Career progression opportunities include:

Promotion

- Authorised Firearms Officer
- Criminal Investigation Department
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Training and development
- Mentoring

Prospective candidates should:

- Be 18 years of age or over
- Hold a valid and clean driving license in class A.
- Achieved GCSE English grade C or equivalent, or willing to undertake and pass the online BKSBS assessment to determine level of literacy skills.

For more information telephone/email Sergeant Mark Coombe. Mark.Coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh. Telephone: 22310.

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Police Directorate Vacancies



Police Sergeant

Do you want to make a difference?

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE

Saint Helena Police Directorate has an exciting opportunity for a self-motivated and enthusiastic individual to join their team in the role of a patrol sergeant

Benefits of joining the service:

- Helping the community
- Make Saint Helena a better place to live
- Starting salary of £ 13,715.00 increasing to £ 17,450.00 on completion of probation period
- 25 days annual leave rising to 30
- 15% pension contribution made by SHG
- Ongoing training/development
- Opportunity to develop as an individual
- Career progression opportunities include:
 - Promotion
 - Authorised Firearms Officer
 - Criminal Investigation Department
 - Crime Scene Investigation
 - Training and development
 - Mentoring

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS 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.

Prospective candidates should:

- Have successfully passed the Sergeant Examinations and been a Police Officer within the last 5 years
- Be 18 years of age or over
- Hold a valid and clean driving license in class A.
- Achieved GCSE English grade C or equivalent, or willing to undertake and pass the online BKSB assessment to determine level of literacy skills.

For more information telephone/email Sergeant Mark Coombe. Mark.Coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh. Telephone: 22310.

Application forms and information packs are available from the St Helena Police Directorate.

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Special Police Constable

Do you want to make a difference?

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE

Saint Helena Police Directorate has exciting opportunities for self-motivated and enthusiastic individuals to join their team as a special constable. Special Constables, or 'Specials' as they are commonly known, are members of the community who work part time as Police Officers. You will have all the powers of a regular officer, duties will reflect those of your full time colleagues. Flexible working patterns, allows you to choose when you report for duty.

Benefits of joining the service:

- Helping the community
- Make Saint Helena a better place to live
- Flexible working pattern
- £4.56 per hour + Monthly retainer fee
- Free uniform
- Ongoing training/development
- Opportunity to develop as an individual

Prospective candidates should:

- Be 18 years of age or over
- Hold a valid and clean driving license in class A.
- Achieved GCSE English grade C or equivalent, or willing to undertake and pass the online BKSB assessment to determine level of literacy skills.

For more information telephone/email Sergeant Mark Coombe. Mark.Coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh. Telephone: 22310.

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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 Operator.

The purpose of the job is to be the first point of contact for St Helena Government and their Emergency Services 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 Marco Yon, Deputy Emergency Planning 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 Jackie Moyce, Senior Human Resources Officer, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle by no later than 5th September 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.

Michael Luke
Ag Director of Police
22 August 2019



VACANCY – SENIOR GIS SURVEYOR

The Infrastructure and Transport Directorate is recruiting a Senior GIS Surveyor. The key duties of this role will involve:

- Responsible for two GIS Surveyors
- Support the development of the St Helena Environmental Information System
- Land Registry surveys in compliance with statutory requirements.
- Support the provision of a mapping and GIS service for customers and stakeholders.
- Provide GIS and Survey training to staff and stakeholders.



The candidate should have GCSE in Maths, English and Geography at Grade C or above, an IT qualification at GCSE Grade C or at an ECDL level covering Word, Excel and Access. Two years' experience in surveying and plan drawing and some experience in staff management.

Salary for the post will start at D1, £11,034 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr Devlin Yon, GIS Manager on telephone number 22270 or e-mail devlin.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and job profiles, which are available from Essex House should be completed and submitted to Miss Karen Thomas, Human Resources Manager or email karen.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 4 September 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 Directorate, 20 August 2019

