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Lively Meeting

97 people attended the meeting at HTH Community Centre on Wednesday night.

The meeting was organised by Unified Saints. 11 Councillors were questioned by a sometimes angry audience. A full report from the meeting in next week's Independent.



ST HELENA MAGISTRATES' COURT

2nd January 2020

Cheryl Thomas (41) of Harris Flats, Jamestown, pleaded guilty to one charge of Careless Driving. She entered her plea at the earliest opportunity and was dealt with by way of a financial penalty of £60.00. She was disqualified from driving for 6 months and ordered to pay £15.00 costs.

Walter James Henry (67) of Trap Cott, pleaded guilty to one charge of driving over the prescribed limit and a charge of being in charge of a child in a public place whilst drunk. He entered his plea at the earliest opportunity and was dealt with by way of a Community Service Order for 80 hours for the driving offence and a conditional discharge for 12 months in respect of the second matter. He was disqualified from driving for 20 months and ordered to pay £15.00 costs.

Derek Bertram Henry (55) of Half Tree Hollow, pleaded guilty to one count of Indecent Exposure. He entered his plea at the earliest opportunity and was dealt with by way of a Community Service Order for 80 hours. He was also ordered to pay £15.00 costs.

3rd January 2020

Brian Joshua (52) of Bottomwoods, was convicted after trial to one matter of Harassment. He was dealt with by way of a Community Service Order for a period of 180 hours and made subject to a Restraining Order and £50.00 costs.

7th January 2020

Brian Joshua (52) of Bottomwoods, pleaded guilty to failing to provide a specimen of breath. He entered his plea at an early opportunity. He was dealt with by way of a fine in the sum of £60.0. He was also ordered to pay £15.00 costs and disqualified from driving for a period of 3 years.



Quarry stone destined to be transported by sea

A road linking the Donkey Plain quarry to the shore at Breakneck Valley is proposed for development so that quarried stone can be taken to Breakneck Valley and transported by sea instead of through Jamestown in heavy trucks. How the quarry stone is transferred from sea transport back to land for final delivery is not explained in either the report to the Land Control Development Authority or to Exco Members who will be giving the final decision on this development application on Tuesday. There is also no indication in either report that the excavated material is quarry waste intended to be dumped at sea.

The Heritage Society and the National Trust have objected to the development application as it stands because insufficient information is provided on how the historic defence wall at the Breakneck Valley shoreline will be protected. In fact, as the application now stands part of the historic wall would be demolished. The Society also point out the existing footpath down to Breakneck Valley may be of considerable archaeological significance because it was a well established 18th century route the sea. They maintained an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is needed.

The St Helena National Trust also raised objections and concerns about the Breakneck fortification wall and the unknown and unresearched impact on endemic invertebrates in this so far undisturbed area. The National Trust asked for a further assessment and for suitable measures to be put in place to limit the possibly significant damage.

After completing the usual screening process it was considered by the Chief Environment Officer that an EIA was not required while at the same time conceding there could be some environmental impact caused by the construction of the road.

As the road is to be an unmetalled private track sufficient for heavy lorries but not public use the report to Exco councillors supports the view that a construction method statement for the road should be sufficient together with a walk over of the route by the applicant together with specialist nature conservation professional to assess the impact on any endemic invertebrate species and other relevant environmental issues. At the same time any measures that could be taken to limit the possible damage, such as realignment of the road, should be identified.

The information paper to Exco members concedes there will be some environment damage caused by the construction of the road, "There is some adverse impact on the nature and heritage environment arising from this proposed development as much of this area has not been disturbed by development or land excavation work, however it is not considered to be significant when balanced with the potential environmental benefits likely with the removal of heavy goods vehicles from the main Jamestown area that transports material."

Throughout there appears to be insufficient information, as suggested by the Heritage Society, for a fully informed decision to be made. It is strange that an EIA is not considered necessary but the conditions attached to the recommended development permission include further environmental assessments. The Land Development Control Authority did not ask that the Chief Planning Officer obtain further information and then bring the application back for further consideration. Rather, it was left to the Chief Planning Officer to pursue con-

cerns raised by the Authority and then take the application forward without any reference back. It will be interesting to see how Exco members approach this development application.



The route of the proposed track from Donkey Plain to the Breakneck Valley shoreline



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend.

Friday open from 4.00pm till late mix tunes by DJ Kimmy Boom Bang.

Saturday open from 5.00pm till late mix tunes by Shavon Leo

Sunday open from 4.30pm till late live tunes by Sea Bird



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Editorial

New developments expected next week mean that when you are lowered into your grave you will not be able to spread your arms out as much as you might like to. The New Cemetery (Amendment) Rules 2020 mean the width of your final 'bed', and mine, is to be reduced from 4 feet 6 inches, as it is now, to 2 feet 5 inches. The revision of burial plot dimensions will be solemnly (or gravely) considered by Exco at their next meeting and it is very likely they will go with the new, slimmed down burial plot size because it means more burial plots can be allocated in cemeteries.

The information paper to Exco members explains in vivid Technicolor that the extension to the Dungeon cemetery can accommodate 1,000 burial plots under the existing 1953 cemetery rules. By changing the dimensions of each burial plot almost 2,000 can be fitted into the Dungeon cemetery extension. The space between each burial plot remains at 2 feet and the length of each plot increases by 6 inches to 7 feet; it is change in the more than generous width measurement that gives more bang for the burial buck. I just checked with a measuring tape, 2 feet 5 inches is good enough for me – I will not have enough room to turn over but I can stretch my legs.

I pulled a blog off the internet this week which gave the usual stuff about St Helena being a new and interesting destination for a holiday. The difference was the opening sentence, "Between worrying about Brexit and eating curry once a week, Saint Helenians could hardly be more British." It then goes on to say the main difference between the UK and St Helena is the 8,000 kilometres which separates them. There are many differences between modern Britain and today's St Helena but I find it strangely comforting that a visitor writing about the way of life here still points out the people of St Helena act and think like Brits. As happens in most parts of the world the US influence seems to become ever stronger and I was gaining the impression that the US influence was just a bit too strong here. Maybe, and hopefully, we are resisting it.

The blog based its story on an interview with Helena Bennett, Tourism Director. Helena told the reporter, "We are British, but you don't really notice it until something goes on in the UK like the Queen's Jubilee. Then you'll find we all break out into having a party here,"

As it happened I re-watched the 'Party at the Palace' DVD over Christmas. That was a pop concert in Her Majesty's back garden held as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2002. In two years time, God spare, the Queen will be celebrating what I think is called her Platinum Jubilee – 70 years on the throne. Will she have another pop concert in her back garden I wonder? Amazingly, only one of the performers at the 2002 Party at the Palace has departed this world, that's Joe Cocker. Tony Bennett who is a singer from

even before my time is still performing at the some charity events at the age of 94. Others such as Mis-Teeq and Blue are still struggling on, in some 'never-say-die' form or other. S Club 7 continues without the 7, it's more like 3 now. Tom Jones will probably never die, just become a Zombie. Atomic Kitten, Will Young, The Corrs, they are all doing something still, somewhere. Would the Queen want them all back again in 2022, probably not.

What is certain is that Prime Minister Boris will want to make the biggest fuss possible about Her Majesty being 70 years on the throne. He will no doubt see it as a platinum opportunity to re-unite a disunited kingdom. If the Queen's reign cannot hold the Scots, Irish and Welsh with the English than no-one can. Johnson will probably get people to organise trade fairs and Expos as well in a bid to catch-up on the trade deals still lost after Brexit.

As far as St Helena is concerned, I think Helena Bennett should be put in charge of organising the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. At least one big event for every month of 2022 should do it.



**Enjoy the weekend
Vince**

New eco-friendly coffee plantation due to be approved on Tuesday

A development application for a new coffee plantation on a 27 acre site at Hunts Vale, at the head of Rural Retreat Gut, is likely to get the go-ahead when considered by Executive Council on Tuesday. The Land Development Control Authority has already recommended the development be approved and no contentious issues have been identified.

The development application submitted by Axel Oberem is for an eco-friendly coffee plantation based on a zero carbon emission energy management plan. The development includes two eco-lodges, two water storage ponds, a pump house and sheltered storage using ship's cargo containers.

The two eco-lodges will be for tourist accommodation. They are designed to be as energy efficient as possible with photovoltaic solar panels on mono-pitched roofs to convert light into electricity for use within the coffee plantation. Water supplies will be sourced from spring water on-site and large double glazed windows are designed to keep the house warm or cool depending on the season and to allow as much natural light as possible to reduce the need for electric light. Eco-lodge construction will include blocks made from expanded clay. Manufactured in Germany the *Liaplan* blocks have natural insulation qualities and moisture resistance.

The two water storage ponds will collect water which would otherwise drain away, eventually to the sea. The collected water is to be used on site to feed the coffee plants. The pump house will accommodate a water turbine pump which will be used to pump water from the lower pond to the upper pond. The pump will be powered by renewable photovoltaic energy.

The storage shelter will be constructed with steel framework and, like the eco-lodges, have a north facing mono-pitch roof with photovoltaic panels to generate renewable power. Within



A Liaplan ultra-block made from expanded clay and filled with hardened foam

the shelter will be three 20 foot containers and one 40 foot container. The site chosen for the sheltered storage is enclosed on three sides by trees; the site was pushed out some years ago by a previous owner. Access to the site is already available and is close to the coffee plantation. The containers will be used to store coffee beans while open areas within the shelter will be used for storing equipment and processing the green bean to roasted bean.

