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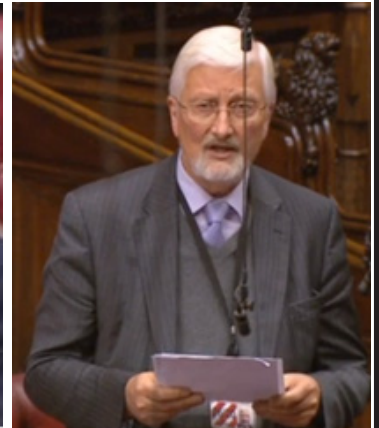


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Demonstration Tomorrow

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Michael Quandt, senior editor for Europe's biggest daily newspaper BILD (circulation 1,1 million copies/day) and news portal bild.de<<http://bild.de/>> (5,2 million unique user per day), based in Berlin/Germany.

"St Helena has potential for tourism if something were to change in the future concerning flights, I have worked in tourism for many, many years and I think that Jo'berg is the wrong airport for going to St Helena, no tourist wants to go to Jo'berg! It would be much better if the plane would start in Cape Town and after a few days in Cape Town and then onto on to St Helena. Maybe another airport would be Windhoek, so with two flights per week and a flight going on from Cape Town and Windhoek, you have the potential but you need another airport besides Jo'berg.

Jo'berg also has the problem of no connecting flights, when we go back tomorrow we land at 9.15pm and our plane to Munich will have left 15minutes earlier so you have no connecting flights so you have to stay one day in advance in Jo'berg and you have to stay one day after so you need some changes in the flight schedule but St Helena has a big potential because it's really unique and it's something special to be here"

Community links to the National Trust to go

As things stand there are several community groups represented on the St Helena National Trust, under amendments to the legislation governing the administration of the Trust these links are proposed to be cut. The community groups affected are the Heritage Society, the Nature Conservation Group, the Tourism Association, the Dive Club, Arts and Crafts Association and the Farmers Association.

The proposed amendments to the St Helena National Trust Ordinance do not include representatives from these six community organisations as members of the Trust Council however the two representatives appointed by the Governor remain. The proposed amendment states that six 'At Large' members are to be elected to the Trust Council but those members do not need to be representative of the community groups previously specified.

Other amendments to the 2001 National Trust ordinance include transferring some responsibilities from the Trust Council to the Director of the National Trust.

The St Helena National Trust is regulated by law rather than by having adopted its own constitution as is usually the case. In a press release issued by SHG issued on 19th June it was stated the St Helena National Trust attracts funds from various sources close to £350,000. In the last financial year SHG provided about £48,000 of these funds or 14% of the total. The press release also stated the proposed amendments to the National Trust Ordinance are the result of a review "to ensure it remained relevant to how the Trust has evolved".

St Helena Yacht Club News Update

The Yacht Club's keel boat 'Duet' is undergoing restoration work and those that have helped with the work are thanked. The work is going well but if anyone has a spray gun to lend to the Yacht Club the work would be completed more quickly. When completed the Duet will be available to Yacht Club members; another activity idea is having a kayak afternoon. The Club have access to 5 kayaks and impact jackets. Any member interested in following up on this idea please get in touch with Hannah or James Herne.

Next Tuesday, 3rd July, Weigh Anchor is starting up. This is a weigh in session at the yacht club. This session will be organised by James and myself and Gina the Dietician will be supporting once a month. We hope to encourage anyone willing to challenge themselves to loose a few pounds! There will be healthy recipes on offer, taster sessions, BMI information, making healthier choices and lots more information. Please feel free to come and check it out. 1730-1830 drop in style sessions every Tuesday.

The lease of the upstairs rooms at the club are in the final stages of completion and we are looking forward to utilising them soon. Sure has assured us that the wifi Internet facility will be up and running very soon. We continue to keep the yacht club rooms open as much as possible. We have had many different people pop in and show an interest. Please feel free to come and hang out.

Also the alcohol license for the club is nearly ready. When

this is completed we are thinking about organising another fish fry after the great success of the last one, it seems a shame to stop now!

The Governor's Cup Yacht Race has been confirmed for 2018. This is a great event and a busy time in the calendar. We hope to have more information for you soon.

Please get in touch with any information or ideas for the club. Your input would be greatly appreciated! *St Helena Yacht Club Secretary – Hannah Herne.*

Lord Shutt's comments echoed in keynote speech

Lord Shutt, vice-chairman of the St Helena Parliamentary Group wrote to the *Independent* recently and commented, among other things, "DFID and the UK Government are scared stiff of the Daily Mail and other newspapers and don't want any further St. Helena/Airport bad news which will encourage the rest of the Tory press/Tory right wingers to put pressure on HMG to cut the International Development budget". Many will agree with David Shutt's assessment that the present UK Government is being driven by back seat drivers and parts of a keynote speech made by the Secretary of State for International Development tend to confirm this.

Called to make the main speech at a prestigious conference on global change, the DFID minister, Penny Mordaunt, used the opportunity to explain how DFID is changing with her as Secretary of State. She spoke about what DFID has done "to relaunch and reset UK aid so that it better delivers the Global Goals" so that it works "in the national interest".

UK Aid has been relaunched and reset she said, "very deliberately to respond to the public concerns about how we have operated UK aid in the past, based on the public's views and on the values that they hold dear." This could be translated as, "We don't want the Daily Mail criticising us almost every day for wasting money or twisting the facts to make it appear we are wasting money. That is why we will not spend a penny more than we need to in places such as St Helena."

Liberated African Advisory Committee cannot be specific A update on where things are with the Liberated African Advisory Committee has been supplied by chairman Janet Lawrence. There has been "lively debate" on the various options for the reburial of the remains stored in the Pipe Building and some "detailed analysis" of those options. Progress is gradually being made it seems. Janet says agreement among the LAAC members has been achieved and the report will be presented to Executive Council next month. No details of the report will be released until Exco members have received the report, read it and discussed it.

In her own report on other Liberated African related themes Annina Hayes said the past three months had been hectic and activity included DNA samples collected from Saints, Gretchen Johnson's research work and several effective awareness raising events. The next three months appear to be like the last with plans for grave goods being on public display-collaboration with local artists and artisans on reinterpreting the resource (Museum and SHNT) - Art Exhibition on 'Liberated' African story (SHNT + Museum + other) - a Design Competition for memorialisation of the 'Liberated' African Story – could possibly expand into Island's whole Slave History story (LAAC +other)

Clueless answers to important questions

Lord Bates, DFID Minister with responsibility Lord Jones of Cheltenham, longstanding St Helena for Overseas Territories since October 2016 supporter

Lord Bates, the Department for International Development, has provided the following answer to your written parliamentary questions tabled on 18 June 2018 and answered on 27 Jun 2018

Question 1:

To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the possible impact on the running of the airport on St Helena of the current operators of the airport, Basil Read, voluntarily entering a Business Rescue process; and what contingency plans they are developing to maintain operation of the airport.

Answer:

Lord Bates:

We are confident that air services to St Helena will not be affected in the short term as Basil Read Ltd pursues a business rescue process. Alongside the St Helena Government, we will ensure alternative plans are available to continue airport operations in the event that they become necessary.

Editor's Note

Saints employed by Basil Read were told on 25th June (two days before the answer to this question) there was a delay in the transfer of funds to pay their wages and this was due to Basil Read now being in the 'Business Rescue' process. Lord Bates seems over confident.

Question 2:

To ask Her Majesty's Government what is the reason for the delay between the completion of the construction of the new wharf at Rupert's Bay, St Helena, and the commencement of the construction of the supporting infrastructure such as container lay-down areas. (HL8711)

Answer:

Lord Bates:

The Rupert's Wharf is in use and the Government of St Helena is developing a business case to expand its operations. This will include options for funding and timescales for completion.

Editor's Note

It has repeatedly been said that DFID insisted a new wharf be built at Rupert's Bay and ignored comments about the difficulties this would bring. Now DFID are saying they insisted on the Rupert's Bay wharf without considering until now the closely connected question about how the cargo from it should be handled. Saying "the Government of St Helena is developing a business case" really means, I think, DFID telling SHG to give good reasons why DFID should not keep withholding the urgently needed funding.

Question:

To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the additional cost in terms of both time and money of off-loading ships' cargo at St Helena in cases where it is necessary for the cargo to be off-loaded at the new wharf at Rupert's Bay and then ferried by barge to the old wharf at James's Bay due to the absence of supporting infrastructure such as container lay-down areas at Rupert's Bay.

Answer:

Lord Bates:

The costs of transferring freight from Rupert's Wharf to James



Lord Bates, DFID Minister with responsibility for Overseas Territories since October 2016



Lord Jones of Cheltenham, longstanding St Helena supporter

Bay are included in the St Helena Government's draft budget for 2018/19, which is yet to be agreed by St Helena's Elected Members. Through our programme of financial aid, DFID will contribute the majority of funds to that budget. Since the new air service and associated sea freight arrangements have been put in place, the cost to the St Helena and UK taxpayers are significantly less than under the previous arrangements.