THE WRITING ON THE WALL

Joe Hollins

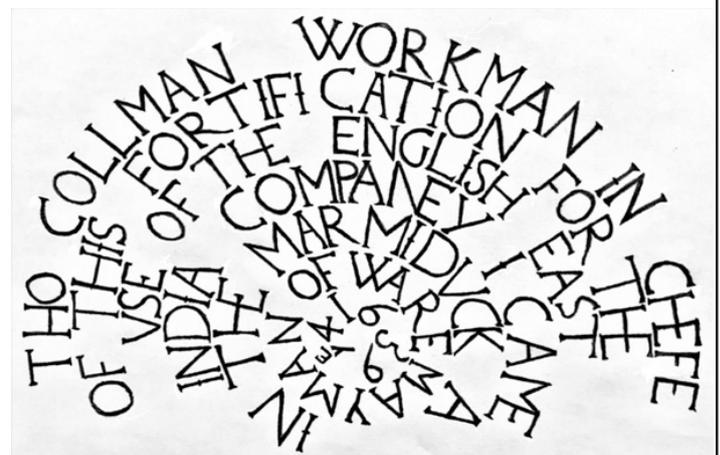
Go into the Mule Yard early one morning or late afternoon on a nice sunny day and peer up at the massive curtain wall just on the other side of the toilet block. Some will know – but many don't – that you'll see several carved stones embedded in the masonry of the wall, their angular scripts made visible by the shadow of the slanting sunlight. Tradition has it that they are 'post stones', left by ships to mark the placing of messages. It is also said they are old gravestones, lifted from the Parade many years ago. In fact, the story is far more interesting than that. I have taken sharp zoom photographs, researched the stones and translated the Latin, and thanks to the remarkable new resources of the Internet have uncovered a colourful story. It takes us back to the founding of today's St Helena in the year of 1659, and it involves ships, governors, builders, sailors, religion and civil war. In the wall, largely unnoticed, is a great piece of St Helenian history.

There are 5 main stones of interest, including the engraved slab everyone knows about just outside the Castle entrance. Why this stone enters the story at all is because it's linked, it ties in beautifully and helps tell the tale. It also carries a rather special quotation in Latin, laden with intrigue. I have identified its original source, and its four words alone shout volumes. But more of this later.



First, in my opinion, the finest and most stunningly engraved stone of all, for it is carved with handsome capital letters in tight diminishing circles and with perfect accuracy, surely a difficult task and a work of much skill. Look carefully and you'll see the marks of a mason's compass – a pockhole in the centre and several shallow scratched-out circles to guide the lettering. For the enthusiast, try reading with a pair of binoculars, but you need to know your script. The letter V is a U, an I with a crossbar is both an I or a J, a 5 looks like a set of scales at an angle, and T, M, N and H are often merged with E. June for example is **IVNE 3**. Get your eye in and you can begin to read all the stone since they were carved in the same font. Something that had me foxed for some time is a small **E** in front of some of the dates, until I found definitive proof of its meaning from this century. Nowadays we might have put Y over E, for it simply turns out to be the 17th century way of writing 'YE', which of course means 'THE'. So, equipped with this knowledge, what does the circular stone tell us? Ignoring 3 graffiti A's which are crudely carved across one side, it all becomes clear. It says this: THO (=Tho-

mas) COLLMAN WORKER IN CHEFE OF THIS FORTIFICATION FOR THE USE OF THE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANIE I CAME IN THE MARMIDUCK MAN OF WARE MAY YE 4 1659 (= May the 4th 1659). We already have it on record that before this, in November 1658, merchants of the East India Company (EIC) petitioned the Admiralty to send a man-of-war (fighting ship) to protect their next convoy from India in the following summer of 1659. The Admiralty sent the *Marmaduke*, with 150 men and 42 guns. We also know that it was the *Marmaduke* that led the convoy to St Helena carrying the first governor, Captain John Dutton, to establish the East India Company's presence on the island on May 5th of the same year. On the stone she's called the *Marmiduck*, and knowing naval humour, it's amusing to think that they would've nicknamed such a vessel the *Duck* since the stone bears a phonetic spelling, and ducks generally float on water!



There's a very good website, <https://threedecks.org>, that records all the Navy and EIC ships, and it details the *Marmaduke's* voyages, captains, dimensions, cannon and even weight of broadside (over 100kg of gunpowder-propelled cannon balls in one blast). Digging deeper, we learn something fascinating about the ship, because 1659 is a pivotal year in British history. 1651 was the end of the English Civil War, Royalists versus Parliamentarians. The Royalists were beaten, the monarchy done for, with Charles I beheaded and Charles II fleeing to Europe. Oliver Cromwell formed a Republic called the Commonwealth of England. The *Marmaduke* was a Fourth Rate Royalist man-of-war known as the *Revenge of Whitehall* but on hearing of the Royalist defeat the crew mutinied and handed her over to the Parliamentarian cause, when she was renamed and became part of Oliver Cromwell's navy.