Axel Oberem and his wife have been working on the development of Hunts Vale as a coffee plantation for some time. Already 3,500 coffee seedlings have been propagated and it is intended the plantation will eventually have 10,000 coffee bushes. As the proposed development is for a high value commodity where most of the produce will be exported the proposal is supported by several economic development policies and aims.

A Song Sung against Climate Changers

Creative St Helena was asked to be involved in a Global Climate Change Project called RESOLUTION; they did participate and joined many other countries worldwide. The project meant writing and producing a song encouraging all of us to get actively involved in reducing the ever increasing threat of climate change.

Teeny Lucy, Director of Creative St Helena said, "We were given a new song written by a platinum selling singer / songwriter to learn in a very short time and in 3 brief meetings, had learned it, worked out the harmonies, recorded the audio track and filmed drone footage at High Knoll Fort." She added, "The footage and videos were flown to the UK just before Christmas and were edited in London and are now ready to upload to YouTube and Share everywhere." The singers who got together to complete this project ranged from 14 years old to twenties, thirties and beyond! They are, Maria Francis, Lisa Joshua, James Fantom (+guitar), Megan Francis, Shanice Phillips, Abigail Yon, Shelby Bargo and Teeny Lucy (+piano).

Astronomers versus Satellites

It's a situation where one set of interests conflicts with another – and St Helena has an interest in both. Astronomers are warning that the thousands of communications satellites

planned to be launched into low earth orbits will severely affect their ability to study the suns, stars, asteroids and the rest of the phenomena in space. The light reflected from the bright satellites obscures the visibility of stars and is disastrous for astronomers and star-gazers alike. With St Helena making slow but meaningful progress towards protecting our night sky from light pollution caused by artificial light at night this is very bad news.

On the other hand the Equiano cable connection and the financial benefits we hope to gain from it depends on the networks of communications satellites now being launched and the ground stations to be located in St Helena which bring the satellite communications to earth and transfers them to the fibre-optic Equiano cable. At the moment there are about 2,200 active satellites orbiting the Earth. In a few years time the number will leap to 12,000. It is reported UK communications company OneWeb is aiming to launch about 650 satellites but this could increase to 2,000 if there is enough customer demand. Apart from OneWeb, SpaceX and Amazon are just two of many satellite companies with plans to launch hundreds or thousands of satellites in the near future. OneWeb say they have already taken action to ensure their satellites are not too reflective and SpaceX say they are "actively working" to minimise the impact of their satellites on the night sky.

Seven Walker Cannon from Rotherham restored and displayed in St Helena

Now, the Walker Family Museum in Rotherham would like one back



Four preserved Walker cannon displayed outside the customs building. Rotherham, the home of the Walker Cannon, has two and now wants another

Rotherham, Yorkshire, is the home of the once rich and famous Walker Family. In the 1740s Samuel Walker, the village schoolmaster, started a small iron foundry next to the farm where he lived. About 40 years later the business had grown so much one of the Walker family could afford to build Clifton Park, a large country house set in an extensive country park. The Walker Foundry was a main supplier to the government. Of the one hundred and five cannon on HMS Victory at the Battle of Trafalgar eighty were from the Walker Foundry which produced 22,000 cannon a year at its peak in the mid-1790s.

The house and grounds built by the Walker family is now in public ownership. The country house is now a museum; part of the museum is dedicated to the history of the Walker family and their foundry. To add to the Walker Collection the museum curators are searching for another cannon made at their foundry. It is reported the search has been going on for two years and the help of Prince Charles and the Royal Armouries has been sought with no success.

“The Walker family has gradually died out but these cannons are all over the world — Edinburgh Castle, the Tower of Lon-

don, Australia, the Caribbean Islands,” a museum spokesperson told the *Rotherham Advertiser*, adding, “Rotherham has only got two — one outside the Town Hall and one at Riverside House — but I want one at Clifton Park. Before I fall off my perch, I want a cannon.” It’s important because we have only got two in Rotherham and I think we deserve more as they were all manufactured in Rotherham.”

In addition to the four at what is historically called the East Bastion, near the entrance to the controlled port area at the wharf, there are two at the main passenger entrance to the airport and a seventh lies at the back of the Museum of St Helena awaiting a new purpose in life.



Walker Cannon number seven – ready to grace a St Helenian historic location

All the cannon have been restored and the locations for them organised by Edward Baldwin who enjoys the epithet ‘Gun Man’ due to the extensive work he has completed with the historically important cannon and guns around the Island. The *Independent* is informed there is no willingness to send one of our Walker Cannon back to Rotherham. Faulty cannon were often used for other purposes such as street bollards. The Rotherham Museum’s public appeal for one more Walker Cannon included the suggestion that one or two could be being used as ornaments in someone’s garden. The feeling in St Helena is that the appeal for another canon should focus on Rotherham’s keen gardeners.

Nine months since last flight cancellation

There has mercifully been a ten months gap between the flight cancellation this week and the previous cancellation in early March last year. In the first 12 months of operation there were seven cancellations with cancelled flights being a total of 25 days late. During the second 12 month period there were two cancellations causing a total of 10 days delay.

Tuesday’s cancellation comes three months into the third 12 month period (14th October 2019 to 13th October 2020) so there is still a 9 month delay free period to go if reliability figures are to improve. A tough one as the 2020 winter period is included.

Greetings and Thanks

J. Patsy Flagg would like to thank most sincerely the many friends and relatives who so kindly sent Christmas cards and letters from overseas and on Island. Your greetings were very much appreciated and were heart-warming.

To all the family members and various friends who so kindly sent Christmas gifts, thank you for the wonderful array of items, so thoughtfully chosen. I treasure them all.

I wish you all God’s Blessings for the year ahead, may 2020 bring peace, joy, happiness, good health and prosperity.

Putting suppliers in touch with buyers

The St Helena and Ascension Island governments announced this week there will be no air freight charges for fruit, vegetables and eggs exported from St Helena to Ascension for six months starting in February. The announcement also stated “Should businesses on St Helena wish to supply retailers on Ascension they must contact retailers directly.”

To help St Helena suppliers contact possible Ascension buyers the *Independent* obtained a list of possible Ascension buyers from Edward Whitton, the SHG Agronomist. The contact details are:-

A&Ps	Amelia Knipe	amelia.knipe@ascension.gov.ac
Babcock	Johnny Stroud	dhfcs_asi.babcock@atlantis.co.ac
Chandlery	Natalie Sim	manager@chandleryminimarket.co.ac
Encompass	Rick Lutman	Rick.Lutman@encompass.co.ac
Glamour Plus	Casey Lawrence	Casey.Lawrence@ascension.gov.ac
JAMS	Andrew and Syrena Ellick	Dreams.bbc@atlantis.co.ac
NAAFI	Liz Hendricks	LHendriks@naafi.co.uk / 40700@NAAFI.co.uk
RAF Base	Wing Commander John Kane	<u>BFSAI-ASCBBaseCdr@mod.uk</u>
Rock Shop	Sam and Elaine Arms	<u>elaine.arms.ctr.gb@us.af.mil</u>
Saints	Sue Arms-Lawrence	SaintsClub@cwimail.co.ac
USAF Base	Major Vinnie Bongioanni	<u>vincent.bongioanni@us.af.mil</u>

While businesses in St Helena interested in exporting fresh produce to Ascension are encouraged to make contact with any or all of the possible Ascension buyers listed, the contact details shown in **bold** are thought to be the most likely customers.

Any other Ascension businesses or organisations who are interested in buying St Helena fresh produce can contact the *Independent* during the early part of next week and we will add the contact details to the list above and publish the details next Friday.

To close the circle in putting suppliers and buyers in touch with each other, any St Helenian supplier of fruit, vegetables or eggs who is interested in supplying an Ascension retail business can give us contact details and we will publish them in next Friday's *Independent*.

The deadline for contact details is 12 noon on Wednesday 15th January.

Your Opinion Counts

THE CONSTITUENT

The following letter was written on behalf of the people of St Helena.

Dear Rt Hon Mitchell,

Following the recent general election in the United Kingdom, it was pleasing to see you re-elected once again as the Member of Parliament for Sutton Coldfield. I take this opportunity to congratulate you on behalf of the people of St Helena who value your continued support for the island as a serving MP.

On December 19th I was fortunate to see you interviewed on TV by the BBC Hardtalk host Stephen Sackur. Your deliberations were engaging.

Following the interview, I reflected on matters relating to St Helena that you and I discussed in the UK during the 2017 Westminster Seminar and also on your 2018 visit to St Helena and the inspiration you conveyed during your meeting with all elected representatives.

In the interests of taking full advantage of every opportunity to obtain assistance and support from within the House of Commons for the people of St Helena, I would like to bring the following to your attention:

St Helena now has air access but it is most unfortunate that the people of St Helena are still struggling to contend with social and economic stagnation. Whereas the people of St Helena, along with sustained support from the United Kingdom, should be building on the huge investment into air access with enthusiasm, Saints are disillusioned, demoralised and leaving St Helena to better themselves.

It is hoped that the recent financial aid commitment from the UK government to an Economic Development Investment Programme will soon help reverse the negative impacts imposed by the

absence of capital programme funding over the last three years.

However, it is a huge concern that after DFID, being fully aware of both the difficulty and the importance of attracting Saints back to St Helena, made a special effort to do so leading up to air access, but then cut off capital programme funding to St Helena after building the airport.

The refusal to provide financial aid in the form of capital programme funding, for some three years, is irresponsible to say the least. Consequently, a British Overseas Territory that is heavily reliant on financial aid from the United Kingdom for development was always going to gradually have to face the increasing challenges of social and economic stagnation and disintegration. The UK government in effect failed to capitalise on its £300m investment in St Helena for ongoing social and economic development of the island's community.

