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AIRLINK FLIGHT POSTPONED

The public is advised that the Airlink flight to St Helena and Ascension scheduled to have taken place over the weekend has for operational reasons been postponed until next week. Due to a combination of poor weather conditions that are forecast to prevail for much of the rest of the week, and flight crew duty limitation in the circumstances of the weather uncertainty, the difficult decision has had to be taken to postpone the flight.

The Johannesburg – St Helena – Johannesburg flight will operate as normal on Saturday, 21 July 2018. There are still some seats available on the inbound flight and there will be opportunity for some passengers originally booked to travel to St Helena on 14 July to travel on 21 July, if they so wish. There are still seats available on the outbound flight providing opportunity for passengers originally booked to travel to Johannesburg on 15 July to transfer to this flight, if they so wish. Ticket transfers will be carried out in a priority order based on the original booking.

Airlink will provide a replacement flight to St Helena and Ascension which operate to St Helena and then on to Ascension Island on Monday, 23 July 2018, returning to St Helena and then Johannesburg on Tuesday, 24 July.

Affected persons on St Helena should contact Solomon's Travel Agency at the Shipping & Travel Agents Office in the

Malabar, Jamestown, in person or on tel: 22523. SHG,16 July 2018

Message from the CEO of SA Airlink

"Flight cancellations or postponements are never desirable, but in the circumstances of weather at St Helena Airport ("HLE") being below the legal minima for departure, we simply don't have an option. Flights to and from HLE are at best a serious and precise exercise with narrow margins of tolerance. Safety cannot be compromised!

In consultation with SHG we collectively felt it prudent, rather than continuing in the uncertainty of a rolling weather delay, to postpone the flight to a definitive departure date and time. It was logical therefore to postpone the HLE flight to the next scheduled departure (Saturday 21st July), with the Ascension mission attached to a special flight now scheduled for Monday 23rd (JNB-HLE) returning on Tuesday 22nd (HLE-JNB).

As regards the transfer or re-accommodation list, I can assure you that Airlink's established standard protocol has been applied without any interference by the SHG. *Rodger Foster*"



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A passenger stranded in Johannesburg gives his opinion on the flight cancellation and the future of the island.

Sitting in my hotel room, I can't help but feel disheartened and defeated. After boarding the re-arranged flight excitedly with my fellow passengers we noticed the walk way was being manoeuvred back to the plane door. Immediately we knew bad news was coming. A few minutes later we were told, the flight had indeed been cancelled again. A chorus of defeated sighs and some angry remarks followed. Little did we know that things were only about to get worse.

After arriving back at the hotel, an Airlink representative gave us the latest update. The news being that we would not fly until the following week. We all looked at each other in utter dismay and confusion. A week? What? Why? Some passengers decided not to travel to the island as their schedules were too tight. Others would have their holiday cut short, with some having less than a week to enjoy the island. We were later told that the delay could be attributed to airline staffing clashes as well as bad weather conditions. I understand that safety is paramount and that the airline staff cannot stay on standby for the entire week. But I can't help but think about the bigger picture, and how we got to this point in the first place.

It's no secret that St. Helena airport is not the final product the Saints had hoped for. For one, the plane used to fly to the island is much smaller than had been initially planned. A 120seater Embraer E190 is now used at the airport. However, safety regulations have stipulated that even this plane cannot be filled and a maximum of only 70 passengers can fly per



one-way journey. Delays are common place, with flights to St. Helena being delayed a total of 6 times since the airport was open. Furthermore, the airport has being deemed '*the world's most useless airport'* by the Telegraph and UK Independent last year. The UK government has failed us miserably, by for one, failing to deliver an efficient airport/ service to the island and neglecting their responsibilities in coming up with a better solution to the problems identified.

The island deserved so much better than this. We had waited so long for the airport to come, with many of us playing an active role in the construction/ planning process. New businesses began to emerge as the opening drew near, the an-

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ticipation continued to grow as we prepared for the 30 000 wish things would work out well for the island, and that we'd visitors per year prediction DFID had made. The airport was going to change everything. It would usher in a new era of prosperity, success and independence for the island. I'll always remember seeing the first commercial plane landing on the island. At the time it was a Boeing 737-800 aircraft from Comair. I could feel the joy within the community that day. I remember the cheers and excitement as we realised we were about to 'join the big world'. A few days later we were told the airport opening would be delayed to 'make the final touches'. Those so called final touches took a very long time to rectify. The final touches made involved huge changes being made in regards to initial plans. Of course, the Saints had been let down, yet again.

I am worried about the future of my home. The bad press the airport has received will have a damning effect in regards to our tourism industry. The very thing that was supposed to 'make' so many of the businesses on the island could be the thing that 'breaks' them. What will happen to the people who are waiting for tourists to come? How many people will suffer because of the incompetence of the UK government? Sustainable development was our goal in terms of moving the island forward and into the future. However, the island is not even close to achieving sustainability. Back then, I really believed the airport would bring about a new era of prosperity for us, However, I'm no longer so optimistic about it. For once I

achieve the success we all deserve. We have so much to offer the world. Including beautiful views, delicious food, diverse wildlife, long history and a rich culture. It's all worthy of being seen but can't get the exposure it should.

I'd like to reiterate that I understand how important safety is in the aviation community. I am not blaming Airlink for any of this as they are only doing what they think is best and are working with the information they have. In fact, they are covering accommodation and food costs for all those still planning to fly next Monday. This cancelled flight is just a cog in a much bigger, malfunctioning machine. I am angry at those who did not identify the wind sheer and visibility problems during/ before the construction phase of the airport. Were surveys not done on this initially? Who was responsible for identifying these problems? Are they being held accountable? So many questions, so few answers. People are angry and rightfully so. The problems the island faces are not desirable to anyone. Not Saints, Not tourists and certainly not business owners/ startups. I understand the way the airport is currently run is an interim solution. However, have there been any news on finals resolutions? How long will these temporary fixes be in place? It feels like we've been forgotten. Left to fade away into irrelevancy and disrepair. I'm so bitterly disappointed this has happened to the island. The future does not look orange, rather grey. We all deserved so much better.

A flurry of numbers from the Statistics Office

There have been four releases of data from the Statistics Office this month. Normally the figures will tell us how much prices have increased and how many people arrived here and left over the last three months. We have all that for July, and with the figures used to give more information. But we also have information on fish catches and forestry activity, exchange rates as well as the number of people unemployed, on pensions or benefits.

The most eye-catching figure is the estimate of the number of Saints in St Helena; 4,300 were counted at the end of June, which 7% higher than in June last year and very close to the highest recorded total of 4,334 at the end of December last year. This Christmas could be very busy - more food needed in the shops. The total Island population at the end of June this year is calculated at 4,663, a 5.3% increase on twelve months ago.



The official figure for unemployed is 19, which is an increase of 3 compared with June 2017. 727 people receive the Basic Island Pension and 132 have Income Related Benefits. Deaths during the first three months of 2018 were more than twice the

number of births. 13 deaths compared to 6 births. The population on Ascension is 763 including 502 Saints.

The most recent figures for fish are for October to December 2017 when 14.3 tonnes of fish was sold on the local market generating Island-wide fish sales of £42,800. In the same period 21.7 tonnes of fish were exported, the export value is not given. 21.7 tonnes is quite low, in one three month period in 2016, 161.7 tonnes of fish was exported. On the forestry side the numbers show 110 tonnes of timber is felled every quarter for firewood.

In the first quarter of 2018 passenger arrivals by air was 1,038 with a further 376 arriving on the RMS. Between April and June the number arriving by air reduced to 841 with no additional arrivals by sea except for yachties. Between January and March this year 395 people arrived by yacht with a further 181 arriving between April and June. Both quarters are busier than the final three months of 2017 when 63 arrivals were by yacht.

Of the 841 passenger arrivals between April and June 24.3% were tourists, another 24.3% were Saints returning for a holiday, 27.1% came for business reasons, 20.2% were returning residents and 4.2% were in transit. The second quarter of this year is the first to have figures which are plane only, apart from yachties and other ships such as the RRS James Clark Ross and visiting sailing ships.

Over the past nine months Brits have made up 22% of all tourist arrivals, Saints on holiday 35%, South Africans 21%, Europeans 13%, North & South America and Caribbean 6% and Asia, Middle East, the rest of Africa and the Pacific region 4%.



We agreed to meet at Ann's Place. I got there just two minutes before the allotted time and was taking the chance offered as I walked from Association Hall and through Castle Gardens to smoke a cigarette. I stopped outside Ann's Place to finish off the smoke – but, she was there already. She saw me smoking! Bugger!

"Look, I'll finish this in a second" I said. "That's alright, do you want a cup of coffee?" she replied. "Well I have had three already this morning but I could do with another". I was getting increasingly conscious, or self-conscious, about my smoking and constantly swilling coffee down my throat. Instead of having a friendly discussion about healthy life-styles, food and drink and a life full of well-being, energy and fulfilment I was going to get a long lecture about my inexcusably bad habits. "Never mind, have another cup, it won't kill you" was the smiley, casual reply.

Ms Smiley Casual is also known as Dr Angie Jackson-Morris. First of all, please remember Angie is not a dietician, or a physical exercise instructor, or a stop-smoking advisor or anything else which involves telling people what to do or what not to do.

She told me this several times after we got down to a coffee and a chat. Her job is described as Health Promotion and Social Marketing and despite appearing for all the world as someone who is as keen on her job now as the first day she started 20 years ago, the last thing Dr Angie wants to get involved with is endless talk about what exactly is good for you (and not good for you) for breakfast, lunch, dinner, tea and snacking.

It seems to me Angie's health promotion looks at the subject of health and well-being from the other end. In an email she sent to me the previous day Angie explained that *Saints Together* is an "initiative intended to be a helpful part of a strategy to reduce some of the major health problems and espe-

Meeting

Meeting at High Knoll Fort for basic handler certification phase 1.

This will take place between 10.00hrs and 12.00hrs sunday 29th july 2018.

Please bring cameras, as need to start getting best photos for certificates.

We will continue with training every 2 weeks at HKF, until phase 1 is accomplished by all dogs and handlers.

A new training schedule will commence towards the end of september, anyone wanting to join please contact me on tel: 24766. cially the levels of early cardiovascular illness and deaths on the island." Over coffee the following smoke-filled, caffeinefuelled morning Angie told me the answer is to reduce the amount of sugar, salt and fat that you eat - AND smoking, she added, looking at me very pointedly. "My job" she said, is to put things in place, with the Health Directorate, to help people live a longer and healthier life". I sensed a pitying look in her eye when she added, "You're a big boy now, if you want to shorten your life with a grisly death that's your decision". In fact I got a bigger telling off for smoking when I went pay Customs Duty the day before on my imported dog food. You cannot now smoke anywhere on the wharf I was informed in a friendly but firm way. But it's the dogs that get me a few brownie points. Apart from cutting down on sugar, salt and fat a little exercise on a regular basis is also needed to help get that vibrant, vigorous, glad to be alive feeling. "I've seen you walking your dogs so that's good enough for someone like you" Angie said. Someone like me! Call me an old codger and have done with it why don't you? Vince



Exco Start Search for an Investor in Fisheries

On Tuesday Exco formally gave the go-ahead for a Prospectus to be published inviting expressions of interest from potential investors in taking over or forming a partnership with the Fisheries Corporation. This is just the first stage. If interest is shown in SHFC from investors the next stage is to issue invitations to tender; a multi-stage process which ends with a shortlist of bidders submitting their best and final offer. On the basis of these final offers one bid is chosen as the best of all and negotiations on the contract then start with the successful bidder.