Cromwell died in 1658 and order disintegrated under his son, Richard, so 1659 was a turbulent year. By 1660 the monarchy was re-established. Interesting to reflect then that in 1659 on St Helena, English rule and the EIC were established by a ship and crew that were Parliamentarian just one year before the Restoration of the monarchy when the Royalists resumed power. It seems likely that independently powerful and safe in their stronghold of this sea-girt island, the EIC could sit back, trade, and rise above the chaos in England, but also doubtless it was a shrewd and timely move to

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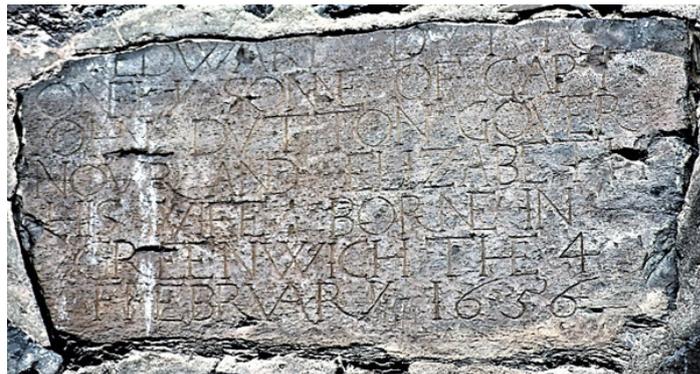
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create security through distance and isolation when the Parliamentary Republic was on the point of collapse. Basically, a trading bolthole on this splendid fortress of a rock in the mid-South Atlantic. But it may go further even than that, as a tiny hidden clue in a short but significant Latin quote suggests.

It is known that Governor John Dutton landed and declared EIC rule on the 5th May 1659, so rather cheekily Thomas Collman, our chief Castle builder on the circular stone, sneaked in a memorial to himself for the very day before, the 4th May 1659! Or is it a gravestone? Surely not since its circular design guarantees it to be complete and he addresses us first hand, 'I came in the Marmiduck', giving the date of his arrival – not birth or death. It seems more of a gentle boast, and perhaps justified since it is on record that the Castle was then built in one month and completed on the 4th June 1659; as we discover if we now look at the old engraved slab at the Castle entrance which was dug out of the foundation. This stone says: CAPTAIN JOHN DUTTON GOVERNOUR OF THIS ISLAND FIRST ERECTED THIS FORTIFICATION FOR THE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A JUNE YE 4 AN DOM 1659 (=June the 4th A.D. 1659). Then it says in Latin: OPERA TESTANTUR DE ME.



And here's the clue. Just four Latin words; but four words heavy with religious intrigue and the politics of a failing Republic. This means 'My works bear witness of me', and these exact Latin words are to be found in the former untranslated Bible within a lengthier sentence at John 5:36 – a quote from the Son of God no less. More tellingly, the lengthier quote from Jesus was abbreviated to just these four exact Latin words in a published sermon 'The Happiness of the Church', penned by a revered preacher of the time, one Thomas Adams. His sermons it seems were all the rage and he was known because of his brilliant eloquence as 'The Shakespeare of the Puritans'. He had just died in 1652, seven years before the stone was carved. Puritans were a powerful force and dominated parliament until 1629 when Charles I, seeing them as a threat, abolished parliament and brutally oppressed them, thus seeding the Civil War. When the Parliamentarians won in 1651, the Puritans rose back to power and became heavily involved in commerce. Indeed, Cromwell was a leading Puritan, a self-styled Moses who fought, he believed, under God's guidance. Puritans believed in hard work tempered by strict religious beliefs. Since the *Marmaduke* was Parliamentary, the EIC a mighty commercial institution, and Governor John Dutton doubtless chose this topical Puritan quote, it gives us an insight into his political and religious leanings as well as the workings of his mind. It also paints a delicious picture of the strict ethos under which the first settlers stroved to establish a working island.