To help me provide you with a clearer understanding of my concerns and aspirations, particularly in relation to convincing DFID to allocate adequate future budgetary aid for St Helena, I have attached three documents.

The elected representatives' commitment, dedication and loyalty to constituents to bring about change for the better are challenging. Over the first two years of our tenure, elected members have focused attention on a new direction at council level. The shift to work in the very best interests of the island and maximise successful outcomes will be realised by the wider community as we continue to make progress. However, creditable progress will be reliant on sustained adequate financial aid and support from the United Kingdom. The level of funding and progress will help determine the level of incentive and inspiration that will have a positive impact on the wider community. If the incentive and inspiration is sufficient and there is clear evidence of sustained social and economic improvements throughout the community then Saints will be encouraged to return home (again) and contribute to the development of St Helena. However, DFID must fully understand that the United Kingdom cannot provide assistance for St Helena to advance and then fail to provide sustained adequate financial aid and thereby undermine the

progress achieved.

Consequently, socially and economically such short-sighted actions will once again force the island to stumble to a standstill and eventually slide backwards. This irresponsible decision-making by DFID must be addressed, and local elected representatives must be allowed more realistic and practical autonomy in determining the affairs and the future of St Helena.

Albeit individually or collectively, I believe the voices and efforts of local Elected members are far too weak to carry our message to the UK Government for serious consideration. Therefore, I trust you will kindly carry the concerns and aspirations to the UK Government on behalf of the people of St Helena.

The people of St Helena are indeed resourceful and have the potential to be consistently successful and to become that 'vibrant and flourishing community'.

With reference to the United Kingdom's 2012 White Paper on the Overseas Territories, I humbly ask that you and others within the UK Parliament will work to secure adequate sustained budgetary assistance that is so desperately required by the people of St Helena from the United Kingdom.

All very best wishes to you for the New Year; supported by a quote from a recent message to all MPs from Her Majesty the Queen: "I pray that the blessings of the Almighty God will rest upon your counsels."

With kind regards,

**Cyril Leo
LegCo**



WHAT DID SAINT FM Do for St Helena last year?



It has been a record year for Saint FM and as we look forward to a challenging new year ahead we would like to take a little time to look back at our performance during 2019. We asked ourselves: What did Saint FM do for St Helena last year? Apart from the fact that on-island we covered a wide variety of issues, challenges and changes for St Helena, investment, tourism, politics, air access, people, places, problems, success, failures and sporting events, we simply have to share with you our on-line success which is a major milestone for any organisation on St Helena!

Who listened to Saint FM last year?

Although we cannot accurately produce listening audience figures for those who listened locally via our local FM transmitters here on St Helena, Ascension and the Falkland Islands we can show of statistical data that identifies who we reached out to across our global audience.

Saint FM's live online audio stream reached a whopping total of 528083 listeners in 224 countries. By comparison, in 2018 we reached 217,173 listeners in 208 countries, this represents an impressive 143% year on year increase.

By far these figures are eye watering, but based on these figures even if we only captured our audience interest for an average period of 5 or 10 minutes this is a result for any organisation.

Fascinating Facts.

Listen live – Listenership comparison 2018/2019.

From 1st Jan 2019 to 31st Dec 2019.

Unique listeners	528083 listener(s)
Unique countries	224 countries

From 01st Jan 2018 to 31st Dec 2018

Unique listeners	217173 listener(s)
Unique countries	208 countries

Website stats: For the period from January 1st 2019 to December 31st 2019 our website www.saint.fm attracted 20471 unique human users which resulted in 92025 page views of which 75.9% were returning visitors to our site.

Social media: Our social media continues to grow consistency on both Facebook and Twitter.

Top six countries that listened in 2019

United Kingdom	Germany	USA,	Ukraine	Brazil	South Africa
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Key changes and achievements in 2019.

Saint FM made some key changes to improve the reach to our audience in 2019.

- From feedback from our listeners, it clearly showed in 2019 a requirement to push the services of Saint FM into the mobile and portable device space. Saint FM was the first media organisation to launch a mobile and portable device-streaming app. We were pleased to announce that we had launched our new android app on July 12th 2019 that is now compatible with all Android mobile and tablet devices.
- We made several upgrades to our website over the last year and one of the key changes that has become a popular function is our listen again page <http://www.saint.fm/listen-again/> which offers our audience the option to listen again to some of our lively discussions that was previously aired live.
- A new and improved online audio streaming piece of hardware was installed into the network at the station last year, this was a great step forward and improvement for online and app listeners as this piece of functionally offered a degree of automation and redundancy for unscheduled power failures and auto restart streaming management.
- We introduced the station's live audio streaming to smart speakers and devices across the Amazon and Google cloud services making Saint FM easily available to end users of smart speakers and other supported devices that can connect to any of these services e.g. Amazon's Alexa devices google home speakers etc.
- We again mastered our live outside broadcast coverage last year covering some key St Helena events both on and off St Helena. We covered the governors inauguration ceremony in May of 2019 which incidentally was one of our most listened to live events both on the day and on our website. We covered another live visitor arrival at The St Helena airport. We transmitted a live coverage from the Saints Reading sports in Berkshire UK and again in November 2019 not to forget the St Helena football tournament in Wales and we also kept you up to speed with the outside broadcasts live from the world travel market in London UK. We would like to thank Jonathan Clingham (Web master - Reach Back St Helena) for compiling the data. - Here's to another successful year ahead - Thank you for joining us.

The Saint FM Team



St Helena
Government

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 or Mr Craig Scipio, Deputy Sea Rescue Manager Tel 25215, email: craigscipio@helanta.co.sh. Deputy Sea Rescue Manager Leeroy Caswell Tel 25215, Email: 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) by no later than 16.00 on Tuesday 14th January 2020.



**Vacancy-
Marketing and
Communications
Officer**

Enterprise St Helena is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced person to work with the Marketing and Communications Team.

Reporting to the Marketing and Communications Manager, the successful applicant will be responsible for supporting the team with co-ordinating Enterprise St Helena's marketing and public relations activities, both locally and internationally, with a key focus on promoting St Helena Tourism.

The successful candidate must have:

- A related qualification (Public Relations, Marketing, Communications or Journalism)
- Previous experience of working in a marketing or communications role
- Excellent communication skills including a high standard of written communication, grammar and spelling
- Information management skills including a high level of accuracy and attention to detail

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. Completed application forms should be submitted to the HR and Administration Manager, Ladder Hill Business Park, by no later than close of business Friday, 17th January 2020.

For further information please contact Justine Green, Marketing and Communications Manager, on telephone 22920 or email justine.green@esh.co.sh



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Head Teacher, Staff, Pupils and PTA of Pilling Primary School would like to thank everyone who either assisted in any way, participated in, or supported their Christmas activities which were hugely successful again this year. We were delighted to hear so many positive comments. Profits of all events will be published shortly. We look forward to entertaining you again during 2020.
Have a happy new year!



Public Consultation Meetings on Trade Winds Development at Horse Pasture

Trade Winds plc and Nigel George Construction and Plant Hire have published the public consultation programme for their proposed Ocean Village development of luxury timber built houses and a communal camping and picnic area. The consultation meetings are:-

Date: Tuesday 14th January

Time: 7pm to 8pm

Place: Jamestown Community Centre

Date: Wednesday 15th January

Time: 7pm to 8pm

Place: Harford Community Centre

Date: Friday 17th January

Time: 7pm to 8pm

Place: Kingshurst Community Centre

The plans and drawings can also be seen by logging on to the Trade Winds website at <https://tradewindspc.com/ocean-village/> where comments on the development can be registered. Saint FM will also be conducting a radio interview with the proposers of the development during the consultation period.

VACANCY SCIENCE LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

Do you have a passion for science and enjoy supporting children to learn?

If so, this is an opportunity for you! The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ a suitable person to fill the post of Science Laboratory Technician within Prince Andrew School.

The purpose of the post is to under the direction of the relevant Subject Lead (Science), the Laboratory Technician will be required to service the science laboratories, prep rooms and chemical store at Prince Andrew School including the laboratory at the Harpers Agricultural Centre and make available equipment and related materials required for science lessons..

Some of the key tasks include:

- . Be responsible for maintaining all science equipment and materials and for ensuring compliance with Health and Safety regulations;
- . Be responsible for setting up equipment, experiments and other materials in laboratories as specified by members of science staff;
- . Be responsible for confidential external practical examination material preparation and set up all science practical materials and equipment for external examinations;
- . Be responsible for keeping and maintaining a science inventory and monitoring stock of all science equipment, text books, apparatus, chemicals etc;
- . Monitor the science local purchase budget and make requisitions for orders when needed;
- . Support the maintenance of health, wellbeing, safety and security of all pupils/students.

Applicants must be in possession of:

- . GCSE in Maths, Science and English at Grade C or above or equivalent;
- . NVQ/BETC Level 2 or equivalent qualification for Science Technicians and a relevant Health and Safety Qualification e.g. COSHH (applicants who do not have these would need to be willing to work towards gaining this within the first two years);
- . Previous experience with working with young people and working in a science lab would be advantageous.

The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, Innovative and creative and have a caring manner with the ability to show patience and understanding.

Salary for the post is at Grade C, £8,613 per annum.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE (FIXED PENALTY NOTICE) BILL, 2019

REVISED PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING DATES

The Social & Community Development Committee will soon be conducting Public Consultation Meetings on the new Criminal Justice (Fixed Penalty Notice) Bill, 2019, as announced in the press release dated 20 December 2019.

Please see below revised dates for Public Consultation meetings in Longwood and Levelwood:

Date	Venue	Time
Wednesday, 15 January	Silver Hill Bar, Levelwood	7pm
Wednesday, 22 January	Harford Community Centre	7pm

The draft legislation is available in hard copy at the Customer Service Centre and the Public Library in Jamestown and is also available on the SHG Website via the following link: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/>.



TIP OF THE WEEK

Rather than wasting water by continuously running the tap, hold a minimum amount of water in a separate basin for multiple rinsing after washing up until it's necessary to change the water.



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CLOSED SEASON FOR SPEARFISHING

1ST JANUARY 2020 TO 31ST MARCH 2020

DURING THIS PERIOD SPEARFISHING IS NOT ALLOWED AT ANY TIME OR PLACE IN ST HELENA'S WATERS.

The Spear Guns (Control) Ordinance states that during a closed season, no person shall have a spear gun in his possession on or within twenty meters of any tidal water or upon any beach or foreshore or while swimming or while in any vessel.

During this time most fish are at the spawning stage and it is therefore necessary to put measures in place to allow marine life a chance to breed and to grow into sustainable resources. The aim of the controlled season is not to stop people from enjoying the sea and its life, but to respect our oceans and its resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION, ESSEX HOUSE, JAMESTOWN

VACANCY HIGHER LEVEL TEACHING ASSISTANT

Are you a Teaching Assistant who wants to further develop your skills and take your career to the next level in the teaching profession? Or perhaps you are aspiring to become, if not already, an excellent classroom practitioner?

If so, this is an opportunity for you! The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ a suitable person to fill the post of Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) within the Primary Sector of the Directorate.

The purpose of the post is to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/classroom environment. In addition, the HLTA will be responsible for teaching 25% of the school teaching timetable independently, and will plan, prepare and deliver lessons and assess, record and report on development, progress and attainment of pupils.

Some of the key tasks include:

- . Planning, preparing and evaluating programmes of work to cater for learning needs;
- . Working with groups or individual pupils/students to support the teaching process;
- . Being actively involved with the preparation of individual pupil/group work plans;
- . Being fully involved with the monitoring and evaluation of the individual pupil's/group's work;
- . Keeping a record of work carried out and comment appropriately on pupils' performance;
- . Contributing to pupil review meetings with parents.



Applicants must be in possession of a GCSE in English and Math's at Grade C or above and have at least two years' experience of working as a Teaching Assistant or equivalent. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, have a good interpersonal skills and have a passion for working with children.

Salary payable will range from Grade TA3, £8,235 to TA4, £8,828 per annum but is dependent upon qualifications and experience. The Education & Employment Directorate is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to uphold these principles. All appointments are subject to 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.

For further details about the post and a full job description, interested persons can contact Miss Kerry Lawrence, Assistant Director, Schools on telephone number 22607 or e-mail: Kerry.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE (FIXED PENALTY NOTICE) BILL, 2019 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Social & Community Development Committee will be conducting Public Consultation Meetings on the new Criminal Justice (Fixed Penalty Notice) Bill, 2019 from 9 January 2020.

This legislation will create a Fixed Penalty Notice regime. At present most offences are dealt with by way of a criminal prosecution or a police caution. Fixed Penalty Notices will provide for minor offences to be treated as civil penalties and can be used to avoid a criminal record for the offender.

Please see below planned Public Consultation meetings:

Thursday, 9 January	HTH Community Centre	7pm
Monday, 13 January	Jamestown Community Centre	7pm
Tuesday, 14 January	Levelwood, Silver Hill Bar	7pm
Wednesday, 15 January	Harford Community Centre	7pm
Thursday, 16 January	Blue Hill Community Centre	7pm
Monday, 20 January	Kingshurst Community Centre	7pm
Tuesday, 21 January	Sandy Bay Community Centre	7pm



Anyone wishing to make any comment on the new Criminal Justice (Fixed Penalty Notice) Bill, 2019 may do so in writing to the Secretary, Nicole Plato, Social & Community Development Committee at the Castle, Jamestown or via nicole.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **Friday, 21 February 2020**.

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**Social & Community Development Committee
20 December 2019**

VACANCY FOR ADMINISTRATION & ACCOUNTS MANAGER

Corporate Support is seeking to recruit a versatile and experienced individual to join their team to undertake the role of Administration & Accounts Manager.

Responsible to the Head of Corporate Support, the post holder will be responsible for ensuring efficient and effective accounting and administration management in the Corporate Support, Policy and Planning section of Corporate Services. Some of the main duties of the post will include:

- Perform the duties of sub Accounting Officer for the Corporate Support, Policy and Planning section of Corporate Services in accordance with Financial Regulations to include monitoring of expenditure and revenue in close liaison with Heads of Sections, deciding when budget lines have to be adjusted by the application of virement warrants; and in the absence of the Accounting Officer make decisions regarding unplanned expenditure/calls on the budget.
- Responsible for compiling and monitoring expenditure against phased budgets and providing financial forecasts for Corporate Support, Policy and Planning.
- Responsible for induction for all new recruits in the Corporate Support, Policy and Planning section of Corporate Services in accordance with induction procedures set by Corporate Human Resources
- Member of the Corporate Support, Policy and Planning Management Team to set the strategic direction of the section.
- Arrange Annual Remembrance Day Service, Swearing in Ceremonies and other special events on behalf of Corporate Support, Policy and Planning and the Governor.
- Manage re-payments to the Governor's Emergency Fund, reconciling the bank account.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE in English, Maths and Accounting at Grade C or above, or an equivalent qualification
- Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) qualification, or equivalent
- A minimum of 3 years' experience in an accounts environment
- Experience in applying accounting best practice

The post holder should ideally have:

- experience in drafting and preparing budgets
- Intermediate IT skills in Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Databases and advanced skills in Access Dimensions or equivalent.
- the ability to work under pressure and prioritise workloads to meet tight deadlines, with good organisational skills and attention to detail

Applicants should be highly motivated and an effective team player.

Salary for this post is at £11,034 per annum.

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Mrs Carol George, Head of Corporate Support on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday 17 January 2020.

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02 January 2020



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VACANCY BUSINESS SUPPORT EXECUTIVE

Corporate Finance has an exciting opportunity for a Business Support Executive to join their team. The post holder will be responsible to the Business Support Manager and will provide administrative and accountancy support to the Business Support Unit, through achieving efficiency of operations, delivering a customer focused service and supporting Corporate Finance in meeting its statutory responsibilities. Corporate Finance provides an environment for professional development in the field of Finance and Accountancy. The starting salary for the post will be £6,722 per annum, and will be reviewed on the achievement of competencies in line with the Finance and Accountancy Cadre.

For further details about the post and a copy of the Job Profile, interested persons should contact Miss Sarah Greentree, Business Support Manager on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: sarah.greentree@sainthelena.gov.sh

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VACANCY ELECTRICIAN

The Infrastructure and Transport Directorate has a vacancy for an Electrician who will be responsible for carrying out daily maintenance on electrical installations and associated equipment and assisting with testing and inspections of electrical installation within SHG buildings in accordance with the BS7671 17th Edition IEE Electrical Regulations.

The candidate should have qualifications in Functional Skills Level 1 in Literacy and Numeracy, City and Guilds in Electrical Installations or St Helena Wireman's License and a Valid Driver's License at Class C. At least two years' experience working as a qualified electrician is also required.

The salary for the Electrician is at Grade C1 commencing at £8,613 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr Anders Bowers, Senior Superintendent (Installation) on telephone number 22054 (e-mail anders.bowers@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Application forms and Job profiles for both posts are available from Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, Essex House or e-mail karen.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 22nd January 2020.

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ANCHOR SHOPS OPENING HOURS

Please note the new opening hours for 2020.

Jamestown Nr Seales Corner:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Kunjie Field:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Saturdays: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

We would like to bring in the New Year with a 10% discount on all items till further notice.

Take advantage of this fabulous offer and shop at the Anchor where there is "something for everyone!"

Contact: Jean Fowler Tel: 24044

HAPPY SHOPPING!!!



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Expression of Interest Re-Design and Maintenance of SHG's International Recruitment website

SHG is seeking expressions of interest from interested parties for the re-design and maintenance of their international recruitment website, which is a platform aimed at providing information about vacancies and St Helena to international candidates. The aim will be to create a site that contains the most up-to-date and useful information about the island to potential candidates and also where we post all international vacancies.

Expressions of interest will need to include:

- The design and maintenance of site and content (uploading and removing adverts)
- Creation of content about St Helena and refreshing as required so that it relevant and up-to-date

Interested parties will need to be able to demonstrate their capability and experience in providing this service. Expression of interest should be sent to Meliza Lawrence, Human Resources Advisor, Corporate Human Resources (meliza.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh) by 24 January 2020.

Does anyone remember, or have stories about, or photos of

AUNTIE LOU

(Louisa Hawker)

who lived in a caravan on the Run in Upper Jamestown until her death in 1981.

I am researching her husband's wider family and ancestors in the UK and would be interested in any information or stories about Auntie Lou, however seemingly trivial. I am in Jamestown, St Helena, now and will be staying until the 25th of January 2020. I would very much like to meet anyone who either knew Auntie Lou, or knew of her.

My name is John Bishop and my contact details are as follows:

Telephone 63364 (St Helena mobile) or e-mail john@auntielou.com,



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Monday 27 January 2020
TIME: 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
PLACE: EDUCATION LEARNING CENTRE

Please join us for the Annual General Meeting of the St Helena National Trust. Members of the Trust and the wider community are invited to review the Trust's financial position and annual report for the year ending 31 March 2019. Light refreshments will be provided.