Editor's Note

I am told there is £500,000 in the SHG draft budget for unloading ship's cargo from Rupert's Bay. Much of this expense could have been avoided if DFID projects were developed in a less chaotic way. DFID saying "St Helena Government's draft budget for 2018/19, which is yet to be agreed by St Helena's Elected Members" can be read as, "Elected Members have not yet agreed to the cuts we have made to the SHG budget."

Question:

To ask Her Majesty's Government what the design life will be for the supporting infrastructure at Rupert's Bay, St Helena, including container lay-down areas.

Answer:

Lord Bates:

The Government of St Helena is developing a business case for the supporting infrastructure at Rupert's Bay. The detailed design work will be the next step in the process and will determine the design life among other value for money choices.

Editor's Note

DFID is dodging responsibility yet again even though they make the decisions behind the scenes. The design life of the new wharf is said to be 70 years; everything else required is taking so long to get organised it will probably only need a design life of 65 year, or less.

Question:

To ask Her Majesty's Government when the new wharf at Rupert's Bay, St Helena, will be fully operational.

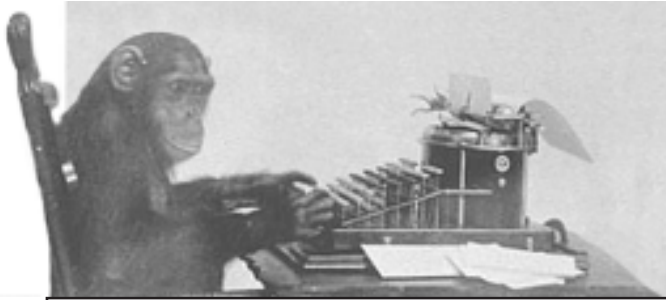
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Editor's Note

Short answer – "we don't know".



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Editorial

I know we are all upset about being screwed left, right and centre by higher freight charges (which means everything else is higher) higher public health charges and, flavour of the month, higher water charges. The second 20% increase in water within a year does make anyone swallow hard but personally I think DFID taking away of the £4.2 million shipping subsidy with the consequent increase in freight rates is a much bigger thing to worry about and protest about because of the effect this has on the price of everything, but it has been accepted without hardly a whimper.

As I see it, 1 cubic metre of water is 1,000 litres which in turn is about 220 gallons. That will cost £1.39 from next Sunday. That's about 30 showers lasting 5 minutes for £1.39. A piece of fatty bacon which is definitely not compliant with the aspirations of *Saints Together* can cost more than that. One thing about water is that it will not cog up your arteries. Yes, the new water charge is more expensive and there is extra expense in all directions but high profile protesting includes choosing the target carefully. DFID squeezing us until our pips squeak would, in my humble opinion, be a more relevant target for our winter of discontent.

After some prompting and prodding we now have some details about our postal service. Send a letter via Johannesburg to the UK and it will take 6 to 8 weeks to arrive despite there being several direct flights a day from OR Tambo to the UK. Send a letter via Ascension to the UK and it will take 2 to 3 weeks to get there. I think there is a monthly RAF flight from Wideawake to Brize Norton to take your letter to the UK. What on earth do they do with letters in Jo'burg for weeks on end before despatching them to their destinations?

The 4th July is coming soon and the United States Independence Day is marked here by some.



Children separated from their parents at the US border



Schoolchildren running for their lives because any malevolent being can buy a gun

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

Individual oppression:

On Wednesday of this week I visited the Income Tax office and after being assisted I thanked the lady who had helped with my Tax Return in my native tongue (Afrikaans) "BaieDankieMevrou" which translated it means "Thank you lady" her reply "NieTeDanke" - translated it means "It's a pleasure". How much more courteous can one possibly be? Several hours later at the Chamber of

Commerce meeting I met this same lady who revealed that she had been reprimanded for speaking Afrikaans to me, if this isn't individual oppression then what is? Where is the customer service? Supposedly St. Helena is open to world travelers and irrespectively visitors/tourists will converse in their native language. It is apparent we are being oppressed by narrow minded individuals!

I felt awful knowing that another individual had looked upon my greeting as a threat and felt the need to reprimand a member of staff who was merely doing her job!

Surely in these modern times we shouldn't have these negative shinanigans going on. I relish the opportunity to be able to exercise my

mother tongue and I refuse to allow myself to be suppressed by anyone from conversing.

Negative thinkers will destroy the islands progress because all through our lives we will encounter tourists who are not competent in fluent English. Therefore we need tolerance & passion towards our fellow colleagues who possess the wonderful ability to speak another language other than English and to get away from "ENGLISH ONLY or SPEAK ENGLISH" and thus enabling them to offer a better service to their clientele without feeling oppressed.

Hasn't the island received enough bad publicity?

Charmaine V. Salt

Petition and Demonstration - From the Organising Group

Well done to the community, the Group has had an overwhelming response to the petition – over 2000 signatures received. Details of the protest march is being finalised. Marshals need to present themselves at Pilling Primary school playground no later than 11:15am on Saturday 30th June for a briefing. A First Aid post will be located in front of the canister. Just a gentle reminder, that the banners must be respectful and cannot be derogatory to any person or organisation. Banners will be confiscated before the march if these rules are not adhered to. Members of the public are encouraged to tune into the radio for further updates.

The following letters will be handed over:

***The Elected Members of the legislative Council
The Castle
Jamestown***

***Dear Elected Members,
Proposed increase in utilities tariffs by
Connect Saint Helena Ltd***

We write to express our disappointment with your majority acceptance of Connect St Helena Ltd's proposal to increase the utilities tariffs. This was a decision that was made without insisting that a transparent, independent efficiency review be undertaken of the company's operations; bearing in mind that a motion was accepted at a Formal sitting of Legislative Council in March 2018. We appreciate that SHG has alleviated the magnitude of this increase by providing an additional subsidy to Connect St Helena to compensate for 20 of the proposed increases, we remain disappointed for the following reasons:

1. Water is an essential commodity for daily life, for which there is **NO** substitute. To increase the tariff without first undertaking a review of operations is untimely and inconsiderate in the light of the current economic climate.
2. These proposed increases create a holistic issue. We are in effect, affecting every individual, household and business, as these proposed increased tariffs **will** filter. Firstly to the consumer, by way of the standing charge, then by the number of units of water used within the household for basic needs, and finally, by the increased costs passed on by businesses to ensure that their operations remain cost effective.
3. We understand that SHG Directorates were subjected to stringent cut backs and are required to continually reassess their budgets to achieve resourcefulness. In comparison however, it appears that Connect St Helena is allowed to deposit a proposal requesting a 40 increase on essential commodities and have it accepted without examination of whether operations are being carried out efficiently. How can you request stringent cutbacks from your Directorates but accept at face value a proposal from a Company whose increases will potentially impact the entire community?
4. Members of legislative Council unanimously agreed a motion, in a Formal sitting of legislative Council, presented by Hon. Lawson Henry to review the activities of Connect Saint Helena as follows:

"This House believes it is in the best interest of St Helena that responsibility for the management of the Island's utilities services (meaning Electricity, Water and Sewerage) is subject to closer direction and control by St Helena Govern-

ment and resolves that an urgent assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of such an action should be undertaken to inform appropriate action.

This review would indicate if SHG should resume direct control of the services provided by Connect St Helena Limited. However, when the proposal for increases to tariffs was presented by Connect St Helena Limited, it was accepted by the majority.

A public meeting was held at Half Tree Hollow Community Centre on Thursday, 21 June 2018. Those in attendance unanimously supported to undertake action to demonstrate their displeasure with the proposed increase in utilities tariffs by Connect St Helena.

The community wishes for the government to recognise the current hardship being experienced by its people and the island's economic climate. They cannot afford another rise in their essential commodities which negatively impacts on their basic needs and increases the cost of living at a time when St Helena is undergoing difficulties.

In view of this the public is demanding an urgent transparent, independent efficiency review into the operations of Connect Saint Helena Limited to be undertaken prior to any decisions regarding the awarding of an increased subsidy from SHG and any increases to tariffs to the consumer.

The above is being pursued by the way of a petition to the Utilities Regulatory Authority followed by a demonstration march, on the 30th June 2018, whereby we would like to present the completed petition to the Utilities Regulatory Authority, which will provide evidential proof of the community's dissatisfaction.

We urge you to reconsider your decision and take time to reflect on how such a proposal will impact the people of this island; the same people you were elected to serve. Your support is needed.

***Miss Yvonne Williams
Secretary
Utilities Regulatory Authority
The Castle***

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By way of this letter, we invite the Utilities Regulatory Authority to be present at the Court House steps on Saturday, 30th June 2018 at approximately 12:30pm to 1pm to receive the above mentioned petition.

Mr Mike Durnford
Chairperson
Board of Directors
Connect St Helena
Jamestown

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All letters signed by:

Nicola Essex, SHINE representative
Cyril George
Robert Ellick
Julie Thomas
Hon. Christine Scipio-O'Dean

AVERAGE INCOME FROM FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT UP TO £8,230 IN 2016/17

New estimates of average incomes from full-time employment for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years have today been released by the Statistics Office.