This stone now links us to a third. Strolling back into the Mule Yard look high to see another handsomely carved stone, evidently also commissioned by John Dutton. It says this: EDWARD DUTTON ONLY SONNE OF CAPT JOHN DUTTON GOVERNOUR AND ELIZABETH HIS WIFE BORNE IN GREENWICH THE 4 FEBRUARY 1656. Obviously, John



Dutton only arrived in 1659, so it seems he had this stone made. There is no date of death or appearance that the stone might be a fractured gravestone, so did his son die at birth, or is this simply to commemorate and mark his existence, like Thomas Collman's? Saying 'only son' is touching and seems rather final.

Details in the script of these first 3 stones, such as the cuneiform notching of letter ends and the elegantly curved tails of the R's suggest to me that they were carved by the same hand. There are a few other stones poorly or incompletely carved, perhaps practice stones or contemporary graffiti. One says simply in very rough lettering: DANIEL PROCKTER. But there are two more stones that help paint the picture of the new settlement, and one may even refer to Daniel's relative.

Again, this stone is a beautiful work of circular art. It does appear to be a gravestone as it carries a known epitaph which, amusingly, taunts the reader from the grave. It says: JOSHUA PROCKTER HODIE MIHI CRAS TIBI VALE FELICITER JUNE 1659. It means 'Today my lot, tomorrow yours. Farewell happily'. June 1659 is the same month the Castle was completed in, so presumably one of the fresh arrivals who turned up his toes.

It can be no coincidence that the fifth stone worthy of our attention is also 1659, and ties directly to the EIC's merchant fleet. It could be a gravestone with a date of death or just good graffiti but what appeals to me is the reference to a ship, one we can trace. JOHN JEFREYS THE MASTERS MATE OF THE ADVICE OCTOBER YE 16 1659 (October

THE WRITING ON THE WALL

Joe Hollins

the 16th 1659). Again, the excellent website three decks.org comes up with the very voyage. The *Advice* was a pinnace, a small 25-30 gun merchant ship built in Blackwall, London and operated by the EIC. She left the Downs, the anchorage off the East Kent coast in England, in May 1658 and voyaged to Bantam. At this time Bantam was the most important port for the European spice trade in Java, Indonesia. The EIC was established by Royal Charter granted by Elizabeth I on December 31st 1600, and on the EIC's first voyage Sir James Lancaster in the *Red Dragon* captured a massive Portuguese carrack. The loot from this vessel financed the founding of the trading station at Bantam (as well as another in the Spice Islands), breaking the Spanish and Portuguese monopoly and launching the EIC into profitable trade. The *Advice* was on her return journey in 1659 and sailed via Mauritius to arrive back in the English Downs January 1660. As the *Marmaduke* led the EIC convoy back from the Indias in 1659, it's no stretch of the imagination to suspect that the *Advicemay* have been one of her flock.

There's a reason these stones are there, why they are carved with such elegance and pride. It's to send a message down the ages to people like us. To not be forgotten. So next time you're in the Mule Yard celebrating the end of another week, pause a minute, look up at the wall and let yourself slip back 360 years. Sense the oaken ships in James Bay creaking as



they rock in the swell, tugging gently at their moorings, their rigging tap tap tapping in the breeze. Hear the workmen's picks and chisels clanging and ringing through the air as the new settlement rises from the dust of the valley floor. And imagine those callused masons' hands chipping at those stones and carefully picking out those letters you see before you. Then maybe raise a bottle, wet your lips and down a toast to the founding fathers of this jewel of an isle.

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2019/64:** Full Planning Application for **Construction of a 3 Bedroom Dwelling**, Lower Cleughs Plain on Parcel 0098 New Ground, adjacent to the property of Eric & Diana Roberts. Applicant: Edward Bowers
2. **Application 2019/65:** Full Planning Application for **Construction of a 2 Bedroom Dwelling**, Longwood Hangings on Parcel 0596 Longwood South, adjacent to the property of Robert Duncan. Applicant: Andre Crowie

Copy of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Secretary on Telephone 22270 or email Karen.Isaac@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 – 6th September 2019

Shane Williams
Planning Officer



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Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Arsenal kick started week two of the EPL with a 2-1 win against Burnley. This result leaves the 'Gunners' one of two teams with 100% record after 2 games.

Aubameyang scored the winner as Arsenal beat Burnley to record successive victories at the start of a Premier League campaign for the first time since 2009.

Lacazette marked his return from injury when he put Arsenal ahead after 13 minutes.

Ashley Barnes equalised for Burnley two minutes before half-time, converting at close range for his third goal in two matches. Liverpool is the other team who has two wins from two matches. The Anfield club survived a late scare from Southampton to record a 2-1 win at St Mary's.