The meeting will include election of a new President and Vice President of Trust Council – the charity's governing body. The Slate of Nominees* is as follows:

President: Neil Fantom
Vice- President: Nick Thorpe

*If only one nominee is standing for election, he shall be deemed to have been elected to that office. Members of the Trust may nominate an individual to contest any of the positions above provided nominations are signed by the individual nominating, the individual seconding, and the individual standing for election. Such nominations must be received by the Trust office at least two business days prior to the AGM. If a position is contested, a secret ballot will be conducted at the meeting to determine the successful candidate. Only Members of the Trust shall be eligible to vote.

The full agenda and attendant papers (including financial statements and Annual Report) will be published on the Trust's website: <http://www.trust.org.sh/impact/>

PLEASE JOIN THE ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

Our vision:

'St Helena's heritage, for all, forever'

Our mission:

'Championing the conservation of St Helena's built, cultural and natural heritage, through evidence based proactive management'

Membership dues may be paid at our office or at the meeting at the following rates:

Local Residents:	Adults £3/year, Families £5/year	£100 for Life
Overseas Residents:	Adults £30/year, families £50/year	£500 for Life



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ST HELENA POLICE NEW RECRUITS PASSING OUT CEREMONY

In the midst of the holiday festivities, on Saturday, 21 December 2019, a presentation and reception was held at Plantation House to award and honour five newly recruited Police Constables who successfully passed their Initial Police Training.

The five officers receiving certificates were Police Constables Brittney Coleman, Patsy Green, Charlene John, Genaro Mendoza, and Gererda Gosina Pitlo.

The presentations were made by His Excellency, Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook, and Acting Chief of Police, David Price, with the Officers' family and friends in attendance.

The eight-week Initial Police Training course covered elements of Law, Personal Safety Training, First Aid, Safeguarding, Taser, Vulnerable Persons Awareness, Interviewing, File Preparation, Probation and the Overseas Territories Regional Criminal Intelligence System (OTRCIS - the crime recording, intelligence and incident management computer system).

The Police Constables have since commenced their operational duties.

A further presentation was also made to particular staff within the Police Directorate who received commendations as follows:

- Police Sergeant, Mark Morrison (not present), Police Constable, Ruby-Jade Stevens, Detective Constable, Jody Balme, and Police Controller, Joyce Greentree, for the way in which they responded to and dealt with an incident involving a violent male who attacked officers with a large knife and attempted to escape custody
- Police Sergeant, Mark Coombe, for his outstanding achievement in the delivery of training and development to officers and staff of the Police Directorate
- Community Psychiatric Nurse, Ian Rummery (not present), for his outstanding contribution in supporting individuals with Mental Health issues (joint award by the Police and Health Directorates).

Community Development Organisation

Annual General Meeting

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

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Members and non-members are welcomed.

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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 / shcdo@helanta.co.sh or call 22791





NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF SHAPE

(St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise)

Under Section 77 of the Companies Ordinance 2004 ("the Ordinance") and

Articles 77 and 78 of the Articles of Incorporation

NOTICE is hereby given of an Annual General Meeting of Members of SHAPE (St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise) to be held on 25th January 2020 at SHAPE Head Centre, Sandy Bay at 10:00 am

Agenda:

1. Welcome.
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
4. Chair of Directors Report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Appointment of Directors
7. Any Other Current Business

Note: Any member or representative of a corporate member, except an employee member, who wishes to be considered for appointment as a community or corporate member at the annual general meeting must lodge with the company secretary a written notice of his/her willingness to be appointed, signed by him/her, at least seven days before the date of the annual general meeting.

Robert Midwinter (robert.midwinter@esh.co.sh)
Company Secretary
SHAPE, Head Centre
Sandy Bay

2019 – THE YEAR OF THE LOWEST ANNUAL RAINFALL ON ST HELENA RESERVOIR LEVELS GRADUALLY DECREASE

2019 has officially been recorded as the year with the lowest annual rainfall on St Helena since records began in 1977, with a total of just 286.2mm recorded for the entire year (see chart attached).

This lack of rainfall has contributed to the Island's current water shortage, which remains serious. Reservoir levels have gradually decreased recently with stored water now at around 35%. Despite the increase in population on-Island over the busy festive period, water usage, although still higher than 1000 cubic metres, did not reach excessive rates and the public is thanked for their efforts. Regardless, to ensure we preserve our Island's precious resource, consumption levels must remain as low as possible.

Remember that we are currently under a hosepipe ban following Connect Saint Helena's enforcement of (CSH) Island-wide water restrictions in June 2019.

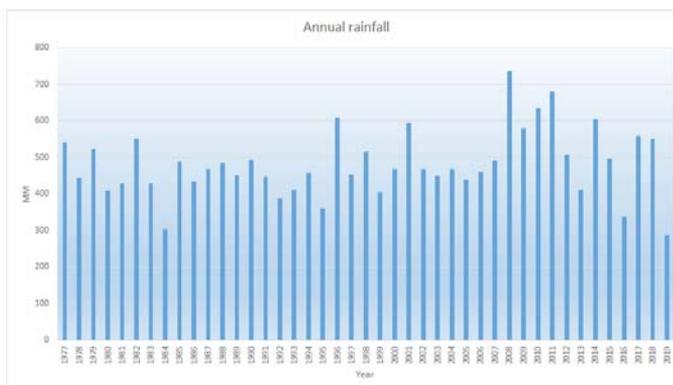
CSH has also noticed that those who have been issued exemptions from the water restrictions, mostly for agricultural use, have use water responsibly. Agricultural exemption limits are informed by the Agriculture & Natural Resources Division (ANRD) and exceeding these may hinder being granted further exemptions.

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

In the interim, CSH will continue pumping from Chubb's Spring and Hutt's Gate as well as from Fisher's Valley and Warren's Gut. The yield from Chubb's Spring has decreased recently with a current yield of around 60 cubic metres per day as opposed to a period when CSH was extracting around 180 cubic metres daily.

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

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VACANCY SCHOOL SECRETARY – HARFORD PRIMARY

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ a highly motivated and organised person to fill the post of School Secretary within Harford Primary School.

Serving as the face of the school, you will be responsible to the Head Teacher for assisting in the running of the school office and giving support to teaching staff and students as required.

Some of the key tasks include:

- . Provide a first point of contact by receiving and addressing visitor enquires by telephone or in person, redirecting enquires as considered appropriate;
- . Undertake administrative duties which include collating and distributing information and correspondence to parents and staff;
- . Provide secretarial support to meetings as directed by the Headteacher, which includes taking Minutes;
- . Undertake various tasks in SIMs which include: entering student data as required, maintaining attendance data for students, exporting attendance, behaviour and achievement reports as required;
- . Assist with school fundraising events and count, keep record and secure funds raised;
- . Assist Deputy Headteacher with duties relating to the school library including issuing, cataloguing and cleaning of books;
- . Assist with the supervision of pupils in the playground and on school visits as required.



Applicants must be in possession of a GCSE in English and Math's at Grade C or above (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), have work experience in an administrative role and cash handling. It would be an advantage to have experience working in an office environment.

The ideal candidate must be an effective team player, have good IT skills in Microsoft programmes, be able to produce accurate and clear written communication and the ability to apply objective judgement.

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

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For further details about the post and a full job description, interested persons can contact Mrs Carlean Crowie on telephone number 24719 or e-mail: carlean.crowie@primary.edu.sh

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VACANCY PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

Are you looking for a new and challenging career? Then this could be the opportunity for you!

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ a highly motivated person to fill the post of Public Examinations Administrator within Prince Andrew School.

The post holder will be responsible to the Deputy Head (Curriculum) PAS.

You will play a pivotal role in the registration and administration of all Public Examinations and vocational assessments for students, adult learners and members of the public in accordance with the requirements of the Awarding Bodies.

Some of the key tasks include:

. Communicate with Awarding Bodies on all matters pertaining to public examinations/assessments and liaise on issues on behalf of Subject Leaders (PAS) and the Assistant Director (Lifelong Learning), St Helena Community College;

. Responsible for ensuring compliance with all regulatory examination bodies to maintain the integrity of examinations;

. Maintain the filing systems and effective organisation of school based candidate registrations, tracking records and qualification results data, to ensure data protection, security, confidentiality, accessibility and efficiency.

. Responsible for providing invigilators with documentation and guidance for invigilation, including training invigilators in accordance with published guidelines.

. Maintain financial and resource records for examination and assessment programmes and progress timely ordering and re-ordering of relevant materials.

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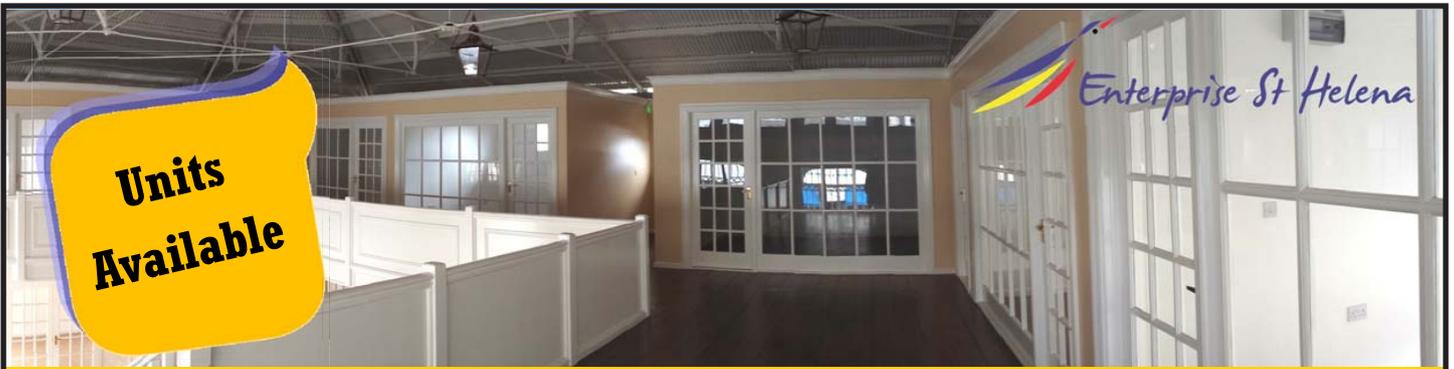
The ideal candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills with an excellent command of the English Language, have excellent IT skills in Microsoft Applications and the ability to apply objective judgement when having to deal with delays and arranging examinations.

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 Enterprise St Helena

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

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

Applications should be submitted to Michelle Yon, Director of Resources, in the form of an extended business brief detailing your planned business and intended opening hours with a 3 year cash flow via email Michelle.yon@esh.co.sh or in hard copy to the Enterprise St Helena Office, ESH Business Park by no later than 1200 hours (GMT) on Monday 20th January 2020.

Terms and Conditions apply.



St Helena Island
Secret of the South Atlantic

Head Office | ESH Business Park | Ladder Hill | Tel: +290 22920 |
Email: info@esh.co.sh

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QUANTITY SURVEYOR

Are you interested in construction and project managing? If so, this is an opportunity for you. Corporate Finance is seeking a motivated and organised individual to fill the position of Quantity Surveyor within the Programme Management Unit. The Quantity Surveyor is expected to:

- Manage all costs related to building and civil engineering projects from the initial calculations to the final figures, which form part of the new programme as well as the strategic and operational advice to Directors, Elected Members and DFID;
- Seek to minimise the cost of a project and enhance value for money, while still achieving the required standards of quality. This includes ensuring statutory building regulations are met;
- Prepare estimates and costs of the work and when the project is in progress, you'll keep track of any variations to the contract that may affect costs and create reports to show profitability.

Some of the main duties of the post will include:

- Undertake cost analysis for all capital programme projects, to include repair and maintenance activities;
- Feed cost estimates to Senior Economist undertaking the Cost Benefit Analysis in a timely manner;
- Interfaces with the Programme Manager, Construction Project Manager, site supervisors to deliver professional and competent advice and support to ensure the projects are managed in accordance with the contract, and meeting the required reporting deadlines;
- Liaise with the Construction Project Manager to review and update risk registers, aligned with any early warnings;
- Analyse cost quotations and actual costs of previous projects to understand what cost contingency (also known as optimum bias) should be applied to projects.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- Undergraduate degree accredited by the Royal Institute of Chartered Engineers (RICS), in quantity surveying, commercial management or cost engineering, or equivalent;
- A –Level or equivalent in Mathematics;
- Internationally recognised qualification in ICT at Diploma level;
- At least 5 – 10 years' experience working as a Quantity Surveyor or leading role in the commercial development sector;
- Demonstrable experience of contract administrations and NEC Contracts;
- Demonstrable experience of good quality report writing.

Applicants should have Excellent Microsoft Office skills in particular advanced in excel, well-developed communication skills and the ability to build good working relationships, with the ability to meet tight deadlines and work under pressure.

Salary for this post is at £14,138 per annum.

For further details about the post, interested persons can contact Miss Alfreda Yon, Capital Programme Manager on telephone number 22777 or e-mail: Alfreda.Yon@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday, 17 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.

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VACANCY

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER

Are you interested in construction and project managing? If so, this is an opportunity for you. Corporate Finance is seeking a motivated and organised individual to fill the position of Construction Project Manager within the Programme Management Unit.

The Construction Project Manager is expected:

- To act as Project Lead and ensure that product information is delivered and presented to Project Boards for approval;
- Ensure that a building project is completed safely, within an agreed timeframe and budget. Managing the practical side of every stage of the build;
- Supervise and direct a range of operations on a construction site and ensure that all trades people and contractors are working together to an agreed plan and progress is being made;
- Provide Project Boards/Clients with relevant reports and information to aid their decision making;
- To be responsible for a project team and where applicable act as Contracts Manager

Some of the main duties of the post will include:

- Co-ordinate the project through the RIBA stages, ensuring that the appropriate approvals are gained prior to any commencement of works;
- Act as the Project Lead on behalf of the Client;
- Plan, develop and organise the construction effort to formulate the most cost-effective plan to timely completion within budget and to implement the execution of that plan;
- Prepare and present the following project management documentation as and when necessary
 - Issue report
 - Progress reports
 - End stage reports
 - End project reports
 - Exception reporting

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- HND/HNC, a foundation degree or degree in a relevant area, such as building engineering, architecture studies, civil engineering, construction management or construction engineering. A professional qualification in Project Management such as PRINCE 2 Practitioner level;
- Internationally recognised qualification in ICT at Diploma level;
- At least 5-10 years' experience working as a Construction Manager or Project Manager;
- At least two years' experience working as a Construction Manager or Project Manager in an infrastructure environment;
- Demonstrable experience of good quality report writing and correspondence skills that demonstrate the ability to provide clear and coherent information;
- Experience in managing project teams.

Applicants should have excellent Microsoft Office Skills in particular advance knowledge of Excel, Work and MS Project, well-developed communication skills and the ability to build good working relationships, with the ability to meet tight deadlines and work under pressure.

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Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

2020 is not looking good for us Manchester United fans as we have not yet managed to win a game or score a goal. We have suffered defeats against Arsenal and Man City and drew 0-0 with Wolves.

To make things even more depressing for us is that Liverpool seems to be getting better and better under Jurgen Klopp. Klopp has turned Liverpool into a relentless force; he managed to turn ordinary players into world beaters. Even his kids manage to beat Everton in the FA Cup.

It is 99.9% certain that Liverpool will pick up their first league title in 30 seasons. We United fans should be looking to move out of St Helena as soon as possible. Come May it is going to be impossible for us to live here 'banter free'.



Last team to win the top flight for Liverpool (1990)

Thirty years ago, Liverpool clinched the First Division title with two games to spare. At Anfield, in front of 37,758, Kenny Dalglish's side came from behind to beat Queens Park Rangers 2-1. Fittingly, the goals came courtesy of John Barnes and Ian Rush – between them they scored thirty-nine times (50% of Liverpool's overall total) and it was their clinical performances that pushed the club to a 18th championship.

Others; more than played their part, Peter Beardsley chipped in with ten. The Israeli international Ronny Rosenthal, signed in March 1990 on loan from Standard Liege, grabbed a hat-trick on his debut and added four more goals before season's end. Elsewhere, Alan Hansen and Steve McMahon, along with Barnes and Beardsley, were named to the 1989/1990 PFA Team of the Year.

A few weeks later, Liverpool beat Derby at Anfield and was presented with the trophy after the game.

John Barnes was Liverpool's stand out player. By 1990, Barnes was unplayable. In 34 league starts, he scored 22 goals. The season prior, he had racked up just eight. In many ways, 1990 was Barnes' peak, before injuries wore him down. The turbulent ending to the 1991 season affected many at the club and though Barnes scored a hatful of goals again, it wasn't enough to claim another title. The following season, he suffered an Achilles injury – an ailment he has subsequently identified as having greatly inhibited his performances from there on. The frustrations of both his run of injuries and the lack of success under Souness ensured a difficult few years, especially as he adapted to a central midfield role.

Barnes would stay at the club until 1997, heavily involved in mentoring a conveyor belt of impressive youngsters. He left to join Newcastle and spent two seasons at St. James' Park,

eventually frozen out by Ruud Gullit. He wound down his career with Charlton, making a dozen appearances.

Not sure what is left in store for us under the leadership of Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. Will Manchester United hierarchy give him the much need money to strengthen the team remains to be seen? I wouldn't be surprise if he gets the sack before the transfer window closes at the end of this month.

The match against Liverpool on the 19th could be pivotal in the Norwegian's future.

Personally I think it is time to get rid of some dead wood; De Gea; Pogba and probably even Lingard. Maybe it is also time to part company with Jones; Matic and Mata.



United was terrible in their 3-1 loss against City in the EFL Cup semi-final first leg.

Man City's loss to Wolves in December surely put them out of the race to retain their league title. Pep would have his sight firmly fix on both the domestic and European trophies. They already have one foot in the Final of the EFL Cup.



Pep and City won the domestic treble last season.

Despite losing 4-0 against Liverpool the 2016 League champions Leicester City remain strong favourites to qualify for the Champions League. Since the loss against Liverpool they went on to beat West ham and Newcastle.

Both Spurs and Chelsea had indifferent results during the festive period. Chelsea beat Spurs 2-0 then went on to lose 2-0 against Southampton and only pick up a point against Brighton. Spurs also loss against Southampton and drew with Norwich.

Arsenal under new manager Mikel Arteta loss 2-1 against Chelsea on his return to the Emirates but bounce back to dominate and beat Manchester United on New Year's day.

Round 22 of the EPL will kick off on Friday night at 8pm when Sheffield United host West Ham.

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens



Nicholas Pepe scoring for Arsenal in their 2-0 against Manchester United

The early game on Saturday will see Mikel Arteta take his Gunners' side to play Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park. In the 3pm games Chelsea will host Burnley; Everton will play Brighton, Southampton will travel to the midlands to play Leicester, Manchester United will host Norwich and Wolves play at home against Newcastle.

2020 Cricket News

The St Helena Cricket Association's 35 over league continued and the first matches of 2020 were played last Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday, Lions came out on top in a close encounter with Western A Mustangs after Dan Marlow took 5/46 for Lions and Nathan Knipe scored 101* for Mustangs. Lions kept their composure during the run chase and were able to overhaul the required target of 226.