The estimated median annual before-tax income rose in both the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years, to £7,640 and £8,230 respectively. In other words, in 2015/16 half of all full-time employees earned less than £7,640, and half earned more, while in 2016/17 half earned less than £8,230 and half earned more.

The median gross income for 2016/17 was 7.7% higher than 2015/16, and the 2015/16 median was 4.5% higher than the previous year. When the average increase in prices in those two years is taken into account, the estimated 'real' annual growth in incomes from employment was 3.4% for 2016/17, and 3.1% for 2015/16.

The estimates are derived from records maintained by the Income Tax Office using methodology consistent with previous releases. Only incomes from employment above an analysis cut-off (set around the level of the Minimum Income Standard) are included; any income from self-employment and investment is excluded. Incomes of Technical Cooperation Officers are also excluded.

More detailed statistics on incomes, including the distribution and the difference between men and women, are available in the latest Statistical Bulletin 6 here: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistical-bulletin-no-6-2018-incomes/> A data file is available at: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics-data/>

SHG, 22 June 2018

The Story Behind the Turk's Cap Mystery



A month ago this wreckage was found washed up on the beach at Turk's Cap by a fisherman. The Sea Rescue took a boat out to investigate. The sea conditions meant only their drone could get close to it and photos were taken using the drone. The photos here were taken by Ed Thorpe.



Further photos were taken when Marco Yon and Paul Cherett of Emergency Planning and Sea Rescue walked the beach and confirmed the wreckage was part of a catamaran, maybe from South Africa. The South African Maritime Safety Authority were notified.



It was Bruce Salt who put the Turk's Cap mystery to his old friend and fellow amateur radio operator John Titterton. John is a veteran yacht delivery skipper and well informed about such matters. He was soon correcting reports in the overseas media that The Turk's Cap wreck was a yacht lost in the Indian Ocean together with three crew. John was certain of this because the construction detail revealed in the photos of the Turk's Cap wreck did not fit the type of catamaran (Leopard 44) referred to in the media reports.

'Fake News' did not help in the yacht identity search

"Prompting Speculation"



Wreckage of what appears to be a South African-built catamaran has washed ashore on St Helena Island, prompting speculation that it may be the Tui Marine vessel lost in a storm in 2015.

A Tui Marine catamaran disappeared in stormy weather under delivery from Cape Town to its charter firm in Thailand with three South African crew. The last communication from the boat was 2190 nautical miles northwest of Perth. No survivors have been found although the hull was recovered briefly before being lost while under tow back to Cape Town. After searches of records of yachts lost at sea from the North Atlantic to the Indian Ocean followed up with discussions with naval architects and designers in different parts of the world based on details in the photographs and information supplied to him from St Helena, John Titterton was reasonably sure the yacht was built in France because of some of the construction methods used. John explained in an email to Bruce Salt, "There are two catamarans that were abandoned off the South African east coast over the past few years, besides the R&C Leopard 44. One is a 51 foot quite narrow catamaran, that also had red antifouling, and was French flagged and most likely of French build. It was called "Llama Lo" and was abandoned off East London on 17 October 2015 after hitting a whale. The other one was the 40 foot catamaran "Gulliver", which capsized off Cape Infanta on 15 June 2011. This one also, apparently, had red anti-fouling."

The hull of the Turk's Cap wreck is white with red anti-fouling paint is used to keep the hull clean for as long as possible. The length of the 51 foot catamaran matches the Turk's Cap wreck and is identified as a Switch 51 which is a French build.

After tracing the identity of the wrecked yacht the story when the yacht hit a whale and capsized can also be traced. The yacht *Llama Lo* was abandoned by the two man crew off East London on 17th October 2015.

Hervé Lepage, master of the 277-meter (910 foot) French registered container carrier *CMA CGM Rossini*, and the ships' chief engineer, Lyes Lassel, told the harrowing story of their search for Jean Sitruk, 65, and Kyle Castelyn, 20, after their capsized catamaran *Llama Lo* was found 50 miles off the Wild Coast, on South Africa's south eastern shores. The *Maritime Executive* reported their story in April 2016, six months after the incident.

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Jean Sitruk, from Lyon, France, and his crewman Kyle Castelyn, from Strand, Cape Town, were on passage from the Maldives. The yacht was on autopilot, making 12-13 knots in rough seas. Both men were down below when, with a loud bang, the yacht momentarily stopped and then swung hard to port. Rushing up on deck Kyle saw a whale on their port side. Water was flooding into the hull through a 70cm (28 inch) hole.

The boat was going to capsize. With a hole that big there was nothing that the two sailors could do to prevent it. Kyle threw the life raft overboard, then dashed below to grab emergency supplies, and Jean grabbed the Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB). Kyle transmitted the VHF call that every seafarer dreads: "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday, this is the yacht Llama Lo..."

The catamaran was listing heavily to port as the two men came back on deck, only to see that the life raft was floating more than 200 meters (650 foot) away. Their only chance now was a small inflatable boat, the yacht's tender. Kyle tried to start the tender to go to the life raft but the engine wouldn't fire.

They pushed away from the yacht and watched as she slowly rolled over. It was just after 6pm. As darkness descended on the Indian Ocean the two men drifted away from the capsized catamaran and switched their EPIRB on.

Sea conditions were deteriorating. A wind of 50 knots was battering the two men as the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre at Gris Nez, far away on the north coast of France, received their emergency beacon signal.

Gris Nez alerted the South African MRCC, and a huge rescue effort began. Five ships in the area were diverted to the position; and the East London Sea Rescue volunteers and a military Oryx helicopter launched in the morning.

Through the night Kyle and Jean took turns to paddle the little rubber boat, trying to keep her head into the sea. Huge six to seven meter (23 foot) swells, sometimes crumbling at the top, threatened to turn them over. In the distance they could see the lights of the ships looking for them. Kyle ignited a handheld flare without response, and they decided to keep the remaining flares until the ships were closer.

As the sun rose on a seemingly empty ocean, a wave, bigger than the rest, flipped the little boat, dumping the men into the sea. Kyle had tethered his rucksack to the dinghy and as soon as they had scrambled onto the upturned hull he pulled it up. Inside was six days' supply of fresh water. The gear not tied to the boat, including their flares, was gone. "I saw my packet of Future Life Cereal floating past and grabbed it so at least we would have that to eat," says Kyle.

Two hours later another wave flipped the tender again, and the men scrambled back into the boat. On the horizon they could see ships. But by now they had drifted far from *Llama Lo*, and the first ships to arrive at the wreck reported that there was no sign of life aboard. Soon after that the empty life raft was found.

Nearing the search area was the huge French container

carrier *CMA CGM Rossini*. At sunrise the duty officer called Captain Lepage to the bridge. The ship had been alerted by the French MRCC to the distress signal. By a strange twist of fate the Captain had done his military service at Gris Nez in 1988, and he is also a volunteer with the French Sea Rescue Service, SNSM, in his home town of La Rochelle.

"At 12h15 we called Port Elizabeth Radio and told them that we were getting close to the position," says Hervé. He knew that there were already five ships in the area. One had found the capsized cat, another the empty life raft. But none had followed the EPIRB position which was drifting down the coast. "I contacted my company and the MRCC and suggested that we chase the EPIRB."

At 16h15 the *Rossini* glided up alongside the wreck. "It was close to my starboard bow and we gave a blast on the horn thinking that they might be inside. There was no response. No sign."

Hervé gave the order to increase power, and considered the EPIRB positions. Although there was a two-hour time delay, they formed a straight line, drifting away from the life raft. "We had six pairs of binoculars on the bridge," says Hervé, "So I called six men up and divided the area to search into sectors. Each man must concentrate only on his sector."

Then came the skew ball. The MRCC gave the next EPIRB position away off to the left of where it should be. With darkness approaching this required calm thinking and some careful calculations. Captain Lepage gave the order to turn to port. Although he believed that the position was wrong, he had worked out that they would have enough time to check and then, if need be, to loop around and sail back up the drift line that they had been searching.

It was a call that needed to be made by instinct. At 17h50 he gave the command: "Turn to starboard now." The *Rossini's* bow came around and Hervé lined her up on track in the opposite direction, before the wild goose chase off the drift line. "The picture that was in my mind was of them in the water with immersion suits on, the EPIRB in their hands." He called for an increase of speed, knowing that if they did not find the two yachtsmen before dark their chances of survival would not be good.

"There." The call was from the Chief Engineer, Lyes Lassel, who was scanning a sector to port. He had seen a single flash of orange. Binoculars swung and, clearly now, the men on the bridge saw two orange specks – the collars of the life jackets that Kyle and Jean were wearing. The great ship slowed down and turned towards them.

Kyle and Jean had been watching the container carrier for a couple of hours, slowly paddling towards it. "And then they gave three blasts on their horn," said Kyle, "And then we knew..." His voice trails off and he looks down at the floor.

It was 15 minutes before sunset. And one of the biggest challenges for Captain Lepage and his crew lay ahead: how to get the huge ship alongside the tiny rubber boat and then get the two men up the steel wall of the ship's side?

"I used the wind and the currents," says Hervé. With great

The Story Behind the Turk's Cap Mystery

skill he sailed the *Rossini* up to the little yacht tender, leaving Kyle and Jean only a few meters to paddle to the side of the ship.

Despite his exhaustion, youth was on Kyle's side. He was up the ship's ladder in a flash. But Jean, knowing now that Kyle was safe, had no energy left. As he started the nine meter (30 foot) climb up the rope ladder his hands slipped and he crashed into the sea, losing his lifejacket.

The Chief Officer, Sadi Resdedant, rushed out onto the ladder to help, dropping a helicopter strop on a rope and shouting encouragement to the exhausted sailor. Against the odds, the *Rossini*'s crew managed to get the elderly skipper on board. "I thought that we would lose him," says Hervé. "But we did not."



IMO Certificate of Commendation

International Maritime Organisation award for acts of exceptional bravery at sea

In November 2016 Hervé Lepage, Master of the container ship *CMA CGM Rossini* was presented with a certificate and a medal in recognition of exceptional bravery when he and his ship's company rescued the crew of the abandoned *Llama Lo*.



Captain Hervé Lepage, Master of the container ship *CMA CGM Rossini*. Lepage was nominated by France for his tireless

efforts to find and rescue, in adverse weather and sea conditions, two crew members of the capsized catamaran *Llama Lo*. The survivors had been drifting in a tender for 26 hours when Lepage located them by successfully estimating the drift of the beacon transmissions – before skilfully manoeuvring the ship alongside the tender and helping the crew members on board.

Captain Lepage also received the Honouring Excellence in Rescue Operations (HERO) award from the International Maritime Rescue Federation.



In June 2016 the parents of Kyle Castelyn met with Captain Hervé Lepage and showed their appreciation for his exceptional efforts and skill in saving their son's life.



CHANGES TO MINIMUM WAGE EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JULY

The St Helena Minimum Wage increase, which was announced in March 2018, will come into effect on Sunday, 1 July 2018. The Minimum Wage per hour will increase from £2.95 to £3.05 (for all employees aged 18 and over) and from £2.00 to £2.10 (for young people aged 16 or 17).

Businesses must ensure that the remuneration they pay is equal to or greater than the new Minimum Wage rates.

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RESPONSES TO ISSUES RAISED DURING COUNCILLORS' CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

During the latest round of Councillors' Constituency Meetings in April 2018, a number of issues were raised by the public on different topics.

Over the next few weeks, each Council Committee will be providing responses to the issues raised during the meetings. This week the focus is on Economic Development with responses provided by the Economic Development Committee (EDC).

Sustainable Economic Development Plan (SEDP)

What is the main purpose of the SEDP?

The SEDP is a live document and sets out the Island's plan to deal with development over the life of the document and what SHG will do in support of the actions set out in the plan.

The SEDP is good but unfortunately there are unfinished jobs such as Rupert's Wharf Work on Rupert's Wharf is ongoing and SHG is committed to making Rupert's a fully functional Port.

Customs

Why reduce duty on fruit and vegetables, will this defeat the purpose of trying to help farmers?

No, we expect to support farmers by helping them to work more closely with Importers so that when there is sufficient local produce then Importers will not import the same produce. Key to making this successful is both parties working together and sharing the risks. Reducing the duty on imported goods will ensure that when there is no local produce those on low income can also afford to purchase.

Taxes

Insufficient information on the rationale behind increasing Taxes has been given to the public

Each year, SHG has to balance its budget and show that we are collecting our share of taxes, hence we look across a range of goods and services to support this. This year we also looked very closely at sugary goods. This is in support of encouraging healthy lifestyles to coincide with other health initiatives and address some of the acute chronic diseases we have on-Island which is using a considerable amount of money from our Health budget. Most of these chronic diseases are treatable if we lead a healthier lifestyle. Money saved on treatment can go to other causes such as raising the level of the benefits systems. This can only be achieved if we all work together.

Enterprise St Helena

Is the Pack House at Longwood a waste of money if we don't have sufficient vegetables to store there?

The Pack House was identified as a need by the sector in 2010, if not before, and as a result of the South Africa Agriculture Exposure Visit in 2013. It is an effective use of resources given the derelict site prior to the Longwood Enterprise Park initiative, which was generating no trade or profitable opportunities for the area and the Island. More critically, the Pack House, quite rightly, serves as an incentive, driver and essential supply- (cold) chain necessity for increased arable production i.e. it is an enabler and the farmers now have a storage and distribution point to fill/maximise for everybody's benefit. It is up to the operator and the producers to make the Pack House work, and is the same principle of taking your product to town if there is space to accommodate. The added benefit of having the Pack House is that it is specifically designed to wash, prep, store and distribute in a more ideal environment/building, and will support a longer shelf-life for all produce. Again, this enables producers to produce. Additionally, the Pack House should save farmers time, effort and costs associated with taking their product to market, which is an added benefit.

Immigration

A Saint passenger had been held back in Johannesburg for a week because they could not check-in due to not having a hard copy of their travel/medical insurance and the electronic copy they held was not accepted

When flights to St Helena started it was determined that hard copies of travel/medical insurance were required. This is no longer the case. Electronic copies that can be viewed by the boarding clerks in Johannesburg and by the Immigration Service staff on St Helena are now accepted.

This change has been in practice for several weeks and is monitored by the Immigration Service. Should there be any concerns, a system has been established to allow the boarding clerks to contact the St Helena Immigration Service during the boarding process. This should remove any issues associated with the production of travel/medical insurance.

Shipping

What control does SHG have over the MV Helena schedule? Can this be reviewed as they always seem to be missing the transhipments?

SHG in partnership with AWSML have the ability to amend the schedule where necessary to do so. The issue of the transhipment is not directly attributable to the MV Helena schedule but more down to the changes that the container carriers have made recently in that they have by-passed the call at Cape Town on the way up to the East Coast and calling into Cape Town only when the vessel returns.

As a result of this, AWSML discussed with SHG and the Chamber of Commerce the possibility of bringing forward the receiving dates in the UK by one week in order to ensure the goods either arrive in Cape Town one week earlier or, in a case where the container carrier does not call at Cape Town, there would be sufficient time in the schedule for a delayed departure from Cape Town without impacting on the forward schedule of the MV Helena. Following these discussions, it was agreed for all UK transhipment dates to be brought forward by one week to allow export cargo to be loaded on an earlier sailing. Therefore, if the transhipment vessel omits Cape Town, time will be available for the ship to return and deliver the cargo in time for the intended sailing of the MV Helena. Should the transhipment vessel call at Cape Town as planned, cargo will be securely stored ready to be loaded on board the MV Helena for the intended voyage. Costs of this storage will be met by AWSML and will not be passed onto customers.

Due to cargo already booked, this arrangement will start from Voyage 8 and the schedule has been updated on the St Helena Shipping website to reflect this.

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Economic Development Committee

25 June 2018





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REMINDERS

End of Year Accounts

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to remind all Commercial Lending Clients that they are required to submit a copy of their End of Year Accounts, for the Financial Year 2017-2018, by no later than 30 June 2018. This should include a minimum of:

- Income & Expenditure Account/ Trading, Profit & Loss Account
- Balance Sheet
- Depreciation Schedule

Insurance Renewals

In addition, Commercial and Personal Lending Clients, who have secured loans with Bank of St Helena, are reminded to submit a copy of their insurance documentation whenever they renew or amend the relevant policy.

Please submit all necessary documentation for either End of Year Accounts or Insurance Renewal to the Lending Section, Bank of St Helena Ltd, Market Street, Jamestown. Failure to comply will result in a Reminder Letter being sent to the Client and the appropriate fee being deducted from their Bank Account.

For further assistance or information, contact the Lending Section on +290 22390 or email commerciallending@sainthelenabank.com / personallending@sainthelenabank.com

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this July at
Bertrand's Cottage**

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Hospitality Up-Skilling

Course	Date	Time	Location
Knife Skills	4th July 2018	16.30 – 19.30	Bertrand's Cottage
Costing's for Menu's	11th July 2018	09.00—12.00	Bertrand's Cottage
Gluten Free Cookery	18th July 2018	16.30—19.30	Bertrand's Cottage
Modern Dietary Requirements Including Allergy awareness	25th July 2018	09.00—12.00	Bertrand's Cottage



For further information or to enrol on the course please contact

Mike Harper on Tel No 22920 or email michael.harper@esh.co.sh

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VACANCY

Assistant Secretary (Councils)/Clerk of Councils

The post of Assistant Secretary (Councils)/Clerk of Councils will shortly become vacant within the Corporate Services Directorate. Responsible to the Head of Corporate Support, the post holder will be required to provide a comprehensive support and advisory service to the Executive and Legislative Councils.