Liverpool was leading the match comfortably with 2 goals from Sane and Firmino before a late blunder from keeper Adrian handed the 'Saints' a lifeline. The Goal Keeper saw his clearance rebound of Danny Ings and ended up in the net.

Ings then miss a glorious chance to earn his side a point when he miskick in the 6 yard box with just minutes to go.

This win for Liverpool puts them top of the table.

Next match up for Liverpool will be their home match against Arsenal at Anfield starting at 4.30pm.

Aston Villa's first home game in their return to the Premier League ended in defeat. Bournemouth scored 2 early goals and had control of the match in the first half; Villa fought back in the second half and scored a really good goal from Douglas Luiz in the 71st minute. This was as good as it got for Villa as they suffered the second defeat in two matches.

Brighton's Trossard scored and saw a goal ruled out by the video assistant referee as they were held to a draw by West Ham.

The Belgian thought he had opened the scoring midway through the first half only for his effort to be ruled out for offside on a VAR review.

But Trossard was not to be denied a debut goal, and he fired past Lukasz Fabianski from the edge of the box shortly after Javier Hernandez had put the Hammers into a 61st-minute lead.

The Seagulls pushed for a winner late on with Trossard, Dunk and Propper all going close, but Graham Potter was forced to settle for a point at the end of his first home game in charge. This has been a good start for Brighton who is one of the teams that most people predicted will struggle this season. Everton picked up their first win of the season as they defeated Watford 1-0 with a 10th minute goal from Bernard.

Everton have proven to be tough opposition on their own turf under former Watford manager Silva, and have now won five in a row at Goodison for the first time since in April 2017.

That man Teemu Pukki scored a hat trick as his team Norwich beat Newcastle 3-1. Pukki who have had unsuccessful spells in Germany; Scotland and Denmark have certainly flourished in England with Norwich. He scored 29 goals last season and has now scored 4 goals in 2 games in Norwich's return to the Premier League.

Newcastle seems to be struggling under new manager Steve Bruce and will face an even more difficult game when they

play Spurs this coming weekend.



Norwich's hotshot Teemu Pukki

Spurs manage to sneak a draw against the Champions Manchester City in the late game on Saturday. For long periods of the game City were in total control and deservedly took the lead through Sterling. Lamela equalised against the run of play only for Arguero to put City ahead in the 35th minute. Lucas Moura came on as a sub in the 55th minute and scored the equaliser 19 seconds later.

This was certainly a 'snatch and grab' result for Spurs. Man City had 30 shots at goal to Spurs 3. City had 10 shots on target to Spurs 2.

In an incredible end to the match, Jesus thought he had won the game for Man City only for VAR to rule it out for a contentious hand ball decision against City defender Laporte.

One of the most notable changes is around handball, particularly when it comes to attackers in the opposition area.

The rule itself is as clear as day.

"Any goal scored or created with the use of the hand or arm will be disallowed this season, even if it is accidental," says the Premier League.

Jesus' goal, technically, was created by the use of Laporte's arm, regardless of whether there was any intent.

The rule was changed after some high-profile goals were scored by the accidental use of a hand last season.

Premier League Football return to Bramall Lane after a 12 year absence and the home crowd went home happy as Sheffield United beat Crystal Palace 1-0. Match winner Lundstram has now score in all 4 divisions.

It was a game of two halves at Stamford Bridge in Frank Lampard's first home game in charge of Chelsea. Chelsea took the lead through Mason Mount after just 7 minutes and dominated the first half. Leicester was certainly the better team in the second half and deservedly equalised through Ndidi and had chances to take all 3 points.

Both teams remain without a win, with Leicester on two points from two games, one more than Chelsea.

The final game of week two saw Manchester United travel to Wolves and went home with just 1 point.

United was in control in the first half as Leicester rarely troubled the United defence; in fact they didn't register a shot on target. United took the lead through a good finished from Martial. Wolves were transformed in the second half after the introduction of Traore as he caused constant problems for the United defence.

Wolves equalised with a fine strike from Neves. United slowly

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got back into the game and when Pogba was brought down in the penalty area they were in a good position to take all 3 points. However Pogba's powerful shot from the spot was pushed away by Rui Patricio.

Question on most fans is why Pogba took the penalty after Rashord scored from the spot last week.