In October 2017 Executive Council decided that SHG should continue funding the Fisheries Corporation (SHFC) subject to an Improvement Plan being put in place. Three working groups were set up as a result – The Improvement Plan Group, a group to consider licensing of foreign vessels and a group to secure investment into SHFC. The current position with each of the three groups, as reported to Exco, is:-

Objective	Aim	Outcome
Increased revenue	Increase local fish prices	Achieved
Increased revenue	Better marketing of premium tuna	Next key priority
Increased revenue	Air freight fish on weekly basis	Achieved
Increased revenue	Sea freight premium quality fish	Buyer still to be found
Reduce costs	Cheaper fish-waste disposal method	Not stated
Reduce costs	Zero hour contract staff	Not stated
Reduce costs	Cut electricity bills by installing	To be resolved when an
	photo-voltaic panels on roof of	investor is identified and plans
	factory	for fish processing are known
Reduce costs	Reduce freezer capacity	ESH have provided funds for the work
Improve efficiency	Define the framework within which the SHFC Board operates	Waiting appointment of consultants
Improve efficiency	Revise Board membership criteria	Waiting appointment of consultants
Improve efficiency	Consultants contracted to improve corporate processes	Foreign and Commonwealth Office have provided funds to appoint consultants
Improve efficiency	Create new post of Business	Vacancy advertised in May –
	Support Manager	applications closed 4th June.
Promote landing of premium	Increase income for fishermen	Ongoing – some fishermen
quality fish	and the export price of fish	trained and handling caught
		fish as required, others will be
		trained when required
		equipment arrives.

The International Pole and Line Foundation (IPNLF) and the Blue Marine Foundation have been supporting the work. ESH have provided funds for the boxes needed to air freight fish to South Africa and for reducing the size of the SHFC cold storage.

Licensing of Foreign Vessel Working Group - met 3 times starting on in February			
Objective	Aim	Outcome	
Identify merits of licensing foreign vessels	Add value	No progress expected until tender process for Fisheries is concluded	

Investment Working Group

The objective of the Investment Group is to find a way to turn around the dismal financial situation within which the SHFC is besieged. The aim is to attract new investment and to change many of the ways the SHFC works.

The first thing recognised is the current fish processing factory is too big. Operating the factory carries horrendous costs and while this continues SHFC will just sink deeper into debt. The factory is too bid, too old and not fit for purpose.

The old Argos building stands on the site earmarked for HM Customs when the Rupert's Development finally gets underway. SHFC do not need a site that big and a more suitably sized site is reserved for a new, more efficient and smaller processing factory a little further up Rupert's Valley. It is available if any new investor needs it.

SHFC have not got the money to build a new and more efficient processing factory so new money needs to be brought in order that fishing, fish processing and fish exports can turn the corner and stand a chance of becoming a profitable business.

To achieve this, expressions of interest need to be invited from investors to develop the fish processing side of the Island's fishing industry. The invitation to express an interest is based on a Prospectus which has been written explaining what is on offer and what is expected from a potential investor. Several detailed aspects have been left open to allow for new ideas to be proposed by potential investors.

The Prospects does stipulate that one-by-one fishing is not negotiable and any investor who is interested in entering into a partnership or taking over the fish processing part of the fishing industry will need to comply with the long established sustainable fishing methods used in St Helena waters. Supplying the domestic market with the fish required for local consumption is also a non-negotiable requirement.

The deadline for expressions of interest in 7th September.

Premium fish exports by air freight

Since January the Fisheries Corporation have been exporting fresh fish on the Saturday flight to customers in South Africa. Fresh St Helena tuna served in restaurants had made the local news over there.

Only fish caught and landed on Thursdays and Fridays is fresh enough to be exported on the Saturday. How much is exported depends entirely on how much is caught on these two days.

The fish is headed, gutted and tails and fins taken off. The fish are loaded into the special export boxes designed to keep them fresh during the flight. Quick despatch from here is equalled by quick delivery to the customer in South Africa. Fresh fish commands a higher price.

So far this year a total of just over 1,600 kilos of fresh fish has been exported. If the flight had not been cancelled last Saturday the total so far would be a little more than 2,300 kilos. Last Saturday the largest consignment of premium fish for this year was ready to be flown out but it had to be returned to the Fisheries and stored in the freezer. Once in the freezer it's not fresh and the premium price is lost.

There have been a total of twelve export deliveries this year; one in January, two April and June and three in May. Nothing was exported in March and there has been one export delivery so far this month. Another export delivery is ready to tomorrow, all being well. Airlink's Embraer E190 can carry a maximum of 1,800 kilos of fish on each flight. First though, the fish has to be caught on a Thursday or Friday.



"There Must Be Some Way Out of Here, Said the Joker to the Thief"

Government officials and councillors have been spending a lot of time recently trying to find a way out of a series of problems, one or two of which could easily become monumental headaches - if they are not already. On Tuesday Executive Council decided, behind closed doors, to give the Mantis Hotel another transfusion of money. This time it's £350,000. The Mantis Hotel opened in two stages. It is just 37 weeks since Mantis had its official full opening day on 1st November. It started life with a £700,000 start-up fund to cover operational costs while it was building up its business. Just 12 weeks later, on 25th January, Legislative Council was asked to approve "the terms and conditions of the St Helena Government Guarantee to the Bank of St Helena as laid before Legislative Council" The councillors agreed to allow the Mantis Hotel - or more precisely, St Helena Hotel Development Ltd (SHHD) a wholly owned subsidiary of the St Helena Government, to descend further into debt by taking a £500,000 loan from the Bank of St Helena, another wholly owned subsidiary of the St Helena Government.

Now, a few days shorts of 25 weeks on from when the £500,000 was guaranteed, councillors are once more persuaded to commit a further £350,000 from government to SHHD. This time the Bank of St Helena appears not to be involved in any loan arrangement. Instead, SHG have "agreed to issue a Special Warrant to authorise £350,000 for a further equity investment into SHHD Ltd using additional revenue received from the process of winding up St Helena Line Ltd to offset the expenditure." Making a "further equity finance investment" simply means SHG have handed over the money in exchange for more shares in SHHD, which is already a wholly owned subsidiary of SHG so what advantage there is in having more bits of paper saying the same thing is not immediately clear.

Another difference is the January decision to guarantee £500,000 was openly discussed at Legislative Council. This time, the £350,000 was given the go-ahead by Executive Council behind closed doors. The procedural inconsistency is another cause for concern.

The sequence of funding so far to St Helena Hotel Development Ltd is;-

Amount	Funded by	In what way
£600,000	St Helena Government	Value of the buildings and
		land transferred (given?)
		to SHHD for the hotel
£1,500,000	St Helena Government	To SHHD for construction
		costs
£1,200,000	Bank of St Helena	Loaned to SHHD for
		construction costs
£1,000,000	Bank of St Helena	Loaned to SHHD with SHG
		guarantee for
		construction costs
£500,000	St Helena Government	Loaned to SHHD with SHG
		guarantee
£350,000	St Helena Government	Loaned to SHHD from SHG
		funds without guarantee
£5,150,000		

From the figures which are publicly available, converting 1, 2 and 3 Main Street into Mantis St Helena cost £3million. In total SHD has now been given £1,550,000 to operate the hotel on a week-by-week basis. After being in existence for 37 weeks SHHD came back for more money after already being handed \pounds 1,200,000 to subsidies day-to-day costs. If SHHD is coming back for more it can only be assumed that the first two operational loans amounting to \pounds 1.2million has just about been spent, at a rate of £32,500 per week.

Having been given a further £350,000 this week it can only be assumed that if the rate of spend stays the same St Helena Hotel Development Ltd will be back asking for more money about the middle of September.

The government press release announcing the further £350,000 loan stated some conditions have been attached to the granting of the loan. The first condition is for SHHD to have a proposal for offering shares in St Helena Hotel Development Ltd to the public. This proposal is to be ready before April next year. On current form, SHHD will have been back to SHG for more money before then and there is nothing in any official announcement to persuade us that anything will be different this time around.

The next condition is that the Hotel Management Agreement is evaluated and the findings shared with Executive Council before the end of this Financial Year. What that means is, typically, not explained but it certainly sounds as if it should have been done a long time ago – no doubt by SHHD. The last condition is the most curious. ESH Tourism is asked to bring a policy paper to Executive Council which sets out plans for increased marketing of the Island as a tourism destination, during 2018 and 2019, including the results of attendance at the recent tourism trade shows.



The next most popular song on Saint FM "There must be some way out of here" Said the joker to the thief "There's too much confusion I can't get no relief Businessmen they drink my wine Ploughmen dig my earth None of them along the line Know what any of its worth" All Along the Watchtower – Bob Dylan

"There Must Be Some Way Out of Here, Said the Joker to the Thief"

Mantis is a very pleasant place to eat. The way the interior public spaces have been fitted out gives a very relaxing atmosphere. The terraces are equally enjoyable. The staff are excellent and the food is to die for. The price of it is not too bad either. But there is a big BUT and it is unfortunate the hotel staff find themselves in the position they have been thrust into.

First, no-one is going to buy shares in a business which is heavily in debt and shows every sign of going further into debt with each rising sun. Whatever the Hotel Management Agreement contains, knowing what it contains is not going to pay any bills or pay off any debt. Lastly, the number of people making enquiries at the St Helena exhibition stand at travel shows has little to do with turning around the disastrous financial position SHHD and SHG have got themselves into.

Official announcements make no mention of business plans, either original, updated or revised – even though SHG is forever asking everyone in the private sector for a business plan as soon as look at them. There is no mention of attempting to look for reductions in costs, making efficiencies or closing down parts of the hotel or its services to make the revenue come a little closer to costs.

The public reaction through social media was swift and clear soon after the news broke that another £350,000 was being used to prop up St Helena Hotel Development Ltd. The Governor put herself into the firing line for some reason. The directors of SHHD Ltd have been consistently conspicuous by their absence and their lack of public accountability for the public money for which it is assumed they are responsible.