The main duties of the post will include:

- Ensuring papers for Executive Council are properly processed to include all necessary inputs; that minutes of meetings are produced and follow up actions carried out, all within the set timeframes.
- Arranging and attending formal meetings of Legislative Council and ensuring follow up action as appropriate;
- Performing the duties of Assistant Registration Officer and Assistant Returning Officer for conducting General and Bye Elections and compiling the annual Register of Electors.

Applicants should at least have GSCE English Language and Mathematics at Grade C or above and should ideally have the following:

- Level 3 Diploma in Management
- At least 5 years administration experience at middle management level
- At least 2 years managerial experience



Applicants must be confident in dealing and communicating with senior officials and members of the public. As well as possessing excellent written and verbal communication skills, the post holder should also have the ability to plan and prioritise workloads to meet strict deadlines. Occasional out of hours work will be necessary.

Salary for the post is at Grade D commencing at £11,034.

For further details regarding the duties of the post and for a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact the Head of Corporate Support, Carol George, on telephone no: 22470 or e-mail carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and Corporate Support and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Jackie Moyce, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail jackie.moyce@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 3 July 2018.

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Corporate Services, 19 June 2018



HUMAN RIGHTS AND YOU

THE RIGHT TO WATER AND SANITATION



There is no life without water, and there is nothing that can be substituted for it when water is scarce.

This week there is much concern and anxiety within the community regarding the proposed increases in water and sewage charges from the 1 July 2018.

What is the Right to Water?

The **Government** has an obligation to ensure that **everyone has access to a sufficient and continuous amount of safe drinking water for personal and domestic uses**, which include water for drinking, washing clothes, food preparation and personal and household hygiene.

Water for personal and domestic uses must be **safe and acceptable**. It must be free from elements that constitute a threat to a person's health. Water **must** also be of an **acceptable colour, odour and taste** to ensure that individuals will not resort to polluted alternatives that may look more attractive.

Water and sanitation facilities must be **physically accessible and within safe reach** for all sections of the community, taking into account the needs of particular groups, including persons with disabilities, women, children and the elderly.

Water services must be **affordable to all**. No individual or group should be **denied access** to safe drinking water **because they cannot afford to pay** and should **not compromise** people's **ability to pay** for other **essential necessities guaranteed by human rights such as food, housing and health care**.

Sanitation is **access to and use of wastewater facilities and services** ensuring a clean and healthy living environment for all. "Facilities and Services" should include the **'collection, transport, treatment and disposal of human excreta, domestic wastewater and solid waste** to the extent demanded by the particular environment conditions. **This includes not raising the price of water and sanitation services so that people can no longer afford a basic minimum.**

Government should adopt legislation or other measures to ensure that water providers or individuals—comply with human rights standards related to the right to water. It should, for instance, adopt the necessary legislative and other measures to ensure that third parties do not **arbitrarily and illegally disconnect water and sanitation services**.

THE AVERAGE DOMESTIC CONSUMER USES

37 units of electricity per week.
1.5 units (1,500 litres) of water per week.
The Water Standing Charge is **66p** per week.
There is no Electricity Standing Charge.

What is the proposal?

The proposal is to increase water and sewage tariffs by 20% but leave electricity tariffs as they are.

What does the Proposed Increase mean for the Average Domestic Utility Bill?

Total utility (electricity & water) will see a weekly increase of **51p**

Sewage customers will see a weekly increase of **23p**

What does the proposed tariff increase do to my utility bill?

A tariff calculator has been set up on Connect Saint Helena Ltd website please see link <http://www.connect.co.sh/press-releases--other-news.html> or alternatively you can contact Annalisa Young at our Main Office at Seales Corner on telephone number 22255 who will be able to assist you.

What upgrades are planned?

- Increased diameter water main from Tom Peters Spring to the Jamestown Water Treatment Works & Settlement Pond at Black Bridge
- Further Loss Reduction
- Design for Bottom Woods mains replacement

Customers are invited to send any comments to the Utilities Regulatory Authority yvonne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh before the extended deadline of 12:00 on Saturday, 30th June 2018.

VACANCY

Senior Accounts Executive

Corporate Finance has an opportunity for a Senior Accounts Executive to work within their Accounting Services Section. The post holder will be responsible for the effective management of the Accounts Payable and Receivable functions of the financial management system, ensuring all Government revenue and expenditure is accurately recorded.

The successful applicant will be responsible for:

- Management of the Sales and Purchases Ledgers
- Ensuring prompt recovery of Debts
- Processing payments in accordance with the Financial Regulations

Applicants should have at least 3 years' experience in a similar accounting role and at least 2 years' experience in supervising staff. A good understanding in both accounts payable and receivable processes to enable a flexible, inter-changeable role.



Applicants should possess intermediate analytical skills and good financial management skills, be proficient in Microsoft applications and the Accounting software package Access Dimensions. Applicants are expected to be highly motivated and an effective team player with the ability to relate to officers at all levels across SHG.

Persons interested should have attained GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above and ACCA Certified Accounting Technician Level 2 or equivalent.

Salary for the post will be at Grade C commencing £8,613 per annum.

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Sarah Greentree, Senior Accounts Executive on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: sarah.greentree@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and Corporate Finance and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Clare O'Dean, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail clare.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Wednesday, 27 June 2018.

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.

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Corporate Services

20 June 2018

**The Brighter
Group
Presentation to
Tourism
Businesses**



Tourism business owners are invited to attend a presentation by Sarah Long (Brighter Group representative)

Enterprise St Helena has recently appointed The Brighter Group as the new PR Agency for St Helena. Representative Sarah Long will be visiting the island and will be holding a presentation for all Tourism Businesses on **Tuesday 10 July from 16:30 at The Canister.**

This presentation will highlight topics such as traveller trends, tour operator expectations and commissions, destination marketing, having an online presence and more.

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



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Farmer's Market & Social

Supply Local, Buy Local!

When: 14 July 2018

Where: Harford Community Centre

Time: 2pm till 5pm

The farmer's market will be an opportunity to sell fresh and secondary produce, plants, crafts, etc. at Harford Community Centre.

If you are interested please contact Delia Du Preez to book a stall.

Harford Community Centre will be hosting a social from 5pm onwards.

Date for the diary

The conclusion of the 2018 Agriculture Programme will be a Country Fair on 27 October 2018 at Francis Plain. More information will follow later regarding the competitions that farmers can enter into.

For more information please contact
Delia Du Preez, Business
Development Co-ordinator on
telephone 22920 or email
delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh



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VACANCY

OFFICE MANAGER (fixed-term to March 2019)

Would you like to be a part of a small, but dynamic team taking responsibility for the running of all support and office management functions?

If so, then your professionalism, initiative and office skills will be welcomed in the Airport Directorate as the Office Manager. Responsible to the Airport Director, the Office Manager will have overall responsibility for administration, finance, human resources and procurement functions to ensure effective delivery of the Directorate's targets.

Essential requirements for the role are:

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above or equivalent
- At least 5 years' experience at middle management level
- Excellent project management, financial and people management skills
- Good IT skills and proficient in the use of Microsoft Applications

Salary for the post is at Grade E commencing at £14,138 per annum.



If you are interested and would like to come and have a chat about the position, please contact Miss Janet Lawrence, Airport Director on telephone number 22477 or email janet.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

A full job description and application form can be obtained from the Airport Directorate, situated on the 1st floor, Post Office Building or email sharon.zumbika@sainthelena.gov.sh for an electronic copy. Completed application forms should be submitted to Sharon Zumbika, Office Manager by no later than 4pm Monday, 09 July 2018

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Airport Directorate, 25 June 2018

HEALTH DIRECTORATE

VACANCY- Practice Development Nurse, Designate

The Health Directorate is looking for a motivated and dedicated person to fill the post of Practice Development Nurse, Designate. They will be responsible for ensuring up to date clinical best practices are followed and developed in line with clinical governance. To organise educational programmes and provide training for nurses and nursing assistants to aid their continued professional development. To devise, run and ensure compliance with yearly mandatory training programmes. To facilitate and support ongoing educational needs of the nurses and nursing staff.

The post holder will be responsible to the Nursing Officer.

Some of the **key responsibilities** of the post are:

1. Continually undertaking research to update teaching content and training materials to ensure, facilitate and promote evidence based practice
2. Liaise with clinical section heads to identify the professional development needs of nursing and clinical staff.
3. To plan, organise and ensure 100% compliance with annual mandatory training requirements and keep records of attendance.
4. To provide any other training for nursing staff as may be required from time to time including the Return to Practice programme.
5. To undertake and facilitate clinical audits.
6. To support clinical staff undertaking educational programs including access courses, degree modules and other CPD.

The successful applicant must have (or in the process of acquiring) a BSc in Nursing or other health topic, must be a Registered Nurse with the Nurses and Midwifery Board or equivalent overseas body and have at least years 3 acute hospital experience within the last 5 years. The post holder must have completed their 2b competencies and underway on level 2c

A Post Graduate Certificate of Education for Health Professionals along with a Class A Driver's Licence is also desirable.

Salary for the post commences at £14,138 per annum. With the competency framework this role is eligible for enhancement to Specialist Nurse Level 2d £16,259 per annum.