Surely the United management should have a designated penalty taker.



The clash of this weekend will see the top two; Liverpool and Arsenal face each other at Anfield 4.30pm GMT on Saturday.

Aston Villa and Everton will kick start round 3 on Friday evening at 7pm. On Saturday Norwich with inform striker Teemu Pukki will host Chelsea at 11.30am. 2pm games will see Brighton play Southampton; Manchester United will host Crystal Palace, Sheffield United play Leicester and Watford will play West Ham.

On Sunday Bournemouth play at home against Manchester City at 1pm; Spurs host Newcastle at 3.30pm and Wolves will host Burnley also at 3.30pm.

St Helena Football Association

Due to either a technical issue or human error the second half of last weekend's match between Harts and Bellboys saw a significant amount of time not played.

The SHFA had an initial meeting on Tuesday evening to collate the facts and as a result had schedule a meeting for Thursday for a panel to decide what should happen in regards to this apparent error.

The Thursday meeting was not necessary after the two Captains came to an agreement that they will replay the match. The replay match between the Harts and Bellboys will take place on Saturday 24th August starting at 1.30pm.

Captains and Committee Members agreed at Tuesdays' meeting that all other schedules matches for the weekend are to be postponed until the weekend starting Saturday 31st August.



Junior Football

Yellow Devils 6 v Jungle Rangers 5

G/S Yellow Devils: Kenin Bargo 1; Aden Stevens 2 & Harry Williams 3

G/S Jungle Rangers: Blaze Baldwin 4 & Eureeze Peters 1
POM: Kenin Bargo and Blaze Baldwin

Galacticos 10 v Titans 1

G/S Galacticos: Ethan Harris 2; Aiden Yon-Stevens 5, Callum Young 1, Musa 1 & 1 own goal

G/S Titans: Jeremiah Ellick 1
POM: Musa

Skyscrapers 7 v Rangers 2

G/S Skyscrapers: Kyron Anthony 3; Shaquille Benjamin 3 & Jerome Peters 1

G/S Rangers: Jacob Williams 1 & Scott O'Bey 1
POM: Shaquille Benjamin

Saturday 24th August

Pitch 1 (Primary School)

9am: Young Rebels v Yellow Devils

Pitch 2 (11-15 year olds)

9am: Galacticos v Skyscrapers

10am: Titans v Rangers



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INVITATION TO RESIDENTS

St. Helena Government would like to invite all residents, living near to the site known as the Comprehensive Development Area at Bottom Woods, this invitation is to view the proposed plans at Essex House, on **Tuesday 27th August 2019** between the hours of **11am and 2pm**.

On display will be the location plan, the proposed General Layout of the site and a selection of proposed Government Landlord House Designs.

For information, this site is situated from the property registered to Julie Benjamin to the area behind the property known as Reggie's Takeaway, Longwood.

If you have any queries, please contact: Gina Henry, Crown Estates Officer on email address: gina.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh or Julian Benjamin, Senior Design Draftsman/Surveyor on email address julian.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh or on telephone on number: 22270, or you can just pop on the day and times above.

NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 10 am**. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, the Castle, 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, 2 September 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.



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For further information please contact:
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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 Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, **By 03 September 2019**

GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2019



The clouds were overcast. It was drizzling and it was time to tee off. The field of 18 golfers were not deterred by the weather. When you are passionate about something not even the weather can deter you. All fairways were shortened and all

tee boxes were moved for this Par 3 competition. For majority of the golfers it was a game of irons. One would expect it to be easy. It wasn't. Three eights of the full handicap was applied. Mr Gerald George returned a solo nett score of 64 to take first prize. He left three gentlemen (Nicky Stevens, Bramwell and Ray Yon) tied with nett 65 to battle it out for second prize. A decision had to be made. The lowest of the last three holes determined the winner. Using this simple formular Bramwell with double bogey on 16th and 17th was the first to be eliminated even though he had a Par on the 18th. Nicky Stevens with Par on 16th, Bogey 17th and double bogey on 18th was next to be eliminated leaving Ray Yon who had par on 16th, Double bogey 17th and par 18th as the ultimate second prize winner. Mr Paddo Johnson and Gerald George scored birdies to share the two ball pool. The prizes sponsored by Mr Alastair Norrie were presented by our former Captain Mr Larry Thomas. Congratulations to all the winners. Sunday 25th August 2019 the club will be hosting our usual monthly medal stroke play competition. Tee off time is 12:00. There will a fun competition on Monday 26th for those interested tee off 10:00 a.m which will be followed by bring and share barbeque. This will be a family friendly event for those who would like to bring their families along for the barbecue. Junior members training continues on Thursdays at 16:15 weather permitting.