On Sunday Jamestown Heat scored 316 against Western Woodpeckers. Dax Richards top-scored with 90. Chris Owen looked threatening during the run chase and he struck 78. However Jason Thomas ripped through the rest of their top order to return bowling figures of 4/39. Woodpeckers finished on 192.

The final match of the weekend saw Levelwood Allstarz continue with winning ways and inflict a second consecutive defeat upon Royal Challengers. Levelwood successfully defended 157 following outstanding performances in the field from both sides.

See Below for a summary of results from all of the weekends matches.

Sat 4 January 2020

Mustangs 226

Nathan Knipe 101*
Deon Maggott 23
Dan Marlow 5/46
Nick Aldridge 3/46

Lions 230/7

Philip Yon 40
Kalen Crowie 34*
Chae Coleman 3/18
Luke Bennett 2/48

Performance Points:

Dan Marlow 3, Nathan Knipe 2, Philip Yon 1

The late match on Saturday is the game of the weekend as the league leaders Liverpool travel to London to play Tottenham Hotspur.

On Sunday Bournemouth host Watford at 2pm and Villa will play the Champions Man City at 4.30pm.

In midweek we will see a host of FA Cup 3rd round replay fixtures.

Tuesday 14th THIRD ROUND - REPLAY

- Blackpool 19:45 Reading
- Coventry City 19:45 Bristol Rovers
- Newcastle United 19:45 Rochdale
- Shrewsbury Town 19:45 Bristol City
- Tranmere Rovers 19:45 Watford
- Tottenham Hotspur 20:05 Middlesbrough

Wednesday 15th THIRD ROUND - REPLAY

- Carlisle United 19:45 Cardiff City
- Manchester United 19:45 Wolverhampton Wanderers

Sun 5 January 2020

Heat 316/4

Dax Richards 90
Gavin George 83*
Julian Henry 2/29
Ralph Knipe 1/45
Woodpeckers 192
Chris Owen 78
Kristan Leo 33*
Jason Thomas 4/39
Kenon Bailey 3/4

Performance Points:

Dax Richards 3, Gavin George 2, Chris Owen 1

Allstarz 153

Gareth Johnson 41
Jerry Thomas 21
Sean-Lee Thomas 3/20
Jordan Yon 3/26

Challengers 83

Andrew Yon 19
Cliff Richards 19
Jerry Thomas 2/10
Ross Henry 2/13

Performance Points:

Clayton Leo 3, Gareth Johnson 2, Sean-Lee Thomas 1

Fixtures:

Saturday 11 January

12:00
Woodpeckers V Allstarz - Umpires: Mustangs

Sunday 12 January

8.45
Heat V Lions - Umpires: Challengers
13.30
Pirates V Mustangs - Umpires: Allstars

Please Note the earlier start time for Saturdays match.

Golf Report for Sunday 5th January 2020

The first golf competition of the year took place on Sunday 5th January 2020 from 12:00hrs. Cloudy conditions kept the temperature low and provided conducive conditions for the golfers. The low turn out of golfers didn't affect the upbeat mood of those who turned up. At the end of the 18 holes Mr Tony Green playing off handicap 13 emerged tops on the leaderboard scoring a nett 69 after a consistent score in both the first and second nine holes. In second place with handicap 15 Mr Douglas Augustus scored a birdie on the second and a total of 6 pars to end up with nett 70. There was no two ball pool winner. Congratulations to the two prize winners. The prizes were presented by the Captain Bramwell who is acting games manager for January.

Sunday 12th January the club will host a par 3 competition. Registration is ongoing. To register, add your name to the list in the club house when the club house is open, leave your name on the club voice machine 24421 or let us know through our Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh

Check out the programme of competitions for January to March 2020.

Happy golfing in 2020

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DATE	COMPETITION FORMAT	SPONSOR	GAMES MANAGERS
January 2020			Bramwell
Sunday 5th	18 Hole Stroke play	SHGC	
Sunday 12 th	18 hole Par 3 Stroke play	TBC	
Sunday 19th	18 Hole Stable ford	TBC	
Sunday 26th	Monthly Medal Stroke play	SHGC	
February 2020			Lawson
Sunday 2nd	Solomon's Competition Round 1 of 36 Hole Stroke play	Solomon's	
Sunday 9th	Solomon's Competition Final Round	Solomon's	
Sunday 16th	Monthly Medal Stroke play	SHGC	
Sunday 23rd	Texas Scramble followed by AGM Tee Off 10:00	SHGC	
March 2020			TBC
Sunday 1 st	Round 1 of 36 Hole Stableford Charles Duncan Challenge Cup	The Duncan Family	
Sunday 8 th	Charles Duncan Challenge Cup Final round	The Duncan Family	
Sunday 15 th	Monthly Medal Stroke play	SHGC	
Sunday 22 nd	Flagg Challenge Cup Round 1 of 36 Hole Strokeplay	Flagg Family	
Sunday 29 th	Flagg Challenge Cup Final Round	Flagg Family	



What's happening at New Horizons?



After a few days of to re-charge it is back to normal at New Horizons. Our holiday programme will come to an end on Monday with a day out at Rupert's. The members have been split into teams and will take part in a team building day which will include cooking their own meal. The teams will take place in fishing competition; kayak races and beach sports.

On Friday 24th January we will have the conclusion of the Bank of St Helena Youth Games with the Basketball and Pool competition.

Boot Camp sessions are still on as normal; Wednesdays' at 4.30pm and Saturdays' at 8am.

We also have fitness sessions on Monday; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Lunchtimes.

Our Athletics/Sports club will re-commence on Monday 27th January at Francis Plain. These sessions are open to children of all ages.

A Bite of the Juicy Apple

Over the Hudson we glided in a Norwegian Airway's Dreamliner. A very comfortable flight, these planes are so quiet on takeoff and landing. The six and a bit hour journey was coming to an end giant skyline of New York well in view. After much preparation, I was embarking on the other leg of my journey of exploration outside of conventional living. Norwegian Airlines is a budget airline and a very good one folks....I recommend them.

The initial part of my stay is in Queens, just one stop on the express train to Grand Central (seen this one enough times, with film-stars jumping over barriers chasing one another with guns etc). I was nervous about the transport and grid system but actually, a week gone, its absolutely fine and I think, a lot easier than London. The Subway staff are very helpful. I love walking, so I walk everywhere. Traffic Cops yell at you if you pedestrian cross when the lights aren't a walking man ...not happened to me yet. The steam from the subway via the man-hole covers and grills reminds me again of the movies. Traffic beep one another excessively. They don't care what the hold up is, if the car in front doesn't move they will continue beeping until they do. It makes me giggle as someone who no longer needs to drive. Not driving has certainly been healthier for my temperament. I haven't got in a cab as I find the subway just excellent. I'd say it's a little more grotty than London's underground, the trains aren't as frequent but I love the internet coverage in the subway for free and the 24 hour services which run. NYC really is the city that never sleeps.

With just street and avenue numbers for the most part, I am getting used to avenue blocks being wider and taking a little longer to walk than streets. I use Midtown Manhattan as my central point and then meander outwards from there.

On my second day, I was fortunate to come upon the United Nations Slavery Memorial and see St Helena listed there too. It's wonderful to travel and see our little island featuring in some of the most prominent locations. We are well and truly on the world map now and not just because of Napoleon. I'm getting lots of questions about 'my accent' (Australia / South Africa) and the logos on my clothing and bag. I'll let you know how I get on with talking about my experiences on a wider platform.

New York is very expensive. I would even go as far to say that it is bit more expensive than London because you have to tip handsomely here. If you don't you get well and truly frowned upon. Twenty percent of the bill for food and a dollar or two for a drink (rule of thumb I've been told is one drink up to ten dollars, a minimum of a dollar tip). You do however get an exceptional service here, even in the very basic of venues. Having worked in hospitality before, it's tough not being appreciated with tips. The food is so good this end too. The jury's still out for me at the moment as to whether it beats the food in London as London does have some exquisite eateries, pop up cafes etc

Renting a place is also super expensive with up to six months rent in some instances up front. You won't get a decent apartment (studio or one bed) for less than two thousand plus dol-



lars a month and this is pre-empting a not so sought after neighbourhood. Just chatting to Bjorn (a communications guy for Heineken) he expressed how things have changed since the 2008 crash and how a handful of investors have blown living costs through the roof here. A 1' bed dump' in the West Village will also set you back four thousand plus dollars per month in rent.

I'm glad I made the decision not to study here, its a wonderful holiday destination but unless you are well established with a good job / trade, life can be quite challenging. At this point in my life, it has to be a little simpler. Yet, there are many who came to 'The Big Apple' looking for a better life and now having established themselves and their communities, this city benefits too from the wonders of their culture. Hard working and wiling to do jobs many aren't willing to do.

One evening when I felt exhausted and popped the TV on to watch Forest Gump ("Run Forest! Run!"), fifty percent of the time was taken up by adverts. My view is that marketing in this country is way out of control and consumers get intruded upon wherever they go but on a much grander scale than the UK. Every time you turn on the radio, TV or even surf the net you get swamped by medicinal adverts and so on. It means watching a movie on TV takes almost an additional hour. Apparently internet streaming is heaviest because of this.

I expected bone rattling cold (not sure why - it might be something to do with being told the City was -8 degrees Celsius the week before). It's been very mild and the big winter coat and thermals that I bought have been useful only on a few occasions. I am under no illusions that January and February will set the record straight. Canada with potentially -30 degrees should be a 'blast'.