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

Interested persons requiring further details regarding this post can contact Mrs Lisa Niemand, Nursing Officer on email lisa.niemand@sainthelena.gov.sh

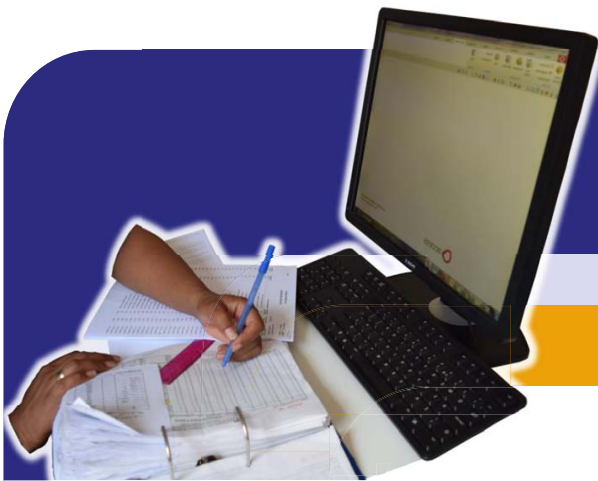
Application forms and a job profile are available from the Health Directorate and should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate or e-mail madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Monday, 02 July 2018.

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Helen Lawrence 18 June 2018

Assistant Director , Health Directorate





Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc
has vacancies for

Internal Audit Assistants

Within the Internal Audit Department

Job Outline

To be responsible for the timely execution of risk-based internal audits in accordance with the annual audit plan.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have knowledge of computerised accounting/audit record keeping systems
- Have the ability to gather, analyse and evaluate facts and prepare and present concise oral and written reports
 - Ideally have Grade C or above in GCSE Maths, English & Accounting
 - Desirably have at least 2 years of financial experience, through accounting/auditing
 - Be willing to work towards an Internal Audit Certification

Salary will start at **£8,000.88** per annum, (£666.74 per month)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact
Priscilla Joshua,
Internal Auditor
on telephone number: 22076
or via email address:
internalauditor@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hadmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Nicola Essex, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown,
By 5 July 2018

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES IN THE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT DIRECTORATE

The Education and Employment Directorate is seeking interest from persons who are able to offer contractual services as a Temporary Teaching Assistant within the Primary sector. This contract for services is being advertised locally. The rate payable will be at £5.16 per hour.

Applicants must have GCSEs in English and Maths at Grade C or above or equivalent qualification. Recent and relevant work experience would be desirable. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, have good interpersonal skills and a sense of humor.

For further details and a list of duties, interested persons can contact Mrs Wendy Benjamin, Assistant Director, Schools on telephone no 22607 or email wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 10th July 2018.

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Mrs. Shirley Wahler, Director of Education & Employment, 28 June 2018

VACANCY FOR TEACHER TRAINEES

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ Teacher Trainees.

Responsible to the Teacher Training Advisor, the initial Teacher Trainee will undertake a three year period of Initial Teacher Training. During this period teacher trainees will work towards gaining professional teaching qualifications and work as part of a team with other members of the teaching profession. Training involves studying relevant learning theory and how this translates into classroom practice to deliver effective learning and teaching for children and young people.

The salary band for Teacher Trainees on the Directorate's Scheme of Service ranges from £7,562 to £10,550 per annum. Opportunities are available for career progression.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr. Garry Cameron, Teacher Training Advisor on telephone number 22607 or e-mail garry.cameron@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Human Resources Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Friday 6 July 2018.

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Mrs. Shirley Wahler
Director of Education & Employment, 28 June 2018



APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2018/66:** FULL Planning Application for **Partial Demolition to create 2 Secondary Entrances, at the back of the Canister** on Parcels 070016, 070016A and 070002 Jamestown. Applicant: Enterprise St Helena
2. **Application 2018/67:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of a 2 Bedroom Dwelling**, Sunnyside on Parcel 0466 Scotland, adjacent to Patricia Henry. Applicant: Stephen O'Dean

Copies of the Application and Plans may be inspected by Prior Appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Secretary on Telephone No 22270 or email Karen-Isaac@enrd.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

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

Public Review Commencement Date : 28 June 2018

Public Review Closing Date : 13 July 2018

David Goodrick
Chief Planning Officer



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NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, 4 July 2018**, at 9 am at the Education Learning Centre, Jamestown and not at the Museum as previously stated.

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TIP OF THE WEEK...
If you are washing dishes by hand, don't leave the tap running for rinsing. Use a separate bowl of clean water for rinsing.

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**“We want to watch
you score goals.
Not to watch you smoke.”**

Junior Football Results 2018 week 1

The 2018 Junior Football league sponsored by Solomon's, Nigel George, Ian Williams and Sure got off to a good start last Saturday. The Results are:

7-11 years

Jungle Rangers 8 v Yellow Devils 1

G/S Jungle Rangers: Blaze Baldwin 5; Toure Osborne 2 & Christopher Midwinter 1

G/S Yellow Devils: Aiden Thomas-Stevens 1

POM: Blaze Baldwin & Aiden Thomas-Stevens

Dream team 8 v Young Harts 6

G/S Dream team: Blake Peters 7 & Taylon Phillips 1

G/S Young Harts: Jaydee Caswell 3; Jet Lee Yon 1 & Micadean Crowley 2

POM: Masharne Crowley & Blake Peters

11-16 years:

Allstars 37 v Rangers 0

G/S Allstars: Sean Lee Thomas 19; Joey Thomas 7, Evan Constantine 5, Aiden Yon-Stevens 5 & Christo Crowie 1

POM: Sean Lee Thomas

Allstars 31 v Chop Shop Boys 0

G/S Allstars: Evan Constantine 4; Aiden Yon-Stevens 4, Sean Lee Thomas 15, Joey Thomas 8

POM: Sean Lee Thomas

Sunday 1st July

Pitch 1

9.30am: Beginners League

10am: Young Harts v Yellow Devils

Referee Tanisha Benjamin

10.45am PPS Dolphins v Dream Team

Referee Nick Stevens

Pitch 2

9.30am: Rangers v Chop Shop

Referee: Christian George

10.30am Chop Shop v West Rocks United

Referee: Gareth Johnson

ROCK STABILITY INSPECTION UPDATE

Further to the press release issued on Thursday, 21 June 2018, the public is advised that the Geo Tech Surveyor arrived on-Island on Saturday, 23 June, and together with the Rock Guards has now carried out his first inspection.

As a result, a plan has been agreed to secure the area with mesh and cables. Work has commenced and is hoped to be completed by Thursday of this week.

At this time it is not anticipated that the area affected will need to be closed to the public.

The public will be kept informed.

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25 June 2018

SHFA League Results

The first game of the weekend saw Rovers who had two key attacking players missing won comfortably against Chop Shop Boys.

Tyler Benjamin starts and finished the scoring; Rico Benjamin scored two, one of which was a penalty; Chris Furniss scored 2, one of his goals was a 20 yard curler. Brian Sim also got on the score sheet.

Louie Barnikel scored direct from the corner for the Chop Shop. Trystan Thomas made his first start for the Rovers and picked up the Young Player of the match award. Tyler Benjamin scored a hat trick and was awarded the man of the match.

Match Result:

Rovers 8 v CSB 1

G/S Rovers: Tyler Benjamin 3, Rico Benjamin 2, Chris Furniss 2, Brian Sim

G/S Chop Shop Boys: Louie Barnikel

MOM: Tyler Benjamin (Rovers)

YPOM: Trystan Thomas (Rovers)

The second game on Saturday was an entertaining 3 all draw. Clayton Leo scored 2 for Wirebirds and Matthias Young scored 2 goals and picked up another Young Player of the Match award.

Wirebirds 3 v Axis 3

G/S Wirebirds: Clayton Leo 2, Sanjay Clingham

G/S Axis: Matthias Young 2 (P), Dennis Owen

MOM: Greg Coleman (Wirebirds)

YPOM: Matthias Young (Axis)

Harts continued their unbeaten start to the season with a comfortable win over the Wolves.

Sean Lee Thomas scored 2 goals and Shane Stroud 1

Harts 3 v Wolves 0

G/S Harts: Shane Stroud, Sean-Lee Thomas 2

MOM: Clayton Benjamin (Harts)

YPOM: Sean-Lee Thomas (Harts)

Bellboys picked up their first win of the season with a 2 nil against the Crusaders.

Bellboys 2 v Crusaders 0

G/S Bellboys: Corey Scipio, Ryan Benjamin

MOM: Ryan Benjamin (Bellboys)

Sat 30th June

1.30pm

Wolves v Bellboys

Organisers: Crusaders

3.30pm

Wirebirds v Harts

Organisers: Crusaders

Sun 1st July

1.30pm

Chop Shop Boys v Axis

Organisers: Bellboys

3.30pm

Saints v Rovers

Organisers: Wolves



Football Flash Back

Nick Stevens



Junior Footballers 2015



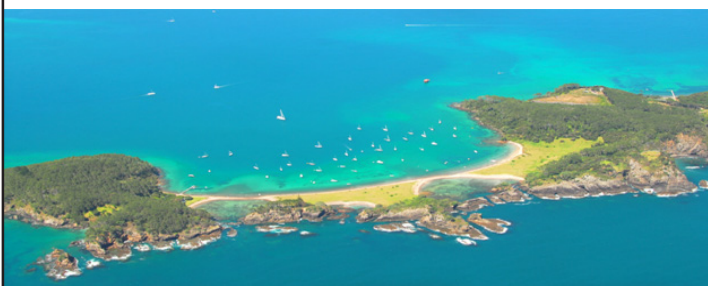
St Helena's sea-faring family – part five

At the start of this series it was thought the story of the Herne Family and their voyage around the world would be told in three or four installments, this is part five and we are still in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The Herne's spent two-and-a-half years in the Pacific and there are many stories to tell.

This week we are using the 'Captain's Log' (James' own descriptions) to describe two events in the Pacific. The first is New Year's Eve anchored off a New Zealand island and the second is arriving at one of the islands in Fiji to find it devastated by a cyclone

New Years Eve 2016

Yet another year has passed with this year being our third New Year celebration in the Pacific Ocean. This year we were anchored in (*Te ti bay*) Paihia in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand just half a mile from the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. (*Treaty of Waitangi; Treaty to establish a British Governor of New Zealand, consider Māori ownership of their lands and other properties, and give Māori the rights of British subjects.*)



Paihia beach

With just the five of us on board it made the evening more relaxing. The kids had an early kip only to be woken for the mid night fireworks with a promise to have hot chocolate and marshmallows under the stars. It all worked out well with a short but impressive display of fireworks and small personal firework parties along the coast. I guess the flashing lights of the busy police cars racing along the sea side roads were a little entertaining too. Somebody needs to keep the New Year celebrations under control.

The first morning of the year was spent lying in bed looking up through the forward roof hatch watching the dawn pull in the first blue sky of the year. We weren't in any hurry to get up as long as the kids stayed asleep. Our next celebration would be Joshua's 12th birthday and he had been looking forward to this for a long time. With plans to drive to the Warehouse store in Waipapa where the kids could spend their Christmas and birthday money. It all sounded good to the kids.

Joshua's birthday was celebrated at anchor in Putakokota Bay. This bay he chose and helmed *Carpe Diem* to get there. He is starting to be the next skipper on board and it looks like a possible retirement for me.

We would like to thank family and friends from around the world who have posted Christmas and birthday presents for the kids to the Bay of Islands. The effort was much appreciated.

Makogai Island – cyclone and widespread damage

8 June 2016, another adventure lay just over the horizon, with

three yachts leaving for the same island, "*Fluenta*, *Q*, and *Carpe Diem*". Makogai was half a day's sail away. An early morning start would see us at the entrance around midday which is perfect with the sun hovering above it would make the bommies (submerged off-shore reef) at the entrance more visible. As sailing goes, there is always something to keep us all on our toes, as a yacht at the Savusavu reef pass struggled to get his engine started and had to sail into the sheltered water inside the reef. We stood by just in-case assistance was needed. It wasn't long before a tow boat was made available and we were able to get on our way.

Conditions were good for sailing, 24 knots of wind and an average speed of 7.5 knots for *Carpe Diem*.

From a distance the approach to Makogai looked dangerous as waves from the south crashed over the north east entrance but as we got closer we saw the reef was protecting the entrance and there were no streaming currents. It was much easier than we thought.

We still needed to dodge a few bommies inside the reef but it was the landscape that caught our eye. There were no tops on the trees, not one, just the stumps. This was the first time we have ever seen the destruction of a cyclone. In Savusavu we heard that 25 boats were grounded and saw some yachts high and dry with major repairs needed but their landscape was intact. We reached the anchorage where the other Sea Mercy yachts were. It was obvious that the cyclone had approached from the north-west and swept over the island like a freight train, demolishing houses and local boats in its wake. The problem was, this was not the village!



The Makogai Island School, completely destroyed by the cyclone

Sea Mercy is a benevolent programme developed for disaster and critical care needs for remote islanders in the Pacific



SEA MERCY
Sailing with a greater purpose

Fishermen Have New Committee

Last evening the SHCFA held their AGM at the Canister Conference Room. In attendance were 16 new and existing members plus two members of the general public, the largest attendance to such a meeting for a number of years, which was encouraging. The customary order of business unfolded with an informative financial report presented by the Treasurer, Mrs Christine Caswell and a comprehensive Chairman's Report presented by Chair, Waylon Thomas, verifying the work that had been undertaken by the committee during the past year, identifying progress made and tasks achieved. The election of the new committee then commenced, which resulted in the entire outgoing committee being re-elected to their previous roles. Miss Beth Taylor now joins the committee as Secretary, a role that has been difficult to sustain throughout the previous year, therefore the committee is grateful for her support. All roles were unanimously accepted by all in attendance.

The committee of the SHCFA therefore consists of the following:

Waylon Thomas - Chair
Dorian Caswell - Vice Chair
Peter Benjamin - Boat Owner's Rep
Julie Thomas - Fisherman's Rep/Communications Officer
Christine Caswell - Treasurer
Beth Taylor - Secretary



UTILITIES TARIFF CHARGES INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is proposing a utilities tariff review from 1 July 2018. This will see an increase in water charges but no increase in electricity tariffs.

SHG provides a subsidy to Connect Saint Helena Ltd. Decisions on the level of this subsidy will be made when the Budget 2018-19 is presented to Legislative Council. This decision will take into account, amongst other things, the outcome of the Regulator's recommendation. By law it is the Utilities Regulatory Authority's role to review any proposed price increases.

Connect has provided evidence to SHG that they made £140,000 worth of cost savings in the last year. They made efficiencies by using existing staff on projects in place of consultants, reusing waste materials and switching suppliers. Furthermore, Connect has invested £2 million in replacing worn out assets which have contributed to the relining of reservoirs and reduction in power outages. Despite these efficiencies and improvements, price increases for water are still proposed to meet the cost of delivering water to the user and to afford upgrades to the water supply and continued maintenance of the network to reduce leakage.

The cost of providing electricity is covered by the electricity tariff income but the average cost to supply a cubic metre of water is £7.20 so Connect makes an average loss of £5.31 on each unit of water supplied.

Connect has estimated how the proposed tariff change will affect every customer. The price increase is 40p per week for 15 cubic metres (15, 000 litres or 3299.54 gallons) which is assessed as the minimum reasonable water requirement for an average household per quarter. However, many users use more. Based upon average use by customers, the price increase for a domestic customer is 51p per week (£6.63 per quarter) for water and 23p per week (£3.00 per quarter) for sewage.

The Minimum Income Standard which is used to calculate Basic Island Pension and Income Related Benefits will be adjusted to take into account this increase. The Minimum Wage rate also takes into account inflation and therefore is also adjusted accordingly.

Qualifying agricultural customers will receive targeted subsidy payments directly from SHG to offset this increase.

Further information on how to calculate how the changes will affect you is provided by Connect in this week's newspapers.

If you have calculated how the proposed change will affect you, and you feel this is significant and you would like to provide evidence in this regard, please forward information marked for the attention of Yvonne Williams to The Utilities Regulatory Authority, The Castle, Jamestown, or by email to: Yvonne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh by 12noon on Saturday, 30 June 2018.

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28 June 2018

Governor's Cup Back on at the last minute

With just six months to go before the race is due to start St Helena Tourism has selected The Royal Cape Town Yacht Club to organise the 2018 Governor's Cup Yacht Race.

The stop / start discussions with various people and three yacht clubs in South Africa dragged on for so long it was generally thought the Governor's Cup would not take place this year – there was insufficient time left to organise it.

On Friday the Royal Cape Town Yacht Club announced on its website, "Royal Cape Yacht Club is pleased to announce that it has been appointed by St Helena Tourism to promote a yacht race from Cape Town to St Helena at the end of the year, to race for the "Governor's Cup"

Because there is limited time remaining to get the race organised the announcement adds, "Pending the issue of the formal Notice of Race, **this serves as provisional notice of the race**"

The Governor's Cup is due to start on 26th December and 15 days have been allowed for entrants to finish the race. Negotiations are on-going with AW Shipping for yachts to return to Cape Town from St Helena aboard the MV Helena.

The Preliminary Notice of Race states "Owing to the little time available for making arrangements, interested parties are requested urgently to note their interest, by emailing sailing@rcyc.co.za. The entry fee is ZAR 1,500 (£83.50) for each yacht and ZAR 500 (£28) for each crew member.

It is not yet known whether there will be opportunities for young Saints to experience ocean-going yacht racing in the 2018 Governor's Cup; in previous races this has been a special feature of the race.

The St Helena Yacht Club will be involved with handling the event at the finish line and the social events organised for race finishers.

The MV Helena is scheduled to depart St Helena on voyage 11 on the same day the Governor's Cup starts in Cape Town so it is unlikely to be acting as a 'Mother Ship' for the race as the RMS has done in the past.

The Governor's Cup website still gives details of the 2012 race from Simonstown to St Helena, the race has not yet been included on the St Helena Tourism website and there is no evidence the yacht media have so far picked up the story. For many the 2018 Governor's Cup remains a Secret of the South Atlantic.



ST HELENA GOLF CLUB

Despite the cold and windy morning of Sunday 24 June 2018, seventeen players participated in the June monthly medal stroke play kindly sponsored by Larry and Lynn Thomas.

Three players returned with a net score of 68 - Peter Johnson, Tony Green and Eileen Wallace - well done members. The winner was Jeffrey Stevens (Mr Fox) with a score of 66, followed closely by Martin Buckley (Jackson) with a total of 67. I am certain that the Handicaps Manager will be making a few chops. Tony Green claimed the seventeen balls as the two ball winner; he putted a two on 16th. Once again, we sincerely thank Larry and Lynn Thomas for their sponsorship.

Saturday 30th June and Saturday 7th July will be course clean up days and volunteers are asked to be at the Club for 9am – lunch will be provided. The course will be closed from 7am to mid-day on both days. No competition is scheduled for Sunday 1st July; members have a free day to practice in readiness for the Open Championship 2018. Entries for the Open Championship must be submitted by Sunday 1st July at 5pm, late entries will not be accepted. As with all competitions, players can enter by leaving their names on the Club telephone message service 24421 or place their names on the sign up sheet at the Club House notice board.

ST HELENA MAGISTRATES COURT

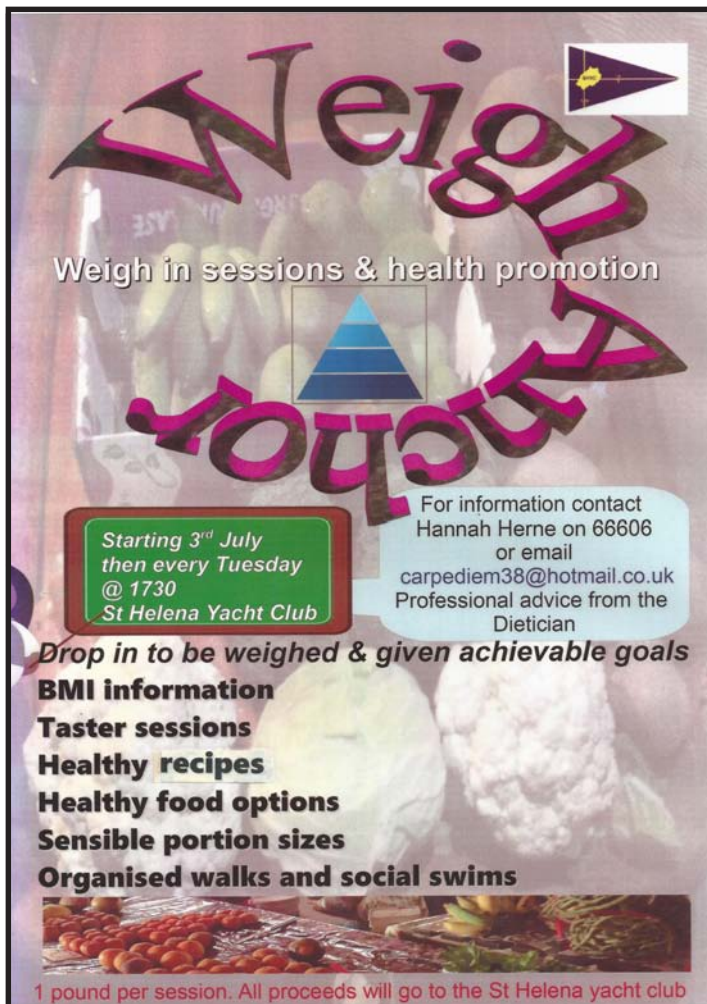
14th June 2018

JEFFREY NEIL RICHARDS (53) of New Ground, pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle whilst 119% over the prescribed limit. Sentence had been adjourned pending a Pre-Sentence Report. This offence was aggravated by the very high reading of alcohol. Mr Richards was sentenced to a Community Service Order in which he is to perform 100hrs of unpaid work in the community as a direct alternative to imprisonment. Even though he had driven only a short distance the road in question was a public highway which is frequently used by other vehicles and pedestrians. The Court found there was no 'special reason' not to disqualify Mr Richards or reduce disqualification. Mr Richards was disqualified for the extended period of 23 months. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

CALLUM SCOTT ELLICK (19) of Drummond Hay Square, Jamestown, pleaded guilty to offering to supply cannabis and cultivating cannabis. Sentence had been adjourned pending a Pre-Sentence Report. The quantity of plants indicated that they were not for personal use. Mr Ellick was sentenced to a Community Service Order in which he is to perform a total of 120hrs of unpaid work in the community as a direct alternative to imprisonment. Mr Ellick was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

21st June 2018

LARRY IRWIN FRANCIS (61) of Sea View, pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle whilst 51% over the prescribed limit. This offence was aggravated by there being an accident having occurred. Mr Francis was fined £120.00 and disqualified from driving for the extended period of 15 months. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.



Weigh Anchor

Weigh in sessions & health promotion

Starting 3rd July
then every Tuesday
@ 1730
St Helena Yacht Club

For information contact
Hannah Herne on 66606
or email
carpediem38@hotmail.co.uk
Professional advice from the
Dietician

Drop in to be weighed & given achievable goals

BMI information
Taster sessions
Healthy recipes
Healthy food options
Sensible portion sizes
Organised walks and social swims

1 pound per session. All proceeds will go to the St Helena yacht club

The St Helena Yacht Club would like to invite you to join Weigh anchor

Starting Tuesday 3rd July at 17:30 and every Tuesday after.

This is an opportunity to learn about a healthier life style.

Meet with friendly, likeminded people.

We offer

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Organised walks and social swims.

We are open to new ideas.

Drop in to be weighed and given achievable goals with professional advice

from the dietician.

£1 per session, all proceeds go to SHYC

For more information please contact Hannah Herne on 66606

Or email carpediem38@hotmail.co.uk

A Bit of Humour

A Boeing 777 wide-body jetliner was lumbering along at 800km/hour at 33000 feet when a cocky F-16 fighter jet flashed by at Mach 2.

The F-16 pilot decided to show off. On his state of the art radio that is part of his state of the art 3D & million dollar headset, the F-16 youngster told the 777 pilot, "Hey Captain, watch this!"

He promptly went into a barrel roll, followed by a steep, unimaginable, vertical climb. He then finished with a sonic boom as he broke the sound barrier, as the F-16 screamed down at impossible G's before levelling at almost sea level.

The F-16 pilot asked the 777 pilot what he thought of that?

The 777 pilot said, "That was truly impressive, but watch this!"

The 777 chugged along for about 5 minutes at the steady 800km/hour, and then the 777 pilot came back on and said, "What did you think of that?"

Puzzled, the cocky F-16 pilot asked, "What the heck did you do?"

The 777 pilot chuckled and said, "I stood up, stretched my legs, walked to the back, used the toilet, then got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon roll and secured a date for the next 3 nights in a five star hotel paid for by the company"

LESSON OF LIFE:

When you are young and foolish, speed and flash may seem like a good thing! When you get older and smarter, comfort and dullness is not such a bad thing!

It's called S.O.S.

Slower, Older and Smarter!

Dedicated to all those approaching S.O.S.

...."Don't take life too seriously. No one gets out alive anyway."....



The Annual General Meeting of Making Ends Meet will be held on Tuesday 24 July 2018 at 4:30pm at the Salvation Army Hall in Jamestown.

The Agenda will be as follows:

1. Chairpersons Report for the year 2017/18
2. Treasurers Report & Accounts for 2017/18
3. Election of New Directors & Members for 2018/19
5. Any Other Business

Members and persons interested in becoming members are welcomed to attend.



FRIDAY 29TH JUNE 2018

REGGAE NIGHT

PROVIDING
ALL TYPES OF
REGGAE MUSIC

DJ J YOUDE

9:30PM



Join Pilling Primary School for their monthly
car boot on Saturday, 30th June 2018

Time: 9.30am – 11:30pm

Venue: Pilling Primary School playground



Book a table for £3
by calling the school
on 22540 or just turn
up on the day.



**INVITES YOU TO A
MUSICAL EVENING ON
FRIDAY 29TH JUNE AT
7PM AT THE HALF TREE
HOLLOW HALL.
ADMISSION IS FREE BUT
A COLLECTION WILL BE
TAKEN DURING THE
EVENING. TEA &
REFRESHMENTS WILL
BE PROVIDED. ALL ARE
WARMLY WELCOME.**



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT
30 JUNE 2018
STARTING AT 4PM

THE MULE YARD, JAMESTOWN

LET'S CELEBRATE
OUR DIVERSITY



If you would like to showcase your Country,
The Food, Dance or National Dress etc. contact:
Christine (24820), Tessa (51515), Gift (22543) or Daryl (24751)