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# Saint James' Church: Running like Clockwork

Cyril Leo

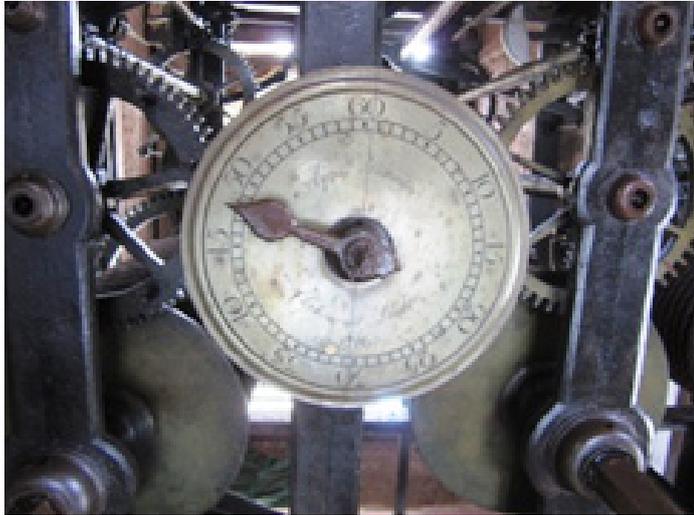
Two months ago Rodney "Roddy" Yon was standing on the steps of Saint James' Church as I walked by.

"What you up to Roddy?" I asked.

"I just finished working on the clock," Roddy replied.

I looked up at the clock face and asked, "How do you get up there?"

"Come," said Roddy, "I'll show you."



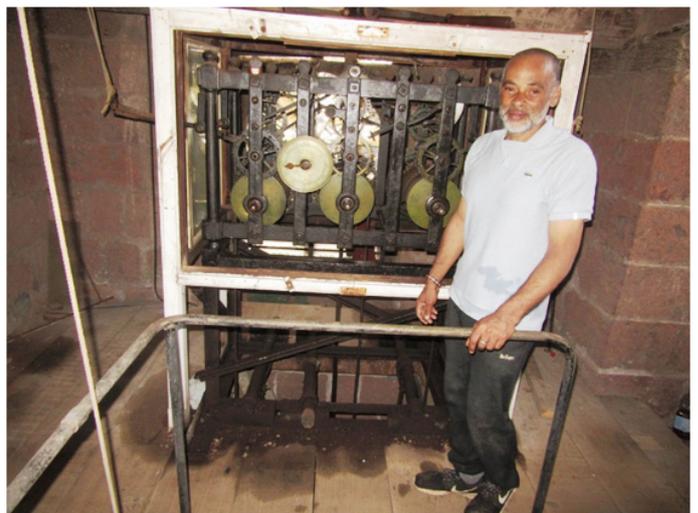
One can easily take for granted the two hands showing the time on the face of the church clock and being informed by the familiar toll of the bells. But few of us are likely aware of the structures, mechanics and the well-oiled mechanisms of the clock, which are working out of sight and out of mind yet constantly providing a special public service in lower James-town.

Dated 1786, over the years the iconic clock at Saint James' – the oldest Anglican Church this side of the Equator – has relied on islanders to provide it with special care and attention. Without that dedication and tender loving care, often given during free time, neglect and corrosion could have rapidly taken control of the clock.

I'd like to take this opportunity to convey a special 'thank you' to Roddy for giving up his free time over the last nine years to help preserve this piece of St Helena's precious heritage, which locals can be proud of and share with visitors.



As St Helena aims to welcome increased numbers of tourists from around the world, Roddy and many others on-island typify the saying, "Work for good in your small corner of the world, and you will have a positive impact on the whole world."



I suppose our community could be likened to the mechanisms of the St James' clock; made up of many parts, each part is important and making a contribution towards its collective function and success.



## FCO Deputy Director sees St Helena 'face to face'

The Deputy Director at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Adam Pile, who is responsible for the Overseas Territories had a 'Meet the Media' session on Saturday at the end of a 5 day visit to St Helena.

Adam Pile and Sam Edwards, a Foreign Office economist, were part of the Financial Aid Mission which departed yesterday. It is the first time Foreign Office officials have joined DFID in the annual budget talks. Asked why the Foreign Office is now taking a more active interest in St Helena, Mr Pile said the Foreign Office has always worked closely the Overseas Territories 'behind the scenes' but there is no substitute for visiting the Territories and seeing them face to face. He said it was important to remember that all Overseas Territories are different and that the Foreign Office it regularly involved with current issues, particularly with Gibraltar, the Falklands and the British Indian Ocean Territory where current issues also involve relations with other countries.

Most of the discussion concerned the future of tourism and changes to way government is organised in St Helena. Governor Rushbrook was also in attendance; he said the government should be more accountable, simpler and make decisions faster. This discussion will continue when Professor Jeremy Sarkin returns on the 4<sup>th</sup> January for one month to take forward his ideas on how SHG should be changed.

Adam Pile said St Helena is a unique island and should be more popular with tourists than it is at the moment. It was



**Mr Pile (centre) said the government public service in St Helena is 'good'; and that is not something he always says when visiting places overseas.**

stated the tourism advertising and awareness campaigns should now change direction and be targeted directly at the public rather than the tour operators and others in the tourist trade. Adverts on London Underground and on the sides of taxis were two examples of how advertising St Helena as tourism destination should now work.

There was no discussion of the possible merger between DFID and the FCO under the newly elected UK government nor the effects of Brexit on the Overseas Territories.

## Extreme E Calendar Maps Out 2021 Debut Season

*By Reuters Dec. 17, 2019*

LONDON — Extreme E, an off-road series launching in 2021 to shine a spotlight on environmental damage and showcase electric SUVs with races in some of the world's more remote locations, mapped out its first season on Tuesday.

The five-round series will debut on the shores of Senegal's Lac Rose in January before travelling to the deserts of Saudi Arabia, Nepal's high-altitude Kali-Gandaki valley and the retreating glaciers of Kangerlussuaq in Greenland.

The series concludes in the Brazilian Amazon, on land deforested by slash-and-burn agriculture.

The locations have been chosen to bring attention to climate threats such as deforestation, rising sea levels, desertification, and plastic pollution.

"We have all the calendar and all the venues now. That's the first big step," series founder Alejandro Agag, who also established the city-based Formula E electric championship, told Reuters.

"When you create a new championship, first of all people think will it happen or not? And the first big step to say it's happening is where and when."

Extreme E will use the 7,000 tonne former mail ship 'St Helena', previously used as a link to remote South Atlantic islands, as a floating paddock and transporter between locations.

For the Nepal leg, the ship will dock in Calcutta. Drivers, who are yet to be finalised but likely to include some familiar names, will fly in.

Agag said any locals were welcome to attend but no tickets would be sold, with the races staged on a 10km layout and broadcast live over three days, and no event infrastructure

created.

"What has been really gratifying is how enthusiastic the local population is about any event coming to their land because those places are basically almost forgotten by everyone," he said.

"We go to places where its already damaged, so there is no risk of these SUVs damaging the place. But there is a chance to rebuild it and that's what we're going to do."

Agag said organisers planned to use "a massive amount of drones" for live filming, with further documentaries to follow post-season. Fox Sports has already signed a multi-year deal. Formula E, which has Liberty Global and Discovery Communications as major shareholders, has a partnership with the Drone Racing League.

"The broadcasting is going to be completely state-of-the-art, completely new, very digital and immersive with augmented reality elements to create a TV experience like has never been seen before," promised Agag.

### TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Four private teams have signed up already with another four to be announced early next year and two more slots likely to be filled after that.

Agag was not expecting any immediate manufacturer involvement.

"We have many different conversations, some of them with OEMs (manufacturers). But OEMs are more slow to react and sometimes they come in season two when they see how the championship is working. That's not a problem," he said.



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# Editorial

The Public Solicitor has reviewed the fees charged for the services provided by the Public Solicitor's Office. A report on this may or may not appear in this last edition of the *Independent* for 2019 because there are lots of stories and limited space. But before you reach for the phone to dial 22660 I will quickly say the only change in fees relates to expatriate workers, businesses and individuals/businesses off island. At the moment the fee is set at £75 per hour and the proposed change is to make this charge a maximum of £150 per hour. Why? There are two reasons. The first is because the fixed rate can be too low. The second reason is the fixed rate can be too high.

A South African Insurance Company acting for a South African hospital needed the Public Solicitor's Office in connection with its legal representation. The fixed rate of £75 per hour could only be charged when the market rate for large overseas companies is more like £200 per hour. The insurance company benefited from the subsidy paid by SHG which is aimed at helping Saints not South African Insurers.

The second reason is that small local businesses are often 'priced-out' of the option to obtain legal representation because the rate for businesses is fixed at £75 per hour. Altering the fee to a maximum of £150 builds in flexibility and the option to charge small businesses on the basis of their ability to pay.

All other fees remain the same and no-one with a household income of less than £10,000 pays a fee but could be charged for expenses. Exco considered this increase from £75 to a maximum of £150 and it is reported they expressed concern because there had been no lead-up and publicity for the proposed fee increase and they wanted more information on the details of the proposal. The proposed increase was deferred and taxpayers in St Helena continue to subsidise large overseas companies who want the services of the Public Solicitor's Office and small local businesses remain at risk of finding legal representation unaffordable.

Exco also considered maternity, paternity and adoption Leave. The report to officers stated this type of leave is long overdue and protects new parents and any family considering adopting a child from the risk of poverty. It is claimed it also shows St Helena is moving with the times. The proposal was for 14 weeks maternity leave with at least 4 weeks on full pay. Paternity leave with at least 2 weeks on full pay and the same for adoption leave.

Exco approved the proposals for the three different kinds of leave and were apparently unconcerned because on this occasion there had been no lead-up and publicity for the proposals. The new leave arrangements will come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April. It was left to members of the Employee Rights Committee to arrange publicity and radio interviews.

The unexplained inconsistency in the approach to information and publicity between the Public Solicitor's Office fees and the introduction of maternity, paternity and adoption leave is more than a little alarming. The Public Solicitor's Office fees were aimed, in part, at providing the opportunity for legal representation for small businesses that cannot afford it with the charges as they now stand. That decision was deferred.

The maternity, paternity and adoption leave goes ahead with information and publicity coming after the decision is taken. Issues of openness and transparency apart, the additional costs and the new set of problems, presented to small businesses especially, are likely to be considerable at any given time. The report to Exco points out there is about one birth a fortnight on average and implies the figures are low and not burdensome. For a birth in the family of an employee in a small business there could be considerable financial and short-term recruitment problems for the business owner. Problems so considerable the people on paternity and maternity leave may find the business they worked for is not there when their leave is over; the risk of poverty being greater in spite of the aims of the new leave arrangements. The new leave arrangements show every sign of being imported from the UK without much thought given to translating them to the specific St Helena situation where they are now expected to work. While the theory of giving a family with a new born child some help based on statutory regulations is admirable, it has to work effectively. These new leave arrangements may cause more problems than they solve. Some may say these two issues raised at Wednesday's Exco meeting are just more examples of government piling on the overheads for the private sector and driving the economy down rather than up.

All of the above will, I'm sure, not prevent you from enjoying the Christmas/New Year break to the full. Brace yourselves for 2020 – see you next year.

**Vince**



## *It's the way you tell 'em*

It all started on 13<sup>th</sup> November. The report of the Social and Community Development Committee meeting for that day included, "The proposed options for charging for care at the Princess Royal Community Care Centre (CCC) were considered and discussed by the Committee but further work is to be undertaken on these options and the public will be kept updated." Well they did, and they didn't. They did do "further work" but they didn't keep the public updated.

The "further work" often involves two years or more of meetings and discussions but in this case the further work lasted just four weeks. The updates didn't come so it was alarming to many when unaddressed letters from the Health Directorate informed CCC residents, "It is intended that a weekly charge of £73.00 will be implemented commencing 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2020. Please contact the Manager, Rosalie Brown of the Community Care Centre or a Head of Care if you have any questions relating to this process". All hell broke loose; it was soon THE topic of conversation in the street and the media were contacted on a regular basis.

The words before "It is intended that a weekly charge of £73.00 will be implemented commencing 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2020" stated, "Prior to implementation a financial assessment will be undertaken of all residents not currently paying for the service at the Community Care Centre to ensure affordability." However it was the intention to charge £73 a week which caught attention and was the bit of information which spread like wild fire. The media picked this up and asked questions. The overdue 'update' started to drip-feed to 'the public'.

The next thing was a press release on 'Review of Princess Royal Community Care Centre Service Charges'; certainly much later than would have been best for all concerned and, to be as diplomatic as possible about it, written in an overly defensive style. The press release opened with, "Contrary to recent media reports, the Children & Adults Social Care Directorate would like to clarify that the new weekly rate for users residing at the Princess Royal Community Care Centre (CCC) as of 6 January 2020 is **£64.00** and not £73.00 as reported." It is the media at fault again; the St Helena Government remains spotlessly pure and perfect. Where did the £64 suddenly come from? The letter to CCC residents clearly stated the intention to charge £73 subject to an assessment of ability to pay. This is an excellent example for Professor Jeremy Sarkin's Casebook on openness and transparency in St Helena.

The Director of Children and Adults Social Care was quoted in the press release explaining, "*The Directorate has reviewed the current charging policy to ensure that any charges are equally applied to all residents; the current changes have been agreed with the support of Social & Community Development Committee. Prior to the agreed change in policy, only those in receipt of Basic Island Pension were paying for the care they received within this service and those in receipt of private pensions were not charged. The changes ensure that all residents who are in a position to pay the contribution to their care at the CCC do so, meaning the charges are equally applied.*" It is certainly weird, more probably perverse, that only

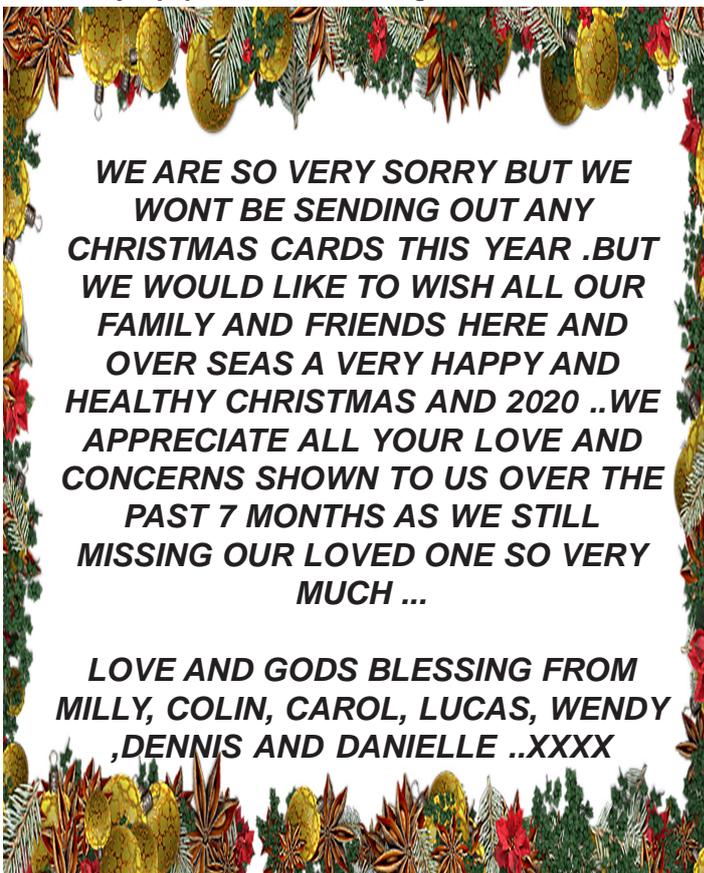
CCC residents receiving the Basic Island Pension should be charged. Who thought that one up? How many other illogical and unfair charges exist for government services?

The next stage in clearing up an information failure of memorable proportions was a further letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> December which opened with, "Further to the letter you received on 10<sup>th</sup> December" which is mysterious as the letter handed to the *Independent* was dated 4<sup>th</sup> December – however let's continue yomping\* through this swamp of ill-prepared communications. The second letter to CCC residents continued, "I would like to advice (sic) that the new weekly rate you will be charged as of the 06 January 2020 will be £64.00 and not £73.00 as previously stated." And continues, "We apologise for any inconvenience or undue stress this error has caused." The letter then goes on to explain again that the residents' ability to pay will be assessed before the charge is levied.

So, no bullets fired at the media for supposedly getting it wrong; refreshingly, hands are raised and mistakes are admitted within SHG. When sufficient information is eventually made available it is clear the review of the charging system for residential care has resulted in correcting what is clearly an unfair charging system. As too often happens, the problem really started when the stated intention that "the public will be kept updated" was ignored.

Just one more thing, the letter to residents could have been personally addressed without too much extra work and could also have included season's greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

**\*Yomping is a British Army word used to describe marching with heavy equipment over difficult ground**



## Overhaul in Public Solicitor's Fees

The Public Solicitor relies heavily on a subsidy from SHG to keep his solicitor's office going. Fees are charged but the income is not considered significant and the scale of charges is described as inflexible. In a letter to Executive Council considered at Wednesday's meeting pointed out the Public Solicitor's Office has not been able to charge the market rate when acting on behalf of overseas business and organisations. The current hourly rate charged is £75 per hour when the realistic rate should be closer to £200 per hour. This amounted to providing a subsidy from public funds for the benefit of insurance companies and similar businesses overseas.



**Duncan Cooke, Public Solicitor**

At the other end of the scale the Public Solicitor draws attention in his letter to some local businesses being priced out of the ability to retain the Public Solicitor's office because they cannot afford the rate charged "due to the inflexible nature of the fee structure in place."

The basic charges from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 will be:-

Household Income	Hourly Rate Charged
Below £10,000	No Fee
£10,001 - £12,500	£20
£12,501 - £15,000	£25
£15,001 - £20,000	£30
£20,001 - £25,000	£35
£25,001 - £30,000	£40
£30,001 and upwards	£50

Expatriate workers, businesses and individuals/businesses off the island will be charged up to a maximum of £150 per hour.

In addition,

There is no fee charged neither for the first 30 minute appointment nor for police station representation.

St Helena taxpayers will not be charged for criminal court representation, public children law matters and clinical or medical negligence matters.

Reasonable disbursements will be charged and the fee for a straightforward Will, will be charged at £15.

## St Helena hosts another VIP visit

The Ambassador Consul General of Belgium, Didier Vanderhasselt arrived to the island on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The following day Saint FM met with Ambassador Didier Vanderhasselt in the Governor's office.



**Didier Vanderhasselt (right), Belgian ambassador to South Africa**

Upon arrival at St Helena airport the Ambassador was greeted by black volcanic rock and expressed his surprise at how beautiful the island terrain fast became upon landing. He suggested St Helena is a mystical treasure and saw it a privilege to experience the warmth of the sun and the immense friendliness of the island people. He learnt about St Helena in Secondary school.

The Ambassador made mention of the freedom we enjoy here regarding safety issues and how he enjoyed an hour's walking in one of our forests. During the talk the Ambassador mentioned that although our internet service on island may not be at the standard St Helenians desire it to be, over exposure is a problem world-wide and here on island we should strive to strike a balance with usage and of social media.

The Ambassador will be meeting with our Councillors during his visit as well and hopes that he can take away with him a better understanding of the island and its people.

Didier Vanderhasselt is the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Mozambique, Lesotho and Eswatini by Ministry of Foreign Affairs Belgium. He is planning on leaving the island on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The last time a VIP visited the island was in September, when the Angolan Vice President visited the island for holiday.



## Overseas Medical Referrals – no-one waiting

A recent announcement from the Acting Director of Health tells us 75 patients were flown to Pretoria for treatment at the Netcare hospital in 2017-18 and 84 more were sent for specialist treatment in Pretoria last year. The waiting list for overseas medical treatment has now been cleared.

The Acting Director adds that the Pretoria medical treatment is better value for money as the cost of medical referrals for last year was £300,000 less than “costs spent on referrals to Cape Town.”

The money budgeted for aero medical evacuations and overseas medical treatment over recent years and in years to come works out like this:-

Year	Medical Evacuation	Medical Treatment
2014-15	- - -	£947,000
2015-16	- - -	£872,000
2016-17	£1,400,000	£1,000,000
2017-18	£1,400,000	£1,200,000
2018-19	£500,000	£1,700,000
2019-20	£200,000	£1,700,000
2020-21	£500,000	£1,700,000
2021-22	£500,000	£1,700,000

## OVERSEAS MEDICAL REFERRALS TO PRETORIA UPDATE

The St Helena Health Directorate has been transferring patients requiring overseas specialist care to Pretoria, South Africa, since 2018. Prior to this, patients had been referred to Cape Town.

The move from Cape Town to Pretoria has allowed patients to reach their accommodation and/or hospital admission after one flight.

Acting Director of Health, Dr Kamar Tanyan, commented: *“Previously, medical referrals had to travel to Johannesburg via the SA Airlink flight, which would arrive late on a Saturday night, spend the night in a hotel, and then depart Johannesburg on Sunday for Cape Town. A meet and greet service and transport to and from the hotel had been organised in Johannesburg and Cape Town. After the completion of medical treatment, a flight would be booked from Cape Town to Johannesburg on the Friday evening, followed by an overnight stay in a hotel. The patients would then catch the flight back to St Helena on a Saturday morning.*

*“Feedback received from patients suggested the stopover in Cape Town Airport and transport within the Airport, especially by wheelchairs, were problematic for elderly or very ill patients being referred for care.”*

Overseas referrals are now sent to the Netcare Unitas Hospital - one of the largest private hospitals in South Africa, located in Centurion, Pretoria. The Natanja Guest House and Lyttlewoods Guest House accommodations are approximately five minutes away from the Hospital and 15 minutes walk to shops and restaurants.

A year on, the Health Directorate has reported that 84 patients have been referred to Pretoria – slightly more than the 75 patients referred in 2017-18. More complex cases are be-

ing referred so that patients can access highly specialised centres and specialists. To date, the waiting list for overseas referrals is now cleared.

From the figures given in the SHG Budget Book there is a £300,000 reduction in the cost of evacuating patients to South Africa between last year and this but the budgeted cost of medical treatment increased by £500,000 between 2017-18 and 2018-19. Budgets for evacuation and treatment return to last year’s spending levels next year. The 2019-20 reduction in expenditure appears to be a momentary blip.

A request for clarification received an immediate response from the Acting Director of Health, “I do confirm that we saved just over £300K after the move to Pretoria .” This is good to know but is it a momentary blip or a systemic cost cut which repeats in future years. From the official figures, when the costs of evacuation and treatment are taken together costs have soared over the last six or seven years and its difficult to find any budget reductions which merit a special announcement of this kind from the Health Directorate. Information from SHG is still in need of better presentation.

The Health Directorate is continuously improving communication with their partners in South Africa and are developing remote support from specialists via telemedicine. The Directorate is also continuing dialogue and monitoring with MSO to ensure the comfort of patients and their families in South Africa. Pastoral care, which is appreciated by referred patients, is now delivered by a dedicated team.

This move has proved cost effective as a sum of £300k was saved over the last year in comparison to the costs spent on referrals to Cape Town. This saving allows the Health Directorate to re-allocate resources based on needs in all areas of service delivery.

**SHG**  
**13 December 2019**



# THE CONSTITUENT

*C Leo (LegCo)*

Dear Constituents,

Following the visit to St Helena by the DFID Financial Aid Mission (FAM), we now await the final decision by the DFID Minister on the level of budgetary aid St Helena will receive from the United Kingdom for the 2020/21 financial year.

The FAM team arrived on St Helena on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December and departed on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December.

As a member of Legislative Council and in the interest of being properly informed, I felt obliged to request permission to "sit in" on the two budget discussion meetings that were held, according to DFID's programme, between elected members of Executive Council, SHG officers and the FAM team. I was not permitted to verbally participate in the discussions.

All twelve elected representatives have shared responsibility for securing an adequate level of financial aid for St Helena from the United Kingdom through DFID. Sometime during the next few months, all twelve elected members will be required to individually vote to accept, or refuse to accept, the 2020/21 budget during formal Legislative Council.

The seven Elected members serving on Legislative Council were given the opportunity to meet briefly with the FAM team for the 'Introductions' on Tuesday, 10 December and again on Saturday, 14 December, for an hour of 'wrap-up'.

During the wrap-up, I reminded Alasdair Wardhaugh, the St Helena Team Leader of DFID that he asked the ExCo councillors (at a previous meeting) if they were satisfied with the budget submissions that were presented to DFID by SHG. Mr Wardhaugh was told that my short answer would have been no, we are not. The team leader was made aware that my serious concerns on the budget submission were voiced in various forums, to the SHG Financial Secretary and delivered in a formal statement to Legislative Council. A copy of the public statement was given to the DFID team to be used as part of the case they will now compile and present to the DFID Minister, for budgetary aid, on behalf of the people of St Helena.



## Fisheries Corporation to close after request for more subsidy refused

Last week Executive Council finally bit the bullet and finally said 'NO' when the Fisheries Corporation asking for an additional £182,000 on top of the £350,000 already paid out to the Corporation this year. Without the extra money St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC) will be part of history when it is closed down on 31<sup>st</sup> January next year. Over the last five years SHFC has been paid £1,387,000 in subsidies.

SHG say there are a few proposals in preparation, one or more might come up with a business model which offers a workable solution to commercial fish processing and sales in St Helena. Organisations interested in submitting a proposal for consideration are asked to do so by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January. The hope is that a successor to SHFC will be able to take over from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020.

If the extremely tight deadline cannot be met by any of the interested parties who want to put a proposal for continuing fish processing and sales then fish sales will be allowed directly from licenced boats to customers. Boat owners will need to have the required certification in place from Public Health before direct sales can begin.

The St Helena Commercial Fishermans Association is known to be interested in putting forward a proposal for taking over the processing factory in Rupert's but they have already stated they will not have their plans in place by 10<sup>th</sup> January. They have asked for an extension of a few weeks.

### Addition

Yesterday, Saint FM hosted a lively discussion with representatives from the STH Commercial Fisherman's Association and the STH Fisheries Corporation, surrounding decisions and statements released over the past several weeks, which could affect the future of the fishing industry on STH.

Following on from a press release in which the SHG took responsibility for the part they played in previously allowing the continuation of a false economy to exist around the industry, the STH Commercial Fisherman's Association have now been given an extra week until 17<sup>th</sup> January to submit a proposal to manage the fishery.

In essence, the future direction of an establishment that marked 40 years of existence last Thursday will cease to exist in its current format in under a month but SHG are now expecting the SHCFA to turn this fate within a mere four weeks.

It is very clear that both the Association and Corporation are determined to keep the control of STH fisheries with the Island, and with continued passion, the right mix of management and a robust business model they feel it can continue to be one of our most necessary and productive establishments.

**Also see SHG Press Release on PAGE 34**



## **APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION**

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

- 1. Application 2019/112:** FULL Planning Application for **Replacement of Solar Type Street Lights and additional Solar Type Street Lights**, Central and Lower Jamestown. Applicant: Infrastructure and Transport Directorate, St Helena Government.
- 2. Application 2019/113:** FULL Planning Application for **Renewal of Development Permissions 2012/66 and 2015/119**, Broad Bottom Farm, Thompsons Hill on Parcels 24 and 38 (Block 1) and Parcels 57, 60 and 179 (Block 2). Applicant: Paul O'Sullivan, Trade Winds St Helena Island Ltd.
- 3. Application 2019/114:** FULL Planning Application for **New Prison and Police Custody Building**, Bottom Woods on Parcel 0446 Longwood North. Applicant: Prison Project Board, St Helena Government.
- 4. Application 2019/115:** FULL Planning Application for **Custody Suite**, Coleman House, Jamestown on Parcel 100040 Jamestown. Applicant: Police Directorate, St Helena Government

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

**Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Applications should make them in writing within 21 days to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email [Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh)**

**Public Representation Closing Date: 4pm – 10 January 2020**

**Shane Williams  
Planning Officer**

# **NOTIFICATION**

## **MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY**

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, 15th January 2020, at 10 am at the St Helena Community College, Jamestown.**

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

The Agenda and redacted versions of the Handling Reports will be available on the LDCA Web Page on the SHG Web Site.

Should you require assistance, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 22270.

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.

## Public Consultation announced on Trade Winds and Horse Pasture

Paul O'Sullivan's Trade Winds Ocean Village development at Horse Pasture will have public consultations between Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Details of the consultation programme will no doubt be announced later.



A new brochure distributed by Paul O'Sullivan's Trade Winds Corporation includes a statement that the imported pre-fabricated houses will be assembled by St Helenians. It is also stated the Ocean Village and the Golf Resort and Hotel will create between 20 and 40 full time jobs when completed and the construction phase will need between 140 and 180 full time jobs. Trade Winds Corporation Plc will go the private equity market in 2020 or 2021 for a cash-raising of approximately £30 million, in return for a sizable equity stake.

### Trade Winds – a well used name for a range of businesses

The St Helena Leisure Corporation became the St Helena Corporation when Paul O'Sullivan took a majority stake in the company. Now the St Helena Corporation has been renamed the Trade Winds Corporation. The reason given is simply, "We are currently in the process of making further acquisitions, extraneous to St Helena Island, which will diversify our trading activities, by strengthening our balance sheet in South Africa and elsewhere." The £30 million being raised for the Horse Pasture and Broad Bottom developments are now part of a proposed bigger international tourism set-up which, if it comes off, could have some advantages as far as building up tourist arrivals is concerned.

But, Trade Winds is a name used by several companies in a wide variety of businesses. Some would say the name is too common for a unique island such as St Helena. There is the Trade Winds Belgian beer and the Trade Winds Cairngorm

Scottish brewery. Trade Winds shipping news and Trade Winds music. There is another Trade Winds tourist resort in Florida. And a Trade Winds interior design company and a US Based Trade Winds Mission and Business Forum – whatever that might be.



Another tourist resort is the Trade Winds at Honduras.

And Trade Winds is, very suitably, the name of the Annual Business Summit organised by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.



From the Cairngorm Brewery; will it be on sale at the Trades Winds Ocean Village or Golf Resort?

## Obituary

The family of the late Eric Arthur Mittens who passed away on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 would like to thank the Doctors and nursing staff of the General hospital, and all those who kindly contributed and supported the family during his illness while at home and during his time in the Hospital.

Thank you also to the many friends and family members who took time to visit him during his illness, and those who were able to attend the funeral, with cards and floral tributes. Thank you to Deacon Bobby Crowie who kindly conducted the service, Mr Roy Williams and his team for the burial and to Millie for her kind donation of making the wreaths. Our Sincere Thanks to all.

*"Every life is noted and is cherished, and nothing loved is ever lost or perished."*



## ***From Passenger Terminal to Hospital Refurbishment, lessons learnt?***

In 2012 The Chief Auditor issued a damning report on the management of the project to build the passenger terminal. The Freight and Baggage building did not escape criticism either. Now the Chief Auditor has issued a Performance Audit on the Jamestown Hospital Refurbishment Project and the conclusion to the report mentions the same shortcomings.

The recent Performance Audit on the Hospital Refurbishment is a shocking list of lack of management and monetary control aggravated by changes of mind for what was planned long after the final decisions should have been made and work handed over to building contractors.

The 2008 strategic plan for health included funding for the refurbishment but it was not until November 2013 the Procurement Board finally gave the go-ahead. The funding finally became available from the 2014-17 capital programme and the refurbishment project could finally move forward. The construction contract was finally signed in March 2015, seven years after it was officially adopted in the health strategy.

After the main contract was signed, further follow-on contracts were drawn up to accommodate changes of mind and unforeseen obstacles, problems and extra work. The Chief Auditor states that the separate, follow-on, contracts caused delay to the overall project. It appears variation orders to the main contract were not used.

The Performance Audit states, "During the course of the project, SHG realised that additional refurbishment and infrastructure improvement needs, identified earlier by Hospital staff, were required. These were not included in the Basil Read contract and were completed by local contractors. The work included installing vinyl floors, external doors, internal fire doors and other fittings. The project did not come to a close until June 2017; 11 months after the contractor completed their works."

The contract awarded to Basil Read, the sole bidder, was for a fixed sum of £2.7million. Due to the very long history of delays and changes in specifications and it is impossible to calculate accurately what the final cost was but is estimated to be between £3.28 million and £3.45million and does not include all the additional staff time and management costs over the course of the nine years since the origination of the project .

As the refurbishment approached completion certain checks and sign offs were found to be either inadequate or non-existent. The Performance Audit stated, "The project was intended to be certified using self-certification, meaning that project engineer and contractor would document and certify the work done to appropriate standards. We've seen no documents that confirm the proper self-certification procedure was followed, how-

ever the then Locum Head of Planning issued a "nominal acceptance for completion for all purposes under Building Control" by way of email to the Project Manager, and in the same email detailed serious health and safety concerns in the building." The health and safety concerns were in connection with, "re-used joinery, the vinyl flooring, some of the plasterwork, and the standard of wall tiling. More serious health and safety concerns around rusting external handrails and defective manhole covers were also mentioned. Notably, the email highlighted incomplete and haphazard arrangements regarding training of personnel in relation to maintenance of the lift and of the oxygen plant."

Further concerns about the finishing and maintenance continue today. The report states, "The Contractor handed over a maintenance manual to the client upon completion, but contracts are not in place for maintenance. Due to the nature of access to St Helena Island, Siemens would not offer a service contract or warranty for equipment supplied. However, we were informed that Siemens engineers come out annually to undertake maintenance, at a cost of approximately £7,300 per week long visit. Similarly, the hospital lift receives an annual service by the engineers who come to perform maintenance on the airport lift, however no contract is in place with the hospital. Two local electricians were involved in the installation of the oxygen plant, given training and are currently providing maintenance to it when needed. They also provide maintenance on the autoclaves. This work is also not performed under a formal contract." The Chief Auditor recommended SHG must urgently secure contracts.

In the conclusion to the performance audit the chief auditor points out, "But measuring the success of projects is not just about observing the outputs. Although the refurbishment delivered vital new equipment and addressed significant health and safety concerns, SHG failed to establish a clear economic case for the investment, and did not carry out an options appraisal outlining the costs and benefits of various solutions which could have addressed the problems with the hospital. This means that it is difficult to know whether the intended benefits are being realised."

"However, early signs are encouraging and suggest the project is on track to deliver value for money, as the drop in the number of patients referred overseas and in referral-related expenditure provide evidence that one of the project's primary goals is being met. It also seems clear that the hospital is now better prepared for increasing demands than it was before the refurbishment. Still, SHG has work to do to develop a reasonable set of performance metrics for health, which can be used to measure the hospital's success in improving the quality of care, as well as the wider health benefits this and other health projects deliver."



The Salvation Army would like to take this opportunity to thank the public in general for the support over the year 2019; we thank you all for your generosity in supporting our thrift shop and the work of The Salvation Army in the Island.

Over the past few weeks we have been going around the Island sharing the message of Christmas through Christmas Carols, the support has been amazing we want to express our sincere gratitude to everyone for the support.

We pray that you will all have a blessed Christmas with your loved ones and as we all looking forward to the New Year we pray that the Lord will answer all your prayers.

*“Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.”*

***Yours in His Service  
Nhlanhla and Priscilla Ziqubu  
Majors***

## **IN THE LEAD-UP TO CHRISTMAS STORED WATER VOLUME AT 38% ST HELENA WATER SITUATION REMAINS SERIOUS**

**St Helena’s water situation remains serious with no increase in surface flows and stored water at around 38% heading into the busiest part of the year on the Island.**

Consumption rates remain an issue with each day over the past week exceeding 1000 cubic metres of water. This could be due in part to the increase in population on St Helena during the festive season, but residents are urged to continue decreasing water usage where possible to preserve our precious resource. The public is thanked for their efforts thus far.

**With the increase in visitors and returning residents, it is important to ensure everyone is aware of St Helena’s serious water shortage. The public is encouraged to spread the word to visiting family and friends and ensure they keep water use to essential needs only.**

In the interim, Connect Saint Helena (CSH) will continue pumping from Chubb’s Spring and Hutt’s Gate as well as from Fisher’s Valley and Warren’s Gut.

**With warm weather patterns and no significant rainfall forecast, it is therefore very important**

**that we all keep our water consumption to essential use only.**

### **Water-Saving Competition**

The St Helena Resilience Forum Warning & Informing Sub-Group would like to announce Aubrey George from Jamestown as the first winner of the monthly Water-Saving Competition for the month of December. Aubrey’s water-saving initiatives will appear as the next few CSH Tips of the Week and he will also receive his £20.00 reward. Well done Aubrey!

For more details on this monthly competition, please email: [liam.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:liam.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh).

***Every drop counts, every action counts –  
save water now to be safe later***

***St Helena Resilience Forum  
18 December 2019***



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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **VACANCIES SEA RESCUE SERVICES CREW**

The Sea Rescue Services of the St Helena Police Directorate has an opportunity for a self-motivated and enthusiastic individual to join their team as Sea Rescue Services Crew (Coxswain). This post will be on a permanent contract.

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

1. Carry out directions from the Officer in Charge when at sea rescue incidents ensuring work is completed within the standard operating procedures.
2. Support the wider Police Directorate through deployment when required within limitation of training given, as a Special Police Constable.
3. Under the direction of the Sea Rescue Service Deputy Manager, responsible for ensuring the maintenance and proper use of all Sea Rescue facilities, boats and equipment ensuring it is in a state of readiness at all times.
4. Make safety critical decisions during sea rescue operations and other deployments, ensuring the safety of the public, other agencies and the sea rescue crews.

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

Prospective candidates should have:

- . GCSE Math and English at Grade C or above or equivalent. If applicants do not have these qualifications they will be required to successfully pass a Functional Skills assessment in English and/or Maths.
- . First Aid Qualification - First Responder would be an advantage
- . Valid and clean driving licence in Class A.
- . Experience /Qualifications in the Maritime field.

Hours of work will be 35 per week and the successful applicant will be required to be on-call for emergencies and will be required some weekends as per an on-call and Aircraft cover rota.

Salary for the post is at Grade C commencing at £9,053 per annum.

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

Applications should be completed and submitted, through Directors, where applicable, to Anya Richards, Human Resources Officer at Coleman House, Police HQ, Jamestown (or email [anya.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:anya.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh)) by no later than 16.00 on Tuesday 14th January 2020.

# Somerville Store

## Your Favourite Holiday Shop

Will open every day from 8am  
to 7pm on  
Thursday 26th December 2019  
through to Wednesday 1st  
January 2020

*Happy holidays from The Fagans*



## THE ANCHOR SHOPS OPENING HOURS

### JAMESTOWN NR THE BAPTIST MANSE:

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

SATURDAYS: 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM (21<sup>st</sup> will close at 11:00 am)

SATURDAY NIGHTS 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 6:30 – 8:00 PM

MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

THIS SHOP WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER AT 2:00 PM  
AND WILL REOPEN ON THURSDAY 09 JANUARY 2020.

### KUNJIE FIELD

OPENING HOURS: MONDAYS – SATURDAYS: 5:00 – 6:00 PM

THIS SHOP WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER AND REOPEN  
ON 6 JANUARY 2020

There will be a 10% discount on all goods in both shops until  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>!!!

Enquiries: Jean Fowler - Tel: 24044

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

**HAPPY XMAS SHOPPING!!!**



**Cruise ship  
visits January  
2020**



*St Helena Island*  
Secret of the South Atlantic

### **MV Artania**

The MV Artania is expected to arrive on Wednesday, 8 January 2020 at 08:00hrs and depart at 20:00hrs.

The vessel is travelling from Ascension Island and will continue its onward journey to Walvis Bay with a maximum capacity of 1260 passengers and 520 crew.

St Helena Tourism has been advised that there are no pre-booked tours for this cruise ship visit. Tour providers and taxi drivers are welcome to offer their services to passengers.

### **MS Marco Polo**

The MS Marco Polo is scheduled to arrive on Tuesday, 21 January at 14:30hrs and depart at 20:00hrs.

The vessel is travelling from Praia and will continue its onward journey to Walvis Bay with a maximum capacity of 906 passengers and 360 crew.

**Further updates regarding the MV Artania and the MS Marco Polo will be provided nearer the time.**



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**Events  
Co-Ordinator  
Service  
Provider**



Enterprise St Helena is seeking to procure the services of an Events Co-Ordinator to assist with the organising and co-ordinating of local investment-related events and/or conferences. The role will involve working with a wide range of stakeholders and requires dedication and energy. Reporting to the Director of Investment, the successful service provider will be responsible for providing a high level of events management, administration and communication support. It is anticipated that the contract will be offered on a part-time basis with 20 flexible hours per week in the first instance for a fixed-period of 6 months.

The successful business/individual must have:

- Events co-ordination experience
- Events management experience
- A track record of developing and co-ordinating stakeholder relationships
- Strong administration skills
- Excellent writing and verbal communication skills

A copy of the Terms of Reference and an application form can be obtained via email or collected from the Enterprise St Helena Office at Ladder Hill Business Park. Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Director of Investment by 16:00 GMT Monday 06 January 2020.

**For further information please contact Martin George on telephone 22920 or email [Martin.George@esh.co.sh](mailto:Martin.George@esh.co.sh)**



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## New TV Set Top Boxes

SURE SA LTD would like to advise all TV customers that the new Set Top Boxes can be purchased from the Customer Care Centre at Bishops Rooms for £24.

Customers are required to provide their TV smartcard and written authorisation if collecting on behalf of someone.

Customers are reminded that the old TV Set Top Boxes will no longer work after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

Customers who do not wish to continue service must contact the Customer Services Team on 22900 or [service@sure.co.sh](mailto:service@sure.co.sh)

SURE SA LTD thank customers for their co-operation.



**The Queen Mary & Victoria shops will be open during the Christmas period on the following times:**

**Christmas eve**  
9.0am – 3.00pm & 6.30pm – 9.00pm

**Closed 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> December**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December**  
9.00am – 4.00pm

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December**  
9.00am – 4.00pm

**Closed Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Closed 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

**Normal opening hours from 2<sup>nd</sup> January onwards**

*We would like to thank all our customers for their valuable business over the past year & wish everyone on St Helena a Merry Christmas & a Happy & prosperous New Year!*

## **BENJIS STORE**

**OPENING HOURS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD**

FRIDAY 20 <sup>th</sup>	9AM to 10PM
SATURDAY 21 <sup>st</sup>	9AM to 10PM
SUNDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10AM to 1PM
MONDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9AM to 7PM
TUESDAY 24 <sup>th</sup>	9AM to 9PM
WEDNESDAY 25 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED
THURSDAY 26 <sup>th</sup>	10AM to 1PM
FRIDAY 27 <sup>th</sup>	9AM to 7PM
SATURDAY 28 <sup>th</sup>	9AM to 7PM
SUNDAY 29 <sup>th</sup>	9AM to 1PM
MONDAY 30 <sup>th</sup>	9AM to 7PM
TUESDAY 31 <sup>st</sup>	9AM to 7PM
WEDNESDAY 1 <sup>st</sup>	CLOSED

*Benji's Limited would like to wish all their clients & customers  
A Merry Christmas & A Prosperous New Year*

**Connect**  
SAINT HELENA LTD

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

**Don't use running water to thaw frozen food. For water efficiency and food safety, defrost food in the refrigerator overnight.**

## **A & D'S MINIMART**

### **CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS**

MONDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2019	9 AM - 7 PM
TUESDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019	9 AM - 5 PM
WEDNESDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019	CLOSED
THURSDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019	CLOSED
FRIDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019	9 AM - 1 PM
SATURDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019	9 AM - 1 PM
SUNDAY 29 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019	CLOSED
MONDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019	CLOSED
TUESDAY 31 <sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2019	9 AM - 1 PM
WEDNESDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2020	CLOSED
THURSDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2020	9 AM - 7 PM

**Anthony and Diana along with staff would like to wish their customers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.**



**MV Artania**

Date: 8 January 2020  
 Estimated time of arrival: 8:00am  
 Estimated time of departure: 8:00pm  
 Maximum Capacity: 1260 passengers and 520 crew

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**MS Marco Polo**

Date: 21 January 2020  
 Estimated time of arrival: 2:30pm  
 Estimated time of departure: 8:00pm  
 Maximum Capacity: 906 passengers and 360 crew

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**MV Astor**

Date: 31 March 2020  
 Estimated time of arrival: 7:00am  
 Estimated time of departure: 2:00pm  
 Maximum Capacity: 578 passengers and 260 crew

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**MV Pacific Princess**

Date: 11 April 2020  
 Estimated time of arrival: 8:00am  
 Estimated time of departure: 6:00pm  
 Maximum Capacity: 772 passengers and 379 crew

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**MV Plancius**

Date: 19-22 April 2020  
 Estimated time of arrival: TBC  
 Maximum Capacity: 117 passengers and 47 crew

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**MS Amsterdam**

Date: 28 April 2020  
 Estimated time of arrival: 10:00am  
 Estimated time of departure: 6:00pm  
 Maximum Capacity: 1380 passengers and 620 crew

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**MV Boudicca**

Date: 02 December 2020  
 Estimated time of arrival: 8:00am  
 Estimated time of departure: 6:00pm  
 Maximum Capacity: 820 passengers and 354 crew



Please note that actual number of passengers and crew on board all vessels will be confirmed nearer the arrival dates.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SHG SERVICES OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES**  
**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 2019/20**

All SHG directorates/services will be closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020. The following table provides details of opening hours between 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019. Normal business will resume on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.

SHG Directorate	Service	Details
Corporate Services	Post & Customer Service Centre	Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> ; Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 open from 8.30 am – 12 noon.
	Customs	Closed 24 <sup>th</sup> December – 27 <sup>th</sup> December and 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019  Open 30 December 2019 from 8.30 am – 12 noon.  <i>(2 Officers will be on call for vessel clearance)</i>
	Port Control	Closed 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020 inclusive - Emergencies only. Harbour Master can be contacted in an emergency on VHF channel 14 or mobile number 61784 / home 24817 during the festive period, also via the police control room on 22626.
	Income Tax	Closed 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 to 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020 inclusive.
	Corporate Services, The Castle	Closed from midday on 24 <sup>th</sup> December until 0830 on 2 January – this includes the St Helena Archives.  The Castle switchboard will, however, be manned on 27, 30 and 31 December 2019 from 0830-1600hrs
	Judicial Services	Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December - open from 0830-1230. Closed from 25 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> December and 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020 inclusive.
Airport	Access Office	24 <sup>th</sup> December – open from 0830 – 1230.  Closed from 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020 inclusive. Throughout this period, the officer on call can be contacted on mobile number 51461
Education & Employment	Education Learning Centre, Jamestown	The Education Office and St Helena Community College will close from Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December and re-open on Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020. Enquiries during the festive period can be made to: 24 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> December from 10 am to 12 noon – contact Mrs Angela Benjamin Tel: 22181 The ELC will be open on the following days – please contact Mr Frazer Stone on Tel: 22607: Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> December from 10 am to 12 noon Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December from 10 am to 12 noon
	Public Library	Closed Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020 and will re-open on Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020.
Health	Administration	Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019 – Open from 08:30 to 12:00hrs only* 24 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> 2019 – Closed*  [*Note: Staff on call. Contactable via the Hospital Switchboard on 22500].
	Mental Health	23 <sup>rd</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 – Normal Working Hours.
	Dental Department – Emergency Clinics	, 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 – Open from 08:30 to 12:00hrs only*  [* Note: On each of these days the Department will be open for emergencies from 8.30am to 9.30am and for pre-booked appointments from 10.30am to 12:00hrs].
	Environmental Health	23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019 – Normal Working Hours 24 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 – Closed*  [*Note: Staff on call. Contactable via the Hospital Switchboard on 22500].
	Community Nursing Services	23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 – Open from 08:30 to 12:30hrs only* * Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Normal Working Hours  [*Note: Open for Nurse Triage in the Jamestown Outpatient Clinic only. Essential Community Nursing services, which include home visits and Palliative Care will be conducted throughout the festive period, as required].
	Pharmacy	23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 – Open from 08:30 to 13:00hrs only Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Open from 09:00 to 11:30hrs only Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Open from 08:30 to 17:00hrs only
	Laboratory	23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019 – Normal Working Hours 24 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 – Open from 08:30 to 13:00hrs only* Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Normal Working Hours  [*Note: Staff on call for emergencies only].

SHG Directorate	Service	Details
	General Hospital - Emergency Department	Open 24 hours a day for Emergencies only.
	Doctor's clinics Jamestown Outpatients (pre-booked appointments)	23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 – Open from 08:30 to 12:30hrs only* Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Normal Working Hours  [* <b>Note:</b> Open for pre-booked appointments only].
Children & Adults Social Care	Administration - Brick House	Closed from Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December - Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2019. Open on Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 and will respond to emergency issues only.
	Children's Social Care	Closed on Public Holidays. Emergency on-call service on 61713
	Adult's Social Care	Closed on Public Holidays. Emergency on-call service on 64326
Environment, Natural Resources & Planning	Essex House	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020 - Reception can be contacted on 22270 except on Public Holidays
	ANRD	Agricultural Services- Veterinary Emergency calls- 62039 or 26162 Agricultural Services – Forestry call 24432/62701 , 24791 or 64024
	Waste Management Services	<b>Domestic &amp; Commercial Waste Collection:</b> All domestic and commercial waste collection services throughout December 2019 – 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020 will remain unchanged  <b>Horse Point Landfill Site:</b> The site will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
Infrastructure & Transport	Housing	On Call Services from 20 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 to 2nd January 2020. Call 67837 or 24217/63753.
Police	Police Headquarters	Throughout the Christmas holiday period normal operational Policing and Emergency response will be available.  Commencing 18th December 2019 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020, Police support and auxiliary services such as liquor licensing, firearms licensing, driver's examination and vetting certificates will not be available.  For any emergencies call telephone number 999, you may be asked for further details of the emergency, always give your contact details and location.
	Fire	The fire service office will operate as per normal on 27 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2019 with normal response procedures for all emergencies.
	Prison	Open as usual with the following exceptions: No visits 25/12/19 – Christmas Day 26/12/19 – Boxing Day 01/01/20– New Year's Day
	Immigration	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 8am to 12 noon Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 8am to 12 noon Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 Operating from Airport only Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 08am to 12 noon Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 8am to 12 noon  For emergency queries during periods of closure please contact Police Headquarters on Tel No 22626.
	Emergency Planning	The office will be closed on the 24 <sup>th</sup> December and re-open on 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020. In an Emergency the response will be via 999.
	Sea Rescue	Open from 8 am – midday on 24 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019. On 28 <sup>th</sup> December 2019, open from 8am – 4pm. If you require an emergency response from the Sea Rescue Service please call 999.

We would like to thank you for your custom, we hope you enjoy the holidays and we wish you all the best for the festive Season.

Susan O'Bey  
Chief Secretary



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## CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS 2019

	Grocery Shop	Tinkers	Wholesale Store	Emporium	Sandy Bay Shop
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 4 pm	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10 am - 1 pm	CLOSED			
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	8 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	8 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 1 pm	8 am - 5 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	8 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8 am - 8 pm	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 5 pm	8 am - 8 pm	9 am - 5 pm
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 4 pm	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9 am - 1 pm	CLOSED			
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8 am - 8 pm	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 5 pm	8 am - 8 pm	9 am - 5 pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9 am - 4 pm	9 am - 4 pm	9 am - 4 pm	9 am - 4 pm	9 am - 5 pm
Christmas Eve	7 pm - 9 pm	7 pm - 9 pm		7 pm - 9 pm	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED				
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020	Back to normal				

*We wish all our customers a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year!*



### Enterprise St Helena and Tourist Office Festive Period Opening Hours

Date	ESH Office Tel: 22920	Tourist Office Tel: 22158
Tuesday, 24th December 2019	8.30 am - 12 noon	
Wednesday, 25th and Thursday, 26th December 2019	Closed	
Friday, 27th December 2019	9.00 am - 3.00 pm	
Sunday 29th December 2019	Closed	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
Monday, 30th December 2019	9.00 am - 3.00 pm	
Tuesday, 31st December 2019	8.30 am - 12 noon	
Wednesday, 1st January 2020	Closed	
Thursday, 2nd January 2020	Open as normal	

**The Tourism Airport office will be open on Saturday 28th December 2019 from 10am to 3pm only.**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone

## A Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2020

We extend thanks to all who supported our activities throughout the year and gave valuable feedback. We look forward to an exciting year ahead and being at your service.



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 Visit us online Business and Investment: [www.investinsthelenas.com](http://www.investinsthelenas.com) | Tourism: [www.sthelenatourism.com](http://www.sthelenatourism.com)



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

[www.sainthelenabank.com](http://www.sainthelenabank.com)

## Festive Season Openings 2019

Date	Wharf Kiosk	St Helena Branch	Ascension Branch	Accounts & Payments	Lending
Tuesday, 24 December	Closed	09:00 - 12:00			
Friday, 27 December	Closed	09:00 - 14:00			
Saturday, 28 December	Closed	09:00 - 12:00	Closed		
Monday, 30 December	Closed				
Tuesday, 31 December	Closed	09:00 - 13:00			
Wednesday, 01 January 2020	Closed				

**International Remittance Services** will close at 11:00 on Tuesday, 24 December; at 13:00 on Friday, 27 December and at 12:00 on Tuesday 31 December 2019. These closures will also affect International Remittances undertaken with Online Banking.

The **Bank's Airport Currency Exchange Kiosk** will open as usual on Saturday, 28 December 2019 from 10:00 to 14:30.

Normal Bank opening times will resume on Thursday, 02 January 2020.

**Bank of St Helena Ltd takes this opportunity to wish all our customers a Happy Festive Season and a Prosperous New Year.**

# **WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

## **OPERATIONS OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD**

The following is a public announcement from Waste Management Services:

Waste Management Services (WMS) will continue their operations over the festive period as follows:

### **Domestic & Commercial Waste Collection**

All domestic and commercial waste collection services throughout December and January will remain unchanged. Customers are asked to ensure their bins are ready for emptying by 6am on their collection day. This includes Christmas and New Year's Day for those residents who ordinarily have their waste collected on Wednesdays. Late placement of bins may result in bins not being emptied.

Customers are reminded that all cardboard boxes must be flattened prior to waste collection, with large volumes of cardboard tied in bundles and left next to your bin for safe handling. WMS will not collect cardboard boxes that have not been suitably prepared. All other waste should be bagged and not placed loose into bins. Where possible, please sanitise your wheelie bins regularly to prevent infestation of maggots. WMS are not responsible for sanitising commercial or individual domestic wheelie bins.

### **Horse Point Landfill Site**

The site will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The public is encouraged to recycle as much of their waste prior to any disposal into the bulky waste cell. The Public Recycling Facility can receive plastics, glass, aluminium drink cans, scrap metal, wood, cooking & motor oil, tyres, cardboard, vehicle & domestic batteries, white goods, small electrical appliances, furniture, textiles and clothing. The public is advised not to use the Landfill Site during the hours of darkness due to the obvious hazards that exist.

### **Public Areas**

All public areas and toilet cleaning services throughout December and January will remain unchanged. Please dispose of your litter in the bins provided for the protection of the environment, recycling as much aluminium drink cans, glass bottles and plastic as possible.

### **Bulky Waste**

The public is reminded that the free bulky waste collection service previously offered by WMS has been cancelled. Members of the public are advised to make private arrangements for the collection and disposal of any bulky waste.

### **Wheelie Bins**

WMS have a limited stock of 240 Litre black wheelie bins available for households and businesses for their waste management. Residents and businesses requiring wheelie bins are asked to contact the Environmental Risk Manager, Mike Durnford, on tel: 24724 or via email:

[mike.durnford@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:mike.durnford@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Waste Management Services *'working in partnership with customers for a cleaner and greener St Helena'*.

**SHG**

**16 December 2019**



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## VACANCY FOR PARLOUR MAID/ LAUNDRESS

Corporate Support is seeking to recruit a versatile individual to undertake the role of Parlour Maid / Laundress at Plantation House.

The post holder will be responsible to the Residence Manager for ensuring a high standard of laundering service is provided and for the cleaning and care of Plantation House and its contents.

Some of the main duties of the post will include:

- Ensure all laundry is washed, dried and ironed correctly and to a high standard as required by the First Lady;
- To carry out needlework repairs as necessary;
- To ensure that the laundry room is kept clean and tidy and the equipment maintained;
- To assist with vacuuming, polishing, cleaning of brass and silver ware and any other cleaning duties as required;
- Prepare the dining room and serve breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and supper as required;
- Assist with preparations for and serving at official functions.

Applicants should possess:

- Functional Skills Level 1 in Literacy and Numeracy;
- Experience in housekeeping and good cleaning skills, with a knowledge of various cleaning products;
- Experience in Silver Service table setting and wine service
- Good customer care skills

Salary for this post is at £6,722 per annum.

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Mrs Deborah Yon, Residence Manager on telephone number 24453 or e-mail: [ph.resmanager@helanta.co.sh](mailto:ph.resmanager@helanta.co.sh)

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies) and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Friday, 03 January 2020.

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

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

**Corporate Services**

**18 December 2019**

# Community Development Organisation

## Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 | **Time:** 6:30pm | **Where:** The HTH Community Centre

**Join us at the Half Tree Hollow (HTH) Community Centre for our AGM.**

**Members and non-members are welcomed.**

**Please let us know in advance of nominations for the Community Development Organisation (CDO) committee.**

This meeting will also host an informative session about the Community Grant Scheme

### **NEW and Exciting:**

The launch of an exciting new project "The Legacy Project"

*A venture where all Non Government Organisations (NGOs) and Registered Charities have a unique opportunity to either solely or jointly, submit ideas for a Project in the region of £10,000+.*

The Community Development Organisation is a small voluntary group working at the intersection of community development to improve social, sustainable, and community resilience. Our services include financial and non-financial support to the civil society sector on St Helena.

Come along if you would like to learn more or join our committee.

further information can be obtained from the CDO Officer, Jeremy Johns  
[community.sthelena@gmail.com](mailto:community.sthelena@gmail.com) / [shcdo@helanta.co.sh](mailto:shcdo@helanta.co.sh) or call 22791





Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc  
has a Vacancy for an

# Business Support Assistant

Within the Building Works Department

### Job Outline

To provide business and administration support to the Building Services Manager.

### Interested Persons Should:

- Ideally have GCSE Maths & English at grade C or above, or equivalent
  - Have excellent frontline customer service skills
- Be computer literate and proficient in the use of Microsoft Office
  - Have knowledge & experience in administration
  - Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills

Salary for the position is £8,498.64 per annum (£708.22 per month)

For further information,  
including the Company's  
attractive benefits package,  
please contact  
Richard Gardner,  
Building Services Manager  
on telephone number: 22739  
or via email address:  
bsm@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected  
from Solomons Reception Desk, in  
the Main Office Building, Jamestown  
or alternatively an electronic copy  
can be requested via e-mail  
address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh  
and should be completed and  
returned to Anya Thomas, Human  
Resources Development Officer,  
Solomons Office, Jamestown,  
By 02 January 2020



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

# Fuel Attendant

Within the Jamestown and Half Tree Hollow Fuel Stations

### Job Outline

To assist with the day-to-day operations of the Fuel Station's ensuring maximum performance and quality service is delivered on a safe, consistent and timely basis.

### Interested Persons Should:

- Have good Customer Service skills
- Ideally have Cash Handling experience and be familiar with EPOS Cash Tills
- Have Health & Safety awareness when handling substances hazardous to health

Salary for the position is £7313.40 per annum, (£609.45 per month)

For further information,  
including the Company's  
attractive benefits package,  
please contact  
Anel O'Bey,  
Agencies Administrator  
on telephone number: 22523  
or via email address:  
agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected  
from Solomon's 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 Anya  
Thomas, Acting Human Resources  
Officer  
Solomons Office, Jamestown,  
By 2 January 2020



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

# Supervisor

Within the Jamestown Fuel Station

Job Outline

To be responsible for the day to day operations of the Jamestown Fuel Station ensuring maximum performance and quality service is delivered on a consistent and timely basis.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have good leadership skills & some supervisory experience
  - Have good Customer Service skills
- Have Cash Handling experience and be familiar with EPOS Cash Tills
- Have Health & Safety awareness when handling substances hazardous to health

Salary will start at **£8,787.84** per annum, (£732.32 per month)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) on telephone number: 22523 or via email address: gm-agencies@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomon's 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 Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 02 January 2020



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

# Watchkeeper

within the Bulk Fuel Installation

Job Outline

To regularly check Bulk Fuel Installation complex and equipment, and perform maintenance work when necessary.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have Health & Safety Awareness
- Be Willing to work unsociable hours
- Knowledge & experience of undertaking maintenance work
  - Preferably have a clean, valid drivers' license

Salary for the position is **£8,889.48** per annum, (£171.08 per week)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Andrew Plato, Manager, BFI on telephone number: 22332 or via email address: BFI@helanta.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: [hradmin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hradmin@solomons.co.sh) and should be completed and returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 09 January 2020.



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## Corporate Human Resources Vacancies

Would you like to pursue a Career in Human Resources or interested in a Career change?

If you are, then Corporate Human Resources has two exciting opportunities available for individuals who are self-motivated, flexible and willing to learn and develop within their team. This is your opportunity to contribute towards the development of the team in this exciting time of HR change within SHG.

These two roles are key in supporting the recruitment team in delivering an efficient recruitment and selection service to the St Helena Government.

### Human Resources Assistant (Recruitment)

Key tasks include:

- Prepare documentation (advertises and overseas vacancy information) in readiness for advertising, ensuring information included is in line with role specifications and terms and conditions of service;
- Confirm short-listing and interviewing panel members and prepare short-listing/interviewing criteria in accordance with job specifications. Distribute packs to members in a timely manner;
- Prepare draft offer letters and follow up on clearances (references, medical/dental and DBS/police checks);
- Check and process payments/reimbursements in line with contracts and TACOS, including diversity travel invoices and liaising with relevant parties to confirm any areas for clarification.

Prospective Candidates should have GCSE in Mathematics (or similar qualification in Accounts) and English Language at Grade C or above or equivalent, (applicants without a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment as part of the recruitment process). Candidates should also possess at least 1 years' experience of working in an administrative support role.

The post requires strong communication and excellent organisational skills with a keen eye for detail. The post holder should be proficient in IT skills including Microsoft applications and should have the ability to work under pressure to be able to meet tight timescales.

Salary for this post is at £6,722 per annum.

### Human Resources Apprentice (Recruitment)

Key tasks include:

- Maintain and monitor the recruitment mailbox; receiving emails/applications, reverting on incomplete submissions/sending general responses where required;
- Log applications throughout the advertising period keeping in view closing dates. Liaising closely with relevant Human Resources Officer in terms of responses and completion;
- Receive, save and log contractual documents in relevant Personal File. Track deadlines for follow-up action/receipt of end of contract reports and the logging of exit interviews.

Prospective Candidates should have Functional Skills Level 2 in Maths and English; or equivalent, Previous work experience in an administrative or customer focused environment is desirable.

The post requires strong communication and excellent organisational skills with a keen eye for detail. The post holder should be proficient in IT skills including Microsoft applications and should have the ability to work under pressure to be able to meet tight timescales.

Salary for this post is at £5,713 per annum.

For further details about these post, interested persons should contact Mrs Meliza Lawrence, Human Resources Advisor on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: [meliza.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:meliza.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies) and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, on telephone number 22470 or e-mail [madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Friday, 10 January 2020.



To Brother Chrissy, Mandy and Jade Leo

Will be thinking of you all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. With love from Pammy and Steve xx

To Brother Michael, Delia, Julian, Marayka and Megan.

Will be thinking of you all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. With love from Pammy and Steve xx

To Brother Stewie, Vanessa, Paris and Ozel. Sending you all greetings for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Love and miss you. With love from Pammy and Steve xx

To Keegan, Shinade, Tiana and Tiago

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

With lots of love from Auntie Pammy and Uncle Steve xx

To Peter and Olive Williams, Johnny Dillon, Ann and family and Miss Moodie.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all Love from Pammy and Steve xx

To Mrs May Young and Beasy

Wishing you both a very Happy Christmas and New Year

With love from Pammy and Steve.

To all at Saint FM

Thank you for entertaining us throughout the year a special mention to Debbie, Ian, Charles and Lucas and Prudie.

Merry Christmas to you all and all the best for 2020. With love from Pammy and Steve Brown xxx

To all our friends and family

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Always thinking of you Lots of love and best wishes from Pammy and Steve Brown xxx

To the Dubbs family, Eric and Di Roberts.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year With love from Pammy and Steve Brown xxx

To Brother Briany Leo.

Wishing you a very Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas Best wishes from Pammy and Stevexxx

To Sam and Tatelyn Royles, Sookie and Roberts

Happy Christmas and New Year With love from Pammy and Steve xxx

Wishing a merry Christmas and prosperous new

year to all my friends on St Helena.

Rhys Cottle

Joan Peters would like to wish a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to her sister Joyce, Raymond & Andy Williams, Stedson, Mavis & Jeffrey of Thompsons Wood, Felicity Walters and all other friends & family.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all family and friends. Sorry cards were sent late this year. Wishing you all a wonderful time. Love and best wishes from Janet and John Suffield in UK.