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On a clear day, I walked to Hunter's Point and was able to capture the skyline in all of its magnificence. The Chrysler Building, The Empire State Building, The Freedom Tower, The United Nations. It's a view I'll never forget wherever I travel. I'll do some rooftop visits once it gets a bit quieter here. Even though I'm a tourist, I've never enjoyed crowds like this unless I'm sitting in a big window and watching the mayhem from there. My friend from Tooting visited with her family for a few days and I was able to catch up with them which was lovely. It's not often you travel somewhere and connect unplanned with friends in another country.

The Freedom Tower, Memorial Fountain, and general re-development at Ground Zero speaks volumes about a city that will never forget a tragedy that rocked the world and changed security, as we know it. The water that plummets into the basin of the memorial fountain represented for me the tears that have been shed for the senseless loss of loved ones, for a world ripped apart by hatred and fanaticism. The names of all who died cut into the surrounding outer rim. Yet, I also think about the cleansing water making way for unification under the umbrella of forgiveness. The more I see of the world, the more I realise that without individual contributions to peace, kindness, compassion and generosity, we remain united in concern. Here is a memorial denouncing terrorism. I wonder how many memorials are not in place for the wrongs that continue by Western Countries?

Greta Thunberg may be seen as 'extreme' but the point that I agree with that she makes is "we say, we promise and we fail to deliver time and again". Lip service, because the profits outweigh the concerns. People criticise the extinction peo-



ple for halting process, leaving a mess when they leave etcwhat about the mess that we first worlders continue to leave in countries where locals are the ones who suffer badly? Because of our greed. Inconvenience you, but I'll not be inconvenienced. When did greed and profit margins overtake our sense of compassion for our planet and our fellow man?

In having a conversation with my friends in Sydney and Melbourne about the Fire Works for New Year's they feel the fireworks should not have happened in Sydney in respect of what is currently happening with the forest fires. Scott Morrison (Australia's PM) was called a few things but what is commonly thought is that money was the driver in continuing on with the ceremony. I suppose what can one expect from a man who goes on annual leave when his country is in turmoil?

I hail all of the work being done on our tiny island in the name of preservation. I can return home to a gem because the people who have been there for twenty years whilst I've been gallivanting about have worked hard to take care of it for future generations. Thank you.

The live jazz, blues bands are superb but be careful to remember that unlike the UK, most establishments here don't pay them so when that tip bucket comes round, put \$5 - \$10 dollars in there if you don't fancy being berated. I like the little tables that you can sit at to watch these performances, it creates a lovely intimate atmosphere.

I am going to see a show, a film, a basketball match in January minus the hoards. They build skyscrapers over here as quickly as we build 3 bedroom homes on the island. 'Giants' which keep you looking directly up to the sky in order to see their summit. London has The Shard, Gherkin, Walkie Talkie Building etc but these bad boys are on another level. Everything is just so much bigger in this City. It really makes me stop and stare with my mouth wide open. Apartments and family homes rise to some six storeys and it all looks so picturesque with the little Christmas decorations on the front door. The stairwells on the outsides of the buildings are so typical of NYC because stairwells weren't included internally properly in the old days.

The external art on buildings is also a wonder to see. Once again, it's big, colourful and bold. I love the colours of the buildings side by side especially in the East village. Bright but rustic reds, greens, blues and yellows. Oh I did go down to where the sitcom Friends was filmed. I can't remember which floor it was on but it is just a random building with no real plaque signifying that it was The Friends Apartment.

As I wonder the East and West Villages, I find little gems. I've joined the 11th Street Bar (official LFC bar) so I'll be watching most matches there. Carraghers, whilst a huge tourist attraction lacks intimacy and the drinks are also decidedly more expensive than the smaller out of mid-town venues. My friend being a 'Liverpool snub' now sings Allez Allez Allez in an American accent and it is quite funny when they do the "and we come from Liverpool" bit. However, she could make fun of me too, being an international supporter. What I remind her is

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that Liverpool is a huge international club which belongs to everyone not just by geographical standing. Merchandise and tickets bought, benefits local workers and industries too. So there! :)

What's so lovely about my visit is that I am not swept along by time, cramming in every tourist attraction. This is why I wanted to do this trip folks, because for me, it's not about rushing in and out. It's about having meaningful conversations, blending into society and really feeling. I wouldn't get that if I rushed in and out. I spent so many years with Day Lewis rushing from town to town in England. Only stopping to have a dinner and sleep and then off again. This is travelling on a different platform and I love and applaud it. Save pennies and go and 'be there' somewhere.

What resolutions do we have for the New Year? 2020 is the turn of another decade. I spent 2000 in London, underneath Big Ben. This year, I will spend it on some rooftop overlooking Manhattan. Life really is inspiring. If you have a dream folks, take the small steps. When people laugh at you and criticise your dreams and aspirations, don't look to prove them wrong, look to prove you right, in your own time. My life is not about rushing to and fro anymore, it's about contact, impact and taking the good and bad and rolling it into one fun existence. I have plans for 'tomorrow' but I will not allow them to cloud my 'today'.

This year was very tough for me away from my family, one of the toughest years to date. I think my visit home earlier this year made it difficult. Yet, once again we were blessed to meet a Canadian family in the Cock & Bull off 5th Avenue and they invited us to dine with them. It was a truly wonderful experience. I never expect such kindness in a big city like NYC, but there you go. Thank you to the team at Saint FM for their hard work in connecting families over the festive. What would the island be like without this amazing media? Thank you to Lord Ashcroft. You've allowed the team to bring smiles, tears of happiness, laughter and communication to some people who otherwise would be sitting in a room without TValone. Our society grows stronger and closer through Saint FM.

The year ahead may have some really difficult times but there will also be a reason to embark on that tomorrow. It's your



choice how you choose to not let events grind you down but actually see each day as another chance. I want to stay positive, mindful and kind. I plan to leave all the woes and hard feelings of 2019 in 2019. I'm bound to make more mistakes in 2020 but they cannot be heaped upon the mistakes of 2019, otherwise, my cart will get full very quickly. Where I have allowed people to offend me resulting in a poor reaction from me, I put this behind me too. There will be no grudges carried into 2020. No one has upset me enough to allow them to steal my positivity and energy in 2020 too. God Bless you and thank you for reading my articles this past year.

Addie Thomas
NYC



Thank You



The family of the late Martha Elizabeth Stroud who passed away on the 21 November 2019, would like to thank everyone who supported the family during her illness whilst at home before and after her passing. Thank you to Roy and his team for the funeral arrangements, Colin and Davina for the donation of the beautiful wreaths, and Marnie for the beautiful cross and floral arrangements. To Bishop Dale for the funeral service, Lacosta for reading the eulogy, Joy for reading the lesson and messages, and to Daniel and Donny for the music at the graveside. To Solomon's for the funeral service sheets. Thanks also to all who gave cards of condolences and messages of support and to all who paid tribute to Martha by attending the funeral. 'Martha is gone from our lives but will live on in our hearts forever. Time passes, memories stay. Loved and remembered every day. What she left behind is not what is engraved in stone, but what is woven into the lives of others.'

Cruise Ship Day Thursday 9th January - MV Artania



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam,

During the Christmas period ESH erected a temporary shelter in front of the market place in Jamestown, for the market day fair.

As a concerned citizen who care about the elderly and infirmed. I would like to ask this question.

Could the shelter be erected again in a permanent basis, thus allowing old, young and infirmed people to be able to shelter from the scorching hot sun.

Yours sincerely
A Concerned Saint



Bubbles Christmas Party

“Bubbles” concluded their festive activities with a party for the children of Sandy Bay on Tuesday 17th December 2019. The party was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Chairperson (Mrs. Molly Fowler) welcomed all and gave a brief outline of the work Bubbles do. Dr. Pricilla MacDaniel and Mrs. Nicky Adams was also in attendance as ‘judges’.

After an introduction all children were put into appropriate age groups and all began to create a Christmas Hat with materials provided. These included pom-poms, tissue and crepe paper, sparkly gems (much enjoyed by the girls) ribbons etc. There were some great creations and the judges had difficulty in deciding who had created the best hat in each group.

After the hat competition it was time for lunch. Thanks are extended to Mrs. Gavie Williams who cooked lunch consisting of tuna pasta, sausages, chicken legs and fries followed by ice cream. All enjoyed lunch, some having second helpings. Then it was time to run off some of those calories. Towards the end of the day we were honoured by the appearance of Santa walking towards the centre with a sack of presents. Well done and thanks are extended to Santa who made his way on foot to present each child with a present. How far had he walked? Santa would not tell us. At about 5pm. an exhausted but happy group of children departed for home.

Chairperson would like to express her thanks to all committee members who helped in any way with the party, to the two judges who did a wonderful job, Mrs Gavie Williams who cooked a delicious lunch, to Santa who walked with his sack of presents and to those parents and children who helped to tidy up afterwards.



“Bubbles” extend greetings to all for a happy, healthy 2020 and we look forward to your support in our future activities. (chairperson of Bubbles)

We had the pleasure of being invited to a Christmas party hosted by the charity Bubbles at the Sandy Bay Community Centre on Tuesday 17th December 2019. We are new to Sandy Bay and it was a wonderful welcome for our four young children to be invited. The organisers had clearly worked hard to put on a fun, crafty and creative Christmas party that catered for all ages. The theme of the party was creativity so the first activity was to design and make a Christmas hat for yourself. The emphasis was on using your head and not technology so no phones or tablets were allowed. There was an array of sequins, ribbons, glitter and much more. A lovely meal was laid on with plenty of food for all and then a special guest came. Santa of course to spread Christmas cheer and give gifts to each child. Fun and laughter could be heard throughout the party and the children left happy and blessed.

A huge thank you is extended to the Bubbles charity who worked so hard to make this happen.

From James and Hannah Herne.