Happy long weekend to you all.....!

**Contributed by;
SHGC**

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE SKITTLES SEASON - 2019

Scores:

12th. August:

	Guys & Dolls - 476	Bt	RUSTY PISTOLS - 446
Ladies - H. Sc:	Marilyn Joshua 59		Terri Clingham 44
Gents - H. Sc:	Charlie Young 65		Gene Henry 58
Gents - H. Sp:	Charlie Young 14		Phillip Isaac 13
			Gene Henry 13

14th. August:

	Extractors - 488	Bt	Strugglers - 453
Ladies - H. Sc:			Sally Hickling 56
Gents - H. Sc:	Deon Thomas 82		Dencel Yon 54
Gents - H. Sp:	Deon Thomas 17		Fabian Peters 9

Upcoming fixtures:

Monday 2nd. September- Rusty Pistols v Extractors
Wednesday 4th. September - Guys & Dolls v Parttimers

CHANGE TO FIXTUTRES

The postponed match, Rusty Pistols v Guys & Dolls is now scheduled for Monday, 23rd. September.

The Knock Out Match between Strugglers & Extractors has been re-arranged and will be played on Wednesday 25th. September.

The Knock Out semi finals will be played on Monday 30th. September and 2nc Wednesday 2nd. October.

SINGLES & MIXED DOUBLES KNOCK OUT TOURNAMENTS

Entry lists for these tournaments will be at the Centre. All interested should enter their names by 25th. September.

Please note that if you not playing in the league you can still enter for these competitions.



Opportunity

There are very few opportunities to invest in a business on St. Helena without rising competitors. Pat's Brake Bonding business is available for sale all installed in one container and can be positioned anywhere with an immediate start. There are no costly site preparations and the kit comes with a large stock of raw materials lasting at least 5 years before re-stocking is required. There are over 4000 vehicles on island requiring Brake Shoes and Clutches and the service is guaranteed for more than 10 years before the island will change over to all round Brake pads. This is an opportunity to be your own boss and to provide one of a kind service, guaranteed to fit and suit your customer's needs at affordable prices.

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Free training will be provided and interested persons can contact Pat Williams at Ruperts by email pats.auto@helanta.co.sh or on telephone 22635. He looks forwards in hearing from you.

CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS TAKING PLACE IN AUGUST 2019

REMINDER

Councillors will hold a series of meetings in each district during August 2019 for constituents to ask questions and raise concerns. The following key topics will also be discussed at each meeting:

- Social Impact Assessment Review
- Phase One of the DFID funded Economic Development Investment Programme
- Unbanning cycling on roads into and out of Jamestown
- St Helenian Status

Each meeting will start at 7pm.

Venue

Jamestown Community Centre
St Michael's Church, Rupert's
Silver Hill Bar, Levelwood
Sandy Bay Community Centre

Date

Tuesday, 27 August
Tuesday, 27 August
Wednesday, 28 August
Thursday, 29 August



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

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20 August 2019

PUBLIC GUARDIAN FOR ST HELENA & ASCENSION ISLAND VISITS OF- FICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Public Guardian for St Helena and Ascension Island, Gavin (Jack) Thomas, undertook an official visit to the Office of the Public Guardian for England and Wales (OPG) in the UK on 9 and 10 July 2019.

These visits gave Gavin the opportunity to meet with a wide range of managers and staff dealing with deputyship orders and Lasting Power of Attorneys. Some of the key areas covered during this two-day visit included: joint working with legal services and the courts, supervision arrangements for Deputies, oversight of Lasting Power of Attorney, management of complaints, enforcement work, and strategic development.

Gavin said:

"I would like to thank all staff at OPG in the UK for taking the time to meet with me, also to Business Manager, Sarah Chapman, who was instrumental in arranging and preparing both visits in Birmingham and Nottingham. I really appreciate that staff shared their knowledge and insight about their roles and responsibilities within OPG. I can now utilise this experience and support the development and sustainability of the necessary systems and processes required to continue establishing the Office of the Public Guardian for St Helena and Ascension Island."

Anyone interested in finding out more about the role of the Public Guardian, the benefits of registering Lasting Power of Attorney, or the appointment of Deputies should contact Gavin on telephone number: (00 290) 22713 or via email: gavin.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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St Helena Girl Guides – Branches Breakout Update



At Mandela House

It has been just over a week since 6 members of the St Helena Girl Guide Association left St Helena to attend the first ever Branches Associations jamboree camp in Bermuda. During their first week of travel, the team had the following to say.

‘The St Helena Girl Guiding team is embracing the trip thus far. Since our departure on the 11th of August we have experienced three different times zones. The exposure has been a real eye opener. We have become closer as a team and the bond is growing. We have shared some really exciting experiences and have celebrated some special moments whilst consoling each other through a difficult time. However, the exciting times has lend itself to helping to overcome this. Our next step will take us to the highlight of the trip and the team is raring to face the challenges and experiences that lies ahead.’

The team will have by now met up with final members, Demi George (Ranger) and Heather Cowdry (Commissioner), and will have arrived in Bermuda to begin their camp. We look forward to next week’s update to hear all about what new and exciting ventures they take on.



Top of Africa

The Nora Marsh Trophy

was part of a group of Statuettes - Faith Hope and Charity made by Sir Alfred Gilbert in 1891 who was by all accounts a famous sculptor.

The **Nora March Trophy** (a figurine of a mother and two children). This Trophy was awarded to the island in a competition for overseas British territories which could show good statistics in midwifery and infant welfare work for three years in the 1950s during the time Matron Till was the nurse in charge of the hospital, showing the least number of infant deaths from the birth of the baby and during the first year of life. *“It was most gratifying that our infant mortality in those three years was the lowest, and last week the Senior Medical Officer was notified of our success.”*

The trophy was duly presented and held for 3 years. It was Matron Till’s wish that the good work would continue, and that the Trophy would be kept as a permanent reminder of their wonderful achievement. Which did indeed happen until its removal during the alterations to the hospital two years ago. It was found by Mrs Pat Crowie of Jamestown, who found on the rubbish pile ready to be taken to dump at Horse Point. Mrs Crowie immediately recognised it and having worked herself in the General Hospital knew the history of the Statuette, rescued it and is now safely placed in the Museum. Research on the history of the Statuette is most fascinating and Matron Till was extremely proud of her staff. It was pleasing to see staff who knew and worked with her – May Young, Faith Sim, and Jean Peters present at the ceremony, unfortunately Brenda Bizaare and Rodney Benjamin were unable to attend. Matron Sim is known to have told HRH, the Duke of Edinburgh on his visit to the island that her senior orderly (Rodney Benjamin) became a self-taught Radiologist and, combined with his normal duties, produced 200 X-rays in a year. Matron Till was succeeded by and Miss Grace Sim, BEM, who followed in her footsteps valued local staff and standards of care and cleanliness were maintain. Grace Sim was one the first St Helenians to become UK qualified and held the post of matron for many years. The family of Grace Sim during the ceremony donated a silver rose bowl to the Museum that was presented to her as a thank you for the many years of devoted service she gave to the island”.

The St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC) has the following

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SHFC reserves the right not to accept the lowest or any tender

(It is reminded that tenders for the Lister Trailer Crane close Friday 23rd August at 4pm)

FAMILY FUN DAY

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY

Sandy Bay Community Centre

Monday, 26 August 2019
From 12noon - 10pm

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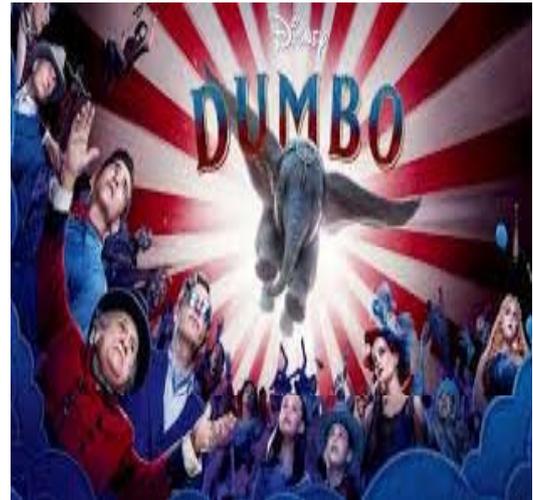
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