Would like to wish my mum Norma. Dad Roger Osborne. Alan. Andrew. Renae. Leona. Shandy Colin. Haylyn. Perry Darlene, Richie and all our family and friends on St Helena a merry Christmas and a happy New year, also happy Christmas to all at St fm. All our love Hector. Marina & Family in the UK.

To sister Mavis & Henry, sister Dorothy, Jimmy & family, sister Trish & family and sister Sylvia, Simon & family also to Edie Butler & family who are all living in the UK. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

Love & best wishes and Gods blessings

From Maggie, Desmond & family

To all family and friends where ever you are around the globe, Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New year.

Love & best wishes and Gods blessings From Desmond Maggie & family

To Mum and grandma Hilda Timm,

Dad and grandpa Ray, brother and uncle Jeremy. To our son Alistair and grad son Tyrell.

Grandma and great grandma Molly Timm, Aunty Karyn and Uncle Chrissy, Olivia and family, uncle Lawrence, Errol and family.

To Jason, Natasha & Latisha

Mum and grandma Dotty and dad and grandad Patrick Henry, Sylvia and Paul. And to the rest of our family and friends who are too many to mention. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Love and miss you all.

From Simon, Erica, Blake and Max in the UK. Xxx

We would like to wish our Family and Friends on St Helena, Ascension, UK & Falkland Islands a Very Merry Xmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year. With Love from Marsha & Timmy on Ascension Is.



Wishing our Family and Friends on Ascension Island a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, Love from Patsy, Ronald & Family on St Helena.

Wishing family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With love and best wishes for 2020. From: Vera Scipio & Family. London, UK.

I would like to send Christmas greetings and God's Blessings to all my Family and Friends here and overseas.

Troy and Sharon of Levelwood.

Glyn and Marilyn and family of Oxford, U.K.

Tanya, Dale, Savannah, Rebecca, Jessie Lee, Lili-Grace Henry on the Falkland Islands.

Susan, Ian and family on the Falkland Islands.

And to all my other family and friends on the Falkland Islands and here on St Helena.

**My Special Friends.**

Di, Eric, Wendy and little Paighton, Colin, Jenny and Steve Johnson.

Wendy Ellick and Family in Cow Path.

Eddie and Coraline at New Ground.

Dula and Roy and all other family and friends.

My Brother Brian Clarke and David Clarke and Family.

Also Ivy and sister Alma

Considine in the UK.

To all of you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year 2020 with God's Blessings. Love and best wishes Sylvia Henry St Johns Flats.

To son Nicky and June on the Falklands

Happy Christmas to you both and a very happy new year

Missing you this year

Lots of love

Mum Mavis and Peter xxx

Daughter Natalie and

Leroy on the Falklands

Just hope it will be your

best one in years;

Merry xmas and happy

new year,

Lots of love

Mum Mavis and Peter

Daughter Michelle and son in law Rodney Deniss in the UK

Have a wonderful Christmas

And a bright new year ahead

Thinking of you always

Lots of love

From Mum Mavis and Peter xx

Daughter Danielle and Steve in the USA

Happy Christmas and a joyous new year

Will be thinking of you, have a great time

Lots of love

Mum Mavis and Peter xxx

Brother Harold and Joan

in the UK

Brother Barry, Tina and Frankee

Merry xmas to you all and a happy new year for 2020

From sister Mavis and Peter

Sister Cilla, Jill and Phillip in the UK

Have a merry xmas and a happy new year to you all,

Will be thinking of you all this year

Love Mavis and Peter xx

Melanie and Keith Applegate in the UK

Merry Christmas and a happy new year

Have a great time,

From Auntie Mavis and Peter xxx

Doris Smith and Family in the UK

Happy xmas to you all and a happy new year for 2020

Have a great xmas

From Mavis and Peter xx

Linda and David Moyce and Family in the UK

Hope you both have a nice xmas and a happy new year

From Peter and Mavis xx

To all my family and friends on St Helena

Merry Christmas and a happy new year for 2020

Have a nice xmas

From Mavis and Peter xx

Matthew, Elaine and Lilly Rose on the Falklands

Fiona Paul and Nathan

Williams

Nikita, Nathan and boys Perry Henry

Merry xmas to you all and a happy new year

From auntie Mavis and Peter xxx

To a special Daddy Stephen on the Falkland Islands

Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Sending big hugs and kisses, love you lots from Chaska xxx

To a special boyfriend Stephen on the Falkland Islands

Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Sending lots of love. Love you lots from Sheri xxxxx

To: Uncle Alvin, Lache and Martin on the Falkland Islands

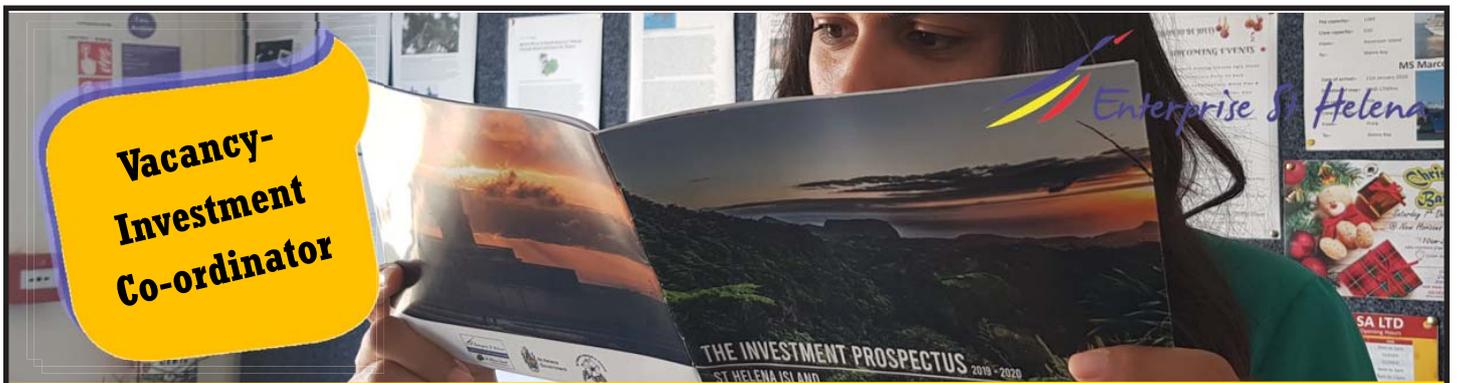
Merry Christmas and a happy new year, love Sheri & Chaska

To: Natasha and Chris in the UK, Errol, Kerry, Kimberly, Luke & Callen, Uncle Lionel & Shelby, Auntie

Natty, Robbie & Rhys on Ascension Island Merry Christmas and a happy new year with lots of love from Sheri & Chaska

To Roxanne, Jack, Airanna and Julianna in the UK

Merry Christmas and a happy new year. With lots of love from Sheri, Stephen & Chaska



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

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

The successful candidate must have:

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

Completed application forms should be submitted to the HR and Administration Manager, Ladder Hill Business Park by no later than close of business Monday 30th December 2019.

**For further information please contact Martin George on telephone 22920, or via email [martin.george@esh.co.sh](mailto:martin.george@esh.co.sh)**



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## HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCY -TEMPORARY MEDICAL STOREKEEPER

The Pharmacy Section of the Health Directorate is looking to recruit a highly motivated candidate to work in the Pharmacy Store for a period of two months.

The successful applicant will be responsible for stock management in the medical store, ensuring that stock rooms are kept in an organised and clean manner and that all stock issued is recorded and records updated in accordance with the agreed procedures.

The successful candidate should have relevant experience in the duties outlined above with strong communication and IT skills.

Salary is at Grade B1 commencing at £6,722 per annum.

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

Interested persons requiring further details regarding this post can contact Mr Vlad Cucuiu, Pharmacist on telephone no 22500 or email [vlad-dorin-cucuiu@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:vlad-dorin-cucuiu@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Application forms and a job profile, which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable to Mrs Brenda Thomas, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate or email [brenda.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:brenda.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Monday, 23rd December 2019.

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

## Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Liverpool extended their lead at the top of the table to 10 points after they beat Watford 2-0 and Leicester could only draw with Norwich.

Watford produces a fairly good performance and create chances but was unable to take any whereas the league leaders prove to be clinical. Mo Salah scored a brilliant breakaway goal after Watford had created their best chance seconds earlier.

Salah showed that he is back to his best securing his sides 2-0 victory in the 90<sup>th</sup> minute.



### Mo Salah 9 goals so far this season

Leicester City would have being really disappointed to drop points at home against struggling Norwich City.

Norwich was impressive, especially in the first half. They deservedly took the lead when their main man Timo Pukki scored. Leicester equalised through a Tim Krul equaliser.



### Man of the match - Caglar Soyuncu (Leicester) impressive in both boxes.

In other games on Saturday Burnley returned to winning ways as they defeated high flying Newcastle. Surprisingly Chelsea loss at home to a Bournemouth side that had 9 first team players missing. Eddie Howe always seems to get his team back on track every time they go through a bad patch.

Sheffield United's brilliant season continued with a 2-0 win over Aston Villa. Chris Wilder believes Sheffield United's performances are starting to change perceptions about his side after their latest victory lifted them up to fifth in the Premier League table.

Having come from behind to win at Norwich last Sunday, John Fleck's second-half double against Aston Villa earned the Blades back-to-back top-flight wins

for the first time since 2006.

In the late match on Saturday West Ham beat relegation rivals Southampton 1-0 at St Mary's Stadium. Having beaten Watford and Norwich in recent matches it was back to square one for Southampton as they remain in the relegation zone.



### Man of the match Michail Antonio causes Southampton plenty of problems on Saturday

Sunday proved to us Manchester United fans that we can match it with the top teams but struggle against any team that defends deep. We just don't have the creativity to break these teams down.

United went behind to an unfortunately own goal. De Gea has to shoulder some blame for the goal as he needed to be stronger when coming to punch the ball. It took a 77<sup>th</sup> minute equaliser from academy player Greenwood to avoid a home defeat.

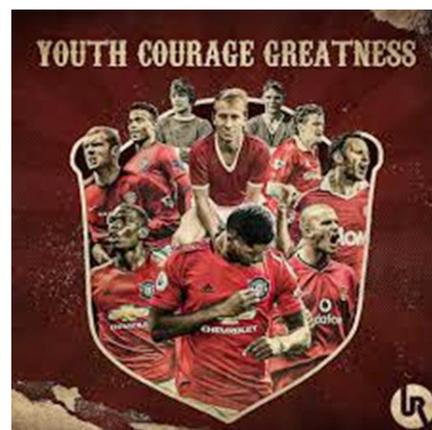
It was fitting that 18-year-old Greenwood should come off the bench to rescue a point with a fine shot from the edge of the area, given that this game marked the 4,000<sup>th</sup> consecutive game in which United have named an academy player in their matchday squad.

This remarkable record dates back to the 1937 league season.

Today's youth graduates – including Paul Pogba, Jesse Lingard, Andreas Pereira, Marcus Rashford, Axel Tuanzebe, Scott McTominay and Mason Greenwood – are adding to a rich heritage which has been at the heart of the club's identity since the 4000 game-run began in 1937.

Duncan Edwards, Bill Foulkes, Sir Bobby Charlton, Nobby Stiles, George Best, Norman Whiteside, Mark Hughes, Ryan Giggs, Gary Neville, David Beckham, Paul Scholes and Darren Fletcher are among the graduates who have graced the first team in the 82 years since.

The club's dedication to the development of home-grown talent is, and will remain, a core part of the club's identity and strategy, with the aim of building further generations of successful and exciting United teams in keeping with the spirit of the Busby Babes and the Class of '92.



Jan Vertonghen scored a late winner to give Spurs all 3 points in a hard fought game against a Wolves side who were previously unbeaten in 11 games. Wolves had 19 shots at the goal compared to Spurs 9.

Moura had put Spurs ahead with a fine solo effort before a brilliant equaliser from man of the match Traore.

Arsenal produces a dismal display against the champions Manchester City who won 3-0. The ease that City played against Arsenal it seemed almost like it was a training match.

Kevin de Bruyne was brilliant scoring 2 special goals and setting up Sterling's goal as well.

After the win against West Ham it is back to the same old Arsenal. It is going to be interesting to see what would be the managerial situation at the Emirates Stadium come the end of this year.



### Man of the match Kevin De Bruyne head and shoulders above every other player in terms of energy, skill and creation. Two goals and an assist made sure City had this game won by half-time.

Fixtures for the festive season

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

- **Everton**12:30**Arsenal**
- **Aston Villa**15:00**Southampton**
- **AFC Bournemouth**15:00**Burnley**
- **Brighton**15:00**Sheffield United**
- **Newcastle**15:00**Crystal Palace**
- **Norwich** 15:00**Wolverhampton**
- **Manchester C**17:30**Leicester C**

**SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER**

- **Watford**14:00**Manchester U**
- **Tottenham Hotspur**16:30**Chelsea**

## Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER

- Tottenham Hotspur 12:30 Brighton
- Aston Villa 15:00 Norwich City
- AFC Bournemouth 15:00 Arsenal
- Chelsea 15:00 Southampton
- Crystal Palace 15:00 West Ham
- Everton 15:00 Burnley
- Sheffield United 15:00 Watford
- Manchester 17:30 Newcastle
- Leicester City 20:00 Liverpool

FRIDAY 27TH DECEMBER

- Wolverhampton 19:45 Manchester C

SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER

- Brighton 12:30 AFC Bournemouth
- Newcastle United 15:00 Everton
- Southampton 15:00 Crystal Palace
- Watford 15:00 Aston Villa
- Norwich 17:30 Tottenham Hotspur
- West Ham 17:30 Leicester City
- Burnley 19:45 Manchester United

SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER

- Arsenal 14:00 Chelsea
- Liverpool 16:30 Wolverhampton
- Manchester C 18:00 Sheffield U

WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY

- Brighton 12:30 Chelsea
- Burnley 12:30 Aston Villa
- Newcastle 15:00 Leicester
- Southampton 15:00 Tottenham
- Watford 15:00 Wolverhampton

Wanderers

- Manchester City 17:30 Everton
- Norwich City 17:30 Crystal Palace
- West Ham 17:30 AFC Bournemouth
- Arsenal 20:00 Manchester U

THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY

- Liverpool 20:00 Sheffield United

## What's happening at New Horizons?



*New Horizons members helping with the Food Bank....making Christmas special for everyone*

We are coming to the end of our very busy period; with Junior Football; Youth games and our festive activities coming to an end.

We were really pleased to be able to help so many families in the community with the New Horizons Food Bank. This was an initiative of Tina's and it proves to be so successful. Big thanks to our St Helena community for coming on board to help with donations. We were able to help over 80 families.

On Christmas Eve we will be part of the 'Going around the Island' party deliver-

ing gifts to persons living at Deasons; the Family Centre, Cape Villa, Ebony View and the CCC. We would like to thank Richard James for donating the gifts.

On behalf of all the Staff, Committee and Members of New Horizons we would like to wish everyone on St Helena and Saints and supporters living around the world a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Golf Report - Contributed

Twenty Three members participated in the 18 Hole Turkey and Ham Modified Stableford competition held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The weather conditions were good and most enjoyable day was had by all participants in the competition. Anne George emerged as the winner with a score of 20 points with Arthur Young claiming 2nd place with a score of 17 points.

Congratulations to Anne and Arthur.

Two ball winners on the day.  
Gerald George, Arthur Young and Leon Crowie

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019, an 18 Hole Monthly Medal Competition is scheduled. The first group tee off time is 12 noon. You may register your name on the sign-up sheet at the Golf Club or leave a voicemail on telephone number 24421.



## ST HELENA MAGISTRATES' COURT

5<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Emma Maxine Louise Peters (23) of Half Tree Hollow,** pleaded guilty to driving whilst over the prescribed limit. She entered her plea at the earliest opportunity and was dealt with by way of a fine of £100.00 together with costs of £15.00. She was also disqualified from driving for a period of 18 months.

**Tanisha Benjamin (20) of Red Hill, St Pauls,** pleaded guilty to Careless Driving. She entered her plea at the earliest opportunity and was dealt with by way of a fine of £60.00 together with costs of £15.00.



## Thrills Spills and Ladies By SHCA

### Heat V Challengers

Jamestown Heat came out on top following a closely fought match against Royal Challengers on Saturday afternoon.

Challengers captain, Cliff Richards won the toss and chose to bat. Challengers talisman, Andrew Yon fresh of a record breaking 230 the week before, partnered Alex Langham at the top of the order.

The pair produced a patient opening stand against Heats opening bowlers, Jason Thomas and Damien O'Bey. Despite going wicketless, Thomas bowled seven threatening overs consecutively and conceded just 37 runs.

After reaching 40 in 10 overs, Yon and Langham upped the anti, and increased their run-rate. The pair reached 136 before Langham was bowled by Gavin George for 50

Yon followed shortly after; run-out for 85 after a mix up with batting partner, Sean-Lee Thomas.

Gavin George ripped through the remainder of Challengers batting line up. George finished with figures of 4/26 from his six over spell. Scott Crowie was also impressive with the ball, taking 2/43 from 7.

Dax Richards and Barry Stroud began the run chase for heat. The pair successfully blunted Challengers opening attack before Stroud was dismissed LBW, bowled Joey Thomas.

Man of the match Gavin George and Richards combined to further advance Heats score before D Richards was snared; caught behind by the combination of Langham and Nico Ellick for 56.

George compiled a solid innings of 43 alongside S Crowie who made 41. However George was dismissed LBW and Crowie was caught at gully by Denny Leo to set up a tense finale.

David George and Damien O'Bey withstood the pressure and combined to take Heat across the line with just 3 balls remaining. The defeat was the first for Challengers in almost a year.

### Woodpeckers V Mustangs

On Sunday morning, Woodpeckers

flexed their muscles and walked away with convincing 180-run win over Mustangs in the Western Derby.

The main contributor with the bat was Chris Owen who produced a brutal yet sensible innings of 92. Gary Benjamin added 23 and there were also scores of 27 for Julian Henry and 16 for Dion Phillips.

Woodpeckers were eventually dismissed for 295. Mustangs' best bowler was Antonio Green who finished the innings with figures of 3/42 from 7.

Mustangs never looked like reaching the required target. Kristian Leo bowled a feisty couple of opening overs and made inroads into Mustangs top order.

The only real resistance came from Shane Williams and Antonio Green who put together a good partnership, but that was brought to a sudden halt when Ralph Knipe pulled of a spectacular one handed catch on the cow corner boundary to dismiss Williams for 19.

Woodpeckers bowled Mustangs for 115 in the 26th over.

### Pirates V Lions

Alaina Crowie played her second ever match in the mens senior league on Sunday afternoon. Alaina is the first female to have ever played in a competitive mens cricket match on St Helena, making her debut for Jamestown Heat last year. This time around Alaina took to the field for Lions in their match against Sandy Bay Pirates.

Lions batted first and thanks to an innings of 90 from opener Patrick Crowie, the were able to post a competitive target of 225/9 in 35 overs. Rhys Crowie added 30 and Lions also saw cameos of 25 from Wayne Crowie and 23 from Phillip Yon. Alaina finished their innings with a sweetly timed pulled shot through square leg for four, and she remained unbeaten. Ronan Legg returned figures of 3/46 for Pirates.

Although Pirates lost David Young, Matthew Benjamin and Rhys Francis for 36, 12 and 29 respectively, innings of 63\* from Ian Williams and 43\* from Brett Isaac was enough to see them across the line.

### Results:

#### Saturday 17 Dec 19

#### Royal Challengers 205 (34.3)

Andrew Yon 85

Alex Langham 50

Gavin George 4/26

Christian George 2/38

#### Jamestown Heat 207/5 (34.2)

Dax Richards 56

Gavin George 43

Alex Langham 1/26

Andrew Yon 1/30

### Performance Points:

Gavin George 3, Alex Langham 2, Andrew Yon 1

#### Sun 18 Dec 19

#### Woodpeckers 295 (35)

Chris Owen 92

Julian Henry 27

Antonio Green 3/42

Cruyff Buckley 2/25

#### Mustangs 115 (25.2)

Shane Williams 19

Antonio Green 18

Ashton Benjamin 2/35

Chris Owen 2/10

### Performance Points:

Chris Owen 3, Antonio Green 2, Ashton Benjamin 1

#### Lions 225/9 (35)

Patrick Crowie 90

Rhez Crowie 30

Ronan Legg 3/46

Rhys Francis 2/25

#### Pirates 229/3 (27.1)

Ian Williams 63\*

Brett Isaac 43\*

Rhys Crowie 1/55

Patrick Crowie 1/28

### Performance Points:

Patrick Crowie 3, Ian Williams 2, Brett Isaac 1



# PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES AND AUDITORS FROM OTS COMMIT TO WORK TOGETHER ON OVERSIGHT OF PUBLIC FINANCES

As part of their commitment to work together to improve the oversight of public finances and governance, delegates from the UK and the Overseas Territories (OTs) met last week at the *Oversight of Public Finances and Governance – London Forum 2019*.

The Forum, which ran from 9-11 December, was attended by Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees (PAC), parliamentary clerks, and Heads of Internal and External Audit from Anguilla, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn Islands, St Helena, Turks & Caicos Islands, the UK, and Virgin Islands (UK).

The St Helena delegation comprised PAC Chairman, Cyril Gunnell, PAC Clerk, Anita Legg, Chief Auditor, Phil Sharman, and Head of Internal Audit and Risk, Anesu Happyman Makamure.

This was the third forum funded under the CSSF programme to explore public financial oversight and good governance under the banner of the UK Overseas Territories Project. It was a final opportunity to explore progress in OTs to date, address some of the ongoing challenges faced by PACs, Internal and External Audit agencies and identify ways in which the UK and OTs can continue to work together beyond the end of the project to ensure long-lasting impact. The Forum was also an opportunity for the newly established Internal and External Audit Leadership Groups to meet. This built on established relationships and encouraged continuing development.

During the Forum, Chairman of the UK Overseas Territories Project, Rt Hon. Lord Foulkes, stated: "I have been delighted to see the positive outcomes from the UK Overseas Territories Project. The OTs have demonstrated



a strong commitment to working together to strengthen their public financial oversight and scrutiny functions. With the latest phase of the Project scheduled to come to an end in 2020, the London Forum is an opportunity to cement the learning and good practice that has been developed to ensure that effective public financial oversight continues beyond the life of the Project."

St Helena PAC Chairman, Cyril Gunnell, commented:

*"I believe that all delegates found the London Forum 2019 an insightful and useful event and we look forward to continuing to partner the CPA UK, in consortium with the UK National Audit Office (NAO) and the UK Government Internal Audit Agency (GIAA)."*

**SHG**  
**19 December 2019**



## POLICE CHRISTMAS SAFETY CAMPAIGN

### 'SAFE PEOPLE, SAFE ROADS, SAFE VEHICLES AND SAFE SPEED'

During the month of December, and over the festive period, St Helena Police are running a safety campaign - *'Safe people, Safe roads, Safe vehicles and Safe speed'*.

This campaign is aimed to raise awareness of how the public can work alongside the St Helena Police to make the Island a safer place for all.

Everyday within the community, as well as drivers, there are a mix of pedestrians including children, cyclists and runners, who use the Island's roads. Their safety is everyone's responsibility and without drivers adhering to the road signs there could be serious consequences. However, it is not just the driver's responsibility to adhere to these signs, pedestrians using the road also have a responsibility.

Throughout this campaign, St Helena Police will be educating the public on adhering to speed limits and road signs including pedestrian/school crossings, road closed/slow down signs, steep gradient and SHG road works signs, and also Police

signage. These signs are all there to serve a purpose, from the safety of pedestrians and children in schools, to the safety of the drivers using the highway.

Acting Chief of Police, David Price, said:

"At this time of year it's important that everyone enjoys Christmas safely, especially when driving and using the Island's roads."

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**16 December 2019**



# FISH PROCESSING AND SALES ON ST HELENA NEXT STEPS

Executive Council discussed next steps for fish processing and sales on St Helena at their meeting on Tuesday, 10 December 2019.

Over the last five years a total of £1,387,000 has been provided as operational subsidy by Government to the St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC) and the operation continues to report financial losses year on year. The SHFC's business model has been broken for some time but masked by SHG paying out ever growing levels of subsidy to the fishing sector on an annual basis.

A Fisheries Task Group was set up to undertake a review of the current fish processing and sales on St Helena. Following a period of consultation with key stakeholders including the SHFC, St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association (SHCFA) and local fishermen, the draft alternative business model put together by the Group in October was deemed to be an unprofitable and unworkable solution at this time.

SHG has this week received a request from the SHFC for a further sum of £182,000 to see the operation through to the end of the current financial year. This means that the total subsidy required for the current financial year to keep the operation afloat will be £532,000. This request is not affordable. With this in mind and noting that there is no significant level of subsidy available to keep the current fish factory afloat it was agreed that the SHFC in its current form will come to an end on 31 January 2020.

While we do not have the desired alternative business model in place it is encouraging that there are a few proposals in preparation that might be a solution to the ongoing issue.

A fundamental change in the system of fishing on the Island is needed with the adoption of a business model that, at the very least, has a fighting chance to break even. SHG is therefore now asking the SHCFA and other investors to submit their proposals by Friday, 10 January 2020. These will then be considered by the Investment Enabling Group by 20 January. If a workable solution results from the proposals submitted an alternative operation will need to be in place from 1 February or as near to that time as possible. If none of the solutions proposed are workable SHG will allow the sale of fish directly from licenced boats to consumers. All boat owners have been approached by Public Health to be licenced if the need arises to move to this option. SHG has on this occasion already waived the licence fee for Public Health approval.

All boat owners should therefore seek to have the appropriate certification in place before this date. Any boat owner without this certification by 1 February will not be permitted to sell fish to the public.

## Note:

Following an urgent application from the St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC) to Executive Council (ExCo) in September this year, requesting additional subsidy to fund repairs to equipment in the Fish Processing Factory, Elected Members instructed the formation of a Fisheries Task Group. The Task



Group was set up to undertake a review of the current fish processing and sales on St Helena, and present an alternative business model to ExCo on 29 October 2019. The key focus for the Group was to produce a model that curtails the crippling losses incurred by the SHFC with a view to reducing the subsidy provided to it by taxpayers.

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Government**

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## INDY PICTURE QUIZ.....Series 1 Blast From The Past

### Picture 13...



## WHICH SCHOOL'S PARADE AND WHAT WAS THE YEAR?

Tune in to this afternoon's Shine Show with Sharon Wade to find out how to answer. There will be a prize for the first person with the correct answer. *(Entries are only valid by submitting to the Shine Show)*

This is the last picture quiz for 2019....will return in 2020 with more from the Series 'Blast From The Past'....

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

## ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PICTURE 12....

Vilma Cranfield (Winner: Fred Thomas, Longwood)



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to my son Ian in the UK, Daughter Mandy and Son in-law Denzil on the Falklands. Hope you have a wonderful time. Will be thinking of you.  
All our love from Mum and Family.

Merry Christmas and Happy new Year to my Grandchildren Nicola & her Partner Becky, Julie Rose and Annie in the UK, Tina, Julian and Tanzi on Ascension Island, Eugene, Megan and Cohen and Michaela, Simeon, Leighton and Keniah on the Falkland Islands. Hope you all have a wonderful time. Will be thinking of you.  
All our love from Nanny Fillie and Family.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to my Brother Ray and family, Sister's Enid, Flo, France and Ruthie and their families in the UK. Hope you all have a wonderful time. Will be thinking of you.  
All our love from Sister Fillie and Family.

Merry Christmas and a Happy new Year to my sister in law Joyce, brother in law Brian and family in the UK. Hope you have a wonderful time. Will be thinking of you.  
All our love from Fillie and Family.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to my niece Karen, Husband Pete and Zac. Hope you have a wonderful time. Will be thinking of you.  
All our love from Aunty Fillie and Family.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to my Pen Friend Heather and husband Mike, friends Chris Frost, Karen Newton, Mary, Alan and Tyrone Anthony, Janet Constantine and all all my other friends in the UK. Hope you all have a wonderful time. Will be thinking of you.  
All my love from Fillie.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Nephew Colin and Heather and Coral and Peter, Mark, Jolene and Family on Ascension Island. Hope you all have a wonderful time. Will be thinking of you.  
All our love from Aunty Fillie and Family.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to my dearest friend Dulice Thomas on Ascension Island, Enjoy your holiday, missing you and looking forward to seeing you next month. Hope you have a wonderful time. Will be thinking of you.  
All my love from Fillie.

## **CONSULTATION ON DRAFT SATELLITE GROUND STATION POLICY REMINDER**

The public is reminded that the draft Satellite Ground Station Policy is currently out for consultation and is available at: [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/). The deadline for comments has been extended to Monday, 13 January 2020.

SHG is developing the Satellite Ground Station Policy for the licencing of Permanent Earth Stations (PES) and Receive Only Earth Stations (ROES) on-Island.

The Licencing Requirements outlined within the draft Policy are **not** planned to apply to small satellite receivers for domestic use, VSATs, nor antennas on moving platforms of any type. There are also other proposed exemptions.

The Licencing Requirements outlined within the draft Policy **are** planned to apply to commercial and non-commercial ground station activities and amateur VHF radio users, amongst other applications. If you are an existing licence holder or potential licence holder, we are particularly keen to hear your views on the draft Policy.

Those wishing to respond to this consultation, can do so through an online survey at: [surveymonkey.com/r/St-Helena-Earth-Stations-Consultation](https://surveymonkey.com/r/St-Helena-Earth-Stations-Consultation) or respond to Chief Economist, Nicole Shamier, via email: [nicole.shamier@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:nicole.shamier@sainthelena.gov.sh) by the above deadline.

A presentation on the draft Policy will take place on Wednesday, 8 January 2020, from 3-4pm in the Council Chamber at the Castle.

Furthermore, if you would be interested in attending a workshop relating to this consultation, or would like a hard copy of the document, please contact Nicole by email or by calling the Castle on tel: 22470.

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**An update on recent job changes including the retirement of Edward Baldwin at Baldwin's.**



**Edward Baldwin**

Edward Baldwin, fourth generation and the last of the Baldwin clan to work for coin and medal dealership AH Baldwin & Sons, has retired from the firm.

He joined in September 1970 and specialised in 'foreign' coins including European coins and medals.

In 1994 he founded Baldwin's Auctions, at that time a separate entity from the retail business.

In 2007 Baldwin's merged with Noble Investments and Edward became chairman of Baldwin's, a part-time position he held until 2015, when Baldwin's and Noble were bought by Stanley Gibbons. He became a consultant following the deal. Since 2007 Edward has focused on his passion of working on heritage and conservation matters with the local museum in St Helena, the small British island in the South Atlantic.

He was awarded the MBE for his services to St Helena in this year's New Year's Honours list.

In retirement he is working on a history of the firm to be published to mark its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022.



Amphibians mobile bar and grill will be open for a good time at Rosemary Plain on Boxing Day from 11am.

Throughout the day there will be mix music, chilled drinks and hot food. Geek boutique will have a game tent available for the kids and in the afternoon there will be a Best Car Music

System Competition where you can win a £50 prize call 61010 for more details. To end the day off a live band will entertain into the night.

***Amphibians would like to thank everyone for their custom over the pass year and would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year ahead!***



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# Chad Corker - Certified Deep Diver

Chad Corker, St Helena's first Scuba Diver to achieve a Padi Deep Diver Certification on island!!

Recently Chad and Leigh Morris enrolled in a Deep Diver Speciality course through Craig Yon of Dive St Helena.

Chad started diving at the age 15 when he was taught by the legend of Scuba Diving on St Helena, Mr Graham Sim and has clocked up over 700 dives since he qualified. Chad then went on to progress up the ladder and became certified as a Padi Advanced Open water diver.

This didn't stop here, because of Chad's dedication to scuba diving and experience and comfort underwater he and his buddy Leigh Morris enrolled in a Deep Diver Speciality Course with Dive St Helena, a course that would legally allow them to dive to a depth of 40 metres/130 feet (the bottom of the



Darkdale) which he performs comfortably. He is now the first Saint to have achieved this Certification on Island.

Dive St Helena would like to congratulate both Chad and Leigh Morris on their success, an achievement that they should be proud of.

**Safe Diving**

**Craig Yon  
Dive St Helena  
MSDT 306289**



**The Big Issue is a UK magazine only sold on the street by homeless people to gain a little income. The magazine concentrates on social issues affecting the dispossessed, displaced and the destitute. Below is an extract from an article about children who are far from home and how they cope with the changes.**

## BIG ISSUE NORTH

THE INDEPENDENT STREET PAPER | WORKING NOT BEGGING

### Writing home

What makes a home? Is it where you keep your belongings? Is it where you were born? For children all over the country there are many reasons why this question might be difficult to answer



**Matthew, age nine, originally comes from the small tropical island of Saint Helena in the South Atlantic, with a population of around 4,500.**

For me home will always be Saint Helena. That was where I made my first friends and it is where my dad is.

I lived in Saint Helena with my mum and dad and my little sister. I lived in a small place called Bottom Woods and it was quiet with not many people. I went to Harfwood School and it was a lot smaller than Unity. In my school there were

classes up to year six and there were 17 children in my class.

When I was not at school, I would play with my sister and watch TV and sometimes fish with my dad.

At first my mum and her parents came to England with my little sister because my mum was studying to be a dentist and there was more opportunity for her to learn in England. She had got a flat and about three months later my dad and I came to join her but my dad went back after a week because he still had a job in Saint Helena – he is an electrician. My Nan and Papa were living with us for about seven months but they moved back to St Helena too.

I have been here since July 2018 and I got a place at Unity from September that year. When I first came to the school I was really shy, because the building was so big and there were so many children that I didn't know.

It was very different. The lessons felt faster than the ones I remember in Saint Helena. I like reading cartoony books. The books I remember being in the library back in Saint Helena were quite hard for children to read and had lots and lots of words.

My sister Georgia is five and she is now in reception at Unity. There are lots more things to do in Manchester than in Saint Helena. I think I may go back when I am older, probably. I miss my friends and my dad but he rings as often as he can.

**Events at  
Sandy Bay  
Community Centre  
over the  
Festive Season**

- **25<sup>th</sup> December 2019** – Open from 6.00pm - Come along and enjoy a evening of fun and get together with family and Friends (You are welcome to bring snacks and your own drinks)
  
  - **29<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Fun Day for Everyone Starting At 1.00pm**
    - o Music By DJ Colin Peters
    - o Bar and Hot Food On Sale
    - o Entrance Fee- Adults £1.00  
Children 5-15Years 50p
    - o Novelty Sports
    - o Car boot or book a table for £3.00
- Contact – 24536  
24523/62919**
- o And Much more
  - o More advertising will be published in the coming days
- 
- **31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 – New Years Eve Celebrations**
    - o Bring the family and celebrate this year new years eve and bring in the new year at Sandy Bay Community Centre with a difference,
    - o Entrance Fee- Adults £1.00  
Children 5-15Years 50p
    - o Bar and refreshments
    - o More details to follow



**Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for  
this Weekend and the  
Christmas period**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December open from 2.00pm till late mix tunes by DJ Henry.

Saturday 21<sup>th</sup> December open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm Country tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late mix sounds by DJ Wayne Boom Bang

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December open from 4.00pm till late mix Tunes from the bar

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December open from 3.00pm till late mix tunes by DJ Wayne Boom Bang

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December open from 5.30 till late mix sounds DJ Shavone

Thursday 26<sup>h</sup> December open from 5.00pm till late live tunes by Alex Vanguard

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December open from 4.00pm till late live tunes by King George.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December open from 5.00pm till late mix tunes by Shavone

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December open from 3.30 till late mix Tunes and & Karaoke with Jeremy Johns fish fry for everyone

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December open from 3.30 pm till 8.00 country tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late mix sounds by Wayne Boom Bang.

**Merry Christmas to all of  
you'll from  
Silver Hill Bar**



## Join Santa and his team for the Annual Christmas Eve 'Drive Around'

We'll be visiting Deason  
Centre, Family Centre,  
Longwood Green, Cape  
Villa, Ebony View, CCC  
and then joining the  
Street Parade at the  
General Hospital

If you would like to join the 'Drive Around' procession in spreading some Christmas cheer, then meet us at the Standard at 12:30pm on Christmas Eve. For further information you can call Emerald on 61984 or Tina on 22034/23156.



**Events at the Rock Club this festive season:**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December they will be closed to the public due to a private function.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December they will be hosting a Christmas Ball and will be closed to the public until 10pm, with Bobby Goose providing music for dancing throughout the evening. The Bar Extension will be open until 2am.

On Boxing Night, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December, the Rock Club will be closed for a private party.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December they will be closed for a private party.

On New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup>, they will be hosting a New Year's Eve party from 7 – 9:30pm, with music provided by Desmond, Alex and Jeremy Johns. Tickets are £10 which includes hot snacks, Samoozas, fishballs, sausages, chicken wings, spring rolls, coconut fingers and a range of pastries and other savoury snacks. Ladies Tiaras and men's hats will be provided. The Bar Extension will be open until 2am.

***There will be a free ticket to a Saint FM Listener for the night. Tune into Saint FM to stand a chance to win!***



### ENTERTAINMENT OVER THE HOLIDAYS

23/12 DJ Colin Peters entertains all from 8:30pm

24/12 Music from the Bar

26/12 Open from 2pm with Music from the Bar

27/12 CLOSED

28/12 Open from 8:30 with Music from the Bar

29/12 Open from 3pm - Sunday opening, drive through Blue Hill and stop at Moonshines to enjoy Music from the Bar

30/12 CLOSED

31/12 Bring in 2020 at Moonshines, opening from 9pm until 2am, with music from Prudi.

Ronald & Di, like to thank all for your valued custom throughout the past year and we also like to wish all Happy Holidays.

# Season's Greetings From Donny's

Wishing Everyone A Merry Christmas And A Happy Prosperous New Year!

FRIDAY 20TH

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AFTER-PARTY

SHOW OFF UR BEST OUTFITS  
WHILST DANCING UNDER THE NEON LIGHTS



THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER - Opening @ 7.00 pm

## BOXING Day Party!

FRIDAY 27TH  
@ 6.00 pm

SUNDOWN

## HOLI BASH

FEST OF FUN - ENTERTAINMENT  
AND A NEW PRODUCT LAUNCH

SATURDAY 21ST

## SNOW BALL

'KEEPING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT FLOWING'  
SNOWY DANCE PARTY SENSATION  
DYNAMIC EFFECTS.....SHINNY DISCO BALLS

TUESDAY  
31st  
9.00 pm

HAPPY

## NEW YEAR 2020 Party

CELEBRATION DANCE PARTY



XMAS EVE  
PARTY WITH US  
4 A JINGLE JAM  
Starting @ 6.00 pm

# Goodbye 2019 HELLO 2020!! The Grandest New Years Party Ever!!



**This Year at Rosie's  
with a Spectacular Fireworks Show &  
SPECIAL SINGER/ENTERTAINER FROM  
THE UK**

**Attire: Evening/Cocktail Wear  
Tuesday 31st Dec 7pm - 2am  
LIMITED TICKETS - BOOK NOW!!!!**



PEACE MONEY 2020 Friendship  
GOOD LUCK LOVE Happiness  
Peace Satisfaction  
**2020**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
Health 2020  
Wish you all the best for 2020  
Success Love Health 2020