The rest share £250,000

On the same day as the SHHD hand-out it was announced a £250,000 fund was been made available by DFID to give temporary relief to any other accommodation provider who is having difficulty getting revenue to meet regular costs. The money will be allocated to accommodation providers only. Other tourism service providers who have invested in new or upgraded businesses in readiness for the tourists who have not arrived are not included in the financial support scheme. Details are available elsewhere in this edition of the *Independent*.

EXCO REPORT - TUESDAY 17 JULY 2018

Executive Council met today with just one substantive item on the Open Agenda which was a request to endorse the recently developed Fisheries Investment Prospectus. Members noted that whilst the financial position of the St Helena Fisheries Corporation was still precarious, good progress has been made by the Fisheries Working Groups. Members were especially pleased to note that premium fish is being landed and brought into the factory and have been exported after being processed.

Members commended the Fisheries Working Groups for the excellent progress made and recognised the importance of the local fishery as a natural resource. Executive Council endorsed the Investment Prospectus with the proviso that a robust marketing plan is implemented to ensure that the opportunity is advertised as widely as possible both offshore and locally. It was also stressed that any investor must be required to sell fish to the local market.

Under any other business, Members were informed that the Social Impact Assessment of the MOU is being finalised, having suffered a brief set back whilst the Social Impact Assessment of the Connect Saint Helena Ltd tariff proposal took priority.

Under the closed agenda, Members considered options for the future of the Mantis St Helena Hotel whose operations were being adversely affected by the low visitor numbers to the Island. Four options were presented which included:

- Closing the Hotel
- Mothballing the Hotel during the current low season
- Approving additional finance with a corresponding share issue to compensate SHG
- Allowing Enterprise St Helena to take a further equity stake in St Helena Hotel Development (SHHD) Ltd

Members discussed the options in the context of the recently launched ESH Business Support Initiative where a quarter of a million pounds will be made available to help small and medium sized accommodation businesses who have invested in the tourism sector.

It was noted that closing or mothballing the Hotel would incur additional expenditure in excess of the amount needed to keep the Hotel operational for the period under consideration. It was also noted that this was the first time that SHG has been asked to finance the company since its launch in 2016. In considering the options, Members noted that the Mantis St Helena was pivotal to the Island's tourism industry as a whole. It was also noted that the Hotel would not qualify under the ESH Business Support Initiative and that as an SHG asset, Government would be protecting its investment in keeping it operational.

After much discussion, Members agreed to issue a Special Warrant to authorise £350,000 for a further equity investment into SHHD Ltd using additional revenue received from the process of winding up St Helena Line Ltd to offset the expenditure. This would be subject to the following conditions:

- SHHD Ltd would accelerate work to bring to Executive Council before the end of this Financial Year a fully developed proposal regarding options for a public share offering by the company
- That the Hotel Management Agreement is evaluated and the findings shared with Executive Council before the end of this Financial Year

• That ESH Tourism is asked to bring a policy paper to Executive Council which sets out plans for increased marketing of the Island as a tourism destination, during 2018 and 2019, including the results of attendance at the recent tourism trade shows

The meeting closed at 12.40pm. *ExCo* 17 July 2018



'Basil Read can be rescued'

Mining and development divisions seen as successful, sustainable.

After engagement with funders, guarantors, creditors, employees and management, the business rescue practitioners (BRPs) appointed to manage the embattled construction subsidiary of listed Basil Read Holdings is convinced that the business can be rescued.

This was the message the appointed BRP, Matuson & Associates, gave to creditors and employees of Basil Read Limited at their recent first meeting.

The listed Basil Read Holdings announced on June 15 that Basil Read Limited would be placed under business rescue, since it was unable to find bridging finance "outside of business rescue".

The bridging finance was necessary to alleviate pressure on cash flow while the company completes construction projects, works on selling non-core assets and implements a turnaround strategy.

Five days later on June 20, trading in Basil Read Holdings' shares was suspended after the group asked the JSE for some breathing space until the impact of the business rescue process on the listed group could be determined.

Trading has not yet resumed.

The BRP told the recent meetings of employees and creditors that the business rescue plan will be published on July 20 and stakeholders will vote on its adoption on August 3.

The BRP explained which divisions of the listed Basil Read Holdings are affected by the business rescue. It includes the roads, civils and buildings divisions, the construction plant business, and the first phase of the St Helena Airport Project (Shap).

Shap Phase 2 is not affected.

The BRP further told stakeholders: "Mining and Developments, which are housed in separate legal entities, are successful, self-sustaining and have to date partially subsidised the company's construction business."



Source: Matuson & Associates

According to unaudited statements provided to the BRP by Basil Read management, the company had R3.9 billion in assets by April this year. This includes about R500 million in work in progress, almost a billion rand in trade and other receivables, and R1.7 billion in loans to group companies.

At the same time the company's liabilities amount to R4.6 billion, which includes R800 million in advance payments, R1.7 billion in trade and other payables, and R1.7 billion in intergroup loans.

The BRP says the proposed business rescue plan will include completing existing contracts where possible, resolution of claims, selling of non-core assets, and preserving and safeguarding the businesses outside of the process, namely mining, developments and Shap 2.

Securing finance post the commencement of business res-



Business rescue will be more beneficial to the company's direct and indirect employees – some 7 230 in total – than liquidation as it will preserve their jobs. Picture: Moneyweb

cue is one of the critical success factors.

Matuson & Associates states: "It is the opinion of the BRPs that, notwithstanding the inevitable risks and challenges, there is a reasonable prospect of a successful business rescue". They base this on, among other things, the availability of postcommencement finance, the ongoing support of employees for the completion of existing contracts, the resolution of claims, and payment for work completed in the normal course of business.

They state that business rescue will be more beneficial to the company's 4 730 employees and 2 500 indirectly employed staff of subcontractors than liquidation as it will preserve their jobs. Those that might be retrenched will receive their full entitlement.

The business rescue plan will require approval of 75% of all creditors and 50% of independent creditors, as well as 50% of security holders if any rights are altered.

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The Government Budget for This Year – Here at Last

Last Thursday Executive Council gave the go-ahead for this year's SHG budget to go to Legislative Council next Friday. So, eventually, finally (with DFIDs permission) we all not what there is and what there isn't. Who wins a little bit and who loses.

The headline figures in this year's budget compared to last year's shows the changes. The figures are from the original budget estimates but totals are altered and refined through the year and confirmed and finalised after the year has ended.

Budget Heads	2018-19	2017-18	Difference	
Corporate Services - Support, Policy and Planning	£1,360,000	£1,389,000	-£29,000	-2.09%
Corporate Services - Human Resources	£8,862,000	£9,220,000	-£358,000	-3.88%
Police	£1,590,000	£1,378,000	£212,000	15.38%
Corporate Service - Corporate Finance	£8,180,000	£5,666,000	£2,514,000	44.37%
Economic Development	£900,000	£1,200,000	-£300,000	- 25.00%
Shipping	£500,000	£4,157,000	-£3,657,000	- 87.97%
Education	£3,343,000	£3,291,000	£52,000	1.58%
Health	£5,714,000	£6,141,000	-£427,000	-6.95%
Environment and Natural Resources	£3,392,000	£3,338,000	£54,000	1.62%
Safeguarding	£2,850,000	£2,458,000	£392,000	15.95%
	£36,691,000	£38,238,000	-£1,547,000	-4.05%
Pensions and Benefits	£4,085,000	£3,874,000	£211,000	5.45%
Capital Expenditure - (Health)	£80,000	£0	£80,000	

The biggest difference is with the shipping subsidy which now no longer exists. The half million shown for this year does not subsidise the MV Helena, it is for cargo handling between Rupert's wharf and Jamestown wharf.

Corporate Finance as an extra £2.15million compared to last year but there is nothing new or exciting for this money to be spent on. The increase is for subsidies to Connect St Helena and the St Helena Fisheries Corporation as well as for provision against litigation and associated costs. Corporate Finance also holds money on behalf of the Crown and that too is reflected in the increase and includes maintaining certification of St Helena Airport. Government pension contributions are also included in the increase as is £200,000 for the Airport Management Contract which was funded separately by DFID last year.

Safeguarding has the next largest increase - £392,000. Most of the additional money is ear-marked for home care (£75,000), developing specialist services for children and young people with particular needs (£180,000), additional staff at the CCC (£90,000) and £10,000 for Children in Need.

The Police Service has £212,000 to recruit extra staff for HM Prison, Emergency Planning, the Immigration Service, Police Operations and Sea Rescue Service and to maintain OTRICS, a computer system used to record and manage crime records and investigations.

Corporate Human Resources has taken a cut of £358,000. Training has taken most of the hit with only the most essential training being kept for this year. Essential training means the training needed to maintain the certifications required to keep certain front line services running. No certification, no job, no service. This is worse than may be generally realised. A private sector business trying to succeed in a com-



petitive environment will not last long with inadequately trained staff. Standards will fall further. To reduce the Human Resources budget a bit more, recruitment of Technical Co-operation staff is delayed as much as possible.

Health has an overall reduction compared to the previous year of £427,000. Health undertook to review the current funding allocated to overseas medical treatment and the aero medical evacuation budgets. Based on current trends and analysis it is proposed to reduce the aero medical evacuation budget by £900,000 and increase overseas medical treatment budget by £500,000. This has resulted in an overall decrease in budget in comparison to the previous year by £400,000.

DRAFT ST HELENA BUILDING REGULATIONS 2018 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The draft St Helena Building Regulations 2018 will be out for public consultation between Tuesday, 24 July, and Tuesday, 21 August 2018. The document is significantly important to all contractors, architects/draftsmen, stakeholders and importers on St Helena.

Throughout the 28-day consultation period, the Building Inspectors of the Environment & Natural Resources Directorate will be available for one-to- one meetings and/or small group sittings with members of the public via drop-in sessions on **Tuesdays**, **Wednesdays**, **and Thursdays**, **from 9.30am to 12.30pm** to discuss the document.

Drop-in sessions will take place at the Building Inspectors' Office at Essex House. Those who are unable to visit the office can make an appointment and be visited by the Building Inspectors outside of these hours. Copies of the draft St Helena Building Regulations 2018 will be made available at the Public Library, Customer Services Centre, Essex House, Prince Andrew School and both hard and electronic copies are available upon request. The document is also available on the SHG website, under the Public Consultations section of the Publications page: http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/publications

Anyone wishing to make any comments on the document may do so in writing to the Building Inspectors, Environment & Natural Resources Directorate, Essex House, Jamestown, or via email: nicoellick@enrd.gov.sh or

cliff-richards@enrd.gov.sh before Tuesday, 21 August 2018.

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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

- Application 2018/71: FULL Planning Application for Extensions to Existing Guide Hall to form a Verandah & Additional Hall Space/Storage Area, Longwood Avenue on Parcel 0375 Longwood South, adjacent to Elizabeth Crowie. Applicant: Rosemary Mittens
- 2. Application 2018/72: FULL Planning Application for Installation of 4 Polytunnels for Agriculture Use, Levelwood on Parcel 0102 Silver Hill, adjacent to Thelma Everett. Applicant: Wilseales Farm
- Application 2018/73: FULL Planning Application for Construction of Garage/Workshop incorporating (3) 20ft Containers and Alterations & Extensions to Existing House to create a Lounge and Two Separate Patio's, Nr Ebony View on Parcels 0775 & 0776 Half Tree Hollow, adjacent to Lionel Williams. Applicant: Dave Rodgers

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

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

Public Review Commencement Date: 19 July 2018Public Review Closing Date: 3 August 2018

David Goodrick Ag Chief Planning Officer



100% FRUIT JUICES – ARE THEY GOOD FOR YOU OR NOT? INFORMATION TO HELP CONSUMERS UNDERSTAND THE SUGAR CONTENT OF FRUIT JUICES

The 100% or 'Pure' fruit juice drinks made from concentrated juice or pulp of fruit have been popular for many years and were something many of us grew up understanding to be a 'natural' and healthy thing for the whole family, and especially a good way to give children vitamins. The kind of brands we see in our shops on St Helena include the Rhodes, Ceres and Liqui Fruit juices, sold in 1 litre large cartons, and smaller snack cartons and cans.

In more recent years, the rapid rise in obesity, among both adults and children, and the soaring rates of type-two diabetes across the world caused nutritional scientists to identify the high rates of fruit sugars (Fructose) in fruit juices as a problem. While these are different types of sugar to the refined sugars added for example to carbonated or 'fizzy' soft drinks, they act in a similar way to raise blood sugar very sharply and also contain calories, and can also contribute to weight gain and risk of diabetes, which are big health issues on our Island. Because the fruit sugars in fruit juices are also highly concentrated it means the amount of sugar in a glass is substantial.

For comparison, while an average 330ml can of carbonated soft drink contains between nine to ten teaspoons of sugar and 140 calories, depending on brand, an equivalent amount of 100% or 'Pure' fruit juice also contains nine to ten teaspoons in Fructose or fruit sugars and 150 calories.

Health Promotion & Social Marketing Lead, Dr Angie Jackson-Morris, commented:

"It is confusing for consumers when they see these fruit juice brands that are marketed as 'Natural' or 'Pure' and sometimes state 'No added sugar' on the carton. We also have a legacy of being advised that fruit is good for you. Fruit is very good for you but the problem with these 100% fruit drinks is that they contain large and concentrated amounts of fruit sugars and put a lot of sugar in your system and add a lot of calories in just one drink. As part of the Merchants Partnership, we are giving consumers accurate, clear information and advice to help them understand what is good and not so good. The initiative also is about practically increasing supplies of the genuinely sugar-free drink alternatives so that people can understand what is better but also find it in their shops to buy."

Tap water, bottled water, and low-fat milk are healthy alternatives, and if you like more flavour see the ranges of 'sugarfree' flavoured waters, cans of soft drinks, diluting squash, and lunch box drinks that are being made more available in the St Helena shops under the Merchants Partnership. If you don't see the drink type you want the sugar-free version of, ask your merchant if they can explore extending their stock to include these. A piece of fruit to eat is a great alternative way to provide the vitamins found in fruit juices, and the amount of sugar and calories consumed is a lot less than if we drink undiluted fruit juice. Plus they have healthy fibre.

In response to the common question -'Should we never drink 100% Fruit Juices?' -Dietician, Gina Giebner, advised:

"Diluting 100% fruit juice with water helps to lower the sugar content. Dilute one part juice and nine parts water. You can still enjoy an occasional glass diluted in this way. Remember, that you can do this with bigger cartons at home but it's not possible to do this with the small cartons or cans. For the majority of your drinks, sugar-free ones are a healthier choice, especially if you need to lose or watch your weight, and for children and teenagers. For children under three, water and milk is all they need."

People can identify the sugar-free drinks in the shops marked with the 'Saints Together' heart symbol to save people having to check labels and try to understand whether the product is a good one. Solomons' The Star, Half Tree Hollow Supermarket and Silver Hill Shop have begun, and Rose & Crown and Longwood Supermarket, The Victoria, and Thorpe's Grocery Store will be extending their stock and signposting people to the healthier choices from 1 August onwards.

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FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for "sale by tender" the following vehicles.

TOYOTA RAV 4

Formerly registered as 4397 Damaged as a result of a road traffic accident Offers no less than £1,200

TOYOTA CELICA

Formerly registered as 4463 Damaged as a result of a road traffic accident and can only be used for spare parts

Viewing has been set for Monday 23 July 2018 at 10am and persons interested in view-

ing should, in the first instance, contact Solomon's Insurance Office on telephone number 22860.

Offers should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the registration number on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 25 July 2018.

18 July 2018



MERCHANTS AND VENUES PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTH MORE HEALTHY SUGAR-FREE CHOICES IN YOUR SHOPS FROM MID-JULY

The St Helena Government (SHG) Health Directorate has been working with some of the Island's largest merchants, in a 'Partnership for Health', who will, over the coming months, be increasing the availability of a range of healthy drinks and snack options in their outlets and providing clear information for buyers.

The first period of the partnership is focused on Zero-Sugar drinks, increasing the supply, range and choice available, and providing clear information about these so that customers can easily see what the healthy options are.

The early members of the partnership include some of the largest merchants that import drinks to the Island and several hospitality sector partners. Partners include: Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc - The Star, Half Tree Hollow Supermarket and Silver Hill shop, the Rose & Crown and Longwood Supermarket, the Victoria and Thorpe's grocery stores. The first hospitality sector partners are Donny's Bar and Ann's Place. The different partners are starting at different times to fit their stocking schedules, and people will see products and information in some outlets/venues from mid-July onward, and others start from the beginning of August.

Chief Executive Officer of Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc, Mandy Peters, said:

"For Solomon's, the partnership is not a short-term initiative but is part of a longer-term shift in stocking, so that over the coming months the range of our stock will change to meet changing customer needs. Maintaining availability in stock lines will always be a logistical challenge, however we will strive to make more of the healthier products available for customers."

Tara Wortley from the Rose & Crown added:

"We want to make it easier for people to make smarter and healthier choices. The first challenge will be keeping these products available on the shelves as we come to learn new demand patterns. We will do our best as the shift takes place and would encourage customers to speak with our sales teams about the variety of sugar-free drinks available and any other products they would like to see added to our stores."

The expanded range of Zero-Sugar drinks will differ in the different stores and venues, including current favourites and bringing in some new options. Those available in different stores will include cans and bottles of sparkling or fizzy soft drink options.

The bar and restaurant venues will have their soft drink options, as well as sugar-free mixers, such as tonic water, for alcoholic drinks.

Diluting cordial or squash sugar-free options are also available including the sugar-free alternatives. The partnership is increasing the number and range of the sugar-free bottled flavoured waters as well as some sugar-free kid's lunch-box juice drinks options.

Not all products will be available in each store as each has different ranges, but the aim is that there will be an evolution



in number and the range available over the months. The idea is that the supply and range will increase initially and then increase further and the range expand. To change the stocking pattern on whole product lines takes some time for the merchant ordering systems to plan for, and with the Zero-Sugar products the shorter shelf-lives require further planning. Sugar-free milkshake mix and hot chocolate and latte type options can be available in the future. Customers should ask their merchants if there are other sugar-free drink types they wish to see added to the stock range.

Look for the 'Saints Together' logo that will signpost people to the healthy Zero-Sugar drinks options in store, on the shelves and in fridges.

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Tourism Accommodation Business Support Initiative (July - 3 December 2018)

Enterprise St Helena, in partnership with the St Helena Government (SHG) and the Bank of St. Helena Ltd. (BoSH), would like to announce that with effect from the 18th July to the 3rd December 2018 the **"Tourism Accommodation Business Support Initiative"** will consider applications from local tourism accommodation providers who are 'struggling' to meet their financial obligations during this current slow period.

This is the outcome of a special meeting of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) held on 9th May 2018 with the tourism accommodation providers. This support initiative will sit centrally between ESH, BoSH and SHG, and will consider applications, subject to eligibility with terms and conditions, from those local tourism accommodation providers who are registered with the St Helena Tourist Office.

Following engagements with the sector and dialogue with SHG, BoSH, Elected Members of Council and the Department of International Development (DfID), an ESH Strategy Paper for this initiative was recently approved by the ESH Board and comprises of the following grant support:

- Employment Transition/Salaries Grant to assist with monthly salaries and wages
- Interest Relief Grant to assist with monthly loan interest payable to BoSH
- Utilities Grant to assist with monthly electricity and water costs only

This support is available to all eligible local 'micro-small and medium sized' tourism accommodation providers who have exhausted all means possible to overcome the above costs, and who are now 'struggling' to meet operational needs as a result of low tourism accommodation bookings.

The initiative's "Oversight Group", comprising of 2 representatives from ESH, BoSH and SHG, will be the single body responsible for implementing, assessing and monitoring the initiative and any support approved. The necessity for this trilateral group is critical for continuity and collaborative support where identified, and will be inclusive of associated members with no affiliation with any tourism accommodation-related business.

Lawson Henry, Chairman of both the Enterprise St Helena Board and the Economic Development Committee, said: "I am pleased to be able to announce this Tourism Support Initiative to help those accommodation providers at a time when we have low tourist numbers. This has come about following a meeting with the sector and Economic Development Committee and working in conjunction with SHG and our partners in DFID we have been able to agree a strategy in how we would provide this support. SHG and ESH is grateful to DFID for agreeing the funding to support this very important initiative in support of our Tourism Accommodation providers at this difficult time."

For further information please contact Martin George, Director of Commercial Development and Enterprise on telephone 22920 or email martin.george@esh.co.sh

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2018 Agriculture Programme Farmer's Market & Social

A farmer's market was held on Saturday 14 July at Harford Community Centre which was the second event of the 2018 Agriculture Programme. There were fourteen stalls selling various products, varying from fresh produce, home baked items, crafts, plants, garden items and even donkey manure.

Despite the weather the response was overwhelming with Saints from across all areas of the island passing through the door to engage with the stallholders.

Harford Community Centre hosted a social after the market with RD & The Country Boys managing to get the public dancing the night away.

Honourable Russell Yon, Chairman of Environment and Natural Resources Committee, commented in his speech: "Today I hope that all of you present will be able to go away with an understanding as to how much effort is directed to having local produce provided and how much is involved to supply these products."

He went on to say: "Also may I stress to our community how important it is to purchase local products when they are available as without support the farmers will not be able to continue their investment into farming."

The 2018 Agriculture Programme initiative is a 'promotion, awareness and engagement' campaign that will run over the course of 2018 ending on 27 October with the grand finale event on Francis Plain. This links heavily to the new Sustainable Economic Development Plan (SEDP) and the National Agriculture Policy (NAP).

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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Enterprise St Helena (ESH) not only undertakes international advertising and promotion, but also monitors additional postings on a monthly basis. Below highlights some of the activities undertaken for the financial year 2017/2018



ESH has advertised St Helena in 31 publications as listed from April 2017 to March 2018, promotion can both include digital (website, newsletter or social media), or print advertising.

22 JOURNALISTS VISITED AND REPORTED ON ST HELENA The island played host to 22 Journalists since October 2017, writing for a range of travel and news publications around the world, including the UK and South Africa. Included in this number are some well respected journalists who have stepped foot on St Helena such as those featured below to name a few.



Michael Binyon

Mark Stratton

Lyn Hughes

Richard Jones

St Helena has appeared in the international media over 142 times. Although some negative, there has been much positive news about the island generating interest. The island also appeared in 13 accolade lists, including Conde Nest Traveller's **Top 10 destinations for 2017** and Wanderlusts' **Travel Hot List 2018**.



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Publications

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Tourism: www.sthelenatourism.com

Recent Achievements at St Helena Airport

SHG Press Office lssue No. 94 19 July 2018

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4 May 2018 St Helena Government (SHG) and Airlink announced that additional flights to St Helena will take place between December 2018 and April 2019. In addition to the regular scheduled service, a further 19 flights are being scheduled midweek during this peak period. An additional flight is also planned to Ascension Island in December 2018 and again in January 2019 to meet anticipated demand during this time. This is a major achievement for what is still a fledgling air service.



The Airport celebrated two years since it was first certificated for aviation operations by ASSI. This is a significant milestone made all the more remarkable by the issuance of an open-ended Aerodrome Certification in 2017. This demonstrates the regulator's confidence in the safety and security of aviation operations at St Helena Airport and is a testament to the staff's commitment and professionalism.



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Achievements Timeline

14 May 2018 An open-ended Aeronautical Telecommunication Services Approval Certificate was issued by the regulator, ASSI. This is a major achievement as the Airport now has three open-ended approvals from the Airport Regulator which also include the Aerodrome and Air Traffic Services Certificates.



19 May 2018 The **5000th** passenger passed through the Airport when Airlink 8131 arrived on 19 May at 13:47hrs.

25 May 2018 The **<u>100th</u>** aircraft visiting since certification in 2016 landed at St Helena Airport - a positioning Medevac - 23 months after the first of its type arrived on 3 June 2016.



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Customers may submit International Remittance Payment Instructions during normal bank opening times, 08:45 to 15:00, Monday to Friday and 09:00 to 12:00 on Saturday. Processing time will be effective from the date of submission to Bank of St Helena. We thank you for your continued support. Head office: Market Street · Jamestown · St Helena Island · STHL 1ZZ T. + 290 22390 · F. + 290 22553 · email. info@sainthelenabank.com · web www.sainthelenabank.com	Payments Customers are advised that with immediate effect International Remittance payments to Banks outside of St Helena can take up to 3 days for local processing.	International Remittance
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Administration of Your Bank Account(s)

As a part of its "Know Your Customer" (KYC) compliance measures, Bank of St Helena Ltd is working with Account Holders to ensure all customer information is correct and up to date and that all accounts held with the Bank are administered as necessary.

St Helenian Account Holders

If you have an account with Bank of St Helena or have an old Government Savings Bank Account and you have not checked with the Bank recently if they hold your correct **Name**, **Date of Birth**, **Address**, and **Communication details**, please contact the Bank to provide the relevant information as soon as possible.

Where the Bank does not hold current information these accounts can be issued a dormant status and, where necessary, closed by the Bank.

Resident Non-St Helenian Account Holders

If you are a non-St Helenian resident, employed on contract on St Helena or Ascension Island, and your contract is soon to end or has ended, then you must notify the Bank, prior to your departure, as all accounts held in your name must be closed before you emigrate.

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If you are an Executor to an Estate and you are in possession of the legal documentation authorising you to finalise banking arrangements, please contact the Bank to effect closure of the Estate's account(s). If you are the legal representative of a deceased person and do not hold the required Legal Documentation you should contact the St Helena Judicial Services before contacting the Bank.

Where Accounts held in estate are not administered, a dormant status is implemented and, where necessary, these accounts will be closed by the Bank.

Should you feel the above circumstances applies to your account, or an account that you are responsible for, please contact the Compliance and Operations team on telephone 22390 or email <u>compliance.supervisor@sainthelenabank.com</u> or visit their offices at the Ark, above Thorpe's Grocery, Market Street, Jamestown.

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The primary objective of the post is to provide a single-point of contact for our customers who require help or assistance with the full range of services including telephone, television, internet, mobile and Ship to Shore facilities.

The post holder should possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, competent in Microsoft Office, customer focused, self motivated and have a passion for customer services.

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a Satisfactory Police Disclosure.

Join us and you will enjoy some of the many benefits that Sure provides, including but not limited to: Incentive Bonus Scheme, Staff Discount, entitlement to join the Retirement Benefits Plan and opportunities for continued professional development.

Starting Salary £7,440.00 per annum.

Excludes payment for overtime and Sunday duty

Further information regarding the responsibilities of the post may be discussed with Anne Dillon, Retail, Marketing & Customer Services Manager on Tel no: +290 22004 or Email: Manager-Customer.Services@sure.co.sh An application form and copy of the Job Description may be obtained from Shara Robinson, Human Resources and Administration Manager at Bishops Rooms on Tel no: +290 22800 or Email: HR-Admin.Manager@sure.co.sh

Applications should be submitted to Human Resources and Administration Manager, Sure South Atlantic Limited, Bishops Rooms, Jamestown by Midday Tuesday 24 July 2018



Enterprise St Helena is seeking to engage a suitably qualified and experienced individual to be responsible to the Director of Commercial Development and Enterprise for working with on-island businesses in helping them identify opportunities, perform analysis, formulating strategies and providing advisory support to a high standard of information. Nearly all businesses on St Helena are SMES's, therefore expertise in supporting these areas are essential.

Suitable candidates would preferably have the following qualifications, skills and experience:

- Must have a Professional qualification in a relevant discipline (preferably a qualified chartered accountant)
- Experience of working in business related advisory services with SME's
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal and able to communicate at all levels

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, Enterprise St Helena,



For further information please contact: Marilyn Caswell, HR and Administration Manager on telephone number 22920 or email Marilyn.Caswell@esh.co.sh

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VACANCY FOR SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION AND HOME CARE MANAGER

We are looking for an enthusiastic, passionate and driven leader to join our team in helping us deliver upon our vision of:

Working together to promote the wellbeing and safety of vulnerable children and adults in the community of St Helena."

The role of **Sheltered Accommodation and Home Care Manager** is a key role within the directorate. You will be part of the directorate's leadership team and work with the Director on all aspects of Safeguarding with a lead focus upon delivering effective and safe Sheltered Accommodation services and take the lead on reviewing and implementing a sustainable and cost effective Home Care Service. A background and experience in either residential settings and or adult community health or social care services settings is desirable alongside the ability to work in a flexible and supportive manner. Strong communication skills are an essential part of this role, as you will work closely with other directorates, the community and our political leaders to ensure that we are delivering the best possible care for vulnerable people in our community.

We need somebody who is committed to supporting inclusion for people at every level in society, someone who will work with their staff to ensure that people achieve their potential and have purposeful and fulfilling lives within the community of St Helena.

The successful candidate will possess or be willing to work towards the following experience and qualifications:

- · Qualification in a Health, Nursing or Social Care field, at Diploma level as a minimum
- Valid Driving Licence Class A essential
- At least three years middle management experience in health and social care field of work, preferably with older people.
- · Good financial management skills

Salary for this post commences at Grade E, £14, 138.00 per annum.

If this person sounds like you then we are keen to hear from you. If you would like an informal discussion about the role please call Stephanie Jones, Director on 22713. For an application form please contact Sasha Osborne on sasha.osborne@sainthelena.gov.sh or call her at Brick House on 22713. The closing date for completed applications is on Thursday, 26th July 2018. Applications should be submitted to Sherrilee Phillips, HR & Admin Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House or emailed to sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh

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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Stephanie Jones Director 10th July 2018 Safeguarding Directorate



VACANCY FOR TEMPORARY FINANCE ASSISTANT

The Safeguarding Directorate has a vacancy for a temporary Finance Assistant within the Support Services section. As the Finance Assistant you will have a good head for figures and thrive in a busy and challenging environment. This is offered for a temporary period of two months in the first instance. The successful candidate must be available to start immediately. As Finance Assistant your main duties will be:

- Preparation of the Directorate's payroll data, dealing with relevant queries.

- Preparing invoices for payment, customer and supplier invoice returns

- Prepare requisitions for consumables (e.g. IT, fuel, stores) for relevant sectors of the Directorate and check monthly recharges prior to payment

-Provide financial information to assist with the preparation of the Directorate's annual budget

Prospective candidates should have the following qualifications and skills:

- GCSE in English, Maths or Accounts at Grade C or above or equivalent qualification
- Driver's License Class A
- Proficient in IT skills

The salary for this post is grade B1, commencing at £6,722.00 per annum. For further information about the post please contact Mike Rodden, Acting Finance Officer. A copy of the job profile and an application form is available from Sasha Osborne who is contactable on 22713 or by email: sasha.osborne@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Director Date: 10th July 2018

INVITATION TO TENDER -Concession

Opportunity at St Helena Airport – Landside Café

Reference AIR-0147-SHG

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for Concession Opportunity at the St Helena Airport - Landside Café.

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: https://intendhost.co.uk/sainthelena following registration on the system.

User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective suppliers registering on the e-Procurement system.

Any questions in the interim should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Christy Joshua.

E-mail: christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

10 July 2018

The deadline for submisisons is 12.00 GMT on Tuesday, 21 August 2018. St Helena SHG Government



CONTRACT FOR SERVICES IN THE EDU-**CATION & EMPLOYMENT** DIRECTORATE

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking interest from persons who are able to offer contractual services within the St Helena Community College for a period of 3 months in the first instance. Some of the main duties will include:

Hours of work will be up to 15 hours per week and will be on a shift basis, which will be agreed with the Acting Assistant Director, Lifelong Learning Services. The rate payable will be at £3.05 per hour.

Applicants should have experience of working within a customer focus environment, be self-motivated, have good verbal and written communication skills and have the ability to work using their own initiative.

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For further details and a list of duties for the above contract, interested persons can contact Cherilee Thomas-Johnson on telephone no. 22607 or email cherilee.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh

Expressions of interest, should be submitted to Miss Gillian Lithgow at the Education Learning Centre or email gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 25 July 2018.

Mrs. Shirley Wahler **Director, Education & Employment** 18 July 2018



HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR STAFF NURSE – GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Health Directorate is looking for dedicated and hardworking staff to join their nursing team. A preceptorship programme for newly qualified or returning nurses is available. This includes supernumary shifts, training and education. Competency books are available to guide your return to work and are linked to pay enhancements.

Shift work is required but we offer some flexibility within our shift allocation. There is ongoing training and support to ensure best practice. We have a large and engaging team, who work together and support each other every day.

The post holder will be responsible to the Nursing Officer and Sisiter/Charge Nurse for the provision of high quality nursing patient care. A full job description and responsibilities are available on request.

Essential qualifications for this post are:

- St Helena Nursing Certificate or equivalent and an up to date Nurse Registration (if returning to practice an up date registration is not required)

Salary for the post commences at £11,034 per annum. With the competency framework this role is eligible for enhancement to **Preceptorship Staff Nurse level 2a £11,586** and then **Staff Nurse level 2b £12,690**.

Enhancement is applicable when able to successfully and consistently demonstrate competency at the required level. The competency based salary enhancement is pensionable. There is the potential for career progression to Senior Staff Nurse and or Sister/ Charge Nurse.

All appointees are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting or DBS Disclosure and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified. For further information and a copy of the job profile, contact Mrs Lisa Niemand, Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone No 22500 or email lisa.niemand@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable, to Miss Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate on telephone no 22500 or email madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by Thursday, 26 July 2018.

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Acting Director of Health

HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR COMMUNITY NURSE



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There is ongoing training and support to ensure best practice. We have an engaging team, who work together and support each other every day. Working independently or as groups, you will be responsible for the assessment, planning, implementation/delivery and evaluation of care for patients within multiple community settings.

The post holder will be responsible to the Nursing Officer and Sister/Charge Nurse for the provision of high quality nursing patient care. A full job description and responsibilities are available on request.

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Helen Lawrence (Mrs) 12 July 2018 Acting Director of Health

Vacancy-Operations Supervisor Bertrand's Cottage

Bertrand's Cottage Limited is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced individual to fill the role of Operations Supervisor. The successful person will be responsible for supporting the House Manager in the day-to-day operations with a view to maximising revenue and profit.

A copy of the Terms of Reference and an application form can be collected from Enterprise St Helena reception and formal applications should be submitted to the Human Resources and Administration Assistant at Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill by no later than Friday 3rd August 2018.



For further information please contact Sharnell Benjamin on telephone 22920 or via email Sharnell.benjamin@esh.co.sh



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Bertrand's Cottage Limited is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced individual to fill the role of Assistant Chef.

The successful person, under the direct supervision of the Chef, will be responsible for the preparation and cooking of menu items, and in the absence of the Chef run the kitchen. There will be a variety of other responsibilities such as developing menus, maintaining food safety standards and product management.

A copy of the Terms of Reference and an application form can be collected from Enterprise St Helena reception and formal applications should be submitted to the Human Resources and Administration Assistant at Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill by no later than Friday 3rd August 2018.



For further information please contact Sharnell Benjamin on telephone 22920 or via email Sharnell.benjamin@esh.co.sh.



'SAINT SLIMMERS' HALF TREE HOLLOW REBOOT!

STARTING 7 AUGUST 2018 SAME VENUE, DIFFERENT SET UP

New Time

EVERY TUESDAY at the HTH Community Centre from **5.30-6.30pm**.Come along if you want to try it out, even if you have been before or if you are new.

Come to help yourself and support others trying to get healthier, you don't have to be weighed, or you can be weighed in private.

New to the Group?

Start with a weigh-in for those who want it followed by 20mins session with the Dietician.

Running programme as below:

- Keeping motivated and goal setting
- What healthy eating looks like
- What is a portion?
- Simple swaps
- Cooking skills
- Recipes and practical cooking 'let's taste it'
- Rules for intuitive eating (learn how to listen to your body)
- Ways to manage cravings
- Maintaining the change
- Mindfulness to help keep healthy

Finish off with 20mins exercise (optional but it all helps!). Watch it first then try it out - fun guaranteed!

Contact the SHG Dietician, Gina, if needed or just turn up.

Other Groups

- Longwood Community Centre Mondays, 6-7pm (normal format)
- Weigh Anchor, Jamestown Yacht Club Tuesdays, 5.30-6.30pm

Contact

Email: georgina.giebner@sainthelena.gov.sh https://www.fb.me/saintslimmers Tel: 22500

SHG 17 July 2018



HALF TREE HOLLOW

Saint Slimmers – reboot!

August 7th 2018 Come along if you want to join as a new person/re-join from before! NEW - 20min sessions on all sorts of topics, portions, recipes, goal setting and keeping motivated! Hospitality Up-Skilling Short Courses this August at Bertrand's Cottage



VACANCY - CARPENTER

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is seeking to recruit a Carpenter within their Building and Maintenance section to carry out the daily operations and services of carpentry, woodwork and other building related tasks. The candidate will need to be a team player who will work co-operatively with other Tradesmen within the team.

The applicant should have an NVQ Level II in Carpentry or equivalent, a drivers licence in classes A and C along with a minimum of 3 years carpentry experience.

The salary for this post is at Grade B commencing at £6,722 per annum.

If you are interested in finding out more about this post please contact the Superintendent of Works, Mr Gilbert Young or Foreman of Works, Mr Rex Young on telephone No 22054 (e-mail Gibby.Young@sainthelena.gov.sh or Rex.Young@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Application forms and copies of the job profile are available from the Receptionist Essex House. Completed application forms should be submitted to the Executive Manager ENRD, or e-mail wendy.j.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 1 August 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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Derek Henry Director of Environment and Natural Resources Division 17 July 2018



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – ST HELENA GOVERNMENT FISHERIES INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Reference: CS-0150-SHG

St Helena Government (SHG) is seeking expressions of interest from individuals/ investors to help shape the future of St Helena's fishing industry.

This is a unique opportunity to be part of a world leading sustainable one-by-one tuna fishery, by developing a business operation on St Helena to process and retail fish and take over core services currently provided by the government owned St Helena Fisheries Corporation.

A copy of the St Helena Government Fisheries Investment Prospectus (July 2018) can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: https://in-tendhost.co.uk/ sainthelena following registration on the system.

User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective suppliers registering on the e-Procurement system.

Any assistance required in registering should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Christy Joshua. E-mail: christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh or telephone number (00 290) 22470.

The deadline for expressions of interest is 16:00 GMT on Friday, 5 October 2018.

SHG 18 July 2018





Enterprise St Helena (ESH) wishes to inform the Public that a Board of Directors' Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 July at 9:00am at the Office of Enterprise St Helena, Business Park, Ladder Hill.

The following open agenda items will be considered:

- Confirmation of Open Session Minutes of 30 May 2018;
- Matters Arising from Open Session Minutes;
- ESH Subcommittee Updates;
- Draft Financial Statements Ended 31 March 2018;
- Powers of the Executive Management Team and Managers Policy Amendment;
- Business Development Updates.



A copy of the Agenda and Papers open to the Public can be obtained from the Secretary on telephone No. 22920 or email: Natasha.bargo@esh.co.sh.

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JOB VACANCIES

Wolf Creek Federal Services Inc. invites application for the following job positions at the American Base, Ascension Island.

VOLCANO CLUB – CLERK

- Handle U.S and St. Helenian currency and all conversion ratios
- Responsible for daily cash receipts, transmittal and deposit of all moneys
- Preparing and tracking of taxation documentations
- Merchandise inventory
- Ordering and receiving of goods
- In Addition to supporting Office Staff, applicant is required to fill in at the Package Store, Volcano Club Bar and also cover all aspects in the Snack Bar as needed.
- Performs other related duties as assigned by the Supervisor.

PLUMBER – TRADES HELPER

- Assists Plumber workers in the skilled maintenance trades by performing specific or general duties of lesser skill, such as
 keeping a worker supplied with materials and tools; cleaning working area, machine, and equipment; assisting by holding
 materials or tools; and performing other unskilled tasks as directed.
- Assist in the loading and off-loading ship operations.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

FIRE FIGHTERS

The Firefighter controls and extinguishes fires or responds to emergency situations where life, property, or the environment is at risk. Duties may include fire prevention, emergency medical service, hazardous material response, search and rescue, and disaster assistance.

Applicants must:

- - Have at least two years of experience in Fire Service.
- Have a minimum of Fire Fighter I & II, Airport Firefighter (ARFF) and Hazmat Operations and
- - Awareness Certifications, Pro Board, DFTDC, DoD or equivalent will be accepted.
- - Be able to read/write English proficiently.

MOTOR POOL-MECHANIC

- Performs vehicle repairs in response to maintenance orders, ensuring that work is completed to a high standard.
- Repairs, replaces and performs finish work for body damage on all vehicle types and other motorized equipment using manufacturer's standard procedures.
- Performs corrosion control on all assigned vehicles.
- Operates shop equipment including welders, compressors, presses, sprayers and wheel alignment equipment.
- Performs operator repair and service.
- Operates wreckers and carries out recovery functions.
- Orders parts, maintains records and prepares reports as required.
- Works to achieve Wolf Creek goals and contractual commitments.
- Maintains a clean orderly and safe work area.
- Performs other duties as required

WCFSI provides free Accommodation, Food (3 meals per day) and Round trip passage to home of record after completion of a 1 year contract. Laundry and MWR facilities are free of charge.

Must have a valid Passport/Visa minimum of 18 months to be able to sign an Offer Letter. Should not have any major offences with any law enforcement agency.

Send resume or questions to E-mail E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil or phone 247-62225

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NURSERY PROVISION REMINDER

The Education and Employment Directorate offers non-compulsory Nursery Education for all children between the ages of 3 - 4yrs.

The Education and Employment Directorate will be in contact with parents/guardians of those children born on island and who are eligible to enter Nursery Education in the school year September 2018 – August 2019 to offer a place in Nursery Education and to give details of school placement and date of admission.

It would be appreciated if parents of children who were not born on St. Helena could submit the following information in writing to the Assistant Director Schools (see below) so that an offer of placement can be made:

- (i) The child's FULL NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH
- (ii) NAME and ADDRESS OF PARENT/S or GUARDIAN
- (iii) TELEPHONE NUMBER and EMAIL ADDRESS (if applicable)

Once all required information has been received, parents will be advised of their child's Nursery placement.

It should be noted that a child should attend school in the catchment area where he/she is resident. However, for noncompulsory schooling exceptions will only be made for regular attendance outside the identified catchment area if numbers in the requested school are low enough to accommodate the extra intake and if there is a valid reason for this e.g. child care.

Parents who would like their child to attend nursery schooling outside of their catchment area must apply in writing to the Assistant Director Schools stating which school they would like their child to attend and the reason for the placement outside of their catchment area. In such cases parents must be willing to take responsibility for transporting their child to and from school.

Correspondence can be sent to The Assistant Director Schools, Education and Learning Centre, Jamestown or emailed to wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Mrs. Shirley Wahler Director of Education & Employment 19 July 2018

VACANCY FOR TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking interest from those interested in offering a Contract for Service as a Temporary Administrative Support Assistant to provide support to St Helena Community College.

The successful person will be responsible to the Acting Human Resources Officer to provide assistance with general administrative duties including St Helena Community College and the receiving and dispatching of mail.

Applicants should be self-motivated, computer literate, have good verbal and written communication skills and have the ability to work using their own initiative.

Previous work experience in a Customer Services environment and GCSES at Grade C and/or above would be advantageous.

The Hours of work required will be 35 hours per week and the rate payable will be at ± 3.05 per hour.

For further details about the post and for a list of duties, interested persons should contact Cherilee Thomas-Johnson on telephone 22607 or

e-mail: cherilee.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh

Expressions of interest should be submitted, to Gillian Lithgow, Education Learning Centre or

e-mail gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 24 July 2018.

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Mrs. Shirley Wahler, Director of Education & Employment, 19 July 2018





TIP OF THE WEEK ...

Unplug battery chargers when the batteries are fully charged or the chargers are not in use. Many chargers draw power continuously when the device is not plugged into the charger

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES IN THE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT DIRECTORATE

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Hours of work will be up to 15 hours per week and will be on a shift basis, which will be agreed with the Acting Assistant Director, Lifelong Learning Services. The rate payable will be at £3.05 per hour.

Applicants should have experience of working within a customer focus environment, be self-motivated, have good verbal and written communication skills and have the ability to work using their own initiative.

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email cherilee.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh



Expressions of interest, should be submitted to Miss Gillian Lithgow at the Education Learning Centre or email gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 25 July 2018.

Mrs. Shirley Wahler

Director, Education & Employment, 19 July 2018

VACANCY FOR A TEACHING ASSISTANT

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ a suitable person who enjoys working with young people to join a committed team of teachers within the Secondary Sector of the Directorate.

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 humour.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/class-room environment. Plan and prepare programmes of work under the direction of the class teacher to cater for the learning needs of groups of pupils and or individuals.

Salary payable will be from Grades TA1- TA2, ranging from \pounds 7,226 to \pounds 7,562 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Kerry Lawrence, Acting Headteacher, Prince Andrew School, on telephone number 24290 or e-mail klawrence@princeandrew.edu.sh

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Human Resources Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Tuesday 31 July 2018.

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Mrs. Shirley Wahler Director of Education & Employment 16 July 2018



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 Gemma Lawrence, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Thursday, 2 August 2018.

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Football Results and Fixtures

SHFA

Due to the bad weather and Chop Shop Boys unable to field a Match is to be awarded to players under the age 18. team only one match was played last weekend. Wirebirds beat the Crusaders by 3 goals to nil.

G/S Wirebirds: Sanjay Clingham 2 & 1 own goal

MOM: Sanjay Clingham

YPOM: Conrad Clingham Sat 21st July

1.30pm

3.30pm

3.30pm

Harts v Rovers Organisers: Axis Bellboys v Saints Organisers: Axis



1.30pm

Crusaders v Chop Shop Boys Organisers: Rovers Wolves v Wirebirds Organisers: Harts

Please can all Referees' note that the Young Player of the

Junior Football Fixtures Saturday 21st July

Pitch 1

9.30am:

10.15am:

Pitch 2 9.30am: Young Harts v PPS Dolphins **Referee Rieedwaan Richards** Jungle Rangers v Dream team Referee Tanisha Benjamin

Allstars v Rangers Referee Christian George



Football Flash Back

Nick Stevens



Wirebirds 1960's



Junior Footballers 2013

Opportunity knocked... I was on a journey!

What a great privilege it was in March of this year, when the door of opportunity opened and I accepted Girlguiding UK's invitation, through Girlguiding St Helena, to attend The Branches Gathering at Foxlease Training Centre set in beautiful surroundings in Hampshire's New Forest, in the south of England! What an exciting adventure it was to join an inspiring, friendly and enthusiastic gathering of women - Commissioners, Trainers and perspective Trainers (like myself) - who had travelled from other small British Dependent Territories like our island of St Helena - to meet, greet, learn and have fun together, and be updated by excited and enthusiastic Tutors, Mentors and Advisors about what proved to be an interesting and inspiring journey of change towards a New Programme (NP) to be revealed in July 2018, and transitioned into motion from September 2018, by Guiding countries around the world. For me, this was an opportunity of immense value to Girlguiding St Helena, as it afforded us an early insight into, and an awareness of, a journey of challenge and fun that promises opportunities for adventure, social action and learning new skills - a journey that knits all of this together by the same thread for all of our girls of all ages from Rainbows through to Senior Section Guides, under leadership that challenges us to send out key messages in all that we say, write or do in the spirit of true Girlguiding.

While the New Programme was still a work in progress, Girlguiding UK offered all of us attending The Gathering, a glimpse of what it would look like once it is complete, through power-point presentations giving illustrated overviews of the new structure. At that time it was still a journey for all concerned to work together to confirm some practical elements, such as names and branding, and allow a more detailed framework to be worked on in the months to follow in readiness to be revealed and shared on REVEAL DAY, set for Saturday, 21st July 2018 - just a few days away now!

Each day there was something new or updated to learn about and become familiar with, to name a few: Safe Space training material; 'Go' Training (on-line membership registration); training skills and techniques; Branding and Online Print Centre Training (done as a group delivery session, of which I was a part); discussing and planning training strategies; working with tutors. These were the serious (and fun) parts; the funfun parts involved us in a Great British Bake-Off Branches Style! where we each had to decorate an icing-covered swiss roll with something that reflected Girlguiding for us as individuals. The materials provided for this were different coloured icings, and we were allowed fifty minutes to show off our creative flair! This was such a relaxing and fun activity which took the first day's (intense) training session into the night, but what beautiful creations resulted! Another fun and relaxing activity was our Campfire which was done outside in the grounds of Foxlease under a beautiful moon-lit sky!

A Celebration Dinner brought the week's training and a notto-be-missed opportunity sadly/joyfully to an end. Our Guiding friends from Gibraltar were the first to depart; they - the closest to Britain of all the represented British Dependent Territories at The Gathering - believe it or not, were the last to arrive at Foxlease, and guess what their delay was all about?!? - windshear! So we are not alone with our weather conditions challenges affecting flights in and out of our Airports! And so ended a truly wonderful Girlguiding experience for which I am grateful to have been a part of. I thank Girlguiding UK and Girlguiding St Helena for the opportunity to not only experience journeying through Jo'burg Airport for the first time, but having the experience of 'going on a journey' of Girlguiding change through a New Programme which promises our Rainbows, Brownies, Girl Guides and Senior Section (to be called Rangers) more adventure, more travel (away from our meeting places and out into the community)and more focus on developing skills; for us as Volunteer Leaders, the right information, materials and training to deliver a programme that helps girls to discover the best in themselves. So by 2020, we believe that our programme:

- will offer girls the opportunities that they want and need;
- will allow volunteers to benefit from more support and training;
 - will give girls even more opportunities for fun and ad venture;
 - will allow girls to make an even bigger difference in their communities.

However, before we try and get to the promises of '2020 visioning', there is an awful lot of work to be done, and we will not be able to achieve such goals unless we continue to have the help and support of everyone in our communities across the Island. We need everyone to help us 'grow guiding' and in so doing, you will be helping us to send out our key messages which are the principles at the heart of what makes Girlguiding so special. Hence my design on my swiss roll in The Great British Bake-Off Branches Style fun activity!:

The words CONNECT – GROW – IMPACT! colourfully written on what should have looked like ebony flower petals and surrounded by the names of all participating Independent Territories at the Gathering and Training venue, indicating team spirit and collaborated efforts towards a common goal. Here on St Helena, the Dependent Territories Names will be replaced by our Island District names which will have an even greater meaning for Girlguiding St Helena!

These three important and meaningful words send out huge messages, BUT we are going to need everyone to try and relate in a personal way with us and share real world experiences and examples to bring them to life. We hope that you will give us a listening ear and a helpful hand with some of what lies ahead in the New Programme. Once we receive the NP resources and be better able to use them through training, we will work together to inspire and stimulate our girls' interests and skills development. Only then will you hear from us when we are out in the community working hard to fulfil our goals to **connect, grow** and **impact**!

Contributed by Betty Joshua

(perspective Trainer in partnership with Rosemary Mittens) for Girlguiding St Helena



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GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 15th JULY 2018

Golfers are passionate about their sport. Not even bad weather can deter them. The day was windy with intermittent rain. The competition was 18 Holes Cross Country, which meant that the course was played in reverse order. It was like playing a new course. 12 players took part in the competition. It was a good turnout considering other major global sporting events (Soccer, Tennis and golf) that were happening at the same time on TV.

Guess who was running our local golfing world on the day... It was none other than our very own female golfers. Eileen Wallace took her putting prowess to another level and returned an impressive net 64 beating not only all the male competitors but also her closest female competitor Helena Stevens who returned a net 67 to take second place. Congratulations ladies! There was only one two ball pool winner Mr Tony Green on the 5th green. A special thank you to Mr Larry Thomas for sponsoring the prizes.

Next Sunday 22nd July 2018 the club will be hosting another unique competition. One club and a putter Competition. Tee off time is 12:00. If you are a golfer on the Island, you don't want to miss out. There is never a dull moment at the golf club. To participate in the competition simply dial in and leave a message in the club phone number 24421. Or drop a message to our Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh

Contributed by; Bramwell Lumukwana. Captain

ST.HELENA GOLF CLUB



New Horizons Mid-Year Raffle results

Prize	Sponsor	Winner	Address
Ostrich Egg	Michelle Yon Blue	Kathleen Crowie	Deadwood
	Lantern		
Earrings	Shooting Stars	Gloria Yon	New Ground
St Helena Souvenir	Rose & Crown	Sean Greentree	Claughs Plain
Hamper			
FM Car Modulator	Alberto from Tokies	Wendy Joshua	Nr White Gate
	Xpress Mobile		
	Service		
Ladies Perfume	Parent of New	Adam Grocock	Trap Cott
	Horizons		
Jewellery Gift Set	Shooting Stars	Fiona Campbell	Alarm Forest
Antebellum Wine	NH Staff	Cassidy Beard	Cow Path
Earrings	Shooting stars	Sophia Yon	Cow Path
Mens Jibe Perfume	Tracey Williams	Mark Fowler	St Pauls
£25 Meal Voucher	Mantis	Colin Leo	HTH
Football	New Horizons	Callen Johnson	Market Street
Earrings	Shooting stars	Derek Thomas	Cow Path
Ladies Heels	NH Staff	Jillian Fowler	Deadwood
£20 Meal Voucher	Rosie's Taste for life	Inez Richards	HTH
Cake	Shelley Crowie	Reggie Williams	Bottom woods
Emoji Speaker	Paul George UK	Bernice Thomas	Harris Flats
Jewellery Gift Set	Shooting Stars	Cassidy Beard	Cow Path
Scarf	Sparkles	Carol Andrews	Cow Path
Glass Set	Mylyn's Cuisine	Sulaine Crowie	HTH
Earrings	Shooting Stars	Ian Thomas	HTH
Ladies Trainers	NH Staff	Sean Benjamin	Nr Rock Club
Friends Picture	NH Staff	Brenda Cocker	HTH
Frame			
Emoji Mug	Parent Of NH	Cyril Yon	Longwood
Cushions	Helen George	Jillian Fowler	Deadwood
Bath Fizzers	NH Staff	Wendy Joshua	Nr White Gate
DK Purse	NH staff	Rodney Young	White Gate
Jewellery Gift Set	Shooting Stars	Young's Family	Ladder Hill
Perfume	NH Parent	Anthony Bowers	Cow Path
Earrings	Shooting stars	Brian Thomas	Hutts Gate
Ascension Hamper	Rose & Crown	Maisey Thomas	Longwood
White Wine	NH Parent	Elvis Fowler	Deadwood
Picture Frame	NH Staff	Marina Piek	Briars
Mens aftershave	NH Staff	Fiona Campbell	Alarm Forest
Red Wine	NH Parent	Paul Clifford	Sandy Bay

New Horizons parents, members and staff would like to thank all prize sponsors, those who sold tickets and all who bought tickets. The amount raised was £576.00.

Invitation to Tender

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

Annual Grounds Maintenance of the Castle Gardens, Grand Parade and Honeymoon Chair, Jamestown

Site Visit Date/Time: Monday, 23 July 2018 at 9am, meeting at the Castle Gardens

Project Manager: Larry Stevens, Tel: 24724

E-mail: larry-stevens@enrd.gov.sh

Closing Date for Tenders: Friday,10 August 2018 at 12 noon

Internal Alterations and Decorating of No.3 Quincy Vale, Levelwood

Site Visit Date/Time:Friday, 20 July 2018 at 10am, meeting at Quincy Vale

Project Manager: Theron Henry, Tel: 22270 Email: theron-henry@enrd.gov.sh

Closing Date for Tenders: Friday, 27 July 2018 at 12 noon

Copies of the tender documents can be obtained from Miss Tiffany Lawrence Procurement Officer Essex House Jamestown Telephone No: 22270 or email tiffany-lawrence@enrd.gov.sh If you require any further details, please contact the Project Managers. Interested parties should note that this opportunity is not being advertised overseas.

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St Helena's sea-faring family – part six

Part five finished with the Herne family arriving at Makogai Island in Fiji about two weeks after cyclone Winston had caused widespread destruction. The Herne's moored off Makogai knowing what had happened, that is why they were there. Together with the crew of two other yachts they arrived to help clear up the mess and repair the damage. They were part of Sea Mercy – a charity operating in the Pacific which assists with health programmes and disaster emergencies in the remote islands.

The Herne's first visited an island about half a day's sailing away from Makogai to meet up with the people who organise projects undertaken by Sea Mercy. While there they took on board the *Carpe Diem* tools and equipment for the job they had chosen to do at Makogai. The two other yachts that sailed with them did the same. Sea Mercy is a charity which only seeks the help of yachties with the work they want to do. In the middle of the largest ocean in the world yachties are ideal as they have their own transport to get to the remote islands and, it is said, yachties are used to relying only on themselves in any situation and are therefore the right people for the kind of work Sea Mercy has to offer. Sea Mercy's motto is *Sailing with a greater purpose.*

James and Hannah could either go to Makogai to rebuild a school which was completely destroyed by the cyclone or take another job which involved going around with a clipboard and ticking off things that had been checked. For the Herne family the decision was not difficult. Arriving at Makogai the mooring was at the north end of the island and the school at the south. Each day the Herne's sailed 20 minutes each way from their moorings to the site of the destroyed school. On most days the lure they were hauling would have a fish on the end of it for the midday meal. The first job was to organise work teams although to start with the work done was limited by the tools and equipment available. After a week or two Sea Mercy organised a sea-going barge to bring the larger pieces of equipment. The school was made mostly of timber which meant many sheets of 8x4 were needed as well as the roofing iron. Once the barge had been unloaded the work started in earnest.

While waiting for the barge James kept the work teams occupied by getting them to help repair the home of a woman who had six children and was finding life extremely difficult after the cyclone hit. When back to working on the school site a field kitchen was set up, tents put up for the accommodation of workers and locals and as a temporary school. The toilets were in urgent need of repair. Another first priority was to get the water maker working so clean water was always available.

The local population were encouraged to help; this meant paying them. At first the locals were not impressed by having lots of yachties around the place but when the new school building started to rise from the ground the men's wives could see something was really happening and made sure their husbands turned up for work on time. Even then they worked half a day and had the next day off. The men loved their locally brewed spirit and were often enjoying it together in the early hours.

There was masses of debris everywhere which was once a school. All of it had t be cleared away and any bits of the school still standing had to be demolished. The whole thing needed to be rebuilt from the foundations upwards.



Unloading materials from the barge



The school start to take shape



The kids have their eyes on the quad bike



The Hernes fly the flag in Makogai

St Helena's sea-faring family – part six

Mokagai used to be a leper colony and when the cure for leprosy solved the problem Mokagai was left with a population of cured lepers and today's population originates from them. The island is a turtle sanctuary and has a breeding programme for giant clams.

The barge brought with it a quad bike and trailer to help haul the heavy equipment around the worksite. Also brought by yachties, as they came to help and then went again, were clothes. The local population had more clothes after the cyclone than they ever had before it hit them. Two of the yachties who came to help were doctors when they weren't sailing the Pacific. When they were not painting the school they held surgeries. They eradicated scabies among the children. This was mainly achieved by making sure all the children's clothes were washed at the same time. Each parent washing their children's clothes at different times meant the itch mite was always present. One massive washing event meat the itch mite was killed off once and for all.

The yachtie women helped organise the mass washing event and assisted with clinics and helped out in the temporary school tent. The Herne's were there for about 15 weeks. When they left the new school was ready for use. During that time 35 yachts came and went; each one helping with the re-building for varying lengths of time – from two days to



Dear Editor,

Tammy Williams is correct in what she said about child protection on St Helena. I would wish to endorse this from a professional human rights and social work background. In fact I offered my advice when the UK foundation was invited to the Island as well as when the controversy erupted.People like me who work within developing communities are very wary of

"external experts" who rarely provide sustainable solutions. Usually people the world over can come up with their own, so it should be a question of facilitating them to do so. Now countries like Cambodia have far more serious child rights issues with a very deficient system of justice. Yet despite that we have nurtured child selfprotection groups and networks. Quite frankly that is what should have

been done on St Helena. It would have saved a lot of heart-ache and expense. Indeed I bet you could operate one for less than the costs of any one of these external experts! http:// anorthumbrianabroad.blogspot.com/ 2016/01/lucy-v-sasha-who-is-right-askdoris.html#more This later blog is also a warning about over-trusting experts. http:// anorthumbrianabroad.blogspot.com/ 2018/05/when-cats-away-mouse-willplay.html **Best wishes John Lowrie**

Dear Electorate,

During the recent constituency meetings, questions and queries were raised relating to the meals provided to residents of the Community Care Centre (CCC). This was followed up in Social & Community Development Committee meetings and I am very grateful to the management of the CCC for kindly providing the feedback.

I would now like to share the feedback with constituents accordingly. Anyone interested can email me via: ckleo@helanta.co.sh or telephone: 24600.

Councillor Cyril Leo 16 July 2018



Job Done

two weeks. The crews from three yachts stayed for the whole time the rebuilding was going on. When the work got underway about 60 locals volunteered to help in various ways and at different times. The work was completed without any involvement from the local government and the Herne's sailed away when the job was done.

Family Night out at the Sandy Bay Community Centre

On Saturday 21st July 2018, Starting at 8.00pm Music for the evening by Route 66 Bar & Refreshments available Entrance Fee: Adults £1.00

The "League of Friends" will be holding a Family Bingo Night at the Jamestown Community Centre, on Thursday 26th July 2018 starting at 8pm. Everyone welcome.



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend. Friday open from 5.00pm till late mix tunes from the bar. Saturday open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm Country tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late Caribbean Night with great sounds by DJ Kimmy Boom Bang. Sunday open from 5.00 to 8.00pm.

The Royal Cape Yacht Club have organised yacht race and accepting entries in just three weeks

The Royal Cape Yacht Club (RCYC) has been pushing ahead with organising and promoting the next Governor's Cup yacht race, startng in Cape Town on 26th December. There are 43 people listed by the Royal Cape who have shown an interest in taking part in the race. So far six yachts have been entered for the race with all formalities completed and the entry fees paid. It is thought around 15 yachts will be entered for the race before the starting gun sounds on Boxing Day.

The Royal Cape Yacht Club was involved with the Governor's Cup in the 1990s and were very inerested in organising and promoting the yacht race once again when St Helena Tourism called for expressions of interest earlier this year. In June the Royal Cape were told they had been chosen "to partner St Helena Yacht Club/St Helena Tourism in the organisation and promotion of the Governor's Cup Yacht Race 2018". John Levin, the Race Chairman, told the *Independent* "Having been involved when the event was first staged in the 1990s, we are absolutely delighted once again to have been entrusted with the event, and to have the opportunity of reestablishing our long-standing reciprocal membership arrangement between RCYC and the St Helena Yacht Club."

A Race Committee was formed straightaway and the Notice of Race, setting out the race rules, was settled. A poster was designed and sent to all yacht clubs in South Africa and the race was promoted on the RCYC website - www.RCYC.co.za – and on Facebook.

The Governor's Cup is the main trophy but the name of the race has changed

The Royal Cape gave consideration to to the fact that St Helena Tourism is involved and one purpose of the race is to promote St Helena as a tourism destination which now has an air service. With this in mind the race has been rebranded and is now known as the "Cape to St Helena 2018". This name fits with another race being organised by the RCYC, "Cape2Rio 2020". The Cape to St Helena is a qualifying race for the 2020 event.

Once more with tourism in mind RCYC are encouraging their 2,000 members and the yachting fraternity in general who

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The Royal Cape Yacht Club

participate in the Cape to St Helena 2018 race to have their family and friends join them at the finish line in St Helena. John Levin added, "At RCYC the event has engendered much excitement and I would not be surprised if, despite the short notice, we end up with an entry of 15 boats or more."

AW Ship Management is sponsoring the yacht race by offering discounted rates for yachts which have particpated in the race and are shipped back to Cape Town on the MV Helena. James Herne, Commodore of the St Helena Yacht Club is also seeking sponsorship for a crew comprising young sailors who want the experience of bluewater racing. The budding yachties will need some training and accommodation in Cape Town before the race.

NOTIFICATION MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Wednesday**, **1 August 2018**, at 9 am at the Education Learning Centre, Jamestown.

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors. Should you require a copy of the Agenda, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 22270. Agendas will be available on **Monday, 30 July 2018**.

Applicants and objectors may speak at the meeting providing that a summary of the points to be raised has been submitted to the Secